

# 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..."*

**January 2024**



## **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**

*"Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus,  
'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

*-----Acts 20:35*

A donation in honor and appreciation of Rock Lake Presbyterian church through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog has been made!!

Love and Christmas blessings!

*Patricia*



On December 17, Patricia dedicated 28 lap robes, 6 baby blankets and 6 scarves during the morning worship.

These items will be donated to various facilities and persons with the hope that they will provide warmth and comfort to them.

We recently donated 15 scarves to the free bin at Heart and Hand and 13 baby blankets to the Right Start program.

We want to thank Ken and Olga Schmidt for their contribution of a sewing machine to help us with our ongoing ministry. And also, a special thanks to all those who keep us supplied with yarn and material. May the community feel the love of God when they receive one of our items.

## ***Shepherd's Run***



Troy Painter (South Charleston Fire Department) standing next to Susan Hamilton



Jackie Thompson, Melissa Swick, and Mary Wagner preparing the cookie plates for delivery

**Once again YOU answered the call.**

**A boatload of cookies showed up in the parlor Christmas eve morning and we prepared plates for five locations.**

**They were then delivered by the following: John Haynes-South Charleston Police Dept, John Solberg- Thomas Hospital ER, Jackie Thompson-Women's and Children's Hospital, Scott and Susan Hamilton and Melissa Swick-two fire stations in South Charleston.**

**This was done in thanks for their working the holidays so that we would be safe and cared for.**

**And a huge thank you to everyone who made this project a success.**



**Wasn't the music during this Advent season wonderful!**

**Solos, ringing bowls and drums, and choir and especially the beautiful preludes done by Pam, Marilyn, and Patricia.**

**We are so fortunate to have such a wonderful music team.**



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!

**January 7**

Clifton Presbyterian Church, Maxwelton  
Hughes River Presbyterian Church, Cairo  
Kangaita Church  
Gaaki Parish

**January 21**

First Presbyterian Church, Mannington  
Rock Forge Presbyterian Church, Morgantown  
Kabiru Church  
Gaaki Parish

**January 14**

First Presbyterian Church, Huntington  
Cabwaylingo Chapel  
Gichira Church  
Gaaki Parish

**January 28**

Parsons Presbyterian Church  
Summerlee Presbyterian Church  
Gaaki Parish



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS  
& ANNIVERSARIES**

*Birthdays:*

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|----|-------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2  | Jane Crosby       | 22 | Jackie Pauley     |
| 9  | Pam Ferrell       | 23 | DeeDee Means      |
| 10 | Barbara Clark     | 24 | Ronnie Means      |
| 15 | Alex Gumowski     | 25 | Donie Argento     |
| 15 | Stephanie Wilson  | 28 | Aleah Grigsby     |
| 16 | Jennifer Harrison | 30 | Courtney Childers |

*Anniversaries:*

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|---|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| 1 | Walter & Judy Hardin | 4 | Laine & Susan Wilder |
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Your consistent kindness and affirmation is such a gift. Sometimes on Sunday mornings or times when we have meetings having to do with the life of the church, I feel tired and even discouraged. But when I come into your presence, without fail I am once again energized and filled with joy! You are better than six cups of coffee and a whole plate of cookies! Thank you for that.

Thank you for remembering Ravi and me during Pastor Appreciation Month. I have had other congregations observe the occasion, but I have never had my picture in the paper! Wow! My new coffee mug is a treasure, and I love how it changes color as something hot and yummy is poured into it..

And the Sunday morning in December when I, along with other staff members, was presented with such thoughtful gifts from the congregation, helped to make us all feel loved and appreciated. It helps us to do our jobs with enthusiasm and joy. So much thanks to each of you. I hope you know how much you are loved! Patricia

Please extend my appreciation to the congregation for such a generous gift. Merry Christmas! Ravi

Many thanks to my Rock Lake family for the generous Christmas gift. It's a privilege to work with such caring people. I wish you all a healthy and happy New Year! Pam

I wanted to express my heartfelt thanks for the monetary gift. This is also a time to express my thanks for support of our music ministry. It is so wonderful to be a part of the Rock Lake family. Marilyn

Thank you to my RLPC family for your generosity during this Christmas season. Your kindness and spiritual support mean so much to me. I wish all of you a peaceful, blessed, and healthy New Year. Sandy

To RLPC Friends and Family:

I want to thank the Worship committee and everyone that participated in my birthday celebration on Sunday, December 17th. It was wonderful seeing friends (some that I have not seen in a while) who came to eat cake and celebrate in the Parlor.

I received so many beautiful cards, balloons and even a silver dollar!

Thank you for making me feel so special on my birthday!

Sincerely,  
Sandy McNeely



## Oakwood Terrace Christmas Project

Thanks to all who helped make the 2023 project a big success! With the help of our donating, purchasing, wrapping, bagging, and delivering elves, Rock Lake, along with Bream, Kanawha United, and First Church Charleston, distributed Christmas bags to about 150 families Sunday afternoon, December 17. Every family received gifts for their children, a devotional, invitations to each church's Advent final week worship services, and a gift card to purchase fixings for Christmas dinner. Each church provided a Santa Claus and helpers to accomplish our delivery mission.

God bless everyone who helped and/or prayed for the project. A thank-you goes out to Andy Ceperley, of First Church Charleston, and our own Ron Rogillio, both of whom have shepherded this project for many years! And a special thank-you to Ed Bailey, who has served as RLPC's Santa for many years also!



Santa and his helpers



Jackie Thompson ringing bell at Kroger.

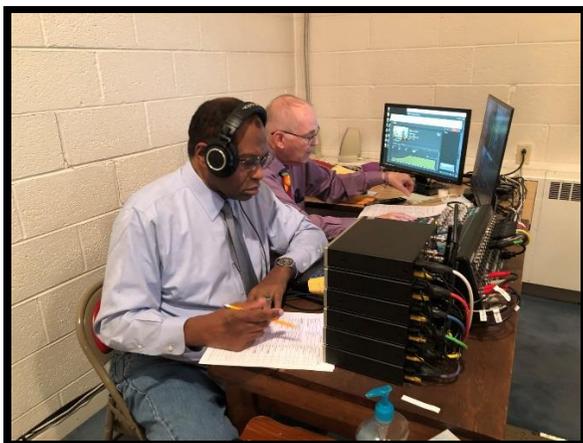
### BELLRINGERS AT KROGER RIVERWALK

A special thanks to all who rang bells and survived the cold temperatures at Kroger Riverwalk in support of Heart and Hand ministries.

The report is that it was great time to see the public respond with love to the need.

Plan to volunteer next year!

***Candlelight Services at Rock Lake Presbyterian Church  
December 24, 2023***





## 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](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).

### CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING



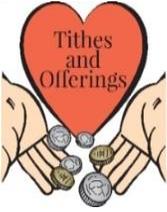
From the PCUSA website:

“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, March 31, 2024.** 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.



Expenses \$104,038.55  
 Income \$102,236.08



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](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.



## December 2023 Session Digest

WORSHIP (W): On December 3, RLPC had an estimated 41 communicants between on-line and live. The next communion celebration will be

January 7.

**If you are joining worship at home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F): The 2024 covenant between Patricia Jarvis and the RLPC Session has been signed by Patricia and the session clerk. It will be emailed to the presbytery stated clerk.

As noted in November, the annual congregational meeting will be January 21, 2024. Please plan to attend in person. Meeting packets will be emailed to members on January 13.

The Stewardship Task Force reports that, to date, \$81,100 has been committed to the 2024 budget.

CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):

MISSION & SERVICE (M&S): The Christmas Joy offering concluded on Christmas Eve. Thank you for your support for past, present, and future leaders of the church!

PROPERTY (P): Property gutters have been cleaned. The water pump that circulates hot water through the sanctuary heating system is broken and needs to be replaced.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC): The next second Sunday potluck will be January 14. Don't forget, the most important ingredient is Y-O-U!

OTHER: The Oakwood Terrace Christmas Project concluded Sunday, December 17 with four churches delivering the gifts they had purchased to residents at Oakwood Terrace. Thank you to all who participated in the project!

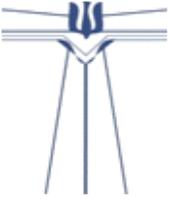
With Christ's Peace,

Ken

# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 Church Office Closed</b> 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom 	<b>2</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P) 6:30 pm Grandparents Bridge	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (P)	<b>6</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 
<b>7</b> 10:00 am RLPC Worship 	<b>8</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	<b>9</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work 9:00 am Church Office Open 9:30 Carbide OldTimers	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 1:00 pm Handwork for Mission(P)	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom (NA) (P)	<b>13</b> 8:30 am Manna Meal Work
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