

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
321 Rocky Grove Avenue
Franklin, PA 16323



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“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

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Worship – 9:00 a.m.
(No Sunday School – June through August)

Rev. Rachel J. Johns, Pastor

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

Mike Burkhardt, Organist

Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



August Birthdays

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Arnie Bish | 19 Christopher Hartman |
| 9 Zella McNany | 22 Jackson Lukers (2006) |
| 12 Carol Rough | 28 Nancy Donaldson |
| 15 Paeten McIntosh (2011) | |



August Servants

Hospital Visits:

Lois Pierce & Rhonda Rust

Greeters:

- 6 Judy Ream
- 13 Gene & Margie Sheffer
- 20 Rhonda Rust
- 27 Grace Gibbons

Worship Leaders:

- 6 Lois Pierce
- 13 Diane Whitman
- 20 Lois Pierce
- 27 Rhonda Rust

Recorders:

- 6 Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen
- 13 Jane Beach & Diane Whitman
- 20 Lois Pierce & Linda Zeller
- 27 Linda Hartman & Diane Whitman



Back to School Word Search



See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindlauf
Grand Forks Herald 2011

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| 1. STUDENTS | 5. LEARNING | 9. GRADES | 13. READING |
| 2. SCHOOLS | 6. NEWSPAPERS | 10. PRINCIPAL | 14. WRITING |
| 3. BOOKS | 7. BUS | 11. EDUCATION | 15. MATH |
| 4. COMPUTERS | 8. TEACHERS | 12. CLASSES | 16. LIBRARY |

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*Thank you notes have been received from the families of Richard Vogan and Jean Weller. They have been posted on the bulletin board on the sanctuary level.*  
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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE:

Several men are in the locker room of a golf club. A cell phone on a bench rings and a man engages the hands-free speaker function and begins to talk. Everyone else in the room stops to listen.

MAN: "Hello"

WOMAN: "Honey, it's me. Are you at the club?"

MAN: "Yes"

WOMAN: "I'm at the mall now and found this beautiful leather coat. It's only \$1,000. Is it OK if I buy it?"

MAN: "Sure, go ahead if you like it that much."

WOMAN: "I also stopped by the Mercedes dealership and saw the new 2018 models. I saw one I really liked."

MAN: "How much?"

WOMAN: "\$65,000

MAN: "OK, but for that price I want it with all the options."

WOMAN: "Great! Oh, and one more thing. The house we wanted last year is back on the market. They're asking \$950,000."

MAN: "Well, then go ahead and give them an offer, but just offer \$900,000."

WOMAN: "OK. I'll see you later! I love you!"

MAN: "Bye, I love you too." The man hangs up.

The other men in the locker room are looking at him in astonishment. Then he smiles and asks, "Anyone know who phone this is?"

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*Swallowing one's pride never produced indigestion.*  
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FROM THE SESSION

ACTIONS OF SESSION – June 12, 2017

1. Approved a motion for the Reverend Ms. Johns to celebrate communion at Oakwood Heights Home on Sunday, June 18, 2017.
2. Following a presentation by the Trustees and an inspection of the rear portion of the church building, voted by secret ballot to demolish the rear portion of the building thanks to a very generous, anonymous donation by a member or members of the congregation.
3. Voted to proceed with the inspection process by the Commonwealth to provide space for the Grace Learning Center program.
4. Approved the minutes of the May 8, 2017 Session meeting.
5. Approved the minutes of the June 1, 2017 special Session meeting.
6. Approved Financial Secretary's Report ending May 31, 2017, and the checking account summary and Treasurer's Report for May, 2017.
7. Approved the request of the church secretary to reduce her hours through the end of 2017 to 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

ACTIONS OF SESSION – July 10, 2017

1. Approved the minutes of the June 12, 2017 Session meeting as corrected.
2. Approved the Financial Secretary's Report ending June 30, 2017, and the checking account summary and Treasurer's Report for June, 2017.
3. Removed the names of Richard Vogan, passed away on July 1, 2017, and Jean Weller, passed away on July 5, 2017, from the roll of active members of this congregation.
4. Approved the continued monthly cash fund transfers from the Edward Jones account to First National Bank to cover expenses until December 31, 2017.
5. Approved the request of the Reverend Ms. Johns to be away from the office on July 11, 2017.

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*Don't be caught dead without Jesus.*  
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UPCOMING EVENTS at RGAPC

Wednesday, August 2nd – Youthful Spirits

Men and women gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun at Dawndi's @ 136 Warren Road. Make your reservation with this month's hostess, Joan Partridge, at 437-7978 by July 31st. (Please leave a message if she does not answer.) All are welcome!! Watch Sunday bulletins for information on the next gathering.

Saturday, August 12th - Women's Prayer Breakfast

Join the women of RGAPC for breakfast the second Saturday of the month at Linda Lou's Restaurant, 1572 Mercer Road at 8:30 a.m. Devotions, prayer and fellowship abound.

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*Allegheny Sounds of Sweet Adelines* will be joining us in worship on August 13<sup>th</sup> and will be offering up their musical talents. It's a Sunday you won't want to miss!!!

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We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Richard Vogan who passed from this life to a life everlasting with Jesus on July 1, 2017. Richard was born April 20, 1934, and became a member of Rocky Grove Presbyterian Church along with wife, Phyllis, on November 3, 1996. He will be sadly missed.

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Christian sympathy is extended to the Weller family on the passing of Jean on July 5, 2017. Jean was born November 9, 1922, and became a member of RGAPC July 21, 1963.

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Check out RGAPC's web site – www.rockygrovepres.org.

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*Education without God is like a ship without a compass.*

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### **MISSIONFEST WILL BE HERE SOON – 9/9/2017**

It's time to clean out those nooks and crannies to find items to donate to the garage sale. And if you have the chance to talk to anyone who is having a sale, be sure to let them know that we will gladly take the leftovers they might want to donate to RGAPC for our sale. The only exceptions would be clothing and shoes. Items can be dropped off at the church Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9:00 and 2:30 or by making arrangements to have them picked up by a Missions member by calling Rhonda Rust, Joyce Wetjen, Diane Whitman, Elissa Stuttler or Linda Zeller.

Also, be thinking what you can do to help. Linda Zeller will be assigning people to help with various booths, etc. soon. So if there is a job that you would like to do, tell her you want it before someone else signs up for it. Crafts are needed and some goodies can be made early and frozen until time for the bake sale. Remember, we need everyone's help. And thanks in advance to you all for the work you will be doing to make this year's Missionfest a success.

*Arrangements have been made for The Pine Valley Boys to entertain during worship on Missionfest Sunday, September 10, 2017!!!*

*NEW FOR 2017 - Soft pretzels with cheese and Nachos & Cheese. YUM!!!*

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| <i>Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month or risk being omitted from next month's issue.</i> |
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## Missions Corner

During the month of June and through July 16<sup>th</sup>, we collected 15 bed pillows to benefit Mustard Seed Missions. They were delivered on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Now, when a bed is requested by a person of need, they will have that many more pillows to accompany each bed and linens. Thank you!



For our year-round Operation Christmas Child, a collection tote is in the Narthex. During **August**, you are asked to contribute **school supplies; i.e. spiral notebooks, solar calculators, rulers, staplers & staples.**

Used cell phones (working or not) are still being collected for donation to **Cell Phones for Soldiers**. Please help with this worthy cause any time you get a new phone. A box for collection is located in the narthex.

### Mid-year Disbursements

With faithful giving of missions-oriented church family, the Missions and Outreach Ministry Team is happy to announce that funds have been sent to the designated 2017 recipients as follows:

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| ABC Life Center                          | \$444.00          |
| Child Evangelism Fellowship              | \$222.00          |
| Fishermen's Network                      | \$222.00          |
| Mustard Seed Missions                    | \$444.00          |
| Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center | \$444.00          |
| United World Mission (Bruneau's)         | \$444.00          |
| Venango Youth for Christ                 | \$222.00          |
| Undesignated (for needs as they arise)   | <u>\$222.00</u>   |
|                                          | <b>\$2,664.00</b> |

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If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, please contact Margie Sheffer at 432-3456.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>** – The quilt group that meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Franklin First Presbyterian from 10:00 a.m. 'til Noon is seeking helpers. You don't have to know how to quilt or even sew. Whatever your talent, it can be put to good use. Why not give it a try?!?

**Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>** – Chip and Cindy Misner, members of the local community for 25 years, are holding a fundraiser to help their daughter, Arin, who is suffering from a very rare autoimmune disorder, Susac's syndrome. There are several ways you can help. They are partnering with Hoss's Steak and Seafood, 2432 State Route 257, Cranberry, for a Chinese Auction event Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1 - 4 PM; a portion of all food purchases during the event will be donated to the family. Please contact Cindy Misner via text at 814-397-0134 or email at [cinchmisner@aol.com](mailto:cinchmisner@aol.com) to RSVP or for more information.

A GoFundMe account has also been set up in Arin's name for those who are unable to attend the event – [www.gofundme.com/arinmisner](http://www.gofundme.com/arinmisner).



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| SUNDAY                                                                                                              | MONDAY                                           | TUESDAY                                             | WEDNESDAY                                                                    | THURSDAY                  | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | SATURDAY                                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                     |                                                  | <b>1</b><br>6:30 Sweet A's Practice                 | <b>2</b><br>Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i><br>at Dawndi's<br>(136 Warren Road) | <b>3</b><br>6:30 Missions | <b>4</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>5</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                 |
| <b>6</b><br>9:00 Worship ~<br><i>Communion</i><br>5:30 Boy Scouts                                                   | <b>7</b><br>7:00 Trustees                        | <b>8</b><br>6:30 Sweet A's Practice                 | <b>9</b><br>10:00 Prayer Quilting<br>at Franklin 1 <sup>st</sup>             | <b>10</b>                 | <b>11</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>12</b><br>8:30 Prayer Breakfast<br>@ <i>Linda Lou's</i><br>9:30 OA |
| <b>13</b><br>9:00 Worship with<br><i>Sweet Adelines</i><br>5:30 Boy Scouts ~<br>"Court of Honor"<br>(Moorhead Hall) | <b>14</b><br>6:15 Session                        | <b>15</b><br>6:30 Sweet A's Practice                | <b>16</b>                                                                    | <b>17</b>                 | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>19</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                |
| <b>20</b><br>9:00 Worship                                                                                           | <b>21</b><br>SEPTEMBER<br>NEWSLETTER<br>DEADLINE | <b>22</b><br>6:30 Sweet A's Practice                | <b>23</b><br>6:30 Missions                                                   | <b>24</b>                 | <b>25</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>26</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                |
| <b>27</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>5:30 Boy Scouts                                                                        | <b>28</b>                                        | <b>29</b><br>6:30 Sweet A's Practice<br>(sanctuary) | <b>30</b>                                                                    | <b>31</b>                 |  <i>Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night.</i>  |                                                                       |