

RPC NEWSLETTER



Just These Thoughts My Friends....

Goodness! I don't know if I have ever felt more joy than the joy that Debbie and I feel at this moment. We are, as the old saying goes, "over the moon," as we celebrate the incredible gift of new life that the Lord has granted unto our family. Our first grandson, James Myers Leonard, is of course, already perfect. We see in him exactly what God sees in each of us: the very imprint of his image. And while we cannot wait to love and adore and spoil him in the months and years to come, we know that our love for him will be far exceeded by the love of our Father in Heaven.

I want to thank you for your great encouragement to us through these past months, and for your prayers for our son, Nicholas, and his wife, Zena. Their time of waiting, preparation, and even delivery now complete, I would ask that you pray for them as they begin this wonderful, albeit stressful next season of life. May the Lord grant them grace upon grace, and patience and love to deal with the good days and the hard days. Having both been raised and nurtured in the life of the church by so many wonderful believers (so many of you), and having continued their journey of faith together, I have no doubt that they will model the life, teachings, and love of Jesus Christ. And this will be the most important thing that they can do.

Finally, I ask that you join me in praying for James, that the Lord might bless his life, and that in the years to come he will embrace Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, and will follow him all of his days.

By the way, should you stop by the church office and not be able to find me, you know where I will be.

Blessings in Christ!

Granddad



Elder Class of 2028 Ordination and Installation

Sunday, March 8

9:00 a.m., MPB

Calling all church family!! You are invited to celebrate with us as we "officially" ordain and install our 2028 Elders. Please join us in prayer for them and their families as they seek to be take part in the leadership of this church and its ministries. The Class of 2028 is Susan Chasteen, Dan Parker, Jane Price, Paul Pridmore, and Kenneth Reynolds.

YOUTH! YOUTH! YOUTH!

- The shortest month of the year has been our most eventful! Thirteen of our youth and their friends traveled to Hendersonville for a weekend in the mountains, complete with tubing at Black Bear Tubing.
- In celebration of Valentine’s Day, the boys upheld their tradition of cooking tacos for the girls, creating an enjoyable evening for all.
- Our youth also had the opportunity to serve dinner at Rock Family Supper, where they cooked a delicious spaghetti meal. Thank you to everyone who helped make the dinner such a success.
- Finally, we traveled to Greenville to attend Winter Jam, singing praise and worship alongside thousands of our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- Now we look forward to joining several other local churches for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and faith-building at DNOW.
- The love and support our youth have felt from our covenant partners has been truly amazing to witness.

**Second Sunday Breakfast is Sunday, March 8
10:00 a.m. at the Mission House*

Blessings, Marshall



Youth February Fun! Cooking, Serving, & Tubing!

Rock JAM



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Thank you, parent helpers!

March 1: Rock JAM, 5-6:30
Dinner Provided

March 8: Rock JAM, 5-6:30
Parent Helpers: Croyle & Sanders
Second Sunday Children's Service @ 9am!

March 15: Rock JAM, 5-6:30
Parent Helpers: Yarochowicz & friends

March 22: Sunday Fun Day!
Bowling & Pizza @ Expo 300
Details coming soon!

March 29: Palm Sunday (No Rock JAM)
Palm Sunday Processional @ 9am & 11am services

Second Sunday
Children's Service:
Breakfast, Music & More!
After the 9am Children's Message:

January 11	April 12
February 8	May 10
March 8	June 14

Family Easter
EGGStravaganza

- Snack
- Crafts
- Easter Story
- Egg Hunt

Rock Presbyterian Church, ECO
invites your family to join us on
Saturday, April 4, 10-11:30am

Bring the whole family for Chick-fil-A breakfast,
crafts, a walk through the Easter story,
and an EASTER EGG HUNT!



Please Join Us on Easter Sunday, April 5



at 9:00am or 11:00am to worship
and celebrate our Risen Lord!
(Sunday School for all ages at 10am)

RPC is located at 122 Rock Church Road NW ~ www.rpcgwd.org

Rock JAM
Kids!

*Let's welcome in Spring
with a Bowling Fling!*

BOWLING & PIZZA!
Sunday, March 22
@ Expo 300

RPC VBS 2026

JOIN US FOR ROCK PRES VBS!
JUNE 8 - 11, 9AM - NOON
RIISING 4K - 5TH GRADE

Rock Presbyterian Church, ECO
REGISTER @ www.rpcgwd.org or scan QR

SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD

Congregational Care/Programs

ROCK FAMILY SUPPER

Learn about St. Patrick & Celtic Christianity

Wednesday, March 18th
@5:45pm

Enjoy a Traditional Irish meal of Shepherd's Pie, Salad, Bread & Desserts.
 Gluten free options available

Stewardship

ASK CHUCK:



CROWN™
 Advancing God's Principles of Stewardship and Life.

Investing in Uncertain Times

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-investing-in-uncertain-times/>

Frugal February Can Change Your Life

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-frugal-february-can-change-your-life-2/>

Check out www.crown.org for other financial resources.

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Worship

March Childcare



Date	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
March 1	Karen Reese	Beth Taylor	Mary Catherine McCartha
March 8	Susan Chasteen	Nealy Shiles	Debbie Leonard
March 15	Shelley Botchie	Patty Clark	Kathryn Luke
March 22	Elizabeth Hinson	Lauren Sullivan	Darlene Mallow
March 29	Ginny Edwards	Amy Williams	JoAnn Wolf

March Sermons *Livestream available on Facebook/YouTube at 9:00 a.m..*

Sermon Series: Jesus' Last Words From the Cross

March 1 Communion Sunday	Today... Luke 23:39-43	Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard
March 8	<i>Behold your Son; Behold your Mother</i> John 19: 26-27	Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard
March 15	<i>My God, My God</i> Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34; Psalm 22	Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard
March 22	<i>I Thirst</i> John 19: 28 (cf. John 4: 4-26); Psalm 22:15; Psalm 69:21	Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard

HOLY WEEK at ROCK – 2026

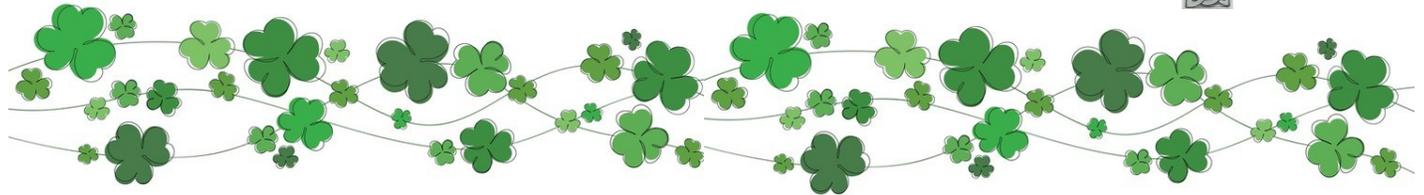
March 29 Palm Sunday	<i>It is Finished!</i> John 19:30	Rev. Marshall Steinle
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March Ushers: *Randall & Debbie Smith

March Communion: 9:00 a.m. Judy Markell, Cheryl Wilson
11:00 a.m. Peggy Hawkins, Jan Rushton



Childcare is available for all services.



Music Notes from the Piano Bench by Sandra Hix

An Ancient Irish Hymn

“Bi Thusa ‘mo Shuile” is an ancient Irish hymn with roots dating back to the 8th century. Today we know this hymn as “Be Thou My Vision”. The hymn’s origin can be traced back to a poem known as “Rop tu mo baile” and is attributed to Dallan Forgaill, a blind poet and scholar from Ireland. In 1905, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, an Irish scholar, translated the original Old Irish text into English prose. In 1912, Eleanor Hull converted Byrne’s translation into metrical form, thus creating the hymn as we sing it today. The tune for “Be Thou My Vision” is also Irish. The melody known as “SLANE”, is named after Slane Hill in County Meath, Ireland, where in AD 433 St. Patrick lit a Paschal fire in defiance of pagan High King Laoghaire of Tara. St. Patrick’s fire symbolized the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. The hymn has become one of the most beloved hymns in the English-speaking world and happens to be a favorite of our senior pastor Dr. Chris Leonard. The message of “Be Thou My Vision”, found in our hymnal on page 83, is a testament to the enduring power of faith in our Lord and acknowledges the rich cultural and spiritual heritage of Ireland.



Calling all RPC women!! You are invited to join your Rock sisters for this year's women's retreat in the beautiful smoky mountains, at The Blue Ridge Assembly - Asheville Hall, Black Mountain, NC. You can register online on Rock's Facebook page. If you prefer a paper copy, they are located in the Welcome Center and the church office.

Sign up today!!

Miscellaneous Church News

Welcome New Covenant Partners



Jay & Alayna Sanders
Cyrus & Violet



CrossRoads Women's Center Road to Life
presents

Tim Tebow

Thursday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.

Lander University, Finis Horne Arena

This signature annual event brings together supporters from across the Lakelands to champion life, strengthen families, and build a hopeful future for our community. Proceeds from this event directly support CrossRoads

Women's Center's mission to protect life, provide compassionate care, and empower families through education, resources, and long-term support across Greenwood, Abbeville, Laurens, Saluda, Edgefield, and McCormick counties.

Purchase Tickets at crossroadspregnancycenter.org

Celebrations...

Happy Birthday

- 3/1 Elliott Layne
- Marie Miller
- 3/2 Cooper Landreth
- Karen Reese
- 3/3 Laura Fennell
- 3/4 Scottie Jeffreys
- 3/5 Rick Gardner
- Jim Sienkiewicz
- 3/7 Haleigh Edwards
- Richard Mayo
- 3/10 Ashley Palmer
- 3/11 Josh Snelling
- Warren Turner
- 3/12 Charles Price
- Nicholas Williams
- 3/13 Gabby Emily
- 3/14 Dan Luke
- Don Marshall
- Abbey Snelling
- 3/16 Julie Murphy
- Mayson Palmer
- 3/17 Samuel Reynolds
- Blaire Tsai
- 3/19 Nick Edwards
- Deana Gasque
- 3/20 Evelyn Botchie
- 3/22 Pat Bouknight
- Deanna Steinle

- 3/23 Herman Fletcher
- Lila Young
- 3/26 Hannah Luke
- 3/28 Daniel Bannister
- Roddy Easterlin
- 3/29 Brittney Evans
- Eleanor Snelling
- Bob Young
- 3/30 Clayton Easterling

Happy Anniversary

- 3/11 Bill & Sue McFarland
- 3/23 Chris & Missy Tripp



Thursday, March 5, 9:00 a.m.
Meet at the Rock sign beside the highway for instructions

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages group will meet on Monday, March 2, at 12:00 noon, in the MPB. Rev. Marshall Steinle will lead our program. All seniors/retirees are welcome! Contact Margaret Moore for more information.

Way to go, church family...

1,489 lbs. of food!!

Men's Breakfast Saturday, March 7 8:00 a.m.

All men are invited to the Mission House for a delicious breakfast, Christian fellowship, and a brief devotion.



*Please keep in your prayers
Church Family at home*

Steve Edwards
Lib Grier
Katherine Martin
Mac Myers (Ashley Square)
Pat Poole (Martha Franks Retirement Community)
Lee Sautter (Wesley Commons)
Bill Scott
Julia Smith (Wesley Commons)

Active Duty Military

Felipe Denis Blengio (Susan Judge's grandson)
Andrew Heath (Ken & Robin Leach's son-in-law)
Adam Hix (son of Jeff & Sandra Hix)

Active Reserve Duty Military

Will Chard (David & Christine Gray's son)
Chris Miller
Craig Watkins

**Rock Presbyterian Church wishes to express
Christian Sympathy to...**

Darrell Childress in the passing of his mother, Bea Childress

*Michael & Ansley Evans and their family in the passing of
Michael's father, Darrell Evans*

*Jason & Katie Davenport and their family in the passing of
Jason's grandmother, Mrs. Jean Corley*



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