

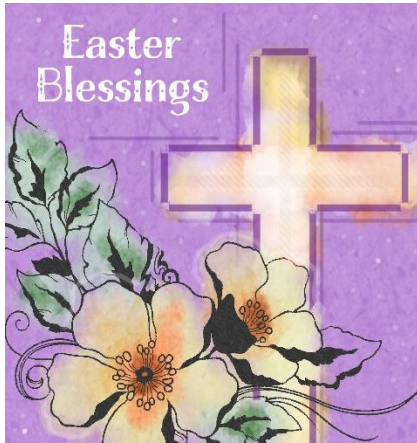
# Rock "905"

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



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

**April 2024**



Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Easter Sunday is so lovely, isn't it? Memories from past Easter celebrations, and adding yet another to bless our lives, and reminds us that we are beloved children of our Creator, and that renewal and resurrection are good gifts to us from his gracious hand.

When Easter Sunday has concluded, the Easter season has just begun for us. While it is true that the Easter paraphernalia has all gone "on sale" at our local stores, the secular world thinks Easter has passed, but we know something different. The fifty great days of Eastertide have just begun! They last until Pentecost, and give us opportunity to continue our focused emphasis until then. So, beloved in Christ, let the celebration continue!

Now a housekeeping word: for the third time since I have been with you at Rock Lake, a scam has circulated a request that appears to be from me, asking for your assistance. You will get a text or email that looks like it's from me. Often it says I am in a meeting and can't respond, but that someone needs emergency help (often a woman with cancer) and requesting you to buy gift cards for which I will repay you once I am free. I will never - repeat never - ask you for such a thing. A scammer knows that you are kind and generous people, and when your pastor asks you for money via gift cards or any other way, you are likely to respond. Don't do it. Don't respond. Just delete! Jesus says we are to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. This falls under the wise serpent category!

Love and every blessing to each dear one of you!

*Patricia*



Greatest man in history named **Jesus**, had no servants, yet they called Him **Master**.  
Had no degree, yet they called Him **Teacher**.  
Had no medicines, yet they called Him **Healer**.  
Had no army, yet kings feared Him.  
He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.  
He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.  
He was buried in the tomb, yet **He lives today!!** -----Author Unknown

Fifth Sunday in  
*Lent*



Mary Wagner welcomed her granddaughter, Stephanie Wilson and three great grandchildren – Avery, Raylee, and Cameron. They were visiting with her and Bill on the Fifth Sunday in Lent - St. Patrick's Day. Rev. Dr. Patricia Jarvis had a prayer with the children and gave them stickers!



*Palm Sunday 2024 at RLPC*  
*Beautiful Hymns from the Choir - Bible Lessons for Everyone*





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!

**April 7**

First Presbyterian Church, South Charleston  
Harman Presbyterian Church  
Gura Parish

**April 21**

First Presbyterian Church, Oak Hill  
Rome Presbyterian Church, Proctorville, Ohio

**April 14**

Elk Hills Presbyterian Church, Charleston  
Glenville Presbyterian Church  
Gathaith Church  
Gura Parish

**April 28**

Clear Creek Presbyterian Church  
First Presbyterian Church, Logan  
Thageini Church  
Gura Parish



4 Nancy Broyles  
5 Dawn Holstein  
12 Hailey Marion  
15 CaDee Taylor  
21 Margie Gumowski

25 Jacob Meador  
26 Nick Holstein  
26 Joe LaCount  
26 Ken Schmidt

***No April Anniversaries***



**PLEASE NOTE: In case of a possible event cancellation, please check your email for more information.**





## Food Offering Sunday

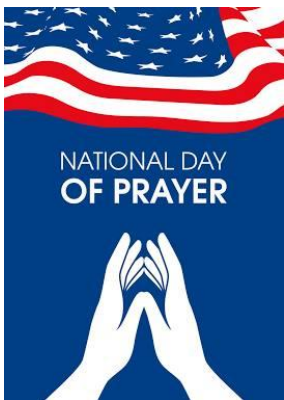
Don't forget that each Communion Sunday is 'Food Offering' Sunday. A good reminder: on Sundays that we share the Lord's Supper, we also remember to share food with people who are less fortunate. You may leave your offering in the red wagon in the Narthex. All the collected food will go to Heart & Hand.



Our denomination, Presbyterian Church USA, is the birthplace of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, a nation-wide, non-partisan community of Presbyterians who act on the example of Jesus to reduce war, violence and exploitation. Founded in 1944, the organization works with other faith groups. Since 1968, PPF has sought to strengthen and implement sensible steps to regulated firearms and save lives.

Guns to Gardens, a project to turn voluntarily surrendered guns into garden implements, will begin in April at St. Marks United Methodist Church in downtown Charleston. Want to know more? Log into [presbypeacefellowship.org](http://presbypeacefellowship.org), or call Dina Mohler (304)444-2211.

A poster with information is available on the bulletin board in the church hallway across from the Parlor.



The National Day of Prayer in the USA will be observed on Thursday, May 2, this year. The mound in South Charleston will be the location, beginning at noon. Several local pastors will take part, including our own Pastor, Patricia Jarvis. More information will be provided as the time grows nearer, but plan to join others as you are able. Patricia is glad to be representing Rock Lake Presbyterian Church in this annual community event.



**2024 Festival of Faith: All the Light We Can See**  
**April 6 at Charleston First Presbyterian Church**

Shannon Craigo-Snell, Professor of Theology at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, who grew up in the Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, will be the Keynote Presenter for this year's Festival of Faith. Her keynote, "Understanding the Roots of Racism," will explore how we can live out our Christian commitments to love and justice in the current context of racial tensions and how we might create space for new ways forward. Shannon will also be leading a workshop on "Christian Understandings of Evil." One other workshop to highlight: Emily Chudy, the Board of Pensions' Church Consultant for our region, will also be with us to share an update on the Board of Pensions' Season of Rebuilding/Benefits Plan Initiative. There will also be limited opportunities for interested persons to meet with her individually with their questions and concerns. As always, Festival of Faith will be an excellent

opportunity for learning, worship, fellowship, and food for congregational leaders. There will be a wide variety of workshops available for those in large and small churches. This year, we are also bringing back the childcare option. The deadline for early registration, lunch orders, and childcare registration is Friday, March 15.

**2024 Spring Youth Retreat: Crossing Paths**

**April 12-14 at Jackson's Mill, Weston**

This retreat is for those in grades 6-12 and adults who work with them. Rev. Joseph Jumper, a recent seminary graduate and Resident Pastor at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, will be the keynote presenter. Throughout the weekend, the focus will be on the journeys that each of us are on and how God helps and guides us as we journey together, looking at the biblical stories of Joseph, David, and Jesus. The cost per person (youth and adults) is \$65. The registration deadline is Monday, March 25. Emails with complete information has been sent to Pastors, Clerks of Session, Christian Educators, Youth Ministers and others; please share this information with your youth.



**Communion Training for Ruling Elders**  
**3-5 PM April 28 on Zoom**

All sessions, particularly those whose churches do not have pastoral leadership, are invited to send ruling elders (they don't have to be on the session currently) to this event. Participants must be approved by the session of their church of membership to be authorized. Note that there is an advance assignment that includes reading sections of the 2023-2025 Book of Order. There is no cost to participate. The registration deadline is Friday, April 19. Register by submitting your name, church, email, phone number, and date of session approval to attend this

training to [susan\\_sharp\\_campbell@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com). If you have any questions, you may contact Susan at this email address or 304-667-9428.



# THE GUYS WEEKEND & SPRING GETAWAY RETREATS

We ask that churches to share these bulletin inserts on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday as churches tend to have a few extra visitors. Please help us spread the word about everything going on at camp over the next few months.

**Thanks in advance! Your support is always appreciated!!**

## THE GUYS WEEKEND

**APRIL 26 - 28 @ Bluestone**

Retreat Cost = \$85 Friday Dinner = \$12  
(for early arrivals)

### 15th Annual Men's Retreat

At The Guys' Weekend, we are committed to several things:

- † encouraging growth in faith †  
(great keynote speakers)
- † employing our gifts in service †  
(in particular to serve the ministry of Bluestone)
- † to glorify and enjoy God forever †  
(In work, worship, and fellowship)

Visit our web page to retrieve registration and medical forms as well as general information and details:

[bluestonecamp.org/guys-weekend](http://bluestonecamp.org/guys-weekend)

You may also contact [mark@bluestonecamp.org](mailto:mark@bluestonecamp.org) to have forms and information emailed to you.

**Registration Deadline is April 25**

Fees includes two nights lodging, three meals Saturday and one meal on Sunday. Youth are encouraged to attend as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

## SPRING GETAWAY RETREAT

**MAY 3 - 5 @Bluestone**

Retreat Cost = \$85 Youth = \$50 (ages 4 - 11)  
Children FREE (ages 3 & under)

**Join us for a fun and relaxing low key retreat!**

There'll be plenty of good food and fellowship... plus

- † trail hike or craft you can do at your leisure †
- † study track w/weekend chaplain †
- † games, campfires, devotions †
- † plenty of time and space to just simply be †

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**Registration Deadline is May 1**

Fees include two nights lodging, three meals Saturday and one meal on Sunday.

\*\*More information available on the posters on the bulletin board outside the Parlor.

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

# “Being Vital Today”

with

**Brian Coulter**

**Saturday, May 4**

**9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**on Zoom**



**Course Description:** We live in a new post-Christendom world in which the church is no longer the center of our society. This new world is unlike any world the church has ever existed in before. Thus, we need to be ready to answer a new set of questions; we cannot assume our new world understands what we do anymore. We will explore the “7 Marks of Vital Congregations” that the Office of Vital Congregations within the Presbyterian Mission Agency has identified to help us come up with some discussion questions and talking points for all the people around us in this world who want to hear more and believe but simply can’t until they see the marks.

**Leader:** Brian Coulter is the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, TX, and a consultant with the Presbyterian Mission Agency Office of Theology, Formation and Evangelism.

Registration deadline: Monday, April 29. 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:

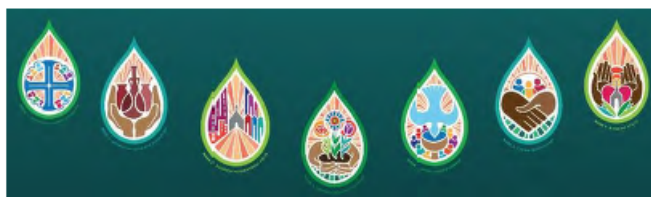
Presbytery of West Virginia, P.O. Box 11720, Charleston, WV 25339.

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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Church \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



“Being Vital Today,” Part of the EXPANDING YOUR MINISTRY TOOLBOX 2024







## **POST-SECONDARY LOANS and GRANTS** AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA



*(**Grants and Loans** are 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. While the maximum amount per grant is \$500, the ability to offer these, and their amounts, varies each year

*Information, including an application form, will be found at [www.wyepresbytery.org](http://www.wyepresbytery.org) and sent to church leaders in March. Check with your pastor, educator, youth advisor, or clerk of session.*

*Applications and Requests for Renewals must be received by the Presbytery Office no later than April 30 for the next academic year.*

*Questions? Contact Susan Sharp Campbell, [susan\\_sharp\\_campbell@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com) or 304-667-9248.*

## 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).

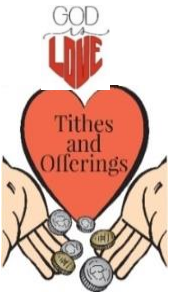
### CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING



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, June 30, 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.



February Income \$ 11,226.00 February Expense \$ 7,333.37

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.



## March 2024 Session Digest

**WORSHIP (W):** On March, RLPC had an estimated 56 communicants between on-line and live. The next communion celebration will be April 7.

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

The Good Friday service will be at noon. Palms were distributed on Palm Sunday. The choir sang on Palm Sunday and will sing on Easter.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F):** The general account has a \$76,000 balance. The budget vs. actual shows a positive balance of about \$3,900 for February, and \$1,500 for 2024 YTD.

**CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):**

**MISSION & SERVICE (M&S):** The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will conclude on Easter.

**PROPERTY (P):** Grass cutting has begun. Several bathroom floors have been stripped and resealed.

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

**OTHER:** a. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter communion servers are Ken Schmidt and Dave Broyles. b. The clerk sent a letter of support to Pollen8 for inclusion in a grant request to the USDA.

With Christ's Peace,

Ken

# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

# April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 2:30 pm Amethyst Group (P)	<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)	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Church Office Open 6:00 pm Foundation to Freedom	<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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