



BEACON

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July 2023

*Vacation
Bible School
"Jesus Holds the
Pieces Together"*

**Was A huge
success!**

**Please send a
huge shout out to
all the volunteers
who made time to
organize, teach
and help the
children through
out the week. The
children had a
blast!**

For information on services and the life of the church,
keep an eye on the following sites:

www.rehobothchurchpa.org

www.youtube.com

Rehoboth Presbyterian Church PA
www.facebook.com/rehobothchurchbellevernonpa

Pastor Don's Yarns
www.facebook.com/RehobothPresbyterianChurch/

**Zoom BIBLE STUDY CLASS will be taking a
summer break! Will re-zoom after Labor Day**

Upcoming July Schedule

July 2nd Worship/Communion 11:00am

July 7th Prayer session at 1:00 and 6:00pm

July 9th Worship 11:00am

July 16th Worship 11:00am

July 18th Bag Brigade 5:15pm

July 23rd Worship 11:00

July 30th Worship 11:00

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Kevin Huebner
- 2 – Kayla Smith
- 3 – Alicia Gerhold
- 4 – Bill Smith and Bonnie Rozic
- 5 – Nicholas Vavasori
- 7 – Luanne Zundel
Florence Orr
- 8 – Jordan Smith
- 9 – Alyssa Zenobi
- 10 – Danny Risky
- 13 – Anthony Zenobi
- 14 – Colton Lee
- 15 – Marcia Coates
- 17 – Maverick & Dylan Kefover
Liam Welsh
- 20 – Al Freet, Paula Tirpak
Tony Russell
- 21 – Eric Blevins
- 23 – Bill Orr and Sarah Risky
- 24 – Tiffany Smith & Sarah Nill
- 25 – Lyra Rose Foti
- 28 – Gavin Smoyer
- 31 – Craig Miller

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11th- Mike and Tara Posey
- 22nd- Frank and Pam Thomas
- 23rd- Dave and Patty Smith
- 31st- Chris and Karen Stasicha

PRAYER LIST

Melvin O'Bryon
Dale Nelson
Sherry Freet
Buffy Roberts
Noreen Yakich
Fran & Jul Kulwik
Gianna Smoyer
Dave Vindivich
Don Strickler
Donna Adams
Idalee Leeper
Lida Evans
Dee Alekson
Nancy Layton
Florence Orr
Diane Morgan
Cindy & Emil Hruby
Melba Jean & Jeremy Wolfe
Bill & Carolyn Smith
Derryl Smith
Sharon
Ian & Lucy Chikoti
Louetta Hayden

Dearly Departed

Helen Biksey
Gerald Stasicha

MEMORIALS

Memorials have been received and designated to:

*Rehoboth Memorial Fund in memory of:
Helen Biksey and Gerald Stasicha*

June 20, 2023 Session Highlights

Motion made by Jeff Smith, seconded, and passed that Dee Fafalios be a member of Rehoboth.

Motion made by Bill Nicholls, seconded, and passed to approve the transfer membership of Melvin O'Bryon from Sampson's Mill Presbyterian Church, White Oak, to Rehoboth Presbyterian Church.

Motion made by Bill J Smith, seconded, and passed to give the Two Cents a Meal Offering to Westmoreland County Foodbank beginning in June 2023 instead of the Presbytery Hunger Fund.

Motion made by Bill J Smith, seconded, and passed to accept with regret the resignation of Jeff Smith as treasurer, to be effective September 30, 2023.

Moderator's Report

Visitation-27 Counseling-4 Meetings-16 Class-3 Events-9 Continuing Education-2

Meet Dee Fafalios, membership

Zoom Bible Study Summer Break

Smoke detector problem on second floor of Educational Building

Second floor door of hallway of Educational Building bangs shut with potential glass breakage.

Motion made by Bill J Smith, seconded, and passed for Pine Springs Camp Board to use the upstairs fellowship room for meetings on September 28, 2023 and November 30, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

An eighteen inch Edgestar dishwasher (\$499.00 on sale) has been purchased from Lowe's for the Manse that includes a three year warranty and a connection kit for a total of \$666.29.

New stationary laundry tubs have been replaced in the Manse basement thanks to Dean Rippel and Bill Nicholls.

Building and Maintenance is considering having a camera system used to scope out potential septic system issues at the Manse and the church as recommended by Steve Manack.

Ken Amrick spoke with the Fire Fighter Company. The company has the compressor, but it doesn't want to install it until it has a dedicated circuit installed. Bill Nicholls will contact Frank Lopez to install the circuit.

Motion made by Dean Rippel, seconded, and passed to approve the Sunday School Forms submitted by Carolyn Smith, Christian Education Committee, for Parental and Teacher Input.

Motion made by Bill J Smith, seconded, and passed for the local mission project of Vacation Bible School to be Rehoboth Church Security Upgrades with the donations placed in the capital fund.

Motion made by Dean Rippel, seconded, and passed to approve continuing ZOOM for one year at the current rate with the funds taken from the software budget.

Door lock installations in the classroom area will be installed by Ken Amrick and Ed Moore. The materials are purchased.

Motion made by Bill Nicholls, seconded, and passed to automatically pay bills online for the dumpster, copier, telephone, internet, and credit cards.

After a lengthy discussion no action was taken at this time to change the organist and custodian salaried positions from a W-2 to a 1099 contract. The administrative assistant's salary is a 1099 contract.

The Session thanked Beverly Reeb for her tireless work with the Program Committee.

DEACONS REPORT FOR JUNE 20TH, 2023

PRESENT: Betty Rae Smith, Carolyn Clark, Penny Moon, Nikki Samoda, Donald Glunt

DEVOTIONS: Penny Moon

MEETING MINUTES: Penny Moon

TREASURER'S REPORT: Carolyn Clark

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bag Brigade: will donate peanut butter cups through the summer months.
2. Vendor Show: Scheduled for October 7th.
3. Basket with samples in place for Samaritan's Purse "Christmas in July" list of items needed is available.
4. Church picnic will be Sunday August 27th. Covered dish with Deacon's providing hot dogs, hamburgers, and buns.
5. Received thank you for the memorial for Carolyn Clark's mother Kitty from Terri, City Mission and the church.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Need to send memorial to church for Chris Stasicha's grandmother, Helen Biksey and Chris Stasicha's father Gerald Stasicha.
2. Pine Springs Camp, adopt a summer staffer, Carolyn will contact for the name of the individual that we will be supporting.
3. Brian Orr contacted Betty Rae and asked the Deacons not to send cards or home touch and not to visit with either Florence Orr or Jim Orr.

DONATIONS:

- 1) Westmoreland County Food Bank \$150
- 2) Graduates \$50
- 3) Mission Trip Crossroads Ministry/Library Church \$200 to help support the McNee Family.
- 4) Blanket Sunday – match collected offering
- 5) Pine Springs Staffer \$200

Prayer requests were offered and Pastor Don closed with prayer.

Next meeting Sept 7th, Janine to have devotions.

THthankyou!**U!**

Thank you to all the volunteers for the Vacation Bible School! Everyone who helped organize, teach, assisted teachers and for everyone who helped inspire all the children! The children learned so much and enjoyed all the activities.

Redstone @PSC

Joint Worship Service and Fellowship Picnic!

Join us as a congregation, as families or as individuals in this celebration of the earliest ministry at camp on July 16th at 10:00am. Calvin C. Hays Log Chapel Pine Springs Camp!

Bring your lawn chairs for outdoor seating

Let us know how many will be joining in order to plan for food.

RSVP- Presbytery Center 724-837-6737 or secretary@redstonepresbytery.org

Christmas in July

Come Join Our Vendor/Craft Show

July 29th from 9:30 to 2:00

At the First Presbyterian Church in Belle Vernon

501 Fayette Avenue

Tables are still available for vendors.

Please call 724-929-7616

Summer

PINE SPRINGS SUMMER STAFF –

Our summer staffer is Ashley Ewing, and we are asking the congregation to pray for her and the other staff at Pine Springs. Ashley is a student at Grove City College working as a camp counselor. The Deacons will be sending Ashley a care package in July and are asking the congregation to please send cards of encouragement throughout the summer (until August 9th).

Cards can be sent to:

Ashley Ewing
Pine Springs Camp
c/o Maddy Duffield
P.O. Box 186
Jennerstown, PA 15547



Pastor's Corner

June is known as a favorite month to become a bride. The month is named after the Roman goddess of marriage, Juno. It was believed during Roman times that a marriage during June would ensure a happy household and family. This is a nice sentiment; however, it is based on faith in an idol granting one their heart's desire. Any source put before God is an idol. Regardless of our best wishes and intentions, idols have no power to grant our desires. It is not surprising then, that these are so often not fulfilled. The Word of God has much to say about Brides, Bridegrooms, and marriage. I'd like to share this word of prophecy from the Book of Isaiah 62:4, "Never again will you be called 'The Forsaken City' or 'The Desolate Land.' Your new name will be 'God's Delight' and 'The Bride of God,' for the LORD delights in you and will claim you as his bride." Isn't that a beautiful way to describe the Lord's view of us? He must love us very much, indeed. Because of this great love, Christians can confidently live in expectation of great joy both now and in the life to come. Sure, we'll have our problems, but through it all we know that we are cherished and loved beyond all imagination. The Lord views us as His very own. We are His betrothed. Remember, God's promise stands true, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, would I have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." John 14:1-3.

May your joy be made full in Christ,

Pastor Don

Please be advised that Sunday School will continue throughout the summer months.

Knowing a Bird by Its Song

Birding—or the hobby of observing birds in the wild—is often more about listening than seeing. This is because birds are often hidden in a canopy of leaves, forcing would-be bird watchers to rely on their ears to locate and identify the species around them.

To learn to recognize a bird by sound alone, birders will often associate phrases with certain calls. For example, many associate the phrase “Who cooks for you?” with the sounds made by a barred owl. This trick is a good way to learn some of the more common bird songs.

In addition, organizations such as the Cornell Lab of Ornithology maintain an online collection of recordings that allow birders to practice identifying songs in a controlled setting—and, of course, there are now apps that can be used to identify bird songs in the field.

Being able to recognize a bird song comes from repeated exposures to the myriad of chirps, tweets, and screeches that birds can emit. It takes attention, concentration, and a willingness to learn from an expert to become a true birder.

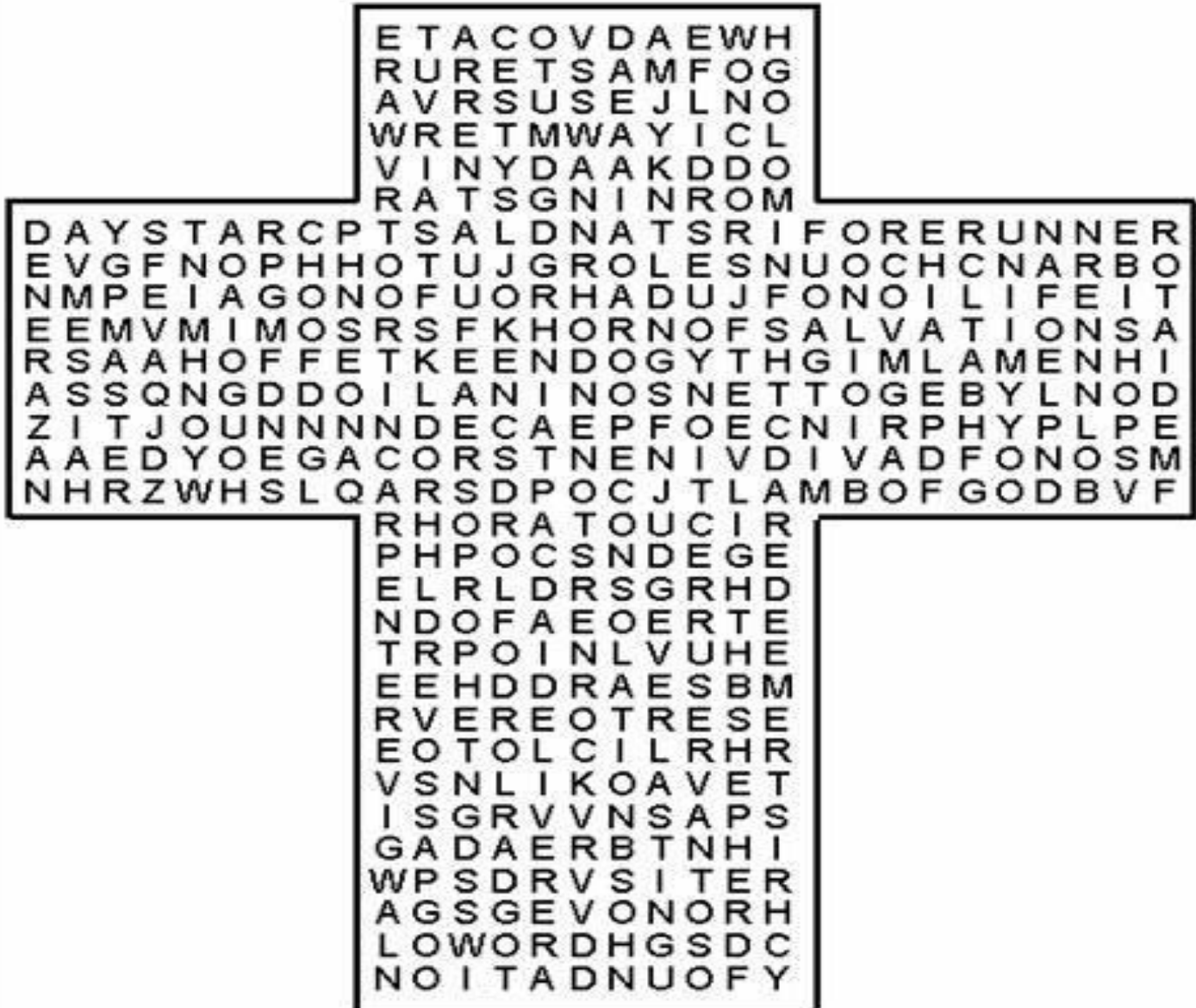
And being a Christian can sometimes feel like being a bird watcher: The focus of our attention (God) isn’t something we’re likely to see, but we can come to recognize His voice, with practice and mindfulness.

That is not to say that God will speak to us from a burning bush or on top of a mountain, as he did with Moses. He does, however, communicate with us—and we need to be able to sort out His voice from the cacophony of messages we’re bombarded with, each one professing to bring us closer to happiness or to the right choice.

Learning to recognize God’s voice comes from repeated exposure and training. That is, it comes from knowing the Bible and from learning from good, reliable teachers how to interpret what we read and what we experience as we walk with God and encounter the Holy Spirit.

Like birding, learning to truly hear God takes time and attention. It is not a casual pursuit that one can just pick up in a day. It is a lifetime of study and listening.

But Whom Do You Say That I AM?



Advocate
Almighty
Alpha and Omega
Amen
Apostle
Beloved Son
Bishop
Branch
Bread
Captain
Carpenter
Chosen
Christ
Consolation
Cornerstone
Counselor
Day Star
Deliverer

Door
Emmanuel
Everlasting
Faithful and True
First and Last
Forerunner
Foundation
Governor
Head
High Priest
Holy and Just One
Horn of Salvation
I AM
Jesus
Judge
King
King of Kings
Lamb of God

Lawgiver
Life
Light
Lion of Judah
Lord
Lord of Lords
Master
Master
Mediator
Messiah
Mighty God
Morning Star
Nazarene
Only Begotten Son
Passover
Priest
Prince of Peace
Prophet

Redeemer
Resurrection
Rock
Savior
Servant
Shepherd
Son of David
Son of God
Son of Man
Vine
Way
Wonderful
Word