

# *SONSHINE NEWSLETTER*

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*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 – *December 10, 2018:***

1. Approved the Session minutes for November, 2018.
2. Approved the financial reports for November, 2018.
3. Ratified the phone vote to approve the 2019 Budget prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting.
4. Removed the name of Linda Hartman from the active roll of the church with deep regret.
5. Approved the serving of Communion on January 13, 2019. The remainder of the Communion calendar will be set at the next Session meeting.
6. Approved the sale of stock to deposit \$5,000 into the checking account for the year-end expenses.
7. Approved the exploration of hiring a Sunday School teacher for a modest amount to teach a short-term curriculum. This would be about \$50 per week for eight to ten weeks to spark interest and participation among our members.

**Twenty-two plates of cookies were given out to families of Grace Learning Center students on Friday, December 21, 2018. Thanks to all who made goodies to help in this venture. It is much appreciated by all.**



***JANUARY Birthdays***

- 5 Elissa Stuttler
- 11 Jessica Songer
- 20 Lois Pierce
- 20 Konner Hartman
- 26 Mike Hartman



***Servants for JANUARY***

**Hospital Visits:** Joyce Wetjen & Rhonda Rust

**Greeters:**

- 6 Betty Cornmesser & Lois Pierce
- 13 Gene Sheffer
- 20 Rhonda Rust
- 27 Judy Ream

**Worship Leaders:**

- 6 Rhonda Rust
- 13 Diane Whitman
- 20 Lois Pierce
- 27 Rhonda Rust

**Counters:**

- 6 Linda Zeller & another elder
- 13 Lois Pierce & another elder
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- 27 Lois Pierce & another elder

*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**

**Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** – 10:00 a.m. -- *“Unhanging of the Greens”* -- MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

***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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Zella McNany is now living with her son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Kelly, in Georgia. The address is 182 Tallasse Trail, Leesburg, GA 31763 and phone number is 229-759-7062. She welcomes cards, notes and phone calls

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**MISSIONS CORNER:**

Thank you for your contributions to the Christmas Joy Offering. We collected a total of \$111.00.

On Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Rust, Joyce Wetjen and Linda Zeller delivered the “Twelve Days of Christmas” gift bags to Norma Aiken, Jim Albright, Grace Gibbons, Corinne Heckler, Lorraine McCauley, Joyce Riddle, and Carol Rough. We will be sending Zella McNany’s to Leesburg, Georgia where she now resides with her son, Mike and his wife, Kelly. Thank you very much for the wonderful response to our request for gift items. Everyone was very surprised and pleased when given their gift bags. It was a joy to share Christmas with them!

We would also like to thank you for your generous support of the Missions projects that have been presented this year. We are truly blessed at RGAPC to have a loving church family that answers the call to “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”. We pray that you will have a wonderful 2019.

Your Missions & Outreach Ministry Team  
*Joyce Wetjen, Rhonda Rust Elissa Stuttler & Linda Zeller*

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Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of January

**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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Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Linda Houser Hartman who went home to be with our Lord on December 6, 2018. Linda joined Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian on March 29, 1964, and served faithfully as Elder, Deacon and Trustee. We lost a friend but Heaven got another angel.

**Week of January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Plumer Presbyterian Church

*Rev. Vincent Dagadu*

Moderator, Upper Northern Presbytery, Ghana

**Week of January 13<sup>th</sup>**

Oil City Second Presbyterian Church

*Rev. Sue Montgomery*, Temporary Supply Pastor

*J. Herbert Nelson*

Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

**Week of January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Edinboro Presbyterian Church

*Rev. Greg Gillispie*, Temporary Supply Pastor

*Rev. Barry Cressman* (Honorably Retired)

**Week of January 27<sup>th</sup>**

Titusville Presbyterian Church

*Rev. Vaughan Smith*, Pastor

*Rev. Susan Wonderland*

Transitional Executive, Synod of the Trinity

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**NOTE OF THANKS**

I wish to thank my church family for the generous Christmas gift, cookies and many cards. I am truly blessed. Happy New Year!

*Rhonda Rust*

Thank you to our Church Family for the gift certificate for Christmas. It is always very much appreciated. I really enjoy playing for church and filling in when I am needed. Again, thank you!

*Janet Bish*

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**JANUARY TRVIA & FACTS**

1. January is named after the Roman god, Janus, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one. The Roman New Year festival was called the Calends, and people decorated their homes and gave each other gifts.
2. The Roman Senate, in 153 BC, declared January 1<sup>st</sup> to be the beginning of the new year. During, the Middle Ages, the Church remained opposed to celebrating New Year’s Day – it has only been celebrated in the western world for about 400 years.
3. The birthstone for January is Garnet.
4. The flower for January is the carnation
5. January in the Norther Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to July in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa.
6. January 1, 1776, the first American flag, the “Grand Union” was presented. Betsy Ross later added the stars in place of the Union Jack.
7. Leap years exempted, January always begins on the same day as October.
8. In leap years, January always begins on the same day as April and July.
9. In the United States, January is National Soup Month.
10. The first Super Bowl was held at the L.A. Coliseum on January 15, 1967. The Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10.
11. Jerry Rice has the most touchdowns in a Super Bowl (8).

**JANUARY QUOTES**

“Should auld acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?  
Should auld acquaintance be forgot and days of auld lang syne? For  
auld lang syne, my dear, for auld lang syne, we’ll take a cup of kindness  
yet, for auld lang syne.” ---**Robert Burns** (Auld Lang Syne)

“Slow as molasses in January.” ---**Folklore**

“New Year’s Day is every man’s birthday.” ---**Charles Lamb**

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# JANUARY 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3	4	5 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
6 9:00 Worship ~ <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i> 5:30 Boy Scouts	7 2:00 CLAW 7:00 Trustees	8	9 1:30 <i>Deacons meet</i>	10	11	12 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 <b>Unhanging of the Greens</b>
13 9:00 Worship ~ <i>Baptism of the Lord ~ Communion</i> 5:30 Boy Scouts	14 6:15 Session	15 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	16	17	18	19 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
20 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	21 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>  <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	22	23 6:30 Missions	24	25	26 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
27 9:00 Worship	28	29	30	31	February Sonshine Newsletter available: <a href="http://www.rockygrovepres.org">www.rockygrovepres.org</a>	