



BEACON

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OCTOBER ISSUE 2023

Sunday School Teachers and Assistants for October

October 1st

Carolyn Smith & Dean Ripple

October 8th

Nikki Samoda & Becky Moore

October 15th

Rebecka & Randy Foringer

October 22nd

Rachel Maxson & Sarah Zundel

October 29th

Chris & Carter Stasicha

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/rehobothchurchbelleversonpa

Pastor Don's Yarns

www.facebook.com/RehobothPresbyterianChurch/

Upcoming October Schedule

October 1st Worship Service and Communion 11:00am
October 7th Deacons Fall Craft and Vendor Show 9:30 – 2:00pm
October 8th Worship Service 11:00am
October 15th Worship Service 11:00am
October 17th Bag Brigade 5:15pm
October 22nd Worship Service 11:00am
October 29th Worship Service 11:00am

**Zoom bible study on The Book of Romans
every Wednesday at 7:00pm**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3rd Charles J. Lee & Saylor Lee

4th Randy Foringer

13th Lori Rozik

15th Robin Foti

Marianne Turcheck

Nicole Ott

17th Elias Smith

20th Jeff Fleming

Avianna Foringer

24th Kathy Fowler

27th Joe Walker

28th Kim Fleming

29th Elizabeth Orr

Bethane Miller

31st Lida Evans

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

14th John and Rachel Zenobi

14th Branden and Robin Foti

Prayer List

Melvin O'bryon

Dale Nelson

Sherry Freet

Buffy Roberts

Noreen Yakich

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

Lou Hayden

Baby Asher

Jamie Alexander

Robert Korff

PASTOR'S CORNER

October Beacon Article

October has a rather undeserved reputation as a “spooky” month. Perhaps the fact that Halloween is at the end of the month has something to do with this characterization. Still, we should not forget that the month of October abounds with traditions, rituals, and events that testify to, and celebrate the joyful side of life.

In Germany, the celebration of Oktoberfest has brightened the smiles – while dimming the wits – of multitudes for centuries. In the United States, festivals dedicated to the harvest time are very popular. When I lived in the Ozark mountains there was an annual apple butter festival where they had the unusual practice of allowing a person to sit in a trailer filled with apple shavings for ten minutes soaking up the flavored air. The aroma was intoxicating, and the cost was only one dollar – which was a donation to charity.

Speaking of apples, did you know that the Lord sees us as the “Apple of His Eyes”? This means He views us with favor and love. Psalm 17:8 says, “Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings, O Lord.” When we come to see ourselves as the most cherished and beloved part of God’s harvest on this earth then we will begin to realize that “Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:39)

May God’s blessing be upon you this harvest season.

Pastor Don

Always Know the Way Home

One fall day when I was growing up, our Gordon setter, Katie, and I were chasing grouse from one grape vine thicket to another in the woods behind our house. I wasn't paying much attention to where I was, just following the flight of the bird and the dog that was on its scent.

Suddenly, though, I realized that I had no idea where I was. Nothing looked familiar. I was disoriented, not even sure which direction home might be in.

Fortunately, those woods weren't massive. I got myself out of that fix by walking a straight line until I came across a landmark that I recognized. But it was a sobering experience, and from that point on, I made sure that I always kept track of the general direction we'd started from so that I could find my way back.

Similarly, we need to stay grounded as we navigate life. In the woods, I now always try to be aware of where home is. In life, the Trinity (God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit) is that fixed point we should be ever mindful of.

The Psalms are filled with language that harkens back to the idea of God as a guiding light, a rock, a shepherd, and a fortress. For example, Psalm 119:105 says that God's "word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 25:4-5 asks God to: "Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. / Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long." All these images emphasize our need to rely on God as we find our way.

To do that, we must be mindful of where we are in relation to Him and the model that Jesus gave us for a life in Him. As Hebrews 12:1-2 says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Laurie Bartolotta

September 19, 2023, Session Highlights

- Motion made by Bill J Smith, seconded, and passed to give Randy Foringer CFS Bank online banking access for Rehoboth and to remove Jeff Smith from access to Rehoboth's online banking.
- Motion made by Jeff Smith, seconded, and passed to remove Jeff Smith from the Non-Corporate Resolution of Janney Montgomery Smith, and to add Randy Foringer, treasurer, to the Non-Corporate Resolution.
- **Moderator's August/September 2023 Report**
 - Visitation: 7 Counseling: 3 Funerals: 1 Meetings: 5 Events: 1 Continuing Education: 1 Vacation: 3
 - Visited: Melba Jean Wolfe, Jim Orr, Nancy and Richard Kowalkzyk, Louetta Hayden, (2), Idalee Leeper
 - Motion made by Ed Moore, seconded, and passed to pay Carol Lewis \$75.00 for playing the piano during the church service on Sunday, September 27, 2023.
 - Rev. Glunt will contact Bethanne Smith, substitute pianist first, and then Carol Lewis if Mr. Walker cannot play for a Sunday service.
 - Zoom Bible Study resumed September 13, 2023, studying Romans.
 - Bible Study Suggestion by Ed and Becky Moore to have on October 18, 2023, a one pot meal from 5:30-6:00, Chicken and Noodles, have Adult Bible Study from 6:00-7:00. Paper plates, have children's time.
 - Rev. Glunt visited with Finley Family Descendants from Seattle, Washington on September 1, 2023.
 - Rev. Glunt attended the Redstone Spiritual Formation Course, September 9, 2023.

Motion made by Ken Amrick, seconded, and passed for Continuing Education/Study Leave for Rev. Glunt below.

- September 23,24,26, 2023 Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Being a Better Pastor.
- October 9,10,11,12 Board of Pensions Seminar on Grief and Grief Counseling.
- October 14, 2023, Redstone Presbytery on Boundaries.
- November 11, 2023, Presbytery Office, Ethics in Church Leadership.
- December 9, 2023, Presbytery Office, Exegete Lesson.

Building and Maintenance Committee

- Surge Protectors on Electrical Boxes, Bill Nicholls, not completed yet.
- Salvio Heating/Air-Conditioning Unit, Bill Nicholls, work has started to replace the units from the power surge.
- Fire Fighters, Ken Amrick reported the fire suppression system is fully functioning since the power surge.
- An eighteen-inch dishwasher was installed at the Manse, on August 22, 2023, Bill Nicholls reported.
- Bill Nicholls installed a urinal flush valve in the Educational Building, Boys Restroom, First floor.

- Bill Nicholls installed the new Door Closer, second floor, Educational Building that was not working properly.
- Bill Nicholls replaced the Battery Backup for Carillon from the power surge.
- Motion made by Ken Amrick, seconded, and passed to use \$200.00 of the money donated by Vacation Bible School for security/safety to install entrance locks, all the same key in the first-floor classrooms of the Educational Building.
- Entrance to electric line needs replaced at Manse, Dean Rippel will check with someone he knows to complete the job.
- The Finance Committee will begin the budget process for 2024.
- Nominating Committee work is in progress.
- The Outreach Committee is collecting elementary age new and used books for children at Marion Elementary School.

Nursery School Report on August 16, 2023

- Approve Rebecca Reeb to be added to sign checks for Nursery School.
- Voted on T Shirt Design, price, colors to celebrate the 50th year anniversary.
- Discussed parent feedback from the survey, all great.
- Discussed safety.
- Enrollment mostly filled.
- Discussed job descriptions, cleaning.
- Discussed 50th Anniversary to sell t-shirts designed by a student, newspaper writeup, Facebook, Beacon, Bulletin, Flyers.

DEACON MINUTES

September 7, 2023

PRESENT: Betty Rae Smith, Carolyn Clark, Nikki Samoda, Jannine Blacka, Jenny O'Casek, Penny Moon, and Donald Glunt.

DEVOTIONS: Jannine Blacka

MINUTES: Penny Moon

TREASURER'S REPORT: Carolyn Clark

MAIL: Thank you's from Ashely Ewing, counselor at Pine Springs, City Mission, the McNee's for their mission trip to Ecuador, Bag Brigade, Mar's Youth Home.

Received a 'Save The Date' from Pine Springs for a Friend's Dinner for their 75th anniversary on Oct. 29 from 3:30 and 6:30.

OLD BUSINESS: Bag Brigade—have 12 boxes of Jiffy peanut butter snack cups for September. Dates for Rehoboth to pack lunches, the third Tuesday for the remainder of the year. Sept. 19th, Oct. 17th, Nov. 21st, and Dec 19th.

Vendors show Oct 7th—Carolyn and Ray Clark painted a new sign to hang in front of the church. Have 20 tables paid for. Kitchen—Betty Rae to purchase hot dogs, hamburgers, onions and donuts, Nikki—buns, Penny—Ketchup, mustard, and relish, Carolyn—water, Jenny—pop, Jannine—nachos, chips, cheese, and sauerkraut.

Samaritans Purse—items at the church, Betty Rae and Penny to go through collected items to see what we may still need.

Gift cards for high school seniors—Carter Stachia—Cal U and Andrew Foringer—WCCC.

NEW BUSINESS: Nov 5th All Saint's Day—Carolyn to check on candles.

Poinsettia's—Jenny to check on prices closer to Christmas.

Memorial—George Gerhold Sr. – father-in-law of Alicia Gerhold DOD August 20, 2023

Penny to set up group text message for the Deacon's.

DONATIONS: Bag Brigade – 18 boxes of peanut butter snack cups \$200.00

Samaritans Purse—\$300.00 for USA disasters

Westmoreland Co. food bank—\$200.00

Prayer requests offered and Don closed with prayer.

Next meeting October 5th, devotions—Carolyn Clark.



Rehoboth Deacons VENDOR & CRAFT SHOW

**Saturday, October 7
9:30 am to 2:00 pm**

The Deacons will have a Vendor and Craft Show to help support their many mission projects in the community and around the world!

There will be a Gift Basket Raffle, Bake Sale & Hamburgers & Hotdogs for sale.

Come out and start your holiday shopping. There will be painted holiday wooden items, candles, Watkins products, Tastefully Simple, purses, wreaths, jewelry, bowl cozies & other homemade items, holiday ornaments, inspirations art and many more crafts to buy.

**REHOBOTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

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**“There is always
room and
a home for all”**

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Jannine's Kidz Book Club

Bring elementary age books, new or gently used for Belle Vernon area school students.

The last day to collect books will be Sunday October 15th 2023

2 Corinthians 9:7

“God loves a cheerful giver.”

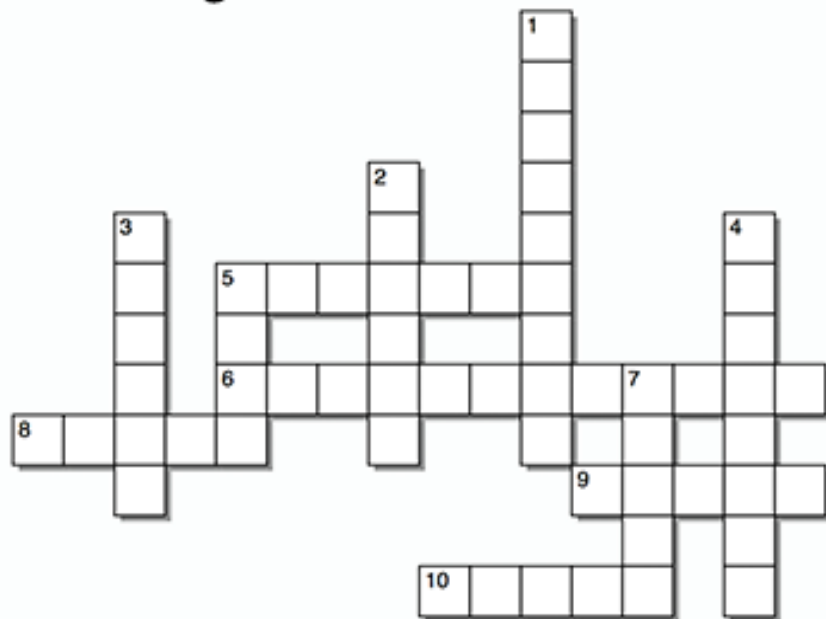


Bible Pathway Adventures

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The Way, The Truth, The Life



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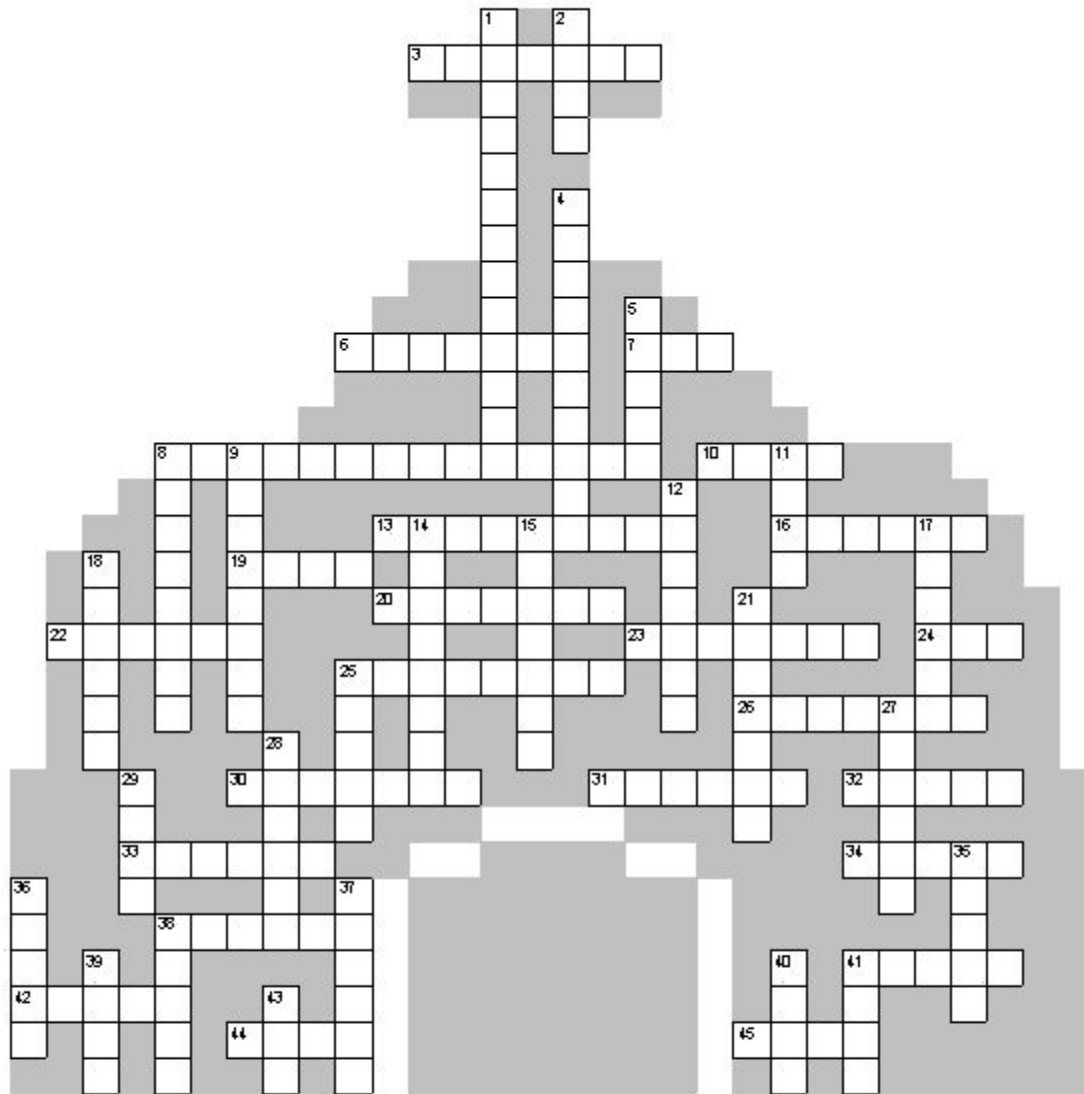
- 5) Yah is spirit and His worshipers must _____ Him in Spirit and Truth. (John 4:24)
- 6) I am the _____ and the life. He who puts faith in Me will live, even if he dies. (John 11:25)
- 8) I am the _____ of life. He who comes to Me will not be hungry... (John 6:35)
- 9) I have no greater joy than to hear my children walk in the _____. (3 John 1)
- 10) The Word became _____ and He lived among us. (John 1:14)

DOWN

- 1) If you hold to My teaching, you are really My _____. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8)
- 2) _____ is the promised Messiah. (HINT: Jesus' Hebrew name)
- 3) I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the _____, except through Me. (John 14:6)
- 4) God so loved the world that He gave His only _____ Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)
- 5) Never take your _____ of truth from my mouth... (Psalm 119:43)
- 7) Your righteousness is everlasting and Your _____ is truth. (Psalm 119:142)



People of the Bible



Across

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| 3. Title of the kings of Egypt | 31. Thrown into the lion's den |
| 6. Deceives Samson | 32. Swallowed up by a great fish |
| 7. First woman | 33. Jacob's eldest son |
| 8. Builder of Babylon; takes Jerusalem captive | 34. A shepherd boy who God chooses to be King |
| 10. First man | 38. Destroys Jericho |
| 13. Father of John the Baptist | 41. Betrays the Christ |
| 16. Queen who helped Mordecai save the Jews | 42. Led the Israelites out of Egypt |
| 19. Brother of Jesus | 44. Built an ark |
| 20. A prophetess and judge of Israel | 45. Marries Boaz |
| 22. Aaron's sister who leads a victory song | |
| 23. Called out of his tomb | |
| 24. Afflicted by Satan | |
| 25. Saul's son; loved by David | |
| 26. Paul's young "son in the faith" | |
| 30. A king known for his wisdom | |

Down

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| 1. First to see the risen Christ | 27. A doubtful one |
| 2. Killed Abel | 28. Mary's husband |
| 4. The handwriting was on his wall | 28. Had a coat of many colors |
| 5. A fisherman who walked on water | 29. Mother of Jesus |
| 8. Cupbearer to Artaxerxes I; rebuilds Jerusalem's wall | 35. The promised son of Abraham |
| 9. Jacob's youngest son | 36. Ruth's mother-in-law |
| 11. First murder victim | 37. Lazarus' busy sister |
| 12. Son of Abraham and Hagar | 38. The Christ; the Son of God and Savior of the world |
| 14. One of the three who survived the fiery furnace | 39. Hairy hunter who sold his birthright |
| 15. Father of the faith | 40. First king of Israel |
| 17. Was transported into heaven in a chariot of fire | 41. Wrote the Book of Revelations |
| 18. Brought Nathanael to Christ | 43. Abraham's nephew; his wife turned to a pillar of salt |
| 21. A tax collector who became an apostle and an author of the gospel | |
| 25. Wrestles with an angel | |