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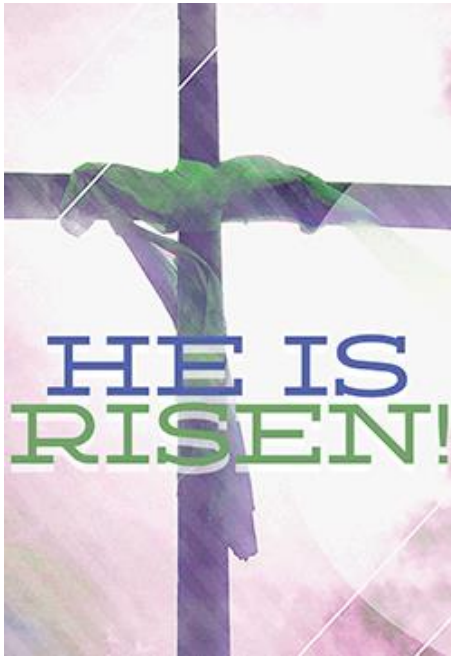
The monthly newsletter of  
Rock Lake Presbyterian Church  
905 Village Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309



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

Matthew 16:18

## ***April 2023***



I probably should have outgrown it by this time. Some might think I'm too old for such things. But I can't help it. From the time I was small until this moment, I have loved blowing soap bubbles! Yes! Soap bubbles!

Even my dog, Woofgang, seems to have moved on to more mature things. When she was a puppy, she used to chase them, but now she just ignores them.

My latest acquisition is pretty big, and makes the biggest bubbles ever. There is just something mysterious about dipping the wand into the solution, blowing gently, and soap bubbles appear. They catch the sunlight, making rainbows before disappearing just as mysteriously.

Someone might give a scientific explanation of how this happens, but that would not explain why.

We are about to enter into the most important season of the church year, the most important, the most mysterious: the season when we celebrate and wonder. In our mind's eye we see the tomb, where only three days before, the broken, lifeless body of our Lord Jesus was laid. And as the sun rises on Easter morning, we join the brokenhearted women, to find the tomb empty. Empty! He has caught the sunlight. He makes rainbows. He lives. And there is no explanation of how, but those of us who love him and continue to follow him, know why.

And this mystery – this glorious mystery is one we don't outgrow. It continues to give meaning and hope to us, even as it has to countless ones who came before us, and numberless ones who will follow us.

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Love and blessings,

*Patricia*

# HOLY WEEK



Holy Week will begin with a celebration of Palm Sunday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m. with palms and special music. Plan now to attend and worship the Lord with Gladness and Thanksgiving of his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Service will be led by The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis.

Good Friday Service, April 7 will be celebrated at noon. This service will be live only. It will not be live-streamed.



All to be followed by the celebration of His resurrection at 10:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 9. Join us as we celebrate with flowering of the cross, music, joy, and thanksgiving that He has risen – He has risen INDEED! Service will be led by The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis.



We would like to thank Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis for giving us three-part Lenten prayer clinics in March after the worship service.

The lessons discussed were about how we choose to observe the weeks of Lent. We were taught several of the Lenten disciplines including spiritual growth, prayer and fasting, and spiritual gifting. The discussion and prayers were very powerful.

There were handouts for us to take home and refreshments.



### *Congratulations to David Broyles*

David Broyles was ordained into RLPC Session on Sunday, February 26, 2023, Class of 2025. He will be Committee Chair of Finance and Administration.



4	Nancy Broyles	25	Jacob Meador
5	Dawn Holstein	26	Nick Holstein
12	Hailey Marion	26	Joe LaCount
15	CaDee Taylor	26	Ken Schmidt
21	Margie Gumowski		

### *No April Anniversaries*



### **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.

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**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.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

***\*\*Please see church bulletin board  
or call church office for more details\*\****



***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.***



## One Great Hour of Sharing

The 2023 One Great Hour of Sharing offering concludes on Easter, April 9<sup>th</sup>. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - 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.



If you wish to make a contribution to this offering, make your check out to RLPC, and write 'OGHS' on the memo line. There are OGHS offering envelopes in the pew racks or on the offering tables. Thank you for your support.

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## ***The 2023 SPRING YOUTH RETREAT***

(for those in **grades 6-12** and their adult advisors)

**April 14-16, 2023**

***A MORE LOVING***



***WORLD***

**Led by the Presbytery's Youth Council**

at

**Jackson's Mill, Weston, WV**

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**“Still Seeking to Be Faithful:  
Creative Conflict Transformation in a Divided Age”**

with

**Carl Horton**

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**Village Chapel Presbyterian Church  
and on Zoom**

**9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**



**ALL WOMEN OF FAITH GATHERING**

"We Are One In The Spirit"

Ephesians 4: 4-6

Saturday, April 22, 202.: '1

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**God in Our Lives Through  
Worship \* Song \* Fellowship  
All are invited**

Beckley Presbyterian Church  
203 South Kanawha Street, Beckley 25801

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## 2023 BLUESTONE CAMP AND RETREAT STAFF POSITIONS

### PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Completed 2 years of college (one position) \$330 per week

### TRIP COUNSELOR

Completed 2 years of college (2 positions) \$280 per week

### COUNSELOR

High School Graduate \$230 per week

### COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING/SUPPORT STAFF

Rising High School juniors and seniors

### LIFEGUARD

Will require extra time commitment

Staff applications due by April 30, 2023 and are printable from our website: [www.bluestonecamp.org](http://www.bluestonecamp.org)  
For additional information call or email Sarah Specht 304-690-6667 [sarah@bluestonecamp.org](mailto:sarah@bluestonecamp.org)

# Bluestone Spring Getaway



When: April 28-30, 2023

Retreat Cost: \$85.00

Youth (ages 4-11) \$50.00

Youth (ages 3 and younger) free

Fee includes two nights lodging and 4 meals.

Saturday only (for youth and adults) is \$50.00

More Info: [www.bluestonecamp.org](http://www.bluestonecamp.org)

Questions: email Sarah Specht at [sarah@bluestonecamp.org](mailto:sarah@bluestonecamp.org)

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## 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)

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### CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

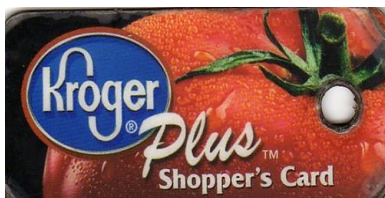


From the PCUSA website:

“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.

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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).

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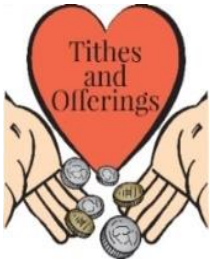
You can simply telephone Kroger Community Rewards at 1-800-576-4377. They will assist you with registering your Kroger Plus Card. You will need to have handy either your Kroger Plus Card number or your alternate ID (your telephone number).

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February Income \$ 8,462.49  
February Expense \$ 7,747.74

Year to Date Income \$19,192.49  
Year to Date Expense \$15,348.12



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

### March 2023 Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): The estimated March 5 communicants: 21 in person and 24 online, for 45 total. The next communion celebration will be April 2, Palm Sunday. **If you are joining worship at home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

Patricia led three prayer clinics in March in the church parlor following worship. All were well attended.

Holy week worship will include Palm Sunday, Good Friday at noon, and Easter Sunday. The Good Friday service will be live only; Palm Sunday and Easter will be live and livestreamed.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): The February YTD budget vs. actual shows a balance of \$3,844.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): The One Great Hour of Sharing offering began March 5, and concludes April 9, Easter. A final minute for mission will be offered on April 2.

PROPERTY (P): A solar motion-sensing lamp has been installed between the bridge door entrance and the building church sign.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): **The next second Sunday potluck will be April 16.** This Sunday was chosen because Easter falls on the second Sunday in April. Keep in mind that the most important ingredient is YOU!

An estimated 13-14 people attended the March potluck.

OTHER: We have been checking the electrical feed to the point sign area. We need to verify the electrical feed before going any further with a digital sign.

With Christ's Peace,

Ken

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



## Hang It On The Cross

If you have a secret sorrow,  
A burden or a loss,  
An aching need for healing...

**Hang It On The Cross.**

If worry steals your sleep  
And makes you turn and toss,  
If your heart is feeling heavy...

**Hang It On the Cross.**

Every obstacle to faith  
Or doubt you come across,  
Every prayer unanswered...

**Hang It On The Cross.**

For Christ has borne our brokenness  
And dearly paid the cost  
To turn our trials to triumph...

**Hanging On The Cross.**

--Lisa O. Engelhardt

# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

## April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
<b>2</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship (live and online) 	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P) 	<b>4</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>6</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission 	<b>7</b> 9:00 am <b>Church Office Closed</b> 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom 	<b>8</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
<b>9</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship (live and online) 	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	<b>11</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>13</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission (P)	<b>14</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (P)	<b>15</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
<b>16</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship (live and online) 	<b>17</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	<b>18</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:30 pm Session Meeting	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)	<b>21</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (P)	<b>22</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 
<b>23/30</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship (live and online)	<b>24</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 8:30 am Manna Meal Work	<b>26</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>27</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)	<b>28</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (P)	<b>29</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work



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**Class of 2025**

David Broyles	304-545-8821
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Property	John Solberg
Worship	Mary Wagner
Mission & Service	Ken Schmidt