

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



# Sonshine Newsletter

## October 2019

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***"Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus' Name"***

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**Sunday 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 OF SESSION – SEPTEMBER 16, 2019:**

1. Approved the minutes of the August 12, 2019 Session meeting.
2. Approved the Financial Secretary's Report for the period ending August 31, 2019, the checking account summary for August, 2019, and the Treasurer's Report for August, 2019.
3. Voted to replace all of the side doors next to the parking lot and install locks on those doors and the handicapped entrance door with the same key, if possible.
4. Approved placing a four-line ad in the Oil Region Alliance Guide at the cost of \$50.
5. Agreed to invite the Deacons to the next Session meeting.

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### **2018 PER CAPITA**

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 2019 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 per capita at your earliest convenience.

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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.

## **Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for October**

### **Week of October 6th**

Franklin First Presbyterian Church  
*Rev. Barry Jenkins*, Pastor

Spouses of Lake Erie Pastors

### **Week of October 13th**

Port Allegany Presbyterian Church  
*Garen Smith*, Commissioned Pastor

*Rev. Bill Mills* (Honorably Retired)

### **Week of October 20th**

Warren First Presbyterian Church  
*Rev. Rebecca Taylor*, Pastor

*Rev. Hydie Houston* (Honorably Retired)

### **Week of October 27th**

Hartstown Presbyterian Church

*Rev. George Espy* (Honorably Retired)

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***Congratulations!*** *Scott and Nancy Donaldson became grandparents to a new baby boy on July 4, 2019! Their youngest son, Neil, and his wife, Jenna, blessed them with Lenan Patrick Donaldson! The big boy weighed in at 9 # 3 oz. All are doing well; they survived the move to their new home in Cyclone, PA!*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC**

### **Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Youthful Spirits ~ Noon**

Members and friends of RGAPC gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month (except for January and February)! The next gathering will be *October 2<sup>nd</sup>*. **Make your reservation with Mike Burkhardt ~ 673-4460 ~ by Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**. We will be traveling to **Bob Evans, 27 Kimberly Lane, Cranberry, PA.**

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### **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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#### **Note of Thanks**

The family of Willard Burns would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers after the death of Willard. Thank you, Lois



### *October Birthdays*

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| 7  | Stacy Smith    | 22 | Pam Viele     |
| 8  | Toby Aikins    | 23 | Diane Whitman |
| 9  | Judy Ream      | 25 | Anne Brandt   |
| 13 | Joyce Riddle   | 30 | Pam Baughman  |
| 15 | Larry Baughman |    |               |

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### **Servants for OCTOBER**

<u><b>Hospital Visits:</b></u>	Diane Whitman & Phyllis Vogan
<u><b>Worship Leader:</b></u>	6 Rhonda Rust
	13 Pastor Rachel Johns
	20 Lois Pierce
	27 Rhonda Rust

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*Don't forget! Turn your clocks back  
Saturday night, November 2<sup>nd</sup>!*



# October 2019



| SUNDAY                                                         | MONDAY                                                                   | TUESDAY                                          | WEDNESDAY                                                                                         | THURSDAY                                                              | FRIDAY                                                              | SATURDAY                                      |
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|                                                                |                                                                          | <b>1</b><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines Practice  | <b>2</b><br><b>Noon</b> <i>Youthful Spirits</i><br>@ Bob Evans (Cranberry)<br><b>1:30</b> Deacons | <b>3</b>                                                              | <b>4</b>                                                            | <b>5</b><br><b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous  |
| <b>6</b><br><b>9:00</b> Worship ~<br><i>World Communion</i>    | <b>7</b><br><b>7:00</b> Trustees                                         | <b>8</b><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines Practice  | <b>9</b>                                                                                          | <b>10</b><br><b>8:30</b> Venango pastors meet @ OC First Presbyterian | <b>11</b>                                                           | <b>12</b><br><b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous |
| <b>13</b><br><b>9:00</b> Worship<br><b>5:30</b> Boy Scouts     | <b>14</b><br><b>6:15</b> Session/Deacons<br><i>Columbus Day observed</i> | <b>15</b><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines practice | <b>16</b>                                                                                         | <b>17</b>                                                             | <b>18</b>                                                           | <b>19</b><br><b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous |
| <b>20</b><br><b>9:00</b> Worship<br><i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i> | <b>21</b>                                                                | <b>22</b><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines practice | <b>23</b><br><b>6:30</b> Missions                                                                 | <b>24</b>                                                             | <b>25</b>                                                           | <b>26</b><br><b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous |
| <b>27</b><br><b>9:00</b> Worship<br><b>5:30</b> Boy Scouts     | <b>28</b>                                                                | <b>29</b><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines practice | <b>30</b>                                                                                         | <b>31</b>                                                             | <i>Don't forget to "fall back" on Saturday, November 2, 2019!!!</i> |                                               |

*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.*