

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



SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

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“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
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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 1:00 p.m.



October Birthdays

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

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for October

Week of October 4th

Franklin First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Barry Jenkins, Pastor

5 Congregations of Bolgatanga and Wa Districts,
Upper Northern Presbytery (Ghana)

Week of October 11th

Port Allegany Presbyterian Church
Garen Smith, Commissioned Pastor

Rev. Bill Mills (Honorably Retired)

Week of October 18th

Warren First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Rebecca Taylor, Pastor

Rev. Hydrie Houston (Honorably Retired)

Week of October 25th

Meadville Redeemer Presbyterian Church
Rev. Tim Solomon, Temporary Supply Pastor

Rev. George Espy (Honorably Retired)



Servants for October

Recorders: Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

Worship Leaders:

4 Pastor Rachel Johns
11 Lois Pierce
18 Rhonda Rust
25 Pastor Rachel Johns



If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, please contact the church office (432-4162). You will want to advise the office 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.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Q. What is a pumpkin's favorite sport?

A. Squash!



*Don't forget! Turn your clocks back
Saturday night, October 31st!*



We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Norma Aiken, who was called home on Monday, September 7, 2020. Norma had been a member of RGAPC since May 30, 1999, and had served as a Deacon for a term from 2003 to 2005 during which she helped with funeral luncheons.

We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Toby Aikins, who was called home on Wednesday, September 16, 2020. Ray and Toby had attended RGAPC for a number of years and remained friends of our church through activities, especially as faithful participants in "Youthful Spirits" monthly luncheons and Missionfest as contributors and attendees. Toby will be sorrowfully missed.

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### FUN FACTS ABOUT OCTOBER

The **name of the month of October** comes from the Latin "octō", meaning "eight", because in the Roman calendar October was the eight month of the year. With the adding of January and February at the beginning of the calendar after the Julian calendar reform, October became the tenth month of the year, as we know it today.

The **birthstones** for October are the tourmaline and the opal. Tourmalines display a wide spectrum of colors, such as yellow, pink, blue, red, green, black or brown and they are believed to help you stay calm under pressure, bring peace and tranquility and defeat emotions like anger and jealousy. Opals exhibit different colors (green, white, yellow, blue, pink etc.) depending on the conditions under which they were created. Opal gemstones are believed to cure eye infections, strengthen memory, calm nerves and enhance creativity.

The **traditional flower** of the month of October is the calendula, symbolizing comfort, healing, protection and grace.

## Fall Word Search



ACORN  
APPLE  
AUTUMN  
CHESTNUTS  
CHILLY  
CIDER  
COBWEB  
FALL  
FOOTBALL  
GOURD

HALLOWEEN  
HARVEST  
HAY BALE  
HAYRIDE  
LEAVES  
MAIZE  
NOVEMBER  
NUTS  
OCTOBER  
PUMPKIN

QUILT  
RAKE  
SCARECROW  
SEPTEMBER  
SLEET  
THANKSGIVING





# October 2020



| SUNDAY                        | MONDAY                                                                                                          | TUESDAY                                                 | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                                                                                                              | SATURDAY                        |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                               |                                                                                                                 |                                                         |           | 1        | 2                                                                                                                   | 3<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous  |
| 4<br>9:00 Worship ~ Communion | 5<br>7:00 Trustees meet                                                                                         | 6<br>6:30 Sweet Adelines                                | 7         | 8        | 9                                                                                                                   | 10<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| 11<br>9:00 Worship            | 12<br>10:00 Session meets<br> | 13<br>6:30 Sweet Adelines                               | 14        | 15       | 16<br><i>World Food Day</i>                                                                                         | 17<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| 18<br>9:00 Worship            | 19                                                                                                              | 20<br>6:30 Sweet Adelines<br><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> | 21        | 22       | 23                                                                                                                  | 24<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| 25<br>9:00 Worship            | 26                                                                                                              | 27<br>6:30 Sweet Adelines                               | 28        | 29       | 30<br>November Sonshine Newsletter available:<br><a href="http://www.rockygrovepres.org">www.rockygrovepres.org</a> | 31<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |

*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.*