

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

May 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 – *April 8, 2019:*

1. **Approved the minutes of the March 11, 2019 Session meeting.**
2. **Approved the Financial Secretary’s Report for the period ending March 31, 2019, the checking account summary for March, 2019, and the Treasurer’s Report for March, 2019.**
3. **Approved a request from Grace Learning Center to install a camera intercom door release on the red doors at the side of the building to be installed at their expense as required by the PA Department of Human Services.**
4. **Met with Merralee Obenrader of Edward Jones and approved the transfer of 5% of the income fund to income and growth fund in the Franklin Total Return Account of the Moorhead Scholarship Fund.**

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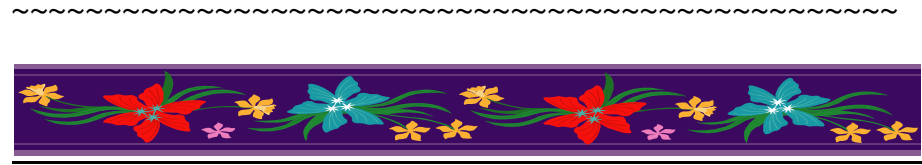
**“Biblical Studies” with Rev. Joe “Joey” Martin will resume May 19<sup>th</sup>, and continue weekly through the end of the month before taking the summer off. Come to learn; leave inspired!**

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MAY Birthdays

- 2 Gage Clark
- 11 Jim Albright
- 27 Betty Cornmesser
- 30 Austin Clark



SERVANTS FOR MAY

Hospital Visits: Doris Feather & Diane Whitman

Worship Leader: 5 Rhonda Rust
 12 Lois Pierce
 19 Diane Whitman
 26 Lois Pierce

Offering Recorders: 5 Lois Pierce & another Elder
 12 Linda Zeller & another Elder
 19 Lois Pierce & another Elder
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*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 with **YOUTHFUL SPIRITS** gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun **May 1, 2019, at Eat'n Park, 553 Allegheny Blvd., Franklin.** Please inform Mike Burkhardt (673-4460) by April 29th if you plan to attend. Watch future bulletins for information on the next gathering.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

The Women's Prayer Breakfast will meet **May 11th**. Consider joining the small group of women of RGAPC when they meet at Linda Lou's Restaurant, 1572 Mercer Road, at 8:30 a.m. Devotions are followed by good food and fellowship.

*Congregational Life & Worship is planning the **Mother-Daughter Banquet for Saturday, May 11th** (day before Mothers' Day) at 6:00 p.m. in Moorhead Hall. Ham balls, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, roll, dessert & beverage will be provided for \$7.00 per plate. A reservation form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter*

MISSIONS CORNER:

Imagine you are homeless and winter is coming. You wonder how you'll stay warm and dry.

Imagine you are a mother with two kids and the civil conflict in the region where you live is getting more frequent, more intense and closer to home. You decide that to protect yourself and your family you need to flee quickly.

Now imagine your home and almost everything in it is destroyed by an earthquake. You now sleep in a makeshift community with hundreds of other people who've also become homeless. There is little privacy.

A blanket can do a lot of things – It provides warmth – It can be a suitcase when you have to leave unexpectedly – It can be your bed or your pillow and can even give you some privacy.

Whatever else a blanket can be, it is most certainly a sign of generosity, a sign of loving care, and a very real sign of compassion. Even when they've become worn out, too small or simply put away after winter, blankets will remain a tangible reminder to our most vulnerable neighbors that someone was thinking of them.

For as little as \$5.00 you can provide one blanket to someone in need. The offering is scheduled for "Father's Day", but donations can be received until June 30th. If you would like to donate a blanket in memory or honor of your father, please know that your gift will be appreciated and give generously by placing your donation in the "Blanket Sunday" envelope in the pews. Please make your checks payable to RGAPC, but write "Blanket Sunday" on the memo line. Thank you!

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of May

Week of May 5th

Candidates for Teaching Elders as they pursue seminary training

Inquirers who are under care of Lake Erie Presbytery



Week of May 12th

Hasson Heights (Oil City) & Pleasantville Presbyterian Churches

Rev. Jamie Fowler, Temporary Supply Pastor

Rev. David Fugate, Validated Ministry Chaplain

Veterans Administration Hospital

Week of May 19th

Harborcreek Presbyterian Church
Robin Cuneo, Commissioned Pastor

Josh Heikkila & Ruth Brown
Mission Co-workers, Ghana

Week of May 26th

Westminster Presbyterian Church (Erie)
Rev. Jim Rimmer, Temporary Supply Pastor

Rev. Nelson "Bud" Horne (Honorably Retired)

RGAPC's Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held in Moorhead Hall on May 11, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. The cost per person for the dinner of ham balls, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, roll, beverage and dessert is \$7.00 and must accompany your reservation. Please put your reservation in the offering plate, send to the office or give to Lois Pierce or Linda Zeller by May 5th. Make checks payable to RGAPC with Mother-Daughter in the memo line.

Name: _____

Number of Reservations: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

Some Astonishing Misconceptions About May!

- ▶ According to an old Cornish superstition, it was unlucky to buy a new broom in this month. And so was washing a blanket!
- ▶ Some people believed that if you got up on May 1st and washed your face in the May dew, it would remove all freckles and pimples, giving you a great complexion.
- ▶ Another belief was that babies born in May would be sick all through their childhood, and cats born in May wouldn't catch rodents but rather bring home snakes.

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There were times when everyone was aware about the significance of the months and the celebrations that followed. Nowadays, it's only about birthdays or any special events in the particular month. However, don't worry! Here are some facts about the upcoming month of May:

- The month was named after the Greek Goddess of Fertility, Maia.
- No month other than May ever begins or ends on the same day of the week, in the same year. It may match with the months of the following year.
- May is the month of Autumn in the Southern Hemisphere, and spring in the Northern Hemisphere.
- The birthstone is emerald, which signifies love and success.
- The birth flower is the Lily of the Valley.

The world's favorite season is the spring.  
All things seem possible in May. ~ *Edwin Way Teale*

## National Day of Prayer – May 2<sup>nd</sup>!

**There will be a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at Seneca United Methodist Church, 196 East State Road, Seneca, PA. All are welcome to attend and lift prayers to our Lord on this National Day of Prayer. This event is sponsored by Venango County Christian Ministerium.**

***“Love one another, just as I have loved you.” John 13:34***

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

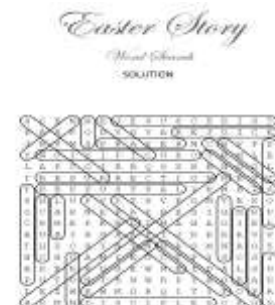
Do you enjoy seeing performances at the Barrow-Civic Theater here in Franklin? Well, if you do and find it a hardship to afford tickets, here is what you can do! Contact Gary Barton at the theater (432-5196) between 10 am and 4 pm most days. He will give you information on volunteering; thus, you get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





MAY 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> at Eat'n Park 6:30 Boy Scout Merit Badge Training	2	3	4 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
5 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	6 2:00 CLAW 7:00 Trustees	7 6:30 Sweet Adelines	8 6:30 Boy Scout Leaders meet	9	10	11 8:30 Prayer Breakfast @ Linda Lou's 9:30 O A 6:00 Mother-Daughter Banquet
12 <i>Mothers Day</i> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Biblical Studies 5:30 Boy Scouts	13 6:15 Session	14 6:30 Sweet Adelines	15 6:30 Boy Scout Merit Badge Training	16	17	18 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
19 9:00 Worship 10:00 Biblical Studies	20 <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	21 6:30 Sweet Adelines	22 6:30 Missions	23	24	25 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
26 9:00 Worship 10:00 Biblical Studies	27	28 6:30 Sweet Adelines	29	30	31 <i>June Sonshine Newsletter available: www.rockygrovepres.org</i>	

