

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

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A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

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Church Office Hours

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

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Reach Out In Faith



September Birthdays

7	Amanda Hill	14	Bonnie Wielandt
8	Linda Zeller	19	Paige Winder (2001)
11	Theodore Feather (2013)	24	Grace Gibbons
13	Marge Sheffer	26	Lillian Songer (2003)
14	Janet Bish		
14	Scott Donaldson		

ILLISTRATION FOR GRANDPARENTS DAY (9/10/17)

After a spring break, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent the holiday.

One of the children wrote the following:

“We used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa.

They used to live here in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Arizona. Now they live in a place with a lot of other retarded people. They live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass.

They ride around on big tricycles and wear nametags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building call a wrecked center, but they must have got it fixed, because it is all right now. They play games and do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim.

At their gate, there is a dollhouse with a little man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out. Then they go cruising in their golf carts.

My Grandma used to bake cookies and stuff, but I guess she forgot how. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out; and, they eat the same thing every night – Early Birds. Some of the people can't get past the man in the dollhouse to go out. So, the ones who do get out bring food back to the wrecked center and call it “pot luck.”

My Grandma says Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded some day too. When I earn my retardment I want to be the man in the dollhouse. Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.

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September Servants

<u>Counters:</u>	3	Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller
	10	Lois Pierce & Diane Whitman
	17	Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen
	24	Linda Hartman & another elder

<u>Greeters:</u>	3	Lois Pierce
	10	Dorie Feather
	17	Brad & Joyce Wetjen
	24	Arnie & Janet Bish

<u>Worship Leaders:</u>	3	Diane Whitman
	10	Rhonda Rust
	17	Lois Pierce
	24	Diane Whitman

<u>Hospital Visitors:</u>	Diane Whitman & Rhonda Rust
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UPCOMING EVENTS at RGAPC... or not...

Youthful Spirits

Men and women gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. However, there will be no gathering in September. The host on October 4th has not yet been determined. Watch future Sunday bulletins for additional information.

Women's Prayer Breakfast - cancelled

The women of RGAPC will not be meeting for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of September due to Missionfest. Watch for details of the October 14th breakfast at **Linda Lou's**, 1572 Mercer Road (intersection of Routes 62 & 8). A delicious breakfast follows a brief devotional!!

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### **THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE:**

*A group of men was headed for a bear hunt. They came to a point in the road with a sign that said, "Bear Left." So they went home.*

*Early in a fight, one of the boxers was knocked to the canvas. He didn't seem to be hurt, but he rose just too late to beat the ten-count.*

*"What was the matter," demanded his manager later. "You weren't hit bad. Why didn't you get up faster?"*

*"No, I wasn't hurt," said the boxer, "but I was so mad about being knocked down by that punk that I decided to count to ten before I did anything."*

*The phone rang at 2:00 a.m. Hubby rolled over and said to the wife, "It's probably for you."*

*She got up and went to the living room. In a few seconds she was back. "It wasn't for me," she said and resumed sleeping.*

*Hubby groaned and rolled out. Stumbling to the front room, he found the phone in it's cradle. Puzzled, he returned to the bedroom. Wife explained, "It wasn't for you either. It was a wrong number."*

## Missions Corner

As I sit here and reflect on "Missionfest" to write this article, a lot of emotions are running through my head right now. Maybe it's because of Brad's brother passing away last November and he was such an integral part of the concept of "Mission Festival" as it was named when we held it for the very first time in 1984. Brad, Todd, Holly and I had driven to Smithtown, NY to visit Alan, Dianne and Eric the first week of July 1983 and their church (St. James United Methodist Church in St. James, NY) was getting ready for their annual "Country Fair and Auction" to be held July 9, 1983. Brad went clam digging with Alan and a few men from the church to prepare for their Clam Chowder that would be served in the food tent. Meanwhile I spent time with Dianne going through the items that were donated for Solomon's Treasures (antiques and collectibles) and pricing them. We enjoyed our time so much doing this that when we returned home I talked to Rev. Kevin Bausman about the possibility of having our own mission sale. We presented the idea to the Session and Missions committee and the rest is history!

"MISSION FESTIVAL" was held for the very first time on September 15, 1984 from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. We actually took in \$1,312.92 of which \$564.61 went to SERRV and \$24.00 went to Phil and Ruth Stallsmith; leaving a whopping \$724.31 to be used for our mission projects but you would have thought it was a million dollars. The steering committee members were Mary Jane Bausman, Phyllis Richards and Joyce Wetjen. I had forgotten that our report states "Despite the inclement weather and having to hold our Festival inside, the consensus of most people is that our "maiden voyage" was very successful". I guess packing up and moving does have some advantages to it because I found the envelope that had all the information and newspaper article of the first "MISSION FESTIVAL". I will be giving this to Rhonda for the church office file so if you want to look through it, please give her a call in the office.

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We have certainly expanded our horizon to include Hot Sausage Sandwiches, Nachos & Cheese as well as Pretzels. We still have our original "Hot Dog Stand" and "Pepsi Stand" (such original names!!). Our wonderful bakers still continue to provide the best homemade pies, cookies, brownies, fudge, etc. for our Bake Sale and we ask that this year is even better, if possible! Our Craft area needs some love and attention too so please talk to Dorie Feather and Marge Sheffer if you have something to contribute. Garage Sale will have a lot of beautiful items for sale as we had a very nice donation from a Rocky Grove family of things that did not sell at their garage sale. You will definitely want to check these out!! If you love to read, we will have books available to purchase.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to help in any way you can. If your health does not permit assisting at Missionfest, we would appreciate your prayers for another successful day as we "Go Into the World and Spread the Gospel to Every Nation" as God directs us to do. Blessings!

Joyce Wetjen



For our year-round Operation Christmas Child, a collection tote is in the Narthex. During **September**, you are asked to contribute **games and puzzles**.

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.

### **Support for Ghana Trip Appreciated**

Our congregation continues to be supportive of worthy causes. Our "extra change collection" to support the trip by members of this presbytery to Ghana next month totaled \$221.21. **THANK YOU!!!**



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

### **F.Y.I.**

**Wednesday, September 13<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?!?!

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Konner Hartman graduated from Rocky Grove High School in June 2017. He will be pursuing studies in engineering at University of Pittsburgh at Titusville. We, as his church family, are happy to be able to help him in this venture by awarding Ronald & Louise Moorhead Scholarship funds to the university to be applied to his tuition. Siefert Scholarship funds were awarded to him during worship on August 20<sup>th</sup> to be used for other educational expenses. Best wishes for the future, Konner. We know you'll excel in all your endeavors.

## **BUILDING RENOVATIONS COMPLETED**

The demolition work of the rear of the church building, sometimes referred to as “the education wing,” has been completed. Also, the new drainage work on the Rocky Grove High School side of the building and along what is now the rear of the building will drain under the parking lot and exit in the grassy area between the two lots. The area has been landscaped, a retaining wall put in place and grass seed planted and mulched with straw. Cherry Excavating Service did a terrific job! The Trustees are happy to report that with the down-pouring rainfall of Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, no rain water entered the building! Our efforts resulted in success! The Trustees put up a white picket fence along the retaining wall for safety purposes. The only work left to be done is the metal roof over the back section, which includes Ladies Parlor and the church offices. Thanks are extended to the anonymous donors and all who helped finance this much-needed project. We praise God for church family.

## **REMAINING ITEMS FOR SALE:**

- 31 folding children’s chairs (19 padded & 12 not) - \$2 each
- 4 6-foot tables with adjustable legs - \$10
- 1 6-foot table with short legs in crib room - \$10
- 7 8-foot tables - \$15 each
- 2 metal 5-shelf cabinets (1 blue & 1 brown) \$5 each
- 2 36” x 80” 9-panel doors & frames - \$25 each
- 1 24” x 80” solid door & frame - \$20
- 1 43” x 61” bulletin board - \$2
- 1 43” x 48” bulletin board (may be missing some trim) \$1
- 1 red vinyl couch & chair - \$100 for set

Inquiries may be made with any Trustee (John Dumbleton, Arnie Bish, Brad Wetjen or Kevin Songer) or the church office.

## **FROM THE SESSION**

### **ACTIONS OF SESSION – August 14, 2017**

1. Approved the minutes of the July 10, 2017 Session meeting.
2. Approved the Financial Secretary’s Report ending July 31, 2017, and the checking account summary and Treasurer’s Report for July, 2017.
3. Approved a request from the Trustees that a table mover be purchased. The cost will be paid from the donations received on the passing of Jean Weller, and a plaque indicating the source of the funds will be installed on the mover.
4. Approved a motion to pay the 2017 per capita fee to Presbytery for the active members of our congregation.
5. Approved a motion that Rhonda Rust attend the annual gathering of church office staff to be held at Corry Presbyterian Church on October 11, 2017 if she so desires.
6. Approved the membership list of this congregation.
7. Approved a motion to donate the Communion table, pulpit/lectern, and two pulpit chairs stored in the Moorhead Hall alcove to Camp Lambec.
8. Approved the donation of \$100 from undesignated Missions funds to complete a needed ramp at the home that was the site of the Presbytery mission trip to West Virginia if the funds are still needed.
9. Approved a motion to give \$100 to Sweet Adelines from Pulpit Supply funds.
10. Approved scholarship funds for Konner Hartman to be taken from the Siefer and Moorhead Scholarship accounts.

***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.***



# SEPTEMBER 2017



| SUNDAY                                                                                          | MONDAY                                                                                        | TUESDAY                                                                            | WEDNESDAY                                                                        | THURSDAY                               | FRIDAY                                 | SATURDAY                                           |
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| <b>3</b><br>9:00 Worship ~<br>Communion<br>5:30 Boy Scouts                                      | <b>4</b><br> | <b>5</b><br>6:30 Sweet A's<br>Practice<br>(sanctuary)<br><br>Office hours 9 - 2:30 | <b>6</b><br>NO<br>YOUTHFUL<br>SPIRITS<br>THIS MONTH<br><br>Office hours 9 - 2:30 | <b>7</b><br>CHURCH<br>OFFICE<br>CLOSED | <b>8</b><br><br>Office hours 9: - 2:30 | <b>9</b><br>MISSIONFEST<br>10 - 3<br>RAIN OR SHINE |
| <b>10</b><br>MISSIONFEST<br>SUNDAY<br>9:00 Worship with<br>Pine Valley Boys<br>Grandparents Day | <b>11</b><br>6:15 Session                                                                     | <b>12</b><br>6:30 Sweet A's<br>Practice                                            | <b>13</b><br>10:00 Prayer Quilting<br>at Franklin 1 <sup>st</sup>                | <b>14</b>                              | <b>15</b>                              | <b>16</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous          |
| <b>17</b><br>9:00 Worship                                                                       | <b>18</b><br>6:00 CLAW                                                                        | <b>19</b><br>6:30 Sweet A's<br>Practice                                            | <b>20</b><br>OCTOBER<br>NEWSLETTER<br>DEADLINE                                   | <b>21</b>                              | <b>22</b>                              | <b>23</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous          |
| <b>24</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>5:30 Boy Scouts                                                    | <b>25</b>                                                                                     | <b>26</b><br>6:30 Sweet A's<br>Practice                                            | <b>27</b><br>6:30 Missions                                                       | <b>28</b>                              | <b>29</b>                              | <b>30</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous          |