

# SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

February 2019

A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



*“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.*

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## FROM THE SESSION

### ACTIONS OF SESSION – *January 14, 2019:*

1. Approved the Session minutes for December 10, 2018.
2. Approved the financial reports for December, 2018.
3. Approved transfer of monthly interest from Horizon Account with Edward Jones to FNB checking until further notice.
4. Approved the addition of Lois Pierce as authorized person on the Edward Jones accounts and Linda Hartman's name to be removed.
5. Approved the Communion schedule for 2019 as follows:

January 13, 2019	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
March 3, 2019	<i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>
April 18, 2019	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>
June 9, 2019	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>
August 11, 2019	
October 6, 2019	<i>World Communion</i>
November 24, 2019	<i>Christ the King Sunday</i>
6. Elected the following persons to offices:

Elissa Stuttler – Clerk of Session
Lois Pierce – Congregational Life & Worship Moderator
Joyce Wetjen – Stewardship & Personnel Moderator
Linda Zeller – Missions & Outreach Moderator
7. Approved, if the way be clear, a Congregational Meeting be scheduled following worship on February 24, 2019, for the purpose of electing Elissa Stuttler to Session for one year and as an auditor for a three-year term, to install Betty Cornmesser as a Deacon and to present the 2018 Annual Financial Reports to the congregation.



## *FEBRUARY Birthdays*

4 Yolanda Clark	11 Madeleine Rose Wielandt
4 Mallory Wetjen	13 Dick Norr
5 Hanna Wielandt	20 Doug Songer
10 Kennedy Hartman	20 Marie Wendt



## *Servants for February*

<b><u>Hospital Visits:</u></b>	Linda Zeller
<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>	3 Brad & Joyce Wetjen 10 Diane Whitman 17 Nancy & Scott Donaldson 24 Rhonda Rust
<b><u>Worship Leaders:</u></b>	3 Diane Whitman 10 Lois Pierce 17 Rhonda Rust 24 Diane Whitman
<b><u>Counters:</u></b>	3 Linda Zeller & Diane Whitman 10 Joyce Wetjen & another elder 17 Linda Zeller & Diane Whitman 24 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

*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.*



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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**UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC**

***Youthful Spirits***

Men and women usually gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month; however, there will be no gathering in January or February. Join in the fun **March 6<sup>th</sup>** at a yet-to-be- disclosed location. Make your reservation with Rhonda Rust at 437-2831 by March 4, 2019. All are welcome!!

***Women's Prayer Breakfast***

The Women's Prayer Breakfast will not meet in January and February. Consider joining the small group of women of RGAPC **March 9<sup>th</sup>** when they meet again for breakfast at Linda Lou's Restaurant, 1572 Mercer Road at 8:30 a.m. Devotions are followed by good food and fellowship.

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**ANSWERS TO JANUARY PUZZLE "Winter S Words":**

Scarf, Season, Shovel, Skates, Sled, Sleigh Bells, Snowflake, Snowman & Snowstorm ~ **The message:** One kind word can warm three winter months. *Hope you enjoyed deciphering it.*  
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**MISSIONS CORNER:**

A total of **\$111.00** was collected for the **2018 Christmas Joy Offering**, which is an increase over 2017's offering of \$75.00. Thank you for your giving.

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**YEAR-END DISBURSEMENTS OF 2018 MISSION FUNDS**

**\$640.00** each to:

- Grace Learning Center
- Mustard Seed Missions
- Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center
- United World Mission (Robert & Nina Bruneau)

**\$320.00** each to:

- ABC Life Center
- Child Evangelism Fellowship
- Venango Youth for Christ

**\$3,774.67** was carried over to 2019, of which **\$3,560.96** is designated for work trips, leaving **\$213.71** actual Benevolence Fund carryover.  
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**Help Fight Hunger through the Souper Bowl of Caring!**

In 1990 Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl Football Game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." This offering will be collected at the end of the worship service on **February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Every dollar donated will go to fight hunger locally through Community Services of Venango County.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**

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.

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**NOTE OF THANKS**

The following notes were received regarding the “12 Days of Christmas” gift bag:

*To All of You,*

*When I opened the box, I felt like I was celebrating Christmas again. Each gift was very special & useful. I especially enjoyed the month of December News Herald's. Franklin sure is growing & changing. It's great to be part of a loving & caring family. Thank each & everyone of you from the bottom of my heart. I am truly enjoying GA.*

*In Christian Love, Zella McNany*

*Thank you for thinking of my mother. It truly means a lot to her! (us as well)*

*Mike & Kelly McNany*

*(The card is posted on the bulletin board at the foot of the stairs to the balcony.)*

**Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of February**

**Week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

First Church of the Covenant, Erie  
*Rev. Chris Weichman, Pastor*

*Elaine Garts*  
Resource Center Director

**Week of February 10<sup>th</sup>**

Erie-Wayside Presbyterian Church  
*Rev. James Bernhardt, Pastor*  
*Rev. Keith Sundberg, Associate Pastor*

*Melinda Wingenbach*  
Administrative Assistant, Presbytery of Lake Erie

**Week of February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Meadville Redeemer Presbyterian Church  
*Rev. Tim Solomon, Temporary Supply Pastor*

International Mission Partnership with  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana

**Week of February 24<sup>th</sup>**

Nickleville & Emlenton Presbyterian Churches  
*Rev. Darrell Knopp, Temporary Supply Pastor*

*Rev. Gary Larson (Honorably Retired)*

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Arrangements have been made for “Biblical Studies” following worship beginning February 17, 2019. Our friend, Rev. Joe Martin, will moderate the sessions, which will include a time for anyone to ask about things that may be on their mind at the time or they might have found perplexing for some time. Please come for a time of fellowship and learning. Joe guarantees a fun time!

**Congregation/Corporation Meeting – February 24, 2019**

The Session has set February 24<sup>th</sup> for a Congregation & Corporation meeting. The minutes of the last congregational meeting, the annual financial report for 2018, installation of Betty Cornmesser as a Deacon and nomination of Elissa Stuttler to Session for one year and Auditor for a three-year term will be presented.

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*Installation of Officer will be conducted Sunday, February 24, 2019. Betty Cornmesser will be installed as a Deacon for a three-year term. Thanks goes out to Doris Feather & Phyllis Vogan for agreeing to serve another one-year term! Grace Gibbons had also agreed to serve another year, but, unfortunately, she is unable to honor that commitment. Thanks, Grace, for your willingness!*

*Gratitude is extended to those Session members consenting to serve at least another year – Lois Pierce, Joyce Wetjen, Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller.*

*Thanks also to those Trustees willing to serve another year: Arnie Bish, John Dumbleton, Kevin Songer & Brad Wetjen.*

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**FUN FACTS ABOUT FEBRUARY**

The month has 29 days in leap years, when the year number is divisible by four. In common years the month has 28 days.

National Day of the Sun is celebrated in Argentina.

On February 4, 1861, a temporary committee met at Montgomery, Alabama, where they organized a Confederate States of America.

## Winter Word Search

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blustery	freezing	reindeer
boots	frosty	scarf
chilly	gingerbread	sliver
cold	gloves	snowball
December	hat	snowflake
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February	January	winter



# FEBRUARY 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
3 9:00 Worship ~ <i>Souper Bowl of Caring &amp; Scout Sunday</i>	4 2:00 CLAW 7:00 Trustees	5	6	7	8	9 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
10 9:00 Worship ~ <i>50- Year Member Recognition</i>	11 6:15 Session	12  <i>Abraham Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13	14	15	16 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 Presbytery meeting @ Erie Westminster
17 9:00 Worship 10:00 Biblical Studies	18  <i>Presidents' Day</i>	19	20  <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	21  <i>George Washington's Birthday</i>	22	23 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
24 9:00 Worship ~ <i>Installation of Officers &amp; Congregational meeting</i>  5:30 Boy Scouts	25	26	27 1:30 Deacons 6:30 Missions	28	<i>March Sunshine Newsletter available:</i> <a href="http://www.rockygrovepres.org">www.rockygrovepres.org</a>	