

RPC Newsletter

Just these thoughts my friends...



In light of the early fulfillment of our “Vision 2040” campaign, in which we saw the increase of facilities, staff, programming and missions, the Session asked our Rock family to take a moment to fill out a “congregational survey” to help us begin determining what our next “flourishing steps” should consist of. And 140 surveys were received (130 online /10 hard copy). Thank you. What follows is a brief summary of the results, provided to us by the sub-committee tasked with working on this.

During the month of August, the Rock Presbyterian Church was invited to share their reflections on our life together as a church. The responses paint a beautiful picture of a congregation that is spiritually vibrant, deeply connected, and grateful for the work God is doing in our midst.

Across the survey, people consistently described Rock as a welcoming, loving, and Christ centered community. Many spoke of the joy they find in fellowship, the strength of our biblical preaching, and the blessing of our children and youth ministries. Worship continues to be a central place of spiritual nourishment—every respondent reported being satisfied or very satisfied with the depth and relevance of our services, and nearly all shared that they have grown spiritually over the past year.

The congregation also expressed a desire to continue growing in mission and ministry. Local outreach emerged as the most significant opportunity for development, with many noting the needs of families, seniors, and students in the Greenwood community. Worship and music, global missions, and continued investment in children, youth, and family ministries were also highlighted as important areas for future focus.

Looking ahead, respondents encouraged the church to invest in ministries that strengthen discipleship, expand community partnerships, and support our growing congregation through thoughtful facility improvements. Comments about classroom space, choir needs, accessibility, and flexible gathering areas reflect both gratitude for recent enhancements and anticipation of what God may be preparing next.

Overall, the survey reveals a church that is thankful, hopeful, and united - committed to following Jesus together and eager to discern how he is leading Rock Presbyterian Church into its next season of ministry.

My friends, what a wonderful overall response. And to this I/we say: “To God be the glory. Great things he has done!” Now, what are we to do with all of this?? The elders of the church are going to continue to debrief and prayerfully reflect on these results, with the hopes of presenting more to the congregation in the first part of 2027.

What is clear, is that God is continuing to be the author of our story of faith here. May we ever be faithful to him as good stewards of every gift he has given us and to listen to where he is calling us to go.

Blessings in Christ!

Dr. Chris Leonard



YOUTH!! YOUTH!! YOUTH!!



October Schedule

Oct **04** No SNL - Intercession

Oct **11** Surprise Event

Oct **18** Hebrews 10

Oct **23-24** Lock-in

Oct **25** Thanksgiving Mission

*****October 11 - 10am
Second Sunday Breakfast*****



Surprise Event



Sunday October 11, during SNL.
Come ready to have a
"picturesque" time!!

SNL LOCK-IN

October 23-24
Immediately Following the Fall Festival!!

Please arrive to the Fall Festival by 5pm to help with games and activities.

Come ready for Food, Fun, and Fellowship.

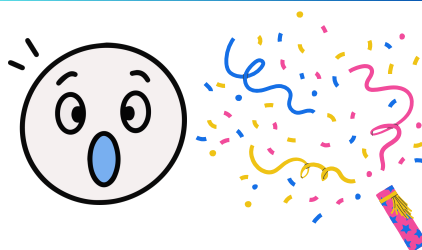
We will be playing games inside and outside.

Bring a change of clothes and what you need to sleep.

Invite your friends.

Drop bags off in the Joe Gettys' Room before Fall Fest.
Not Mission House

****Pick-Up at 8am Saturday Morning****



ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT



Supporting college students during exam season is a meaningful way to show how much we care for them. By adopting one of our students, you can provide a \$15 gift card during two of the most stressful times of the academic year. This thoughtful gift offers practical relief and reminds them that their church family is thinking of and praying for them. To participate, sign up in the church office or on the fellowship pad. Thank you for encouraging and supporting our students as they navigate the challenges of college.

Rock JAM



October Activities :

Oct 4: Rock JAM ~ GAME NIGHT!

(Parent Helpers: Shiles & Day)

Oct 11: Rock JAM ~ 5:00-6:30

(Parent Helpers: Williams & Jones)

Second Sunday Children's Service at 9am!

Oct 18: No Rock JAM ~ 5:00-6:30

(Mrs. Deana out of town)

Wed, Oct. 21, 5:45pm Rock Family Supper

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party!

Shoeboxes & dinner provided!

(Bring enough assorted items to fill one box per family member)



Friday, Oct 23, 5:30pm

RPC Fall Family Festival!



Wear a friendly costume & join us for Trunk or Treat, games, food and fun!

Sunday, Oct 25: No Rock JAM



*Rock
JAM
Fall
Fun*



ROCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fall Family Festival

Friday, October 23, 5:30pm

Your family is invited to wear fun costumes and JOIN US for Terrific Trunk'er Treat! Fun Games and Prizes! Huge Inflatable Slide! FREE Hotdog Dinner!

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Other Church Events

Rock Presbyterian Church (ECO)

College of Elders Dinner

Tuesday, October 20, 2026

6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Building

An opportunity for all resting and active elders to share in an evening of fellowship, food, and worship. Reports will be made by active members of the current session on the "State of the Church."

Please R.S.V.P. to mfisher@rpcgwd.org by Friday, October 9, 2026



ASK CHUCK:

The Priceless Value of Financial Patience

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-the-priceless-value-of-financial-patience/>

Does God Want You to “Get Rich”?

<https://www.crown.org/all-resources/ask-chuck-does-god-want-you-to-get-rich/>

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



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Buildings & Grounds



Work Day Volunteers
Meet at the church at 9am



Shoeboxes are Provided
2026 Goal is 200!
\$10 Shipping fee per box



Worship

October Childcare



Date	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
October 4	Patty Reagin	Ann Stevenson	Diane Easterlin
October 11	Angela Easterling	Laura Snelling	Ellen Warner
October 18	Mary Ann Edwards	Julia McClanahan	Carolyn Fish
October 25	Karen Reese	Beth Taylor	Mary Catherine McCartha

October Sermons Livestream available on FACEbook/YouTube at 11:00am

Fall "Rockin" Sermon Series - "Living Out Our Christian Faith"

October 4 In Everyday Life Rev. Marshall Steinle
World Communion Titus 3:1-11

October 11 At Self Memorial, NHC, or Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard
 Memorial Gardens
 Psalm 139 selected

October 18 Here at Rock Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard
 Acts 2:42-47

October 25 Reformation: Ever Re-Committing Rev. David Turner
 Ourselves
 Romans 9:14-24

October Ushers: *Danny Doss, Margaret Moore
Communion: 9am - Diane Salter, Melissa Yarochowich
 11am - Mary Davidson, Jan Rushton

Music Notes from Piano Bench by Sandra Hix



The Audio and Visual Team at Rock Presbyterian is a vital part of each Sunday morning worship service here at Rock Presbyterian. This team provides the sound you hear when someone speaks, the sound you hear when music is being played and sung, the words to sing along with worship songs, and the livestream of services that provide the ability to participate in worship when you cannot be here in person. Would you like to be a part of this ministry? We are looking to add someone to our 9am worship service team. Duties are typically two services each month. If interested please contact Zach, Sandra, or Melanie in the church office. This is a great opportunity to find your place to serve.

Calling all women!! Consider joining a circle. The Bible study and Christian fellowship are wonderful benefits of getting together with your sisters in Christ.

Circle #1, Monday, October 5, 10:00 a.m. (MH)

Circle #2, Thursday, October 1, 6:00 p.m. (MH)

Circle #3, Sunday, October 11, 3:00 p.m. (WC)

Christmas Gifts for Presbyterian Community!

Please remember to bring your gifts to the Welcome Center by Sunday, November 1. We will arrange to take them to the Presbyterian Home in Clinton for their annual Christmas Shop for the residents. Thank you so very much for your support!! Please contact Judy Lentz with questions.



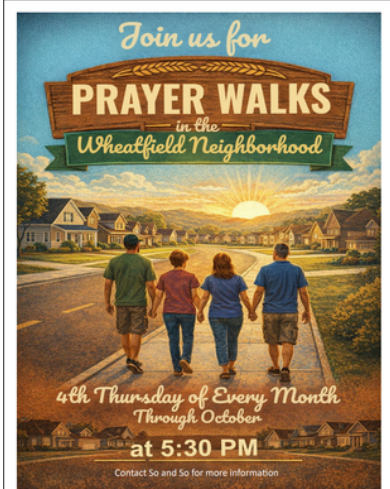
Evangelism



*RPC Mission Trip to Black Mountain
Children's Home
September 30 - October 2*



*Prayer Walks
Thursday, October 22
5:30 p.m.
Wheatfield Neighborhood*



Miscellaneous Church News



Rock of Ages had a great time together on September 14 with 47 present. Lunch was followed with fellowship and Stan Colbert inspired us with his musical talents. How many versions of Jesus Loves Me did we hear? We really can't hear Jesus Loves Me too much!

*Men's Golf Tournament is Saturday,
October 10 at The Fort Club of
Ninety Six. Shotgun start 8:30am.
Cost is \$50/person. Deadline to sign
up is Monday, October 5. Contact
Jim Gasque with any questions.*

RPC GOLF

ANNUAL MEN'S TOURNAMENT

Sat, Oct 10th
The Fort Club in 96
Arrive 8:00am
Shotgun Start 8:30am

Lunch & Awards
immediately after

Register Now

\$50/Person
Includes:
Cart & Green Fees
Lunch & Awards

Questions?
Contact
Jim Gasque
864-349-8165

CELEBRATIONS...

Happy Birthday

10/1 Barbara Park
Marshall Steinle
10/3 Patty Reagin
10/4 Jeff Hix
10/6 George Park
10/7 Teresa Donn
Jackie Smith
Charles Williams
10/8 Robbin O'Neil
Julia Yarochowicz
10/11 Randy Bouknight
10/12 Luke Shiles
10/13 Judy Lentz
Erica Sisiam
10/14 Lillian Moneyhun
10/15 Dianne Salter
10/16 Jessica Mundy
Candy Peterson
George Young
10/17 Andrew Nickles
10/18 Sophie Sienkiewicz
10/21 Kim Clark
Chris Dunford
10/23 Eva Engler
Gus Ramage
10/24 Marcia Young
10/25 Betsy Grant
10/27 Candy Hawkins
Claire Shiles
Sam Snelling

10/28 Jenny Craig
Mark Merritt
10/29 Andrea Clayton
10/31 Judy Byrd



Happy Anniversary

10/4 Tom & Gail Bechtold
Jeff & Jennifer Boyd
10/6 John & Kathy Scott
10/7 Joesph & Erica Sisam
10/8 Robert & Peggy Hawkins
10/9 Jerry & Ann Nunamaker
10/10 Don & Debby Marshall
10/14 Steve & Wynde Edwards
Barry & Sue Ohler
10/16 Chris & Katie Piontek
10/17 James & Debbie Bourne
10/22 Jim & Lillian Moneyhun
Dennis & Janet Murphy
10/25 James & Mary Ann Gulbach
10/26 Jim & Mary Jane Bates
10/29 Dave & Jennifer Wood
10/31 Ken & Robin Leach

Welcome New Covenant Partners



Craig & Kelly Glanton



Sean Cornelsen joined the SC National Guard and recently graduated from Army basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was awarded the Virtue-Loyalty Award for support of his unit and encouraging his fellow soldiers. He remains at Fort Sill to attend Air Artillery Defense School and when finished will return to attend Lander University!

Please keep in your prayers

Church Family at home

Lib Grier

Lillian Moneyhun

Mac Myers (Ashley Square)

Pat Poole (Martha Franks Retirement Community)

Active Duty Military

Sean Cornelsen

Felipe Denis Blengio (Susan Judge's grandson)

Andrew Heath (Ken & Robin Leach's son-in-law)

Adam Hix (son of Jeff & Sandra Hix)

Connor Miller

Active Reserve Duty Military

Will Chard (David & Christine Gray's son)

Chris Miller

Craig Watkins

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

*Danny and Roslyn Doss, in the death of Danny's
mother, Betty Lou Beacham*



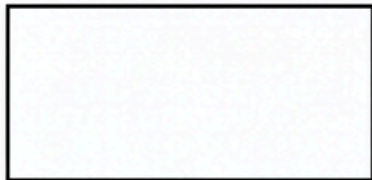
Thanks to my Church Family,

*I am so grateful God has led me here to spend this time
as a part of this congregation. You are more than
gracious. I appreciated the notes, cards, and good
wishes while I was sick. Hopefully, I am fully on the
mend by the healing grace of Jesus.*

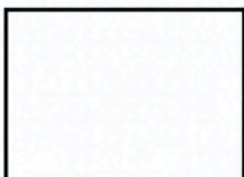
Thank you,

Rev. David Turner

Parish Associate



Reitem Service Recused



Rock Presbyterian Church
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Contact:
www.reallygreatsite.com