

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



# *SONSHINE NEWSLETTER*

## *September 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.*

**FROM THE SESSION**

***ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION July 8, 2019:***

1. Approved the minutes of the June 10, 2019 Session meeting.
2. Approved the Financial Secretary's Report for the period ending June 30, 2019, the checking account summary for June, 2019, and the Treasurer's Report for June, 2019.
3. Voted to give \$100 to the Rocky Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

***ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION August 12, 2019:***

1. Approved the minutes of the July 8, 2019 Session meeting.
2. Approved the Financial Secretary's Report for the period ending July 31, 2019, the checking account summary for July, 2019, and the Treasurer's Report for July, 2019.
3. Voted to give the small, short-leg tables located in the garage to Grace Learning Center.
4. Voted to replace the red doors at the side of the Church rather than try to repair them.



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.



*September Birthdays*

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 8 Linda Zeller      | 19 Paige Winder   |
| 11 Theodore Feather | 24 Grace Gibbons  |
| 14 Janet Bish       | 26 Lillian Songer |
| 14 Scott Donaldson  |                   |



**Servants for SEPTEMBER**

**Hospital Visits:** Linda Zeller & Doris Feather

**Worship Leader:**

1 Diane Whitman
8 Lois Pierce
15 Rhonda Rust
22 Diane Whitman
29 Lois Pierce

**Offering Recorders:**

1 Lois Pierce & Diane Whitman
8 Diane Whitman & Lois Pierce
15 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen
22 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen
29 Diane Whitman & another Elder

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The Missions & Outreach Ministry Team is again planning to make up gift bags for our shut-ins and residents of nursing homes so that a small gift might be opened each day of the “12 days of Christmas.” We will be needing items such as 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.) Some items are left over from last year; thus, **this year monetary donations only are requested**, and Missions members will purchase the needed items. Thank you in advance for your contributions, which may be mailed to the office or placed in the offering plate Sunday mornings. Checks should be labeled as “12 days...” and cash placed in a “pew envelope” labeled with “12 days...”; either may be given directly to Rhonda Rust, Joyce Wetjen or Linda Zeller.

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More Facts about September!

According to the Georgian calendar, September is the ninth month. But, on the Roman calendar, it was the seventh month. September has had 29 days, and 31 days; but, since the time of the emperor Augustus, it has had only 30 days. The Autumn Equinox is September 22.

September Gemstone: Sapphire  
 September Flower: Morning Glory

More people are born in September than any other month!



# Word Search

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| A | H | R | O | A | T | L | X | U | K | A | O | F | M | A |
| L | N | S | Y | G | N | I | D | N | E | Z | I | F | A | L |
| L | Y | P | P | H | R | O | C | T | L | A | B | O | R | P |

Created by Sue Lindquist  
Great Parks Herald 2012

See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.  
 The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

|              |            |              |              |
|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. LABOR     | 5. WORK    | 9. SUMMER    | 13. AMERICAN |
| 2. DAY       | 6. LONG    | 10. NATIONAL | 14. MONDAY   |
| 3. HOLIDAY   | 7. WEEKEND | 11. USA      | 15. DAY      |
| 4. SEPTEMBER | 8. ENDING  | 12. TRAVEL   | 16. OFF      |

## **MISSIONFEST 2019 REPORT**

The Missions & Outreach Ministry Team wishes to thank each and every one who contributed in any way to the success of Missionfest 2019.

### **Missionfest 2019 proceeds:**

|                                                          |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>GARAGE SALE</b>                                       | <b>\$ 584.60</b>   |
| <b>PRIZE DRAWING</b> (\$368 less \$25 for permit)        | <b>343.00</b>      |
| <b>FOOD &amp; DRINKS</b> (\$170 less \$17.25 for donuts) | <b>152.75</b>      |
| <b>CONGREGATIONAL GIVING &amp; DONATIONS</b>             | <b>240.00</b>      |
| <b>PINE VALLEY BOYS LOVE OFFERING</b>                    | <b>88.00</b>       |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</b> (includes love offering)   | <b>(135.00)</b>    |
| <b>NET PROFIT TOTAL</b>                                  | <b>\$ 1,273.35</b> |
| <b>2018 DESIGNATED FOR 2019 START UP</b>                 | <b>80.69</b>       |
| <b>TOTAL PROCEEDS FOR DISTRIBUTION</b>                   | <b>\$ 1,354.04</b> |
| <b>FUTURE WORK TRIPS</b>                                 | <b>(122.04)</b>    |
| <b>RECIPIENT DISTRIBUTION</b>                            | <b>\$ 1232.00</b>  |

### **Distribution to recipients as follows:**

|                                                          |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>ABC Life Center</b>                                   | <b>\$ 112.00</b>   |
| <b>Child Evangelism Fellowship</b>                       | <b>\$ 112.00</b>   |
| <b>Grace Learning Center</b>                             | <b>\$ 224.00</b>   |
| <b>Mustard Seed Missions</b>                             | <b>\$ 224.00</b>   |
| <b>Presbyterian World Mission ~ Josh Heikkila</b>        | <b>\$ 112.00</b>   |
| <b>Seneca Hills Bible Camp &amp; Retreat Center</b>      | <b>\$ 112.00</b>   |
| <b>United World Missions ~ Robert &amp; Nina Bruneau</b> | <b>\$ 224.00</b>   |
| <b>Venango Youth for Christ</b>                          | <b>\$ 112.00</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                             | <b>\$ 1,232.00</b> |

This is the last year that we will be holding Missionfest due to declining health of so many of our people. Thanks to all who have helped in any way 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 September gathering, hosted by **Rhonda Rust**, will be on **September 4<sup>th</sup>** at **Amazing Foods, 1327 Elk Street, Franklin**. Make you reservation by contacting Rhonda at 437-2831, 671-7868 or the church office – 432-4162 by September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The October gathering will be on **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** with **Judy Ream** as hostess.

### **Women's Prayer Breakfast**

The monthly Women's Prayer Breakfast at Linda Lou's Restaurant on the third Saturday morning has been discontinued. It was good while it lasted!

### **Cancellation**

**SPUD BAR DINNER** scheduled for Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, has been cancelled.

### **2019 PER CAPITA**

Now that half of the year has come and gone, 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 per capita amount per member is \$31.50 (\$20.25 goes to Presbytery of Lake Erie, \$2.30 goes to Synod and \$8.95 goes to General Assembly). If you have not done so already, please pay your 2019 per capita at your earliest convenience.

**Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for September**

**Week of September 1<sup>st</sup>**

Polk Presbyterian Church  
*Rev. Larry Myers*, Temporary Supply Pastor

*Rev. Craig Cashdollar* (Honorably Retired)

**Week of September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Fairview Presbyterian Church  
*Rev. Emily Zeig Lindsey*, Pastor

*Rev. Dale Francis* (Honorably Retired)

**Week of September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Harmonsburg Presbyterian Church

*Rev. George Johnson* (Honorably Retired)

**Week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

New Hope Presbyterian Church, Erie  
*Rev. Charlie McClung*, Pastor

Ghana Partnership

**Week of September 29<sup>th</sup>**

Tionesta Presbyterian Church

*Rev. Susan Speakman*  
*Rev. John Dyke* (Honorably Retired)

**OVER THE YEARS:**

As is evidenced by the following listing of net profits, Missionfest has had its ups and downs over the years. We praise God for the abundance He has afforded us, so that we have been able to help in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1984 - \$724.31   | 2002 - \$4,540.12     |
| 1985 - \$850.00   | 2003 - \$3,467.11     |
| 1986 - \$1,825.00 | 2004 – NO MISSIONFEST |
| 1987 - \$1,400.00 | 2005 – NO MISSIONFEST |
| 1988 - \$1,930.00 | 2006 - \$3,914.60     |
| 1989 - \$2,305.00 | 2007 – 5,091.65       |
| 1990 - \$2,538.11 | 2008 - \$4,315.63     |
| 1991 - \$3,583.22 | 2009 - \$4,378.77     |
| 1992 - \$4,691.52 | 2010 - \$5,427.06     |
| 1993 - \$5,823.54 | 2011 - \$5,036.04     |
| 1994 - \$6,022.07 | 2012 - \$5,865.30     |
| 1995 - \$7,003.64 | 2013 - \$5,796.42     |
| 1996 - \$5,981.18 | 2014 - \$4,046.10     |
| 1997 - \$7,733.53 | 2015 - \$2,918.61     |
| 1998 - \$6,737.21 | 2016 - \$2,391.46     |
| 1999 - \$6,534.59 | 2017 - \$2,351.21     |
| 2000 - \$4,546.39 | 2018 - \$1,492.26     |
| 2001 - \$5,982.53 | 2019 - \$1,273.35     |

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***Facts about September!***

The definition of a Harvest Moon is: the full moon closest to the fall equinox. The Harvest Moon was thus named because it rises within a half-hour of when the sun sets. In early days, when farmers had no tractors, it was essential that they work by the light of the moon to bring in the harvest.

This moon is the fullest moon of the year. When you gaze at it, it looks very large and gives a lot of light throughout the entire night. No other lunar spectacle is as awesome as the Harvest Moon.



# September 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 7:00 Trustees 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice	<b>5</b> Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> @ <i>Amazing Foods</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>8</b> 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts ~ <i>Court of Honor</i>	<b>9</b> 6:15 Session	<b>10</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00 <i>Rehearsal</i>	<b>14</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 2:30 Jolley/Wolfgang Wedding
<b>15</b> 9:00 Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>22</b> 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	<b>25</b> 6:30 Missions meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>29</b> 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	<b>30</b>					

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