

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
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Sonshine Newsletter

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"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: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

FROM THE SESSION

ACTIONS OF SESSION – AUGUST 13, 2018:

1. Approved the minutes of the June 11 and July 9, 2018 Session meetings.
2. Approved the Financial Secretary's Report ending July 31, 2018, the checking account summary and Treasurer's Report for July, 2018.
3. Ratified the phone conference of Session members authorizing the monthly transfer of funds from the Horizon Account to the First National Bank checking account to pay current expenses until the end of December, 2018.
4. Voted to release the \$660 technology grant from Presbytery to be used by another entity. It appears the Church does not need any technological upgrades at this time.
5. Approved a motion to allow "Friends in Motion," a line-dancing group, to use Moorhead Hall on Mondays from Labor Day through Memorial Day. After the custodian's fees are paid by the group, any remaining donations will be given to the Church.
6. Approved a motion to spend up to \$1,000 to purchase, deliver, install a new refrigerator in the kitchen in Moorhead Hall and have the old one removed.
7. Approved a motion to dispose of the old piano in Moorhead Hall since there does not seem to be any interest in it. This was done with heavy hearts.

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## 2018 PER CAPITA

Now that half of the year has come and gone, the Presbytery office has sent us a friendly reminder concerning per capita. Your payments make a difference as the Presbytery of Lake Erie seeks to work together to build the Kingdom of God. The per capita amount per member is \$31.00 (\$20.97 goes to Presbytery of Lake Erie, \$2.30 goes to Synod and \$7.73 goes to General Assembly). If you have not done so already, please pay your 2018 per capita at your earliest convenience.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

### Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Youthful Spirits ~ Noon

Members and friends of RGAPC gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month (except for January and February)! The next gathering will be *September 5<sup>th</sup>*. **Make your reservation for a picnic with Diane Whitman – 374-4077 or 673-5447. Please call by Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.** We will be traveling to 667 Cooperstown Road. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks & condiments will be provided. All attending are asked to bring a tureen. Anyone wishing to car pool should be at the church by 11:30 a.m.

### Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Women's Prayer Breakfast

The Women's Prayer Breakfast will meet once again *September 8<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!!!

### Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Progressive Dinner ~ 5:30 p.m.

This fun event will begin with salads at the Wetjen residence. We will then travel to the church for the main course. The evening will wind down with desserts at the Hartman's. Make plans now to attend! See Lois Pierce or Linda Zeller to sign up for a salad or dessert. Anyone wishing to car pool should be at the church by 5:15.

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If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, please contact Judy Ream (673-6492). You will want to advise Judy 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.

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## **MISSIONS CORNER**

This Christmas the Missions Ministry Team decided to forego Operation Christmas Child and try something new for our shut-ins and nursing home residents. We are going to do "THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" which is a wrapped gift to be opened each day of the twelve days prior to Christmas. We're hoping this will bring joy to our friends as they look forward to celebrating the birth of the Christ child.

Listed below are items that we are asking to be donated by Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will get together December 8<sup>th</sup> to wrap each item and fill the gift bags. They will need to be delivered by December 13<sup>th</sup> as the first gift can be opened December 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS**

Hand Cream  
Body Lotion  
Handi-Wipes Packages  
Chap Stick  
Tissues – Small Packages and Box  
Pens/Pencils  
Word Search/Crossword Puzzle Booklets  
Small Writing Tablets/Notebooks  
Snack Cracker Packages  
Candy Bars  
Snacks (Chips/Pretzels/Etc.)  
Paperback Books  
Adult Coloring Books/Colored Pencils

If you are not able to go shopping but would like to give a monetary donation for these gifts, please see a member of the Missions Ministry Team. Thank you very much!

### **THANK YOU**

*I wish to thank the Deacons once again for the lovely birthday card. I enjoyed my day with my family; we had a picnic under the shade of a tree along the bike trail. Carol Rough*



## ***September Birthdays***

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8 Linda Zeller             | 19 Paige Winder (2001)   |
| 11 Theodore Feather (2013) | 24 Grace Gibbons         |
| 14 Janet Bish              | 26 Lillian Songer (2003) |
| 14 Scott Donaldson         |                          |

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Servants for SEPTEMBER

Hospital Visits: Linda Hartman & Kennedy Hartman

Greeter(s): 2 Lois Pierce
9 Grace Gibbons
16 Judy Ream
23 Rhonda Rust
30 Dorie Feather


Worship Leader: 2 Diane Whitman
9 Rhonda Rust
16 Lois Pierce
23 Diane Whitman
30 Rhonda Rust

Recorders: 2 Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen
9 Lois Pierce & Linda Zeller
16 Linda Hartman & another elder
23 Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen
30 Lois Pierce & another elder



September 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
2 9:00 Worship 10:00 CLAW	3 	4 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice 7:00 Trustees	5 Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> @ Diane Whitman's 6:30 Boy Scout Leaders meet	6 Office hours: 10:30 – 5:00	7	8 8:30 Prayer Breakfast 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 5:30 <i>Progressive Dinner</i>
9 9:00 Worship	10 6:15 Session	11 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	12	13	14	15 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
16 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts ~ Court of Honor	17	18 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	19 Office closes at Noon 6:30 Boy Scouts Merit Badge Trng.	20 <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	21	22 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
23 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	24	25 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice	26 6:30 Missions meeting	27 1:30 Deacons meeting	28	29 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
30 9:00 Worship						

Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th of each month or run risk of being omitted from next month's issue.