

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..."

November 2023

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
905 Village Drive,
So. Charleston


Patricia shares the pulpit with The Rev. Dr. Ravi Isaiah. In addition to her preaching and teaching duties, she is our friend and pastor. She exudes love and care to all. We appreciate her so much.



The Rev. Dr. Ravi Isaiah

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Ravi shares the pulpit with The Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis. We are inspired by his teachings and the caring he shares with us. We are so appreciative of his time and love.



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

For we are God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus to do good world, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

In case you missed the newspaper on October 8, see the article on the Pastor Appreciation Page of our two preachers. We are so glad they are a part of us and teach us well.



Pastor's Survival Kit

On October 8 as part of our acknowledging our pastor appreciation, we presented Patricia a black mug with some goodies inside. The mug is magical and the picture shows what appears when a hot liquid is in it. Hopefully it will remind Patricia of our gratitude for her pastoral gifts

to us.

LIFESAVERS: for all the times you have been a lifesaver

GUM: to help the church stick together

TOOTSIE ROLL: to remind you of the essential "role" you play

MOUNDS: for the mounds of courage you have to have to be a great leader of faith

KITKAT: sometimes pastors need a break too

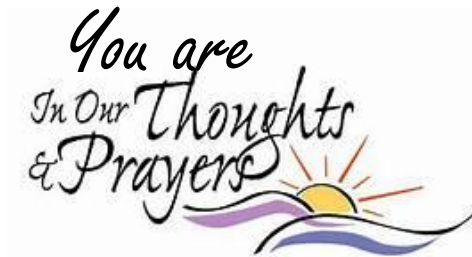
STARBURST: to give you a burst of energy as you work fervently to answer God's calling.

Two classes studying the book “**The Walk**” by Adam Hamilton explored disciplines for the Christian Faith: Worship, Prayer, Study, Serve, Give, and Share. There was a challenge expressed by using the fingers on our hand to experience a simple, achievable, measurable, and specific goal. And they were:



1. Pray five times a day and worship weekly.
2. Read five verses of Bible daily and study the Bible in a small group.
3. Practice five acts of intentional kindness a week and serve others.
4. Extend five acts of generosity toward others each month and give generously to God through the church.
5. Let others know you are a Christian and invite five people to church each year.

These are only starting numbers and are expected to grow as you grow in your faith! So won't you join those in the class and begin YOUR WALK? I know SOME OF YOU are already doing this and much more. But can YOU do it?



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!

November 5

Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston
Church of the Covenant, Grafton
Wand Church
Wandumbi Parish

November 19

Marlinton Presbyterian Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Kaglo-ini Church
Wandumbi Parish

November 12

First Presbyterian Church, Hinton
Kuhn Memorial Presbyterian Church, Barboursville
Githakwa Church
Wandumbi Parish

November 26

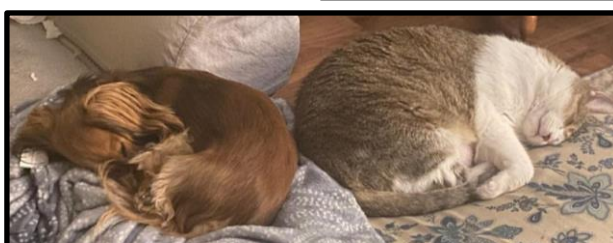
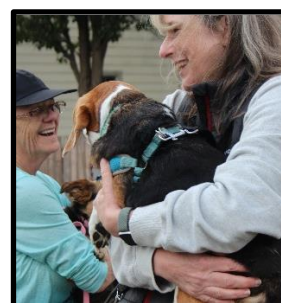
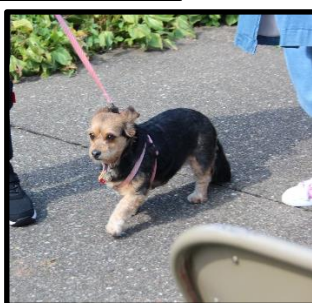
Riverlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans
Village Chapel Presbyterian Church, Charleston
Kaglo-ini Church
Wandumbi Parish





BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Saturday, October 7, 11:00 am we met outside the church on the Village Drive side of the building. Seven dogs, brought by their families, were blessed by Pastor Jarvis. Everyone was well behaved. Medals were distributed as were treats and cookies for the owners. In addition, we blessed 11 dogs and cats not in attendance and those who had already passed over from pictures sent by their families. What a beautiful day and a beautiful blessing. Plan to attend next year. Thanks to everyone who made this day possible with all their help.



Bear, Belle, Chewy, Coco, Derby, Fabian, Gabriel, Lemmie, Moxxie, Munzer, Ollie, Reba, Tabby, Tilly, Willow, Winnie, and Wolfman Jack were blessed that day.



The Masked Calligrapher** strikes again!! In addition to power washing the playground, he has written profound words on the sidewalk. Walk around and enjoy!

**John Solberg



Birthdays:

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|----|-----------------|----|----------------|
| 5 | Susan Wilder | 21 | Scott Hamilton |
| 6 | Erica Barker | 21 | Keith Knowles |
| 6 | Layne Gumowski | 21 | Laine Wilder |
| 10 | Jackie Thompson | 25 | Leon Means |
| 12 | Tre Hardin | 28 | Jerry Childers |
| 21 | David Barnes | | |

Anniversaries:

- | | | | |
|----|------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 8 | Brett & Emily Baker | 24 | David & Nancy Broyles |
| 23 | Ryan & Miranda Broyles | | |

RLPC WAS ON THE PRESBYTERIAN LIST OCTOBER 22, 2023 AND WE RECEIVED PRAYERS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM OUR SISTER CHURCHES

First Presbyterian Church – Fairmont

Belington Presbyterian Church – Belington

Fayetteville Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church – Dunbar

Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church – Point Pleasant

Glenville Presbyterian Church – Glenville

Second Presbyterian Church - Huntington



Heard the squawking bird sitting on top of the cross and couldn't resist taking a picture. How blessed we are to provide sanctuary to nature.



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.rlp.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.



Beautiful rainbow over Village Drive captured by Marilyn Padon after Choir Practice.

Choir Rehearsal Begins



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, 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, December 31, 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.



Oakwood Terrace Christmas Gifts 2023



RLPC has committed to purchasing and wrapping Christmas gifts for about twenty-eight 3 or 4 year-olds living at Oakwood Terrace. Six families have signed up to purchase gifts for these children. We thank them for their help!

Now we need help in the following ways:

1. We need people to wrap the gifts on Sunday, December 3 following worship. If you can help in this way, please call Sandy at the church office to sign up.
2. We need donations to support this project. If you can help in this way, please leave your donation in the offering plate, marking 'Oakwood Project' on your check.

Thanks for your generosity!



Potluck Sunday at RLPC

Why don't you come and join us for potluck after Worship Service on the second Sunday of each month?

We meet in the parlor and invite participants to bring a dish to share.

There is always plenty of food (even if you cannot bring any food), you are always welcome to attend. The most important ingredient is YOU!



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.

Items needed:

Mac & Cheese (microwavable and single serving)

Pudding Cups

Juice Boxes

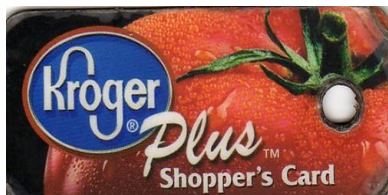
Individual Cereal Boxes

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



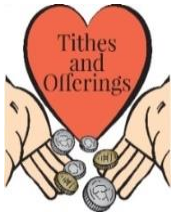
Through the Kroger Community Rewards Program, Kroger will donate to RLPC 5% of all grocery/pharmacy purchases YOU make just by using your Kroger Plus Card. Please sign up for this FREE profitable program for RLPC. You only have to open an account and register your Kroger Plus Card online at: krogercommunityrewards.com.

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). Rewards for third quarter \$194.34. *With thanks to all who participate with their buying.*



Year to Date Income \$82,654.38
 Year to Date Expense \$80,036.25



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

October 2023 Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): On October 1, RLPC had an estimated 45 communicants between on-line and live. The next communion celebration will be November 5. **If you are joining worship at home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

There were 18 animals blessed at the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 7, both live or pictured.

We have new railings fabricated and installed at the ends of the chancel steps.

An organ technician will be in to check the organ in the coming week.

The choir is beginning practice for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season. You are invited to join! Call the church office.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): The September YTD budget vs. actual shows a balance of about \$2,618 positive. The general account balance is about \$74,100.

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, as well a nominating committee nominee for the class of 2026.

The stewardship season, 'Devoted to Generosity', begins October 29, and ends on November 19, Commitment Sunday. The Stewardship Task Force is preparing a packet to be snail-mailed in early November.

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): Patricia's 7 evening classes, 'The Walk-Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life', concluded on October 5. The class was attended by members of First Presbyterian Dunbar and RLPC. Thank you, Patricia!

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): The Peace & Global Witness offering was \$685. Thank you for your generosity! Six families have signed up to purchase Christmas gifts for 3 and 4 year-old youngsters at Oakwood Terrace.

PROPERTY (P): The old playground area has been cleared of undergrowth.

The boiler heating the sanctuary and parlor has been lighted.

We are investigating options to repair the alcove lights and the parking lot pothole.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): The next second Sunday potluck will be November 12. Don't forget, the most important ingredient is Y-O-U!

OTHER: Sign up for bell ringing in front of Kroger Riverwalk on Wednesday, November 29 and Tuesday, December 5. There is a sign-up board in the narthex.

With Christ's Peace,

Ken



Rock Lake Presbyterian Church collected \$685 for the Peace & Global Witness offering. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Our portion of the offering will be split between Sojourners and Davis Stewart.

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November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 am Church Office Open  ALL SAINTS' DAY	2 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P) 6:30 pm Grandparents Bridge (Music room)	3 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom	4 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
5 10:00 am RLPC Worship (live and online) 	6 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	7 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open	8 9:00 am Church Office Open	9 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)	10 Church Office Closed 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom	11 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 
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