

# 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..."

**July 2024**

We welcome Reverend Clare J. Sulgit as our guest columnist this month. She is pastor at St. Marys United Methodist Church in St. Marys, WV, and is the daughter of our own pastor, Patricia. Clare shares some ideas for welcoming first-time visitors to church. Welcome Clare!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

What a wonderful time of year this is! I was waiting all winter for these summer days. I wake in the morning to hear birds singing, everyone's yards are filled with flowers and vegetables, and things seem just a touch more relaxed. Summer also signifies something else; it is a perfect time to invite someone to come to church for the first time or come back to church. We all come out of our winter hibernation in summer and it's a great time to invite someone to begin the habit of attending church with you.

So a good question to ask is what is it first-time visitors are searching for? When a visitor crosses our church's threshold, will they come back? There are 4 characteristics that usually persuade people to return. According to Win Arn of *Church Growth Inc.* they are in this order:

- The friendliness and warmth of the congregation. A United Methodist study found "when both unchurched and churched people are asked what they look for in a church; they are looking for a church in which they feel at home, where the people are friendly, and where there is a warm and comfortable atmosphere." When is this most effectively conveyed? When visitors first come into the building, and when the worship service is over and people begin to leave.
- The character of the worship service. Is the worship service authentic? Do people sense the presence of God? Does worship offer grace, conveying the truth, hope and power of God's love? Is worship a time of celebration? Do people leave more joyfully than when they arrived? Are they strengthened and equipped for the realities of life?
- Does our church provide opportunities for children, or are children a distraction? Churches providing for children's needs are providing a gateway for children's parents to call our congregation "home". For those who don't have children, the adult program provides a way to involve the unchurched adults in getting to know people and becoming a part of our church family.
- How about our church building? Is it visible? Is it accessible? Is it in good condition? Do we have adequate space?

These are the characteristics that will influence a first-time visitor to return. However the most effective way we can influence a visitor is to invite them personally to attend church with us and bring them into church with us. Our personal relationship with God should always be reflected in our relationships with

others. So let's all try to make more of an effort to share God's love and good news with those around us and just maybe, bring a new face to church!

Blessings & Love,  
*Clare*



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!

**July 7**

Canyon Community Church, Morgantown  
First Presbyterian Church, Colcord  
First Presbyterian Church, Fairmont  
Rev. Naman Githenya Memorial Church  
Riamukurwe Parish

**July 21**

First Presbyterian Church, St. Albans  
Spencer Presbyterian Church  
Kiandu Church  
Riamukurwe Parish

**July 14**

Beckley Presbyterian Church  
First Presbyterian Church, White Sulphur Spgs  
Thunguma Church  
Rimukurwe Parish

**July 28**

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Hillsboro  
Tygarts Valley Presbyterian Church, Huttonsville  
Gitathiini Church  
Rware Parish



Yes, it's hard to believe! But Rock Lake will be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on **Sunday, October 27, 2024**. So, mark your calendar on that special day and plan to be with us for worship and luncheon. More up-to-date details will be available in future newsletters and bulletins. We will be needing addresses or email addresses of some past members and will be including a list in the next newsletter. So, help us out if you can. Looking forward to celebrating with you! Pass the word!

## PENTECOST POTLUCK LUNCHEON – MAY 19

Jackie Thompson invited Susie Tenney to join us for our Pentecost Potluck luncheon. Susie is earning her Eagle Scout award by making tie fleece blankets for refugees and foster children. RLPC had a few volunteers to help her with the blankets.



# Summer Social at RLPC

We celebrated the beginning of Summer at Rock Lake Presbyterian Church with lemonade and cookies provided by the Worship Committee on Sunday, June 23 after worship service.





## **RLPC TRIP PLANNED TO SEE "FOOTLOOSE" AT THEATRE WV**

Nine RLPC members and friends had a great time at Theatre WV's "Honey in the Rock" play on June 20.

RLPC is planning a trip back to see the musical "Footloose" one evening between July 11-16, 18-23, or 24-28. Doors open at 7, pre-show entertainment at 7:30, and the show starts at 8. The show lasts about 2.5 hours. Drive time from church to Theatre WV in SE of Beckley is 1.4 hours.

If you are interested in going with the group, please text or call Scott Hamilton at 304-553-8296; or see Scott no later than July 7 with how many are going from your family.

List which of the days above that you:

- are available,
- would prefer not to go,
- absolutely are NOT available.

By July 9, we'll optimize which is the best day for the most people and then contact everyone with the day selected and then reserve the tickets. Information about the Footloose show is at <https://www.theatrewestvirginia.org/event/footloose/>

Ticket prices range from \$25 for adults, \$23 AAA members, \$21 seniors as well as other military & child variations. They also have a pre-show backstage tour add-on for \$10. If you have friends that would like to attend, they're welcome, so please provide their availability as per above.



*A Gift That Keeps On Giving!*  
*Patricia's Garden*

Greeting us each week is a small floral garden (daffodils and now marigolds) at the entrance to our church. What a blessing and a welcome! Thank you, Patricia.



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| 17 | Avery Wilson  | 27 | Mellow Lee        |
| 22 | Elaine Wagner | 28 | David Broyles     |
| 25 | Jay Estill    |    |                   |



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| 10 | Joe & Kim LaCount       | 27 | Ron & Chris Rogillio    |
| 13 | Tom & Ashley Marion     | 27 | James & Kelly Straight  |
| 20 | Beau & Stephanie Wilson | 31 | Rob & Shannon Thornhill |
| 23 | Ed & Merrily Bailey     |    |                         |



## 2024 PEARL INGHAM APPLICATIONS



Applications for the 2024 Pearl Inghram Scholarship are now available. To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must have graduated from high school by spring/summer of 2024 or in a previous year.

Applicants must also be enrolled in college, trade school, or other post high school professional training program for the fall of 2024. Completed applications must be in the church office by 1 PM, July 8.

Applicants will be notified of the Scholarship Committee's decision by email on or before July 22. A check will be mailed directly to the applicant awarded the scholarship no later than August 16.

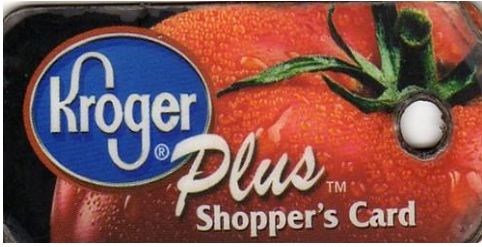
APPLICATION FORMS can be requested by calling the church office at 304 768-4141 weekday mornings or by emailing [rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com](mailto:rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com).



### Bridgeview Food Ministry

The Bridgeview Food Ministry is temporarily on hold until August (due to summer).

We will keep you updated in the bulletin and newsletter with further information.



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). Kroger donations for this quarter were \$178.92. *Thank you!*

**CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING**



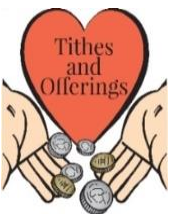
From the PCUSA website:

“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, September 29, 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.



May Income \$ 9,425.35                      May Expense \$ 7,520.33



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. 304-552-1627.





## Session Notes

# June 2024 Session Digest

**WORSHIP (W):** On June 2, an estimated 57 communicants between on-line and live celebrated communion. The next communion celebration will be on July 7. **If you are joining worship at home that day, please remember to prepare your elements in advance.**

The committee hosted the Summer Social after worship on June 23.

The committee is working on the anniversary service on October 27.

Plans for end-of-year worship (Thanksgiving and Advent) are also being developed.

Thanks to Linda and Fred Reehling, who are restoring place-marking ribbon cards to the sanctuary hymnals.

Several in-person worshipers have reported that the volume was not consistently loud enough during worship.

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE (A&F):** The general account has a \$72,677 balance. The budget vs. actual shows an April month balance of \$1,905, and \$868 for April 2024 YTD. A check for \$37,387.47 has been received from the church's insurance company to cover loss to RLPC in the April flood at the RLCLC. This money will be used to pay Rainbow Restoration, the company engaged to restore the RLCLC. Appalachian Behavioral Health Care (ABHC) re-occupied the RLCLC a few days before the May session meeting.

**CHRISTIAN NURTURE (CN):** Craft and teaching materials have been ordered for the nursery.

**MISSION & SERVICE (M&S):** To date, RLPC has received one application for the Pearl Inghram scholarship. The last day to submit an application is July 8 by 1pm.

**PROPERTY (P):** The bird droppings outside the bridge entry have been cleaned.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE (CC):** The next second Sunday potluck will be July 14 after worship. Don't forget, the most important ingredient is Y-O-U! Join us for food and fellowship!








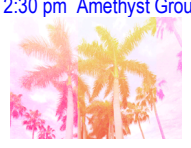


**OTHER:** a. The corporation annual report has been submitted to the state of WV. This report is due by June 30 of each year. b. Oakwood Terrace management is going through upheaval, resulting in the loss of a roughly \$3,000 per year Christmas Project donation from National Church Residency. This shortfall may affect the 2024 Oakwood Terrace Christmas Project. c. An inmate at Mount Olive Correctional Complex has requested a pen pal. Our next step is for Mission and Service to contact the prison to ensure that RLPC knows their protocol for corresponding with inmates.

With Christ's Peace,

Ken

# Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

# July 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> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	<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 
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