

# *Sonshine Newsletter*

*March 2018*

*A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church*



## ***“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”***

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**Sunday Worship – 9:00 a.m.**

### ***Church Staff***

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 3:30 p.m.*

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## **FROM THE SESSION**

### **ACTIONS OF SESSION – FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

1. Approved the minutes of the December 11, 2017 Session meeting. Due to inclement weather the January meeting was cancelled.
2. Approved the Financial Secretary's Report ending December 31, 2017, the checking account summary and Treasurer's Report for December, 2017, the Financial Secretary's Report, ending January 31, 2018, and the checking account summary and Treasurer's Report, as corrected, for January 31, 2018.
3. Approved the removal of the name of Florence Albright, who passed away on January 8, 2018, from the active roll of the church.
4. Elected the Reverend Ms. Rachel Johns to be the liaison with Grace Learning Center.
5. Approved the use of Moorhead Hall for a birthday dinner and a baby shower.
6. Elected the following persons to offices:  
Elissa Stuttler - Clerk of Session  
Gene and Marge Sheffer - Presbyterian Homes Representatives  
Diane Whitman - Commissioned Representative to Presbytery  
Lois Pierce - Moderator, Congregational Life and Worship  
Linda Hartman - Moderator, Stewardship and Personnel  
Joyce Wetjen - Moderator, Missions and Outreach
7. Approved the annual report to be sent to the General Assembly.
8. Approved the Maundy Thursday service to be held on March 29, 2018, to begin following a soup supper at 6:00 p.m.

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The Board of Trustees wishes to acknowledge and thank our custodian, Scott Donaldson, for once again going above and beyond his regular duties of keeping our facility so clean and maintained. Scott (with a little help from his brother to fish the electric through the ceiling) installed the emergency lighting on the sanctuary level and flawlessly repaired the ceiling to look like new.



## ***MARCH Birthdays***

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Lorraine McCauley | 23 Linda Hartman       |
| 4 Aaron Wetjen (12) | Bowen Ray Hill (2)     |
| 6 Kevin Songer      | 27 Easton McIntosh (3) |
| 10 Rodney Zeller    | Eleanore Moffitt       |
| 19 Mabel Mong       | 30 John Dumbleton      |



## ***Servants for MARCH***

|                                |                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b><u>Hospital Visits:</u></b> | Rhonda Rust                                                                                                                          |
| <b><u>Greeters:</u></b>        | 4 Betty Cornmesser & Lois Pierce<br>11 Grace Gibbons<br>18 Scott & Nancy Donaldson<br>25 The Songer Family                           |
| <b><u>Worship Leaders:</u></b> | 4 Rhonda Rust<br>11 Diane Whitman<br>18 Lois Pierce<br>25 Rhonda Rust                                                                |
| <b><u>Counters:</u></b>        | 4 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen<br>11 Lois Pierce & Diane Whitman<br>18 Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller<br>25 Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen |

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<b><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></b>
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## Missions Corner

After discussion at the Missions and Outreach Ministry Team meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>, it was decided to discontinue the year-round collection of items for Operation Christmas Child. With the cost of increased shipping charges, the team felt we might better serve our local community during the Christmas season. Therefore we are looking for suggestions from our congregation of what might be of interest to you for this year's Christmas outreach. Since the Deacons support the Spirit of Giving Tree for Community Services, we are looking to you for something with a different approach. Please put on your thinking caps and come up with an idea that will "super charge" us to spread the Good News of our Lord in 2018. Blessings to all!



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A total of **\$75.00** was collected for the **2018 Souper Bowl of Caring** and sent to Community Services of Venango County for Parker Place Food Pantry. Thank you for your giving.  
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During Lent, which began February 14<sup>th</sup>, **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering will be collected. Your contributions will help toward disaster assistance, alleviating hunger as well as helping people learn how to help themselves toward a better life. Envelopes for donations will be in the pews and also in this newsletter. Donations to OGHS offering will be accepted through Easter – April 1, 2018.



Christ died and rose for you

## UPCOMING EVENTS at RGAPC

### Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – *Youthful Spirits*

Men and women usually gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month; however, there was no gathering in January, and the February gathering had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Join in the fun March 7<sup>th</sup> in Moorhead Hall. Lois Pierce will be providing the entire menu, including soups, dessert etc. Donations will be accepted to help defray costs. Make your reservation with Lois Pierce, at 437-3653 by March 5, 2018. All are welcome!!

### *Women's Prayer Breakfast*

The Women's Prayer Breakfast will meet once again **March 10<sup>th</sup>** at Linda Lou's Restaurant, 1572 Mercer Road at 8:30 a.m. Devotions are followed by good food and fellowship. Please join in as the group would like to grow!!!

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*We extend Christian sympathy to the Eric Whitman family on the passing of Eric's brother, David, February 7, 2018.*  
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If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, please contact Margie Sheffer (432-3456). You will want to advise Margie as to whether you will order your own flowers, how you want it listed in the bulletin and if you will be removing them after the service.

Deacons have made arrangements for memorial flowers on Easter Sunday. Payment must accompany orders and must be received by Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Please complete the form below and send to RGAPC, 321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323, or place in the offering plate. *(Additional order forms are available in the narthex.)*



Please include your check payable to **‘RGAPC - Deacon’s Fund’**

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Tulips are \$7.00 each: TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Orange \_\_\_ Yellow \_\_\_ Pink

\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_ White \_\_\_ Purple

Hyacinths are \$7.00 each: TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Pink \_\_\_ White \_\_\_ Blue \_\_\_ Mixed

Daffodils are \$7.00 each TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Easter Lilies are \$8.50 each TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Asiatic Lilies are \$8.50 each: TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Orange \_\_\_ Yellow \_\_\_ Pink

**Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Note: The florist will make a concerted effort to fill color choices.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to pick up my flower(s) on Easter Sunday and would like it/them to be given to a shut-in.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my flowers.

**All orders must be received by Sunday, March 18, 2018.**

## Easter Story Cookies Recipe

*by Anne Feenstra*

This Easter make cookies, meaningful cookies, with your child or grandchild. Making these cookies will not only be fun, but will teach them the significance of what Christ did for them on the cross.

### Ingredients:

1 cup whole pecans  
1 teaspoon vinegar  
3 egg whites (room temperature)  
pinch of salt  
1 cup white sugar

### Utensils:

Bible  
mixing bowl  
wooden spoon  
zipper baggie  
electric mixer

Preheat the oven to 300° F. (This is important to do before you start.)

1) Place the pecans in the baggie and have the children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into pieces. Set aside. Explain how the Roman soldiers beat Jesus after He was arrested. Read John 19:1-3.

2) Pour the vinegar into the mixing bowl. Let the children smell it. Explain that while Jesus was hanging on the cross, he became thirsty and was offered vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

3) Add the egg whites to the vinegar. Explain that eggs represent life and Jesus gave His life so we may have eternal life. Read John 10:10-11.

4) Sprinkle a little salt into each child’s hand and allow them to taste it. Put the rest into the bowl. Explain how this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus’ followers and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

5) So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add the sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know Him and to belong to Him. Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16.

6) Beat the mixture on high speed for 12-15 minutes or until stiff peaks form. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God’s eyes of those whose sins have been washed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 & John 3:1-3.

7) Fold in the broken nuts. Drop the mixture by teaspoons onto a cookie sheet lined with wax paper. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where the body of Jesus was laid to rest. Read Matthew 27:57-60.

8) Place the cookie sheet into the oven, close the door, and turn the oven off. Give each child some masking tape, and seal the door. Explain how the tomb of Jesus was sealed. Read Matthew 27:65-66.

9) Go to bed. Explain that the children may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight just like the followers of Jesus were sad when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20-22.

10) On Easter morning, open the oven and take out the cookies. Notice the cracked surface and that when you bite into a cookie, it is hollow. Explain how the followers of Jesus were amazed to find His tomb empty on that first Easter morning. Read Matthew 28:1-9.



# Easter Story

## Word Search

S C B M N E J E S U S C H R I S T  
 K A A P O D V G V A R E J O I C E  
 J R V M S P R A Y E R W C B V F S  
 Y N O I X I F I C U R C T R M L E  
 L A P C O I E B Q O X B B N O O L  
 I R E S U R R E C T I O N R E S T  
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 S H L U P V Y T K V F D M T E K O  
 O C A R N E P A X R E S I M M R P  
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 T H X C H Y N T N H R S M N A O X  
 N C N C A M I E O C T F Y S C S J  
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 P U T O N I R N W R P Y A O E A D  
 L E Z W R W M D R Q I T Y F O P A  
 B S M N D I S C I P L E S C X G S

APOSTLES  
 BETHLEHEM  
 CAVE  
 CHURCH  
 CROSS  
 CROWN  
 CRUCIFIXION  
 DISCIPLES  
 FAITH  
 GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS CHRIST  
 JUDAS  
 LAMB  
 LAST SUPPER  
 LENT  
 MARY  
 MIRACLE  
 PASSOVER  
 PENANCE  
 PENTECOST

PRAYER  
 REDEMPTION  
 REJOICE  
 RESURRECTION  
 RISEN  
 SAVIOR  
 SON  
 THORNS  
 TOMBS



# SPRING

## word search

(Find each word in the word search and color in the picture.)



Tulip



Chick



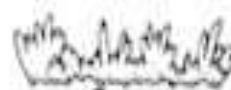
Candy



April



Easter



Grass



Bunny



Basket



Egg



Spring

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# MARCH 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 6:30 Boy Scouts Merit Badge Trng. (Moorhead Hall)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>4</b> 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> 6:00 CLAW 7:00 Trustees	<b>6</b> NOON GLC Board Meeting 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice	<b>7</b> Noon Youthful <i>Spirits – Moorhead Hall</i> 6:30 Boy Scouts Merit Badge Trng. (Moorhead Hall)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8:30 Women's Prayer Breakfast at Linda Lou's 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous <i>Set clocks ahead one hour before retiring!</i>
<b>11</b> 9:00 Worship  <i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i>	<b>12</b> 6:15 Session	<b>13</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice	<b>14</b> 6:30 Boy Scout Leaders – (Moorhead Hall)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>18</b> 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>21</b> 1:30 Deacons meet 6:30 Boy Scouts Merit Badge Trng. (Moorhead Hall )	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>25</b> 9:00 Worship - <i>Palm Sunday</i> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice	<b>28</b> 6:30 Missions	<b>29</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6:00 Soup Dinner & Communion in Moorhead Hall	<b>30</b> Good Friday 	<b>31</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous  APRIL Sonshine Newsletter Available online: <a href="http://www.rockygrovepres.org">www.rockygrovepres.org</a>