

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



SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

November 2018

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“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

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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 – *October 8, 2018:*

1. Approved the Session minutes for September, 2018.
2. Approved the financial reports for September, 2018.
3. Accepted the resignation of Elissa Stuttler from Session and as Clerk of Session as of December 31, 2018.
4. Approved the payment of the 2018 per capita tax to Presbytery for active members of our congregation. Members are informed they may still make their payments if they have not already done so.
5. Approved a motion to give a church key to Judy Ream.

REMINDER: Congregational and Corporation Meeting to be held on November 18, 2018 following morning worship.

ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Don't forget to vote. Your vote does count!



**Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour
Saturday night, November 3rd!**



November Birthdays

1	Ellen Gierlach	23	Oliver Feather (2011)
9	Gene Sheffer	23	Arika Songer
10	Margaret Wielandt	26	Todd Wetjen
11	Joan Partridge	27	Joyce Wetjen

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## SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER

### Hospital Visits:

Phyllis Vogan & Joyce Wetjen

### Greeters:

4 Judy Ream  
11 Rhonda Rust  
18 Elissa Stuttler  
25 Betty Cornmesser & Lois Pierce

### Worship Leaders:

4 Diane Whitman  
11 Lois Pierce  
18 Rhonda Rust  
25 Diane Whitman

### Offering Recorders:

4 Lois Pierce & Linda Zeller  
11 Linda Hartman & another elder  
18 Linda Zeller & another elder  
25 Linda Hartman & another elder



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.

### NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

Grace Learning Center is a very busy place. The students are creating and making fall decorations for Halloween and Thanksgiving. It is wonderfully inviting. Please stop and take a look at what they have been doing. If you can visit while the students are here, you will see homework being finished, games and contests in progress and a young lady practicing her piano lessons. They even enjoy their Bible lessons. Judith Lamb, the Lutheran Vicar, and your pastor teach the love of Jesus to these energetic students. Some of them are being raised in a church and share what they have already been taught. Others are very new to the message we offer. Please continue to pray for them.

The director, Stephen West, is the expert on grant writing. He continues to seek and find resources to enhance the program. Each staff member has a variety of responsibilities, and it all comes together with great results. Students and staff are thankful for the opportunity to be here at the Rocky Grove Avenue Church. Thank you for making all this possible.

***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.***

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC**

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

Men and women gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun at Valley Dairy @ 80 Regina Drive, Cranberry. Make your reservation with this month's host, Mike Burkhardt, at 673-4460 by November 5<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!! Watch for information on the next gathering set for December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> - Women's Prayer Breakfast**

A small group of women of RGAPC meet for breakfast the second Saturday of the month 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, December 1<sup>st</sup> - *Hanging of the Greens***

Join in the fun of decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. It all starts at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Be there, or not (if you dare)!

### **Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> – *Church Christmas Party***

This year's event will again be at Linda Lou's Restaurant, 1572 Mercer Road. **Social time will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m.** Deadline for reservations is **November 11<sup>th</sup>**. You don't want to miss out; so, make your reservation early. A reservation form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

### **Congregation/Corporation Meeting - November 18, 2018**

The Session has set November 18<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Congregation & Corporation meeting. The minutes of the last congregational meeting will be presented for approval, the 2019 budget approved by Session and the slate of officer nominations will be presented; additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. Afterwards, we will enjoy a **brunch** in Moorhead Hall.

## MISSIONS CORNER:

The Missions & Outreach Ministry Team is still seeking, through December 2<sup>nd</sup>, donations for 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.)

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!

Please be aware that *Christmas Joy Offering* will be received during Advent, December 2<sup>nd</sup> through Christmas Eve, again this year.

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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!

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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.

### 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.

## Thanksgiving word search with Riddle

Find the words in the Word Search. Color each word a different color. When you have found them all, go across the rows, and write the letters that are left on the lines below. This will give you a riddle and the answer to the riddle.



pilgrim



Indian



turkey



cornucopia

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pumpkin



apples



corn



pie

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Answer \_\_\_\_\_





## Christmas Dinner



December 1, 2018

**Linda Lou's Restaurant, 1572 Mercer Road, Franklin**  
Dinner includes beverage, coleslaw, meat, mashed potatoes,  
gravy, vegetable medley and pie.

Price: \$ **14.50 per person** (includes gratuity)

Please make checks payable to:  
Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church  
with "Christmas Dinner" on the memo line.  
Reservations & payment must be submitted  
**no later than Sunday, November 18, 2018**

6:00 p.m. – Social Time  
6:30 p.m. – Meal

*Let us celebrate the season of our Lord's birth  
by breaking bread together and having a fun evening  
with members of our church family!*

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church Christmas Dinner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

### Meat choices:

Stuffed Chicken Breast: \_\_\_\_\_

Braised Steak: \_\_\_\_\_

Total payment enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Minimum of 25 attendees needed)*



## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS



If you desire to place a memorial  
poinsettias in the church for  
Christmas, please place this form with  
payment in the offering plate or send  
to the church office:

Rocky Grove Presbyterian Church  
321 Rocky Grove Avenue  
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**Deadline to order is Sunday, November 25, 2018.**

Attached is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$7.50 each) payable to:

"Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church Deacons' Fund."

Please mark color preferred: \_\_\_\_\_Red \_\_\_\_\_White \_\_\_\_\_Pink

**(Please print clearly.)**

NAME(S) OF DONOR:

\_\_\_\_\_

IN MEMORY OF:

\_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR OF:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Poinsettias will be displayed in the church beginning December 9<sup>th</sup>.**

☐ Please check if you would like your flower(s) to go to a shut-in.

*If at all possible, please do not pick up your flowers until  
**AFTER** our Christmas Eve worship service*



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| SUNDAY                                                                              | MONDAY                          | TUESDAY                          | WEDNESDAY                                                                         | THURSDAY                                                                                                            | FRIDAY                                                                                                                     | SATURDAY                                                                           |
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|                                                                                     |                                 |                                  |                                                                                   | 1<br><i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>                                                                                           | 2                                                                                                                          | 3<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                     |
| 4 <i>Daylight Saving Time ends &amp; Standard Time returns</i><br>9:00 Worship      | 5<br>2:00 CLAW<br>7:00 Trustees | 6 <i>ELECTION DAY</i>            | 7<br>NOON – Valley Dairy YOUTHFUL SPIRITS<br>6:30 Boy Scouts Merit Badge Training | 8                                                                                                                   | 9                                                                                                                          | 10<br>8:30 Women's Breakfast @ Linda Lou's<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous            |
| 11 <i>Veterans Day</i><br>9:00 Worship<br>5:30 Boy Scouts                           | 12<br>6:15 Session              | 13<br>4:30 GLC Board             | 14<br>6:30 Boy Scout Leaders meeting                                              | 15<br><i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>                                                                                          | 16                                                                                                                         | 17<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous<br>10:00 Presbytery meeting at Church of the Cross |
| 18<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 <i>Corporation/ Congregational meeting &amp; BRUNCH</i> | 19                              | 20<br><i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i> | 21<br>1:30 Deacons<br>6:30 Boy Scouts Merit Badge Training                        | 22<br><br><i>OFFICE CLOSED</i> | 23                                                                                                                         | 24<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                    |
| 25<br><i>Christ the King Sunday</i><br>9:00 Worship – Communion                     | 26                              | 27<br>6:30 Sweet Adelines        | 28<br>6:30 Missions & Outreach                                                    | 29                                                                                                                  | 30<br><i>December Sonshine Newsletter available:</i><br><a href="http://www.rockygrovepres.org">www.rockygrovepres.org</a> |                                                                                    |