

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..."

October 2023



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Saturday, October 7, at 11:00, Rock Lake Presbyterian Church will offer our first-ever Blessing of the Animals. We hope members of the community will attend, as well as our own church family. If the weather cooperates, we gather on the back lawn, but if it rains, we will move under the breezeway.

The first weekend in October is a traditional time to hold such an event, and for many years it has been a part of many congregation's calendars. This weekend is near the birthday of St. Francis, the patron saint of the environment and animals. He was born in 1181 in Italy, and although he was born into a wealthy family, he renounced wealth and privilege and spent his life as a monk. There are many stories about Francis and his relationship to animals.

Revelation 5:13 says "Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth, and under the earth, and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing :'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever.'"

Note that it's not just the people, but all creation that is part of that heavenly scene! Those of us who are blessed to have loved an animal know that a beloved pet can reflect the nature of God - the unconditional love, the endless forgiveness.

So, we bring our pets to be blessed, remembering with gratitude that they, and all the creation, are gifts from our gracious and loving God.

Sending love and blessings--

Patricia



We would like to thank everyone who participated in the 7-week course “The Walk – Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life”.

A special thanks to Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis, who led the classes (which were full) on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Each of the practices discussed were about deepening our walk with Christ by exploring the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving and sharing our faith.

The discussion and prayers were very powerful. There were handouts for us to take home and refreshments.

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***RLPC Pastoral Schedule***

Oct 1 - Rev. Dr. Ravi Isaiah  
Oct 8 - Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis  
Oct 15 - Rev. Dr. Ravi Isaiah  
Oct 22 - Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis  
Oct 29 - Rev. Dr. Ravi Isaiah

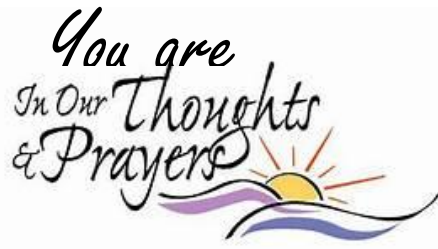
Nov 5 - Rev. Dr. Ravi Isaiah  
Nov 12 - Rev. Dr. Ravi Isaiah  
Nov 19 - Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis  
Nov 26 - Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

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GOLDEN MOUNTAINEER CARD

Did you know that WV's Golden Mountaineer card is available to any resident who signs up? It entitles people to get discounts at many businesses around West Virginia.

To get a card, sign up at GoldenMountaineer.com or call 877 987-3646.

<https://goldenmountaineer.wv.gov/About/Pages/default.aspx>



This month, in addition to praying for our church and congregation, please pray for these churches and their ministry that may all we do be to the Glory of God!

October 1

Belington Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Charleston
Ihithe Church
Thegene Parish

Mathakwaini Church
Thegene Parish

October 22

First Presbyterian Church, Buckhannon
Rock Lake Presbyterian Church, South Charleston
Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church, Morgantown
Mathakwaini Church Dispensary
Thegene Parish

October 8

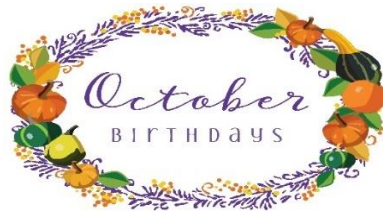
Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Gassaway
Fleming Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairmont
Kiamutiga Church
Thegene Parish

October 29

First Presbyterian Church, Williamson
First Presbyterian Church, Dunbar
Ndugamano Church
Thegene Parish

October 15

Philippi Presbyterian Church
Pineville Presbyterian Church



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| 6 | Bill Wagner | 20 | Ron Rogillio |
| 9 | Xavier Grigsby | 23 | Willie Haynes |
| 12 | Sara Bragg | 30 | Kaitlyn Hannan |
| 20 | Walter Hardin | 31 | Nate Baker |



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| 11 | George & Judy Powers | 20 | John & Marlene Solberg |
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2023 KAY HALL

Hike for Hunger

Heart + Hand Outreach Ministries



Save the Date!
OCT. 1
hhomwv.com | 304-342-0029

Meet at Heart + Hand
South Charleston

October 1, 2023
from 2-4pm

\$20 Registration Fee
(includes T-shirt)

\$10 Dog Registration

Heart + Hand helps 6,500 individuals yearly with food and other basic needs. This annual event brings the community together to help our neighbors.

We need your help. Please register today, create a team, get sponsors, or just write a check! Our community has a serious need for basic needs and food and we need your help!

Help Us Feed The Need!
Register Today!

hhomwv.org/hike-for-hunger/



Heart + Hand
OUTREACH MINISTRIES





BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 7, 11:00 am

Outside church on Village Drive

(Inside - in case of inclement weather)

Come with your friends and pets to RLPC
for a special blessing to celebrate those who give
warmth, love, and slobbery kisses.

Please bring on leash or in container to forego any
unforeseen discipline problems.

Or bring a picture if your pet has passed over.

Pass this information to your friends and neighbors.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

You will find on the *Home Page* of the church's web site 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.



Choir Rehearsal Begins



Choir rehearsal begins on **Thursday, October 19, 7:00 pm** in the Music Room. This is going to be an exciting fall season as we prepare special music for Worship. The Choir will also be rehearsing special Christmas music.

This year our choir has been invited to participate in a cantata sponsored by Heart and Hand at the Baptist Temple on **December 10, at 5:00 p.m.** We will be joining about 12 church choirs from the area. It promises to be fun and spirit filled.

Come join in the singing, but if not, be sure to put the cantata on your calendar for Holiday enjoyment!

Rehearsal Schedule		
Rehearsal, Thursday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal, Thursday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. Sing in Worship, October 29	Rehearsal, Thursday, November 2, 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal, Thursday, November 9, 7:00 p.m. Rehearsal, Thursday, November 16, 7:00 p.m. Sing in Worship, November 19 Rehearsal following worship Rehearsal, Thursday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.at Baptist Temple	Sing in Worship, December 3 Rehearsal, Thursday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.at Baptist Temple (Dress Rehearsal) Feast of Carols, December 10, 5:00 p.m. at Baptist Temple Rehearsal, Thursday, December 14, 7:00 p.m. Sing in Worship, December 17 Sing in Worship, December 24



Join the Rock Lake Presbyterian Church Bellringer Team

Rock Lake is an enthusiastic supporter of Heart and Hand. This year, we are showing our support by ringing for the kettle bell at Riverwalk Kroger.

Our days to ring are Wednesday, November 29 and Tuesday, December 5. Each day is divided into three, two-hour blocks.

Wednesday, November 29	Tuesday, December 5
10:00-12:00	10:00-12:00
12:00-2:00	12:00-2:00
2:00-4:00	2:00-4:00

Team up with a family member or friend and sign up for a time block. The sign-up sheet is in the entryway on the bulletin board.

No bell ringing experience is required. See the Music Director for a crash lesson.



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, October 29, 2023. So, start to 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.





JOIN US!

Bluestone's **FALL** Getaway

DATES:

OCT 20-22, 2023

PRICE:

AGE 12 AND OLDER: \$85

AGE 4-12: \$50

AGE 3 AND UNDER: FREE

Join us for a weekend of scripture,
games, fellowship, and fun!!

**YOUTH AND THE YOUNG AT HEART ARE INVITED TO
TRICK-OR-TREAT CABIN TO CABIN SATURDAY NIGHT
SO REMEMBER TO PACK YOUR COSTUMES AND/OR
BRING SOME CANDY TO HAND OUT!**

For scheduling information, please see the bulletin board outside the Parlor.

Oakwood Terrace Apartment Christmas Project



People from four local churches {Bream, Kanawha United, First Presby (Charleston), and Rock Lake} are meeting to prepare for purchasing gifts for kids of residents in the Oakwood Terrace Apartments.

Rock Lake has committed to purchasing and wrapping gifts for about 25 kids there. Like the other churches, RLPC is expected to have gifts wrapped and delivered to a central sorting location, yet to be determined, by Friday afternoon, December 8.

Sorting and grouping of gifts by apartment, with devotional items and candy, will happen Friday evening through Sunday evening, December 10. Last minute revisions and corrections to apartment bags will be done by Friday evening, December 15.

Churches will pick up assigned routes for apartment bag delivery by 12 noon Saturday, December 16. Churches will deliver apartment bags to residents on their assigned routes starting at 2:00 pm, Sunday, December 17.

The project team is currently developing the kids' age groupings for whom each church will be purchasing and wrapping gifts. When we have those details for RLPC, we will reach out for your help. Please respond when we do!

And, if you want more information about Oakwood Terrace Apartments, here is the link to their web page:

<https://www.nationalchurchresidences.org/communities/oakwood-terrace-apartments/>

Ken Schmidt
Mission & Service

Bridgeview Food Ministry



Once again, we gathered in the fellowship hall and prepared food for Bridgeview Elementary school students. We prepared 65 bags with items that could easily be cooked and eaten over the weekend. We gather food during the month through donations and on the last Sunday of the month we put together the bags of food.

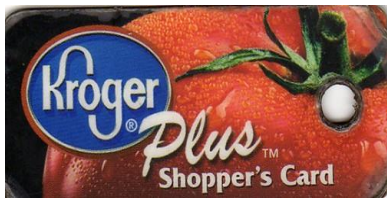
They are then distributed to the students at school to take home for the weekend. The list of items needed that may be donated is listed below or if you don't wish to shop you can send check to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church in support of this program.

Other churches that support the Bridgeview Elementary School program are South Charleston Church of the Nazarene, Genesis Church of South Charleston, and South Charleston Church of God.

A special thanks to DeeDee Means who coordinates the program for our church.

Items needed:

- Mac & Cheese (microwavable and single serving)
- Pudding Cups
- Juice Boxes
- Individual Cereal Boxes
- Snack Bags (pretzels, cheezits, goldfish, gummies, chips, cookies – individual packages)
- Chocolate Milk
- Ravioli (or other Chef Boyardee Pastas, microwavable, single serving)
- Applesauce or Fruit Cups



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.

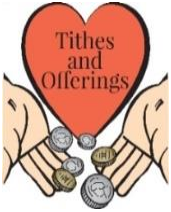
OR

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).



August Income \$ 7,155.00
 August Expense \$ 9,144.41

Year to Date Income \$64,698.04
 Year to Date Expense \$71,370.24



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 join 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 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

September 2023 Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): The estimated September 3 communicants were 35. The next communion celebration will be October 1. **If you are joining worship at home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

The Blessing of Animals will be Saturday, October 7 at 11am.

RLPC will participate in the Christmas bell ringers in front of the Riverwalk Kroger; details are included in this bulletin. Please sign up.

The choir is beginning practice for the ecumenical choir which will present a musical offering December 10 at 5pm in the Baptist Temple downtown. Food items will be collected for Heart & Hand.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): The August YTD budget vs. actual shows a balance of about -\$6,700. The general account balance is about \$70,700.

The nominating committee has secured a session nominee for the class of 2026 and a second nominee for the unexpired term in the class of 2025.

The stewardship season begins October 29, and ends on November 19, Commitment Sunday.

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): The Peace & Global Witness offering will be collected on October 1, World Communion Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

PROPERTY (P): Several small dead trees have been removed. The grate covering the sewer junction near the Peace Pole on Village Drive has gone missing. We are securing a replacement.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): The next second Sunday potluck will be October 8. The most important ingredient is Y-O-U!


OTHER: The Online Presbytery Landscape Survey is available to complete through October 2. If you have not yet completed the survey, you can reach it by using the [survey link](#) and the QR code can also be found on the [Presbytery website](#).

With Christ's Peace,

Ken

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

October 2023

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