

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

Missionfest ~ August 3, 2019



Reach Out In Faith

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

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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 TAKEN BY SESSION June 10, 2019:

1. Approved the minutes of the May 13, 2019 Session meeting.
2. Approved the Financial Secretary's Report for the period ending May 31, 2019, the checking account summary for May, 2019, and the Treasurer's Report for May, 2019.
3. Restored the membership of Wayne Holt and approved his transfer to Christ United Methodist Church.
4. Approved a request to hold a wedding in our church with the Reverend Ms. Johns officiating on September 14, 2019.



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.



July & August Birthdays

July

- 1 Dave Brandt
- 17 Dorie Feather
- 24 Brad Wetjen
- 25 Jamie Wetjen
- 27 Reagan Hartman

August

- 1 Arnie Bish
- 9 Zella McNany
- 12 Carol Rough
- 15 Paeten McIntosh (2011)
- 19 Christopher Hartman
- 24 Corinne Heckler
- 28 Nancy Donaldson



Servants for JULY

Hospital Visits: Judy Ream & Elissa Stuttler

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

Offering Recorders: 7 Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller
 14 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen
 21 Linda Zeller & another Elder
 28 Joyce Wetjen & another Elder



Servants for AUGUST

Hospital Visits: Betty Cornmesser & Lois Pierce

Worship Leader: 4 Rhonda Rust
 11 Diane Whitman
 18 Lois Pierce
 25 Rhonda Rust

Offering Recorders: 4 Lois Pierce & Linda Zeller
 11 Joyce Wetjen & another Elder
 18 Linda Zeller & another Elder
 25 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th of each month or risk being omitted from next month's issue.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

July received its name in order to honor the Roman dictator Julius Caesar (100 B.C.–44 B.C.).

July 1 is **Canada Day**, a Canadian holiday that celebrates the creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867. The Dominion of Canada was a union of the three separate Canadian colonies of the time—New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Canada (which included Quebec and Ontario). Canada remained a part of the British Empire until 1982.

- On July 3, the hot and sultry **Dog Days of Summer** begin!
- July 4: **Independence Day (U.S.)** on the fourth of July celebrates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. Don't forget to raise the flag!
- July 14 is **Bastille Day**, which commemorates the storming of the Bastille and the start of the French Revolution.

Did You Know? John Adams believed that July 2 would be the day when Americans would celebrate their independence. On July 3, 1776, he wrote to his wife, Abigail: *“The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival.”*

Wacky Holidays

Have fun with these strange celebrations:

- July is National Watermelon Month!
- July 7–13: National Farriers Week
- July 8: International Town Criers Day
- July 17: World Emoji Day
- Jul 20–28: National Moth Week
- July 22: Spooner's Day
- July 27: Take Your Houseplants for a Walk Day

MISSIONS CORNER:

If you are available the morning of Saturday, July 27th, we would invite you to come watch the kids that are racing in the Soap Box Derby. The time and effort these young people have put into their vehicles is amazing. The race starts at 9:00 a.m. and is usually completed by noon. Rocky Grove Avenue is closed from Front Street to Pennell Street but if you want to park in the church parking lot, the fire police at Pennell Street will usually allow you to go to the parking lot. Venango Fatherhood Initiative has asked the Missions Ministry Team to once again have a booth which sells hot dogs, chips, drinks and donuts.

Please mark your calendars for MISSIONFEST on August 3rd which is fast approaching! It will be held in Moorhead Hall with garage sale, prize drawing and food items available from the kitchen. Please check with the office about when donated items may be brought to the church. ***Pine Valley Boys*** will be with us on Sunday, August 4th!!!!

We appreciate the support you have given to all mission projects throughout the years.

Youthful Spirits

Men and women with ***YOUTHFUL SPIRITS*** gather for food and fellowship at noon typically the first Wednesday of each month.

The July gathering, however, will be **July 10, 2019**, (due to July 4th holiday) **at Ray and Toby Aikins, 162 Shade Tree Lane, Franklin**. All attending are asked to take a picnic dish to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments & beverage will be provided. Please inform the Aikins' (432-2726) by July 8th if you plan to attend.

The August gathering will be **August 7th at Valley Dairy, 80 Regina Drive, Cranberry, PA**. **Phyllis Vogan** will be hostess. Let her know (432-3786) by August 5th if you plan to attend.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

The Women's Prayer Breakfast will (hopefully) meet **July 20th and August 17th**. (The breakfast has had to be cancelled for one reason or another in recent months.) 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. on the third Saturday of each month. Devotions are followed by good food and fellowship.

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for July & August

Week of July 7th

Girard Presbyterian Church ~ *Rev. Nicola Vitiello*, Pastor
Rev. Harvey Boal (Honorably Retired) & *Rev. James Moelk*

Week of July 14th

North Warren Presbyterian Church ~ *Rev. Buddy Ward*, Pastor
Rev. Ronee Christy, Moderator of Presbytery

Week of July 21st

Cranesville-Bethel Presbyterian Church
Rev. John Dietz, Temporary Supply Pastor
 Presbyterian Homes ~ "*Bobbie Gray*, Director

Week of July 28th

Cambridge Springs Presbyterian Church
Rev. Tommy O'Leary, Temporary Supply Pastor
Rev. Frank Duncan (Honorably Retired)

Week of August 4th

Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church
Patti Orton Kuna, Commissioned Pastor
Rev. Doug Portz, Board of Pensions Regional Representative

Week of August 11th

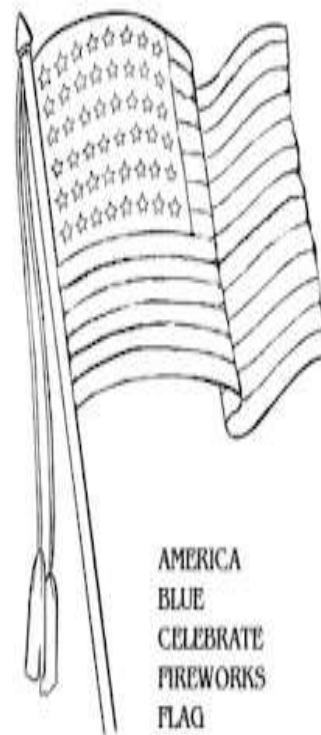
North East Presbyterian Church ~ *Rev. Gregg Townsend*, Pastor
 Ministry of the Presbyterian Foundation & Ministry Relations Officer,
Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

Week of August 18th

Adamsville Presbyterian Church
Rev. Harry Johns, Temporary Supply Pastor
Rev. Don Gordon (Honorably Retired)

Week of August 25th

Garland Presbyterian Church ~ *Tim Olsen*, Commissioned Pastor
 Children of Lake Erie Pastors



4th of July

AMERICA
 BLUE
 CELEBRATE
 FIREWORKS
 FLAG
 FOURTH
 FREEDOM
 HOLIDAY
 INDEPENDENCE
 JULY
 PARADE
 PICNIC
 RED
 STARS
 STRIPES
 SUMMER
 UNITED
 WHITE

Q F V S J S F A C O F E K S Y
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JULY 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7:00 Trustees	2	3	4 <i>Office closed</i>  Happy 4th of July!	5	6 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
7 9:00 Worship	8 6:15 Session	9 6:30 Sweet Adelines	10 Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> at Akins	11 8:30 Venango Pastors at Oil City 1st	12	13 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
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AUGUST 2019



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				1	2	3 10:00 ~ 3:00 <i>Missionfest</i>
4 9:00 Worship ~ <i>Pine Valley Boys</i>	5 2:00 CLAW 7:00 Trustees	6 6:30 Sweet Adelines	7 Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> at Valley Dairy 1:30 Deacons	8 8:30 Venango Pastors at Oil City 1st	9	10 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
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