

# Rock "905"

The monthly newsletter of  
Rock Lake Presbyterian Church  
905 Village Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309



*"...on this rock I will build my church..."*

Matthew 16:18

## March 2023



By the time you read this in the March newsletter, we will be deep in Lent, preparing for Easter. I am hopeful that you are doing some spiritual preparation for that day – it is the most important event in our faith. Perhaps you are taking some opportunities that the church is offering, renewing commitment to attending worship, using daily devotional readings, perhaps choosing one or more of the suggestions offered as Lenten disciplines, or maybe doing some other activity to help get ready for the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. If this hasn't happened for you yet, it's not too late!

But think with me for a moment about Easter Sunday and the season that follows. We do many things at Easter to proclaim our faith and our joy. We dress up. We decorate. We go to church. We sing. And we hear the resurrection stories: Mary Magdalene in the garden, Peter and John and the empty tomb, the folded grave clothes. We know these stories well, but we want to hear them again. Jesus has conquered death and shown us the resurrected life!

One striking detail in many of the Resurrection stories is that Jesus came, but at first the disciples did not recognize him. No one fully understands what this means, but at the very least it means Jesus was changed in some way. However, little we understand what happened on that first Easter, we can say this: Jesus was raised from death, and points us toward a next step, a transformation. He is transformed. And in him, we are also being transformed. Every day, our faith tells us that our lives are being changed. We are becoming like Jesus, moment by moment, day by day.

In the meantime, as we journey through Lent, let us each be deliberate about how we will spend this season. Let it not be "business as usual," lest Easter Sunday be just another day. Choose right now how you observe the weeks of Lent. And may each of us be granted a holy Lent, as we deepen our friendship with the Crucified Christ, and prepare to celebrate his resurrection.

Love and blessings,

*Patricia*



On Thursday, February 9 Handwork for Mission delivered to:

Valley Health Center – 7 lap robes and 6 hug rugs

Kanawha Place – 1 prayer shawl, 6 lap robes, and 7 hug rugs

The items were much appreciated and our hope is that they provide warmth and comfort to all that received them.

(Pictured left to right: Susan Hamilton, Alice, and Sandy McNeely. Not pictured: Mary Wagner)



## **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY / POTLUCK**



Souper Bowl Sunday (February 12) at RLPC was another success. Around 150 cans of soup were donated along with crackers and diapers. Also, \$70 in monetary donations.

Thanks to everyone who responded.

All of the donations were taken to Heart and Hand on February 14.



Potluck Sunday was also held on Souper Bowl Sunday.

Everyone enjoyed the abundance of good food and fellowship.

Presbytery of West Virginia's Nurture's Committee Leadership Development Coordinating Team Presents:

# "I Love to Tell the Story"

with

**Donna Giver-Johnston**

**Saturday, March 4, 2023**

**Village Chapel Presbyterian Church**

**and on Zoom**

**9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**



**Course Description:** This course will follow Jesus' example of telling stories and focus on the power of stories to communicate the good news. We will tell our stories and listen to others tell their stories. We will learn where to find impactful sermon illustrations and we will practice the art of storytelling, so that your message will be remembered.

**Leader:** Donna Giver-Johnston has done pastoral ministry in small, medium, and large churches across the United States. She is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary (MDiv) and Vanderbilt University (PhD), where she served as a teaching assistant in preaching courses and mentored field education students. Her passion for preaching inspires her writing about preaching and worship. Her publications include *Claiming the Call to Preach: Four Female Pioneers of Preaching in Nineteenth-Century America* (Oxford Press, 2021); *Writing for the Ear, Preaching from the Heart* (Fortress Press, 2021); and *For Every Matter Under Heaven: Preaching for Special Occasions* (Fortress Press, 2022). She is the new Director of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Doctor of Ministry Program, after serving as Pastor of Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Registration deadline: Thursday, February 23. Cost: **\$40**, due with registration

To register and pay online, go to [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org).

To pay by check, complete the form below and return it with a check to:  
Presbytery of West Virginia, P.O. Box 11720, Charleston, WV 25339.

Questions? Contact Susan Sharp Campbell at [susan\\_sharp\\_campbell@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com) or 304-667-9428.

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"I Love to Tell the Story," Part of the **EXPANDING YOUR MINISTRY TOOLBOX 2023**

## Repairers of the Breach

Kintsugi, the 15th-century Japanese art of repairing broken pottery by mending the broken areas with lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold or other precious metal, reminds us that when repaired, formerly broken places reveal new lines of character and beauty.

But what of God's world? The world God entrusted to our care? So many parts are broken, damaged by cruelty to each other, misuse of Creation or refusal to take God's commands seriously.

In Isaiah 58, the prophet reminds us, "You shall be called repairers of the breach." Repairers. And as we question the breaches that may have resulted from our own actions, we ponder how to repair them, creating something unique, beautiful and resilient. Which ones get attention first? How can we repair a breach that may have existed for decades or one that has only recently emerged? Where can we work for repair to reveal beautiful new veins of gold?

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Our One Great Hour of Sharing season begins March 5, and concludes on April 9, Easter Sunday. Giving to One Great Hour of Sharing is one of the ways we become Repairers of the Breach. Beginning March 5, you will find OGHS giving envelopes in the pew racks and at the collection plate tables. During this time, we humbly seek your generous support for One Great Hour of Sharing. Thank you!



Ken



**Presbytery of West Virginia's**

**Festival of Faith**

**Necessary Risks**

Saturday, April 1, 2023

First Presbyterian Church, Charleston

9:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Keynote: "Embracing a Love Ethic"

WITH

**TERI MCDOWELL OTT**

Editor, *The Presbyterian Outlook*

In these divisive, polarized days of "purple" churches, listening well, embracing humility and encouraging vulnerability in our conversations with people of diverse perspectives are important. An "ethic of love" can guide us in these trying times.

**Festival of Faith Workshops include:**

- ❖ Living a Love Ethic
- ❖ Language Like I Never Thought Before: Ministry With & For Those on the Autism Spectrum
- ❖ Homelessness: How to Get Your Church Involved
- ❖ Enhancing Worship with Visual Art
- ❖ Beyond Local Ministry
- ❖ Your Grandma's No Longer Policing the Communion Table
- ❖ Empowering Faith Leaders to Help Persons with Substance Use Disorder
- ❖ Inside *The Presbyterian Outlook*
- ❖ Beyond Traditional Vacation Bible School
- ❖ Faith Communities and HIV/AIDS
- ❖ 2022 Session Record Review & The Role of Clerk of Session

Complete workshop and registration information can be found at [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org).



2	Pam Harris	24	Olga Schmidt
4	Jeff Means	25	Jessica Meador
10	Miranda Broyles	26	Taylor Bailey
15	Avery Lee	26	George Powers
16	Ben Argento	28	Alice Vandelinde
16	Nikki Childers	30	Rob Thornhill
20	Emily Baker		



5	Gene & Day Bishop	24	Jeff & DeeDee Means
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## NOTES

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. For those who attend in-person worship service, we are serving communion in the traditional manner. If you are participating at home, please prepare your elements beforehand.

A wonderful way to help your church is to be an Audio-Visual (AV) team member. RLPC is planning to have a third AV team formed to give the existing two AV teams a little break. We have good checklist documentation and will train you. Call Scott Hamilton at 304 746-5457(H) or Ken Schmidt at 304 768-8565(H) or 304 881-2408.

If you have a name change or a change to your mailing address or email address, please notify the church office at [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com) or 304-768-4141. We would like to keep our Directory current.

### WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

You will find on the *Home Page* of the church's web site [www.rlpc.org](http://www.rlpc.org) the link to the current Sunday worship bulletin. <http://rebrand.ly/n2uc6x2> will take you to the latest worship experience available on YouTube plus past services.

<https://www.facebook.com/Rock-Lake-Presbyterian-Church-195172942357/> will take you to Rock Lake's Facebook page. Please like us on Facebook!

Please be aware if you are not computer savvy or would just like a CD of the entire service or the sermon, contact the church office (304) 768-4141 and one will be made available to you.

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND LOANS

## AVAILABLE THROUGH

## THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

*(Grants and loans available for students in academic or vocational courses of study.)*



**THE RINER FUND** provides loans for Presbyterian Church (USA) students in the Presbytery of West Virginia, with preference for those attending Presbyterian Colleges. Loans are available for academic or vocational courses of study. The maximum amount of a loan is \$1,000 per year. Loans may be renewed up to four years, if so requested. Loans are to be repaid beginning six months after graduation or termination of studies, unless a deferment is requested during graduate studies.

**THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND** is used for grants for the education of dependent students in West Virginia, with preference given to those whose legal residence is Boone County. Maximum amount of grant is \$500.

*Information, including an application form, can be found at [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org) and will be emailed to church leaders in early March.*

*The application deadline is April 30, 2023.*



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## Bridgeview Food Ministry

The Bridgeview Food Ministry are packing lunches the last Sunday of the month after worship service. We are asking for church volunteers to help. Food items can be dropped off at the church during office hours (9 until noon Monday through Friday). Join us and help with this great project by donating food, money, or time.

Below is a list of foods needed for the program:

- Mac & Cheese (microwavable and single serving)
- Pudding Cup, Applesauce, or Fruit Cup
- Juice Box
- Individual cereal package
- White milk (non-refrigerated, single serving – example: Horizon brand)
- Chocolate milk
- Ravioli (or other Chef Boyardee Pastas, microwavable, single serving)

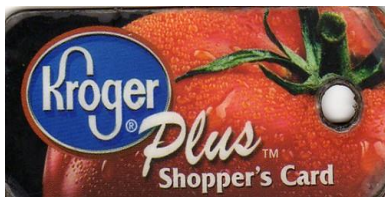


### CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

From the PCUSA website:

“Cents-Ability is one way that families, congregations, and presbyteries can support the battle against hunger and poverty. Every member is invited to contribute a few cents at every meal. Funds are then used to support local hunger ministries, as well as national and international projects through the Presbyterian Hunger Program.”

**The next offering will be collected Sunday, April 30, 2023.** So, start collect your 5 cents per meal each day. Proceeds will go to Heart & Hand. Please remember people who are less fortunate by donating to this, and all Cents-Ability offerings.



Through the Kroger Community Rewards Program, Kroger will donate to RLPC 5% of all grocery/pharmacy purchases YOU make just by using your Kroger Plus Card. Please sign up for this FREE profitable program for RLPC. You only have to open an account and register your Kroger Plus Card online at: [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com).

OR

You can simply telephone Kroger Community Rewards at 1-800-576-4377. They will assist you with registering your Kroger Plus Card. You will need to have handy either your Kroger Plus Card number or your alternate ID (your telephone number).

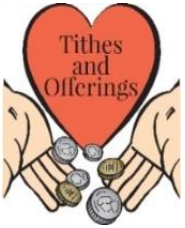






January Income \$10,730.00  
 January Expense \$ 7,600.38

Year to Date Income \$10,730.00  
 Year to Date Expense \$ 7,600.38



Since RLPC is now open for in-person worship on Sundays, we want to welcome everyone! We understand that there are some who are uncomfortable attending in-person worship and hope that you are able to watch the service on YouTube. We appreciate your continued gifts to the church. There are several ways that you may make a donation. By logging onto the church website at [www.rlpc.org](http://www.rlpc.org) you can give through PayPal. Also, outside the choir room is a mailbox where you can drop your offering. Or you can send a check by mail to the church's address: 905 Village Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309.

Please contact Mary Wagner for further information. (304)768-4141.



## Session Notes

### February 2023 Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): The estimated February 5 communicants: 43. A purple drape was placed on the yard cross for Ash Wednesday. The drape will be replaced with a black one on Good Friday, and a white one on Easter.

The next communion celebration will be March 5. **If you are joining worship at home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

Patricia is offering prayer clinics on March 5 (continued from February 26) and March 19. The classes will follow Sunday morning worship and will be held in the church parlor.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): As of January 31, the church had a \$3,100 budget surplus.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): About 150 cans of soup were collected for Souper Bowl Sunday, along with \$70 in cash. These have been donated to Heart & Hand.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering begins March 5, and concludes April 9, Easter. Moments for mission will be offered March 12, 26, and April 2. For more information, look for the item 'Repairers of the Breach' elsewhere in this newsletter!

PROPERTY (P):

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): The next second Sunday potluck will be March 12. Keep in mind that the most important ingredient is YOU! **Also, please note: the April potluck will be April 16, because the second Sunday in April is Easter Sunday.**

An estimated 16-18 people attended the Souper Bowl of Caring potluck on February 12.

OTHER: a. We have submitted an extension for a \$2,000 grant from presbytery for the Bridgeview Bag Project. b. We have been investigating a digital two-faced sign to replace the one at the point where Lincoln Drive and Village Drive meet. c. We are applying for a bulk mailing rate from the post office.

d. Our 75th anniversary will be October, 2024, and we need to form a preparation committee. When you are contacted, please do what you can to help. e. The March stated session meeting will be held on March 14. f. Presbytery Financial Administrator/Treasurer Rocky Poole retired at the end of February, and James 'Chris' Alfred has been hired to replace Rocky.

With Christ's Peace,

Ken



**WORSHIP REMINDER**

A reminder that we are moving back to a way we customarily closed our worship services before the pandemic.

At the close of the worship service, we will be seated to listen to the Postlude prepared for us by Pam. The preacher and liturgist will move to the back of the sanctuary during this time to be ready to greet worshippers as they exit the sanctuary. After the conclusion of the Postlude, worshippers will leave the sanctuary.

The Prelude and Postlude are like brackets that mark the beginning and end of our worship time together, and are an important part of the worship experience.

How blessed we are to be able to worship together in our lovely sanctuary, with beautiful music, and as part of the church family!



WE ARE  
**CALLED** TO PROCLAIM  
THE GOOD NEWS  
OF THE LORD, OUR GOD;

WE ARE  
**CHALLENGED** TO FOLLOW  
THE EXAMPLE OF  
JESUS CHRIST;

AND WE ARE  
**CHARGED** TO PROVIDE  
FELLOWSHIP  
WHERE ALL CAN FIND  
RENEWAL AND FULFILLMENT  
THROUGH THE WORK OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Mission Statement for Rock Lake Presbyterian Church  
Adopted May 8, 2007



# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

# March 2023

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                           | Monday                                                                                                                                                                     | Tuesday                                                                                       | Wednesday                            | Thursday                                                                                                            | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                      | Saturday                          |
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| <b>5</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship (live and online)<br><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent          | <b>6</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)                                                                                                          | <b>7</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work<br>9:00 am Church Office Open                                | <b>8</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open  | <b>9</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P)                                             | <b>10</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (P)                                                                                                              | <b>11</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work |
| <b>12</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship (live and online)<br><br>THIRD Sunday in Lent<br>Spring Forward | <b>13</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)                                                                                                         | <b>14</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work<br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>9:30 am Carbide Old-Timers | <b>15</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open | <b>16</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P)                                            | <b>17</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (P)<br><br>St. Patrick's Day  | <b>18</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work |
| <b>19</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship (live and online)<br><br>FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT                | <b>20</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)<br><br>HELLO SPRING! | <b>21</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work<br>9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:30 pm Session Meeting    | <b>22</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open | <b>23</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)                                             | <b>24</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (P)                                                                                                              | <b>25</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work |
| <b>26</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship (live and online)<br><br>FIFTH SUNDAY in Lent                 | <b>27</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)                                                                                                         | <b>28</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>8:30 am Manna Meal Work                               | <b>29</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open | <b>30</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)                                             | <b>31</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open<br>6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (P)                                                                                                              |                                   |



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| Property               | John Solberg  |
| Worship                | Mary Wagner   |
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