

Sunshine Newsletter

October 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

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Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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FROM THE SESSION

ACTIONS OF SESSION – SEPTEMBER 10, 2018:

1. Approved the minutes of the August 13, 2018 Session meeting.
2. Approved the Financial Secretary’s Report ending August 31, 2018, the checking account summary and Treasurer’s Report for August, 2018.
3. Approved the request of Todd Wetjen, RGHS girls’ basketball coach, to park 5-8 vehicles in the lower lot from 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16, 2018, while at Disney World.
4. Approved the use of the sanctuary, narthex and ladies’ parlor, if necessary, on Sunday, October 21, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. for Session Minutes Review.

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**2018 PER CAPITA**

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 2018 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 per capita at your earliest convenience.

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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.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

The Venango County Senior Volunteer Program is seeking drivers. If you are 55 and older and are interested in giving back to your community, now’s the time to become a Senior Volunteer Program volunteer. Individuals willing to transport individuals to out-of-county medical appointments are especially needed at this time. A vehicle is provided for the transport. All volunteer drivers must have a valid driver’s license, a clean driving record and be able to pass a clearance check. **If you are interested, please contact Jeff Schneider, the Volunteer Coordinator, at 814-432-9711.**

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**The Caring Place Auxiliary is seeking volunteers for the “Sunflower Shoppe” which is the gift shop; it is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Each shift is three (3) hours. If you or someone you know may be interested, contact Marie Leyda (437-3291) or Angela Prather (814-388-9482). Volunteering is a very rewarding experience.**  
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Venango County Older Adult Services will be providing a **CAREGIVER RESOURCE FAIR** on October 13, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. ‘til 2:00 p.m. at Atlantic Avenue United Brethren Church, 160 Atlantic Avenue. Blood pressure screening, flu shots, pneumonia and shingles vaccinations as well as information of services from various providers. Pre-registration is required by contacting Nicole Parson at 814-432-4824. A light lunch will be provided to those who attend. For more information, contact Michelle Tarr or Jeff Schneider at 814-432-9711

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Answers to Fall Crossword:  
Across: FALL, ACORN, PUMPKIN, ORANGE, YELLOW, HARVEST, AUTUMN, FROST, CHESTNUT  
Down: FOLIAGE, LEAVES, SCARECROW, RED, RAKE, SQUIRREL

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

### Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</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 *October 3rd*. **Make your reservation with Mike Burkhardt ~ 673-4460 ~ by Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. We will be traveling to Valley Dairy, 80 Regina Drive, Cranberry, PA.

### Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> ~ *Women's Prayer Breakfast*

The Women's Prayer Breakfast will meet once again *October 13th* 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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Facts About October

October was the eighth month in the old Roman calendar. It got its name from the Latin word 'Octo' meaning eight. October is the tenth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar and has 31 days.

October's birthstone is the opal. October's birth flower is the calendula in the United States; however, in English culture, it is the marigold.

More American Presidents were born in October than any other. They are: John Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes, Chester Arthur, Theodore Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and Jimmy Carter.

October is World Blindness Awareness month.

October is Adopt A Shelter Dog Month

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

October is National Chili Month.

October is National Popcorn Poppin' Month – After being celebrated for more than 25 years, popping popcorn was declared an official holiday in 1999 by then Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman!



October Birthdays

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 7 Stacy Smith | 22 Pam Viele |
| 8 Toby Aikins | 23 Diane Whitman |
| 9 Judy Ream | 25 Anne Brandt |
| 13 Joyce Riddle | 30 Pam Baughman |
| 15 Larry Baughman | |

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## Servants for OCTOBER

Hospital Visits: Linda Zeller & Judy Ream

Greeter(s):  
**7** Arnie & Janet Bish  
**14** Phyllis Vogan  
**21** Grace Gibbons  
**28** Brad & Joyce Wetjen

Worship Leader:  
**7** Lois Pierce  
**14** Diane Whitman  
**21** Rhonda Rust  
**28** Lois Pierce

Recorders:  
**7** Linda Hartman & Linda Zeller  
**14** Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen  
**21** Linda Hartman & Linda Zeller  
**28** Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen

## MISSIONFEST 2018 REPORT

Missionfest has come and gone for another year. The Missions & Outreach Ministry Team wishes to thank each and every one who contributed in any way to the success of Missionfest 2018.

### Missionfest 2018 proceeds:

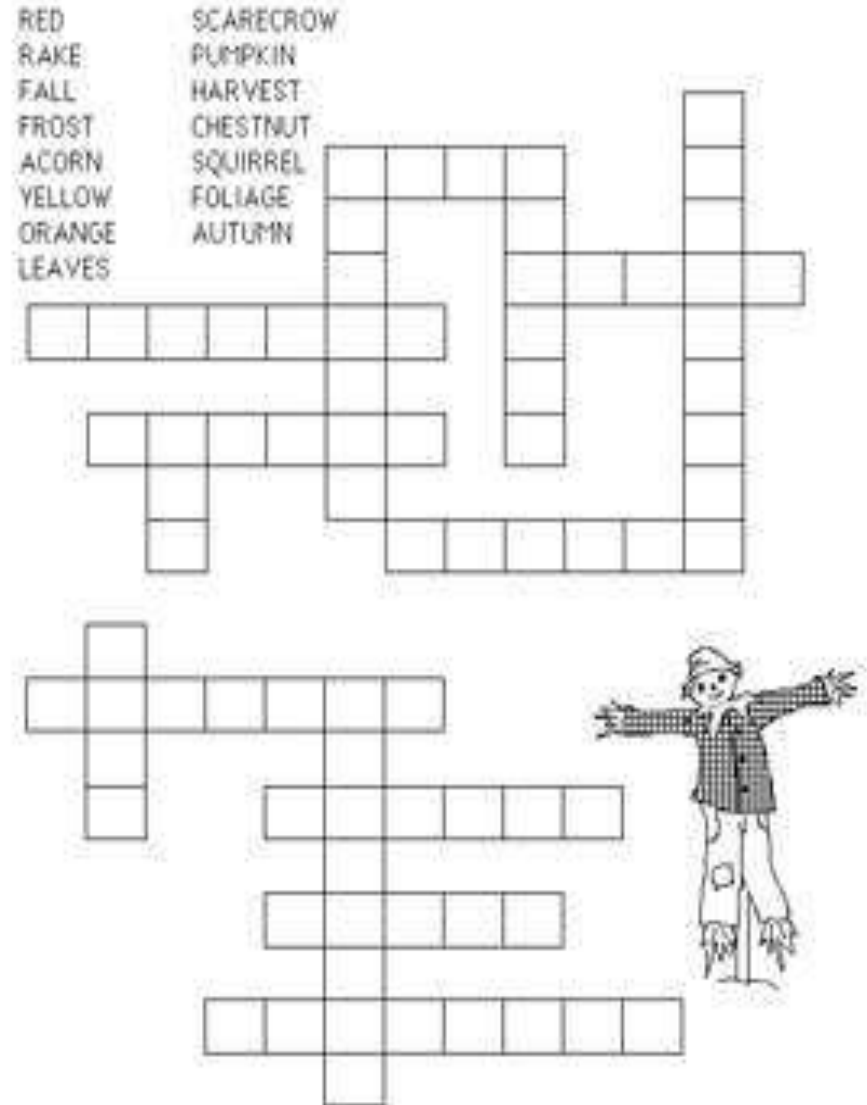
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| <b>GARAGE SALE</b>                                     | <b>\$ 716.25</b>          |
| <b>HOT SAUSAGE</b>                                     | <b>268.74</b>             |
| <b>PRIZE DRAWING</b>                                   | <b>266.00</b>             |
| <b>BAKE SALE</b>                                       | <b>232.95</b>             |
| <b>FOOD &amp; DRINKS</b>                               | <b>216.52</b>             |
| <b>CONGREGATIONAL GIVING &amp; DONATIONS</b>           | <b>66.00</b>              |
| <b>PINE VALLEY BOYS LOVE OFFERING</b>                  | <b>115.00</b>             |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES (includes love offering)</b> | <b>- 389.20</b>           |
| <b><i>NET PROFIT TOTAL</i></b>                         | <b><i>\$ 1,492.26</i></b> |
| <b>2017 DESIGNATED FOR 2018 START UP</b>               | <b>124.79</b>             |
| <b><i>TOTAL PROCEEDS FOR DISTRIBUTION</i></b>          | <b><i>\$ 1,617.05</i></b> |
| <b>DESIGNATED FOR 2019 START UP</b>                    | <b>-80.69</b>             |
| <b>FUTURE WORK TRIPS</b>                               | <b>-161.36</b>            |
| <b>RECIPIENT DISTRIBUTION</b>                          | <b>\$ 1,375.00</b>        |

### Distribution to recipients as follows:

|                                                          |                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>ABC Life Center</b>                                   | <b>\$ 125.00</b>          |
| <b>Child Evangelism Fellowship</b>                       | <b>\$ 125.00</b>          |
| <b>Grace Learning Center</b>                             | <b>\$ 250.00</b>          |
| <b>Mustard Seed Missions</b>                             | <b>\$ 250.00</b>          |
| <b>Seneca Hills Bible Camp &amp; Retreat Center</b>      | <b>\$ 250.00</b>          |
| <b>United World Missions – Robert &amp; Nina Bruneau</b> | <b>\$ 250.00</b>          |
| <b>Venango Youth for Christ</b>                          | <b>\$ 125.00</b>          |
| <b><i>TOTAL</i></b>                                      | <b><i>\$ 1,375.00</i></b> |

## Fall Crossword

Fit all the words into this puzzle below.



## News from Grace Learning Center

We are off to a great start. Classes began on the first day of school. There are 25 children enrolled. Most of the staff returned, and we have a couple of new leaders. It is my goal to teach a Bible lesson each week. We also pray together and use rhythm instruments to learn the songs of our faith.

We received grant money for a new van. This will save us the money we were paying the bus company.

The students have changed; the older group has moved on to Junior High, and we have 2 students in Kindergarten. You are welcome to stop any time to see the program and the wonderful blessing the children are to this church.

*Pastor Rachel*

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As a congregation, we were able to provide twenty-five (25) backpacks to the students of Grace Learning Center for the 2018-2019 school year. Each backpack was filled with a 3-ring binder, pocket portfolio, 2 spiral notebooks, 150 sheets of notebook paper, a pencil sharpener, 6 #2 lead pencils, a box of coloring pencils, a box of 24 crayons, 2 glue sticks, a calculator, a ruler, a pair of scissors, 10 colored markers, 1 blue & 1 black pen, 7 pencil cap erasers, a pack of pocket-sized tissues, a zippered pouch for pencils, etc. and a note from our church welcoming them back to Grace Learning Center, informing them that the items were from RGAPC and inviting them to worship with us. It is our hope that we are able to reach the unreached for Christ.

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**Do you enjoy seeing performances at the Barrow-Civic Theater here in Franklin? Well, if you do and find it a hardship to afford tickets, here is what you can do! Contact Gary Barton at the theater (432-5196) between 10 am and 4 pm most days. He will give you information on volunteering; thus, you get to see all the performances at which you volunteer as a reward!**

## OVER THE YEARS:

As is evidenced by the following listing of net profits, Missionfest has had its ups and downs over the years. We praise God for the abundance He has afforded us, so that we may continue to help in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1984 - \$724.31   | 2001 - \$5,982.53     |
| 1985 - \$850.00   | 2002 - \$4,540.12     |
| 1986 - \$1,825.00 | 2003 - \$3,467.11     |
| 1987 - \$1,400.00 | 2004 - NO MISSIONFEST |
| 1988 - \$1,930.00 | 2005 - NO MISSIONFEST |
| 1989 - \$2,305.00 | 2006 - \$3,914.60     |
| 1990 - \$2,538.11 | 2007 - 5,091.65       |
| 1991 - \$3,583.22 | 2008 - \$4,315.63     |
| 1992 - \$4,691.52 | 2009 - \$4,378.77     |
| 1993 - \$5,823.54 | 2010 - \$5,427.06     |
| 1994 - \$6,022.07 | 2011 - \$5,036.04     |
| 1995 - \$7,003.64 | 2012 - \$5,865.30     |
| 1996 - \$5,981.18 | 2013 - \$5,796.42     |
| 1997 - \$7,733.53 | 2014 - \$4,046.10     |
| 1998 - \$6,737.21 | 2015 - \$2,918.61     |
| 1999 - \$6,534.59 | 2016 - \$2,391.46     |
| 2000 - \$4,546.39 | 2017 - \$2,351.21     |
|                   | 2018 - \$1,492.26     |

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The Missions & Outreach Ministry Team is asking for donations of the following in order to make up gifts for our shut-ins and residents of nursing homes to open on each day of the **“12 days of Christmas:”**

hand cream, body lotion, chap stick, pens/pencils, Handi-Wipes, candy bars, paperback books, puzzle books, tissues – pocket size and boxes, small tablets, adult coloring books, & coloring pencils, and snacks (small packages of chips, pretzels, crackers, etc.)

Donated items may be placed in the tote in the narthex through December 2nd. 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!



October 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>NO CLAW meeting</i>	2 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice 7:00 Trustees	3 Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> @ Valley Dairy (Cranberry) 6:30 Boy Scouts Merit Badge Trng.	4	5	6 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
7 9:00 Worship ~ <i>World Communion</i>	8 6:15 Session <i>Columbus Day observed</i>	9 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice	10 6:30 Boy Scout Leaders meet	11	12	13 8:30 Prayer Breakfast 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
14 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	15	16 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	17 6:30 Boy Scouts Merit Badge Trng.	18	19	20 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
21 9:00 Worship 4:00 Presbytery Review of Session Minutes @ RGAPC	22 <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	23 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	24 <i>No MISSIONS meeting</i>	25	26	27 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
28 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	29	30 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	31			

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.