



BEACON

442 REHOBOTH ROAD
ROSTRAVER TWP., PA 15012
724-929-7020

June 2023

Vacation

Bible School

*“Jesus Holds the
Pieces Together”*

June 26 – June 30

9-11:30AM

Preschool to 6th Grade

All are Welcome!

*Registration packets are
being mailed to previous
attendees.*

*To register a new attendee
click link on church website,
print out form and mail to
Rehoboth Church
442 Rehoboth Road
Rostraver Twp., PA 15012*

*For more information
call the church office at
724-929-7020*

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/

Zoom BIBLE STUDY CLASS will be held

Wednesday evenings at 7 PM.

All are welcome!

Meeting ID 82089467004 Password 15012

UPCOMING JUNE SCHEDULE

June 1	Deacon's meeting 6pm
June 4	Pentacost, Graduation Sunday 11 am Strawberry Social following worship
June 11	Worship 11 am
June 18	Blanket Sunday 11am
June 20	Bag Brigade 5:15 Session meeting 7pm
June 25	Worship 11
June 26	Vacation bible school 26-30



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Tina Blevins
- 2 – Amy Nash
- 4 – Carol Lewis
- 5 – Adam Bell
- 6 – Andrew Foringer
Morgan Posey
- 7 – Nicholas Walsh
- 9 – Maverick Reeb
- 14 – Heidi Sanner
Sydney Welsh
- 17 – John Zenobi
- 19 – Ray Clark
- 21 – Dee Alekson
- 26 – Becky Moore
- 30 – Kylie Gerhold
Bill Welsh

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Kim & John Garber
- 5 – Adam & Shannon Bell
- 7 – Eric & Tina Blevins
- 10 – Fred & Amy Flower
- 15 – Richard & Diane Lapinski
- 22 – Randy & Rebekah Foringer
Bill & Carolyn Smith
Ed & Becky Moore
- 26 – Chris & Becca Reeb
- 28 – Eric & Joyce Bell

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

Katherine M. Bennett

MEMORIALS

Memorials have been received and designated to:
*Rehoboth Memorial Fund in memory of:
Katherine M. Bennett*

**A Special Thank you to all the Christian Education Teachers and Assistants !
You're the BEST! Sunday School will resume in October!**

Session Highlights May 15, 2023

- After devotions by Rev. Glunt, the Session had a meet and greet with Elizabeth Rutter, our new administrative assistant.
- Motion made by Dean Rippel, seconded, and passed to accept Elizabeth Rutter, the position of administrative assistant, as a contracted hybrid employee with a starting salary of \$500.00/month, beginning on May 17, 2023.
- **Jeff Smith, Treasurer, Financial Report** for \$2023 Rehoboth is in the hole for \$8500.00, Rehoboth needs \$2900.00/week to break even. With fundraisers Rehoboth can break even if the fundraiser made \$2000.00/month. Electric bill has gone down. Rehoboth has up to two years to recognize problems caused by the power surge. Rehoboth's insurance deductible is \$2500.00.
- **Moderator's April Report:** Visitation: 18, Counseling: 5, Meetings: 8, Class: 3, Events: 7, Continuing Education:
- Motion made by Justin Walsh, seconded, and passed to re-assemble the choir in September.
- Resumption of passing the peace.
- Ed Moore volunteered to attend the May 23, 2023 meeting from 6:00-9:00 PM at Ebensburg Presbyterian Church via ZOOM.
- **Building and Maintenance**
 1. Surge Protectors on Electrical Boxes, work in progress, Bill Nicholls
 2. Salvio Heating/Air-Conditioning Unit, waiting for parts, Bill Nicholls
 3. Fire Suppression System, waiting for compressor to come in, Ken Amrick May be higher priced than \$1750.00 price quoted. Presently, the sanctuary is unprotected; all other parts of the building are protected.
 4. Eighteen inch dishwasher will be purchased for the Manse Considering an EdgeStar Front Control 18 inch, white, \$559.00 at Lowe's, on sale for \$499.00.
 4. Motion made by Dean Rippel, seconded, and passed to purchase with warranty an 18 inch dishwasher with a maximum spending amount of \$1200.00 to include plumbing and installation with the money taken from the Manse Fund.
 5. Stationary Laundry Tub in Manse basement needs replaced, Dean Rippel and Bill Nicholls working to replace the tub and repair the slow drainage problem with the washing machine.
- **Finance Committee**
 1. Manual for treasurer's position is in the process of being written by Jeff Smith.
 2. Jeff Smith will review the church policy of workman's compensation and general liability.
- **Personnel Committee**
 1. Thank you to personnel committee for its work finding an administrative assistant.
- **Christian Education**
 1. Working on planning Vacation Bible School.
 2. Encouraged church members to volunteer to help at Vacation Bible School.
- **Program Committee**
 1. Motion made by Bill J. Smith, seconded, and passed to approve a Sunflower Wreath Making Class, taught by Sally Finley Nicholls and Patty Finley Perfetti, June 15 at 6:00 P.M. in room next to sanctuary at a cost of \$30.00/person.
 2. Advertising campaign committee will meet to discuss how to better advertise our church.
- Debi Buza, Beverly Reeb, and Sally Finley Nicholls will meet. More volunteers are needed.
- **3. Nursery School Report**
 1. Request for safety materials and supplies to keep our Nursery School safe with an estimated cost of \$2500.00-\$3500.00 with Nursery School contributing whatever it can.
 2. Motion made by Ken Amrick, seconded, and passed for Ken Amrick and Ed Moore to install four slide locks in the Educational Building at a cost of \$100.00 with money taken from the general fund.
 3. We have two upcoming fundraisers, too.
 4. Doing a T-Shirt fundraiser for 50th Anniversary of our Nursery School next year that will run to the end of the school year.
 5. A.L.I.C.E. information and safety discussed with Ken and Marilyn Amrick.
 6. Carnival May 6, 2023 with vendor show.
- **Clerk of Session Report**
 1. Motion made by Bill J. Smith, seconded, and passed for Summer Sunday worship service to begin at 11:00 A.M. for the summer hours (not 10:00 A.M. as in previous years).
 2. Motion made by Bill J. Smith, seconded, and passed for the Session not to meet in July.

Little Known Session FACT to KNOW

April 14, 1982 Minutes-The Frank Smith Family was granted permission to furnish the Men's Class Room (today the library). A motion to use \$150.00 in memorial funds in the treasury the balance to be financed by the family, was seconded, and carried. Frank was a past Elder and member of the Men's Class.

Submitted By: Sally Finley Nicholls, Clerk of Session

DEACONS REPORT FOR MAY 4, 2023

PRESENT: Betty Rae Smith, Carolyn Clark, Jenny O'Casek, Penny Moon, Jannine Blacka, Donald Glunt
DEVOTIONS: Jenny O'Casek
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: May 6, all tables sold.
3. Orders for geraniums due in by May 7.
4. 'Christmas in July' for Samaritan's Purse, Betty Rae to make up flyers for the bulletin for items needed.
5. Father's Day June 18, World Day of Service, Betty Rae will announce from pulpit on June 11.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bonnie to send out home touch while Jannine is away.
2. Session is planning on doing fundraisers, such as hoagie sales and spaghetti dinner—asked for volunteers to help.
3. Vacation Bible School June 26-30, will donate \$200 to help with expenses.
4. Received thank you from Bag Brigade.
5. Need to make memorial donation in memory of Carolyn Clark's mother.
6. No news about Strawberry Festival on Graduation Sunday.
7. No news on church picnic.

DONATIONS:

- 1) VBS \$200
- 2) City Mission \$150
- 3) VFW \$50
- 4) Wounded Warriors \$50
- 5) Bag Brigade—Jiffy peanut butter cups \$360—for June, July and August

Prayer requests were offered and Betty Rae closed with prayer.
Next meeting June 1st, Penny to have devotions.

THthankyou!**U!**

The Deacons want to say "Thank you" to everyone for all your support with our May 6th Vendor Craft show (table setup, cleanup, display yard signs, donated baked goods, kitchen food or raffle gifts, etc.) it was greatly appreciated.

Thank you, so very much for the cards, hugs and kind words we received since my mother's passing. It has really been very comforting during this difficult time!

God Bless you!

Carolyn & Ray Clark and family

Pentecost Sunday

The Pentecost offering helps our youth begin life with a strong start – A solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood.

Congregation keeps 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in our community. Please consider giving this Pentecost Sunday!

Rehoboth Deacons
are collecting for the
BAG BRIGADE

We are collecting
Peanut Butter
Single Serving Size
**Help us fight hunger in our
school district!**

Items can be dropped off at the church
or given to a member to bring to church.
For more information call 724-929-7020.



Summer

MISSION



I've seen these blankets used in homeless shelters. I've seen them wrapped around refugees. I've seen them handed out at food banks. It's more than just a blanket. It's an *act of love.*

-PATRICK WALKER
SENIOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST
CHURCH WORLD SERVICE

Blanket Sunday

June 18th

The last chapter of Hebrews gives us some of the clearest and simplest exhortations on Christian ethics that we find in scripture:

Do good and share with those in need. Join us in offering warmth and comfort to those who need it. Each \$10 donation will purchase one blanket. Donations can be dropped in Sunday's collection or mailed to

Rehoboth Deacons.
442 Rehoboth Church Road
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

PASTORS 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

Congratulations 2023 Graduates

Andrew Foringer is the son of Rebekah and Randy Foringer of Belle Vernon and will be graduating from Belle Vernon Area High School on June 1, 2023. During his high school years, he was a member of the drumline in the BVA marching band. His senior year he was voted to the officer position of Historian as well as being appointed to both positions of center snare and section leader for the snare drums. Andrew's future plans are to attend Westmoreland County Community College and pursue a 2-year degree in Architecture Drafting and Design. After college he plans on joining his father's company Foringer Designs LLC as a fulltime partner.

Sunflower Wreath Making Class

June 15th at 6PM

Cost \$30

Sunflower wreath making class, taught by Sally Finley Nicholls and Patty Finley Perfetti.

Please call the church to be added to the list or sign sheet in vestibule.



A Fresh Start

Laurie Bartalotta

As the editor of a conservation magazine, my dad received review copies of nature-themed books and videos. Watching one of those videos with him, I fell in love with Maine's rocky coast and pine trees. And a plan formed in my head: When I grew up, I was going to move to Maine and start a new life.

At the time, I was a shy seventh grader who wished to be a completely different person. The problem was that so many people knew me already and had formed opinions of who I was. The logical solution seemed to be to start over with a blank slate.

I've since come to realize that you haul your baggage wherever you go—and that Maine has black flies and really depressing winters (though I still love the scenery). I've also come to realize that while monumental change is possible, it's not something that I can accomplish on my own, nor is it likely to be the kind of change I was envisioning as a preteen.

When we become Christians, we are called to radical change through Christ. As Paul put it in Ephesians 4:22-24 (NIV), "You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."

Paul's own life is an illustration of this kind of change in attitude, heart, and mind. With his conversion on the road to Damascus, he went from persecuting Christ's followers to being among the loudest champions of the movement.

It was an incredible transformation that stemmed from repentance. But it wasn't an escape from who he had been and what he had done. He was still that smart, passionate person. He referred to himself as the worst of all sinners (1 Timothy 1:15), and he still dealt with a "thorn in the flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7)—along with shipwrecks, imprisonment, and stonings.

That's not exactly the kind of outcome I was hoping for when I was dreaming of Maine in middle school. However, the change that comes thanks to God's grace is the one that I should be looking for as a Christian now.

" WITH GRATEFUL THANKS TO MY COUSIN, DR. H. TERRY LEEPER FOR COMMISSIONING THE TIMELESS PRINT OF OUR BELOVED HOME CHURCH. TERRY IS A TRUE SON OF REHOBOTH! "

Sinda Sue (Leeper) Price

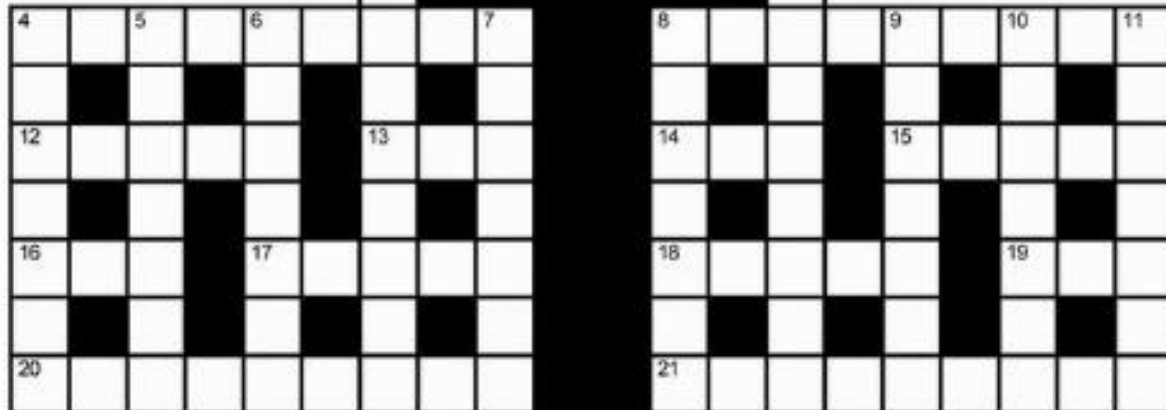
Bible Crossword X

Across

- 1 Donkey (3)
- 2 Jesus' Father (3)
- 4 One of the twelve (9)

Down

- 1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
- 3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)



- 8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
- 12 One of David's warriors (5)
- 13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
- 14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
- 15 Wish harm upon (5)
- 16 Hole in the ground (3)
- 17 Adversary (5)
- 18 Saviour (5)
- 19 First woman (3)
- 20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
- 21 Family of priests (9)
- 22 Third son of Jacob (4)
- 23 Hates (8)
- 26 Assurances (8)
- 30 Endured pain (8)
- 31 Return from the dead (4)
- 32 Intercessor (8)
- 35 Decorating (8)
- 39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
- 40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
- 42 A wise insect (3)
- 44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
- 5 Make bigger (8)

- 4 Tread down (7)
- 5 Father of Jonah (7)
- 6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
- 7 Defensive structures (11)
- 8 Refuges (11)
- 9 Dirty (7)
- 10 Devout (7)
- 11 Pieces of money (7)
- 24 Used to listen (3)
- 25 Used to see (3)
- 26 Positions (5)
- 27 Made available (7)
- 28 Snake (7)
- 29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
- 33 Finish (3)
- 34 Possess (3)
- 35 King of the Amalekites (4)
- 36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
- 38 Present (4)
- 41 Unfasten (4)
- 43 Fish traps (4)