

# *SONSHINE NEWSLETTER*

*November 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 – *October 14, 2019:*

1. Approved the minutes of the September 16, 2019 Session meeting.
2. Approved the Financial Secretary's Report for the period ending September 30, 2019, the checking account summary for September, 2019, and the Treasurer's Report for September, 2019.
3. Ratified the vote of the Deacons to require two persons to be authorized to sign checks, but only one signature required.
4. Approved the combination of Deacons and Congregational Life and Worship Committee as of January 1, 2020 with Deacons being disbanded as a separate board of the Church understanding that the Deacons' Fund will remain autonomous.
5. Scheduled the Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting for November 17, 2019.
6. Approved the Church Secretary's request for October 15, 2019 as a vacation day.
7. Approved the request of personnel at Rocky Grove High School for teachers to use our parking lot on October 24, 2019 because the school is hosting an event on their property.

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**ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 5, 2019**

*Don't forget to vote. Your vote does count!*

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## *November Birthdays*

1	Ellen Gierlach	23	Oliver Feather (2011)
9	Gene Sheffer	23	Arika Songer
10	Margaret Wielandt	26	Todd Wetjen
11	Joan Partridge	27	Joyce Wetjen

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## SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER

**Hospital Visits:** Judy Ream & Joyce Wetjen

**Worship Leaders:** **3** Pastor Rachel Johns  
**10** Lois Pierce  
**17** Rhonda Rust  
**24** Pastor Rachel Johns

You might have noticed that "Offering Recorders" are no longer listed. The reason being is that the Session decided to have the "financial people" conduct the count. Therefore, Joyce Wetjen, Financial Secretary, and Lois Pierce, Assistant Financial Secretary, have assumed the weekly task. If either of them is unavailable, Rhonda Rust as Treasurer or another currently serving elder will assist.

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*If you desire to place a memorial poinsettias in the church for Christmas, forms will be available later in November. As is typical in years past payment will need to accompany the order and be submitted by Sunday, November 24, 2019. Watch bulletin for additional information.*

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**MISSIONS CORNER:**

The Missions & Outreach Ministry Team is still seeking, through December 1<sup>st</sup>, monetary donations in order to purchase gifts for our shut-ins and residents of nursing homes to open on each day of the “**12 Days of Christmas.**” Items will be wrapped and delivered in time for the first day of the *12 Days of Christmas* ~ December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please place your donation in the offering plate or mail to the office. Thank you very much!

Please be aware that *Christmas Joy Offering* will be received during Advent, December 1<sup>st</sup> through Christmas Eve, again this year.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC**

**Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Youthful Spirits**

Men and women gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun at Amazing Foods, 1327 Elk Street on *November 6, 2019*. Make your reservation with this month’s host, Judy Ream, by November 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!! Watch for information on the next gathering set for December 4<sup>th</sup>, which will be hosted by Lois Pierce.

**Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> - Hanging of the Greens**

Join in the fun of decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. It all starts at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The more the merrier!

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**Congregation/Corporation Meeting - November 17, 2019**

The Session has set November 17<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Congregation & Corporation meeting. The minutes of the last congregational meeting and the proposal to combine Deacons and Congregational Life and Worship Committee as of January 1, 2020 will be presented for approval. (Deacons being disbanded as a separate board of the Church with the understanding that the Deacons’ Fund will remain autonomous.) Also, the 2020 budget approved by Session and the slate of officer nominations will be presented; additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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**As of this publication, a Christmas Dinner has not been planned. If you would like to see this traditional event continue and are willing to help with planning and organizing it, contact Lois Pierce ~ 437-3653.**



# NOVEMBER 2019



| SUNDAY                                                                                                   | MONDAY                                        | TUESDAY                                             | WEDNESDAY                                                                | THURSDAY                                                                                                                   | FRIDAY                                                                                                                            | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                                              |
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|                                                                                                          |                                               |                                                     |                                                                          |                                                                                                                            | <b>1</b>                                                                                                                          | <b>2</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>3</b> <i>Daylight Saving Time ends &amp; Standard Time returns</i><br>9:00 Worship<br>5:30 Boy Scouts | <b>4</b><br>2:00 CLAW<br>7:00 Trustees        | <b>5</b> <b>ELECTION DAY</b><br>6:30 Sweet Adelines | <b>6</b><br>NOON – <i>Amazing Foods</i><br>YOUTHFUL SPIRITS              | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>8</b>                                                                                                                          | <b>9</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>10</b><br>9:00 Worship                                                                                | <b>11</b> <i>Veterans Day</i><br>6:15 Session | <b>12</b><br>6:30 Sweet Adelines                    | <b>13</b>                                                                | <b>14</b><br>8:30 Venango Pastors meet at Oil City 1 <sup>st</sup>                                                         | <b>15</b>                                                                                                                         | <b>16</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                                                                                                |
| <b>17</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 <i>Corporation/ Congregational meeting</i>                            | <b>18</b>                                     | <b>19</b><br>6:30 Sweet Adelines                    | <b>20</b><br><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b><br>1:30 Deacons<br>6:30 Missions | <b>21</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                         | <b>23</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous<br>10:00 Presbytery meeting at Elmwood (Erie)                                                                                  |
| <b>24</b><br><i>Christ the King Sunday</i><br>9:00 Worship – Communion                                   | <b>25</b>                                     | <b>26</b><br>6:30 Sweet Adelines                    | <b>27</b>                                                                | <b>28</b><br><br><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> | <b>29</b><br><i>December Sunshine Newsletter available:</i><br><a href="http://www.rockygrovepres.org">www.rockygrovepres.org</a> | <b>30</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous<br>10:00 <i>Hanging of the Greens</i><br> |

*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.*