



# BEACON

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## **Wanted: Church Treasurer**

Jeff Smith has faithfully served us as our church treasurer but will be stepping down on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Purpose of Treasurer**

Responsible for paying all bills and maintaining all financial expense records.

## **Eligibility**

Member of congregation elected by the Session each year.

## **Duties Include:**

To pay all bills of the church including payroll. Keep records of all financial expenses. Two signatures are required on each check.

**Signatures will include two of the following:** Treasurer, corporation president, chairperson of finance committee or the clerk of sessions.

**Qualifications:** Someone who cares about the church and its future, who is comfortable with calculations and details. Computer skills are extremely helpful. Please pray about this important request and ask God's help in filling this position. Please contact someone from the nominating committee: Ed Moore, Jannine Blacka, Dalton Smith or Carolyn Smith

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

[www.rehobothchurchpa.org](http://www.rehobothchurchpa.org)

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

**Rehoboth Presbyterian Church PA**

[www.facebook.com/rehobothchurchbelleversonpa](http://www.facebook.com/rehobothchurchbelleversonpa)

**Pastor Don's Yarns**

[www.facebook.com/RehobothPresbyterianChurch/](http://www.facebook.com/RehobothPresbyterianChurch/)

## **Upcoming August Schedule**

**August 6<sup>th</sup> Worship Service/Communion 11:00am**

**August 13<sup>th</sup> Worship service 11:00am**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> Bag Brigade 5:15pm**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> Worship Service 11:00am**

**August 27<sup>th</sup> Worship service 11:00am**

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

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 – Jeffrey Orr

4 – Daniel Evans

6 – Brian Orr  
Jennifer Chapman

8 – Cynthia Hruby

12 – Kristie Gates

13 – Kristina Leyda

18 – Linda Davis  
James R. Moon

19 – Chloe Ott

20 – Anthony Vavasori

21 – Edwina Matson  
Bill Ress

22 – Cameron Bell

27 – Richard H. Lapinski

28 – Kurtis Risky

30 – Jennifer Smith

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

4<sup>th</sup> – Chris and Carrie Chacko

5<sup>th</sup> – Jim and Kathy Fowler

24<sup>th</sup> – Craig and Bethane Miller

26<sup>th</sup> – Dan and Amy Campbell

28<sup>th</sup> – Justin and Jennifer Walsh

30<sup>th</sup> – Jacob and Sarah Nill

## 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

**The month of August is named** in honor of the first Roman emperor, Octavian, who was given the title of "Augustus" or "The Revered One" by the Roman Senate. While this appellation may seem conveniently flattering, the Senate was reflecting the commonly held view that Octavian was indeed worthy of the greatest respect.

Now before we join the rush to acclaim the emperor, let's remember that by virtue of his office he was a dictator, despot, and autocrat. In other words, he was a man above contradiction or opposition. The fact that he tried to rule with a view to the welfare of his people - a rarity among absolute rulers - garnered him the title of "Revered One" that we now use for the pleasant month of August.

But since Americans do not have a king, many of us instinctively view a single man rule with a jaundiced eye. Yet, as Christians we profess ultimate allegiance to Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. How then can we reconcile our wariness of human government with that of our Lord and His kingdom?

The answer is found in two sayings. For humanity it is essential to remember that "Absolute power corrupts absolutely." And as for the Lord Jesus we are encouraged to remember that "Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd" Matthew 9:36.

Thank God for the compassion that is found in King Jesus! We can unreservedly revere Him knowing that he cares for our best interests. May you find that to be a living reality in your life during the month of August.

Blessings,

Pastor Don

## Looking a Bit Wilted

I have an ever-expanding container garden on the deck. After one long weekend away from my potted plants, I returned home to find that some of them looked a little droopy. It hadn't rained for a few days, and the watering can apparently hadn't made it's rounds while we were gone.

The plants perked right up after they got some water, and I totally get what that feels like.

One hot day recently, I felt just as parched as my poor, neglected plants. We were roaming the grounds of the Drake well in Titusville, and I hadn't brought any water with me. I plopped myself down on a shady bench and was mentally going through my hydration options.

To my surprise, a little girl came up to me and asked me if I was thirsty. I said that I was and then realized that she was cradling three bottles of cold water in her arms. She gave me one and assured me that it wasn't poisoned (which Damon says is just what a little girl passing out poisoned water would say, but I'm doing okay).

Her mother, who was watching this scene unfold, told me that the daughter thought I looked thirsty. I'm not sure what my equivalent of wilting leaves is, but apparently, I was giving off some signals. And was I ever grateful that she noticed.

That water was just what my body needed physically—but it was also a good spiritual reminder that God provides for us. As I sat there getting rehydrated and waiting for Damon, I thought about the prophet Elijah and the times that God sent him food by way of ravens or an angel. Accepting water from a little girl sounds commonplace in comparison, but my experience in Titusville still felt a bit on the miraculous side.

Of course, the next step in my reflections was to realize that it really doesn't take much to recognize someone's needs and do what you can. That little girl is a good model for us all—a model of how to show God's love to a thirsty world.

*Laurie Bartolotta*

**Friday prayer sessions will restart during the Fall season**

**The Outreach Committee is collecting used pencils and pens that you may not use. Our church member, Rebekah Foringer, is a sixth-grade teacher for the Bethel Park School District. Rebekah hunts for fallen pens and pencils in her school's hallways and places these used pens and pencils in her "Lost and Found" Tin Can on her desk.**

**Students who come to class without a pen or pencil may find one in Rebekah's "Lost and Found" Tin Can.**

**Can we please help Rebekah by searching through our drawers for pens and pencils we no longer use? The pencils can be short, medium size, with an eraser, no eraser, etc.**

**We do not want you to buy pencils or pens. We are only asking for your used pens or pencils that you do not use.**

**If you could please place them in the "Lost and Found" Tin Can in the vestibule. Our last collection day will be Sunday, August 13, 2023.**

**Thank you,  
The Outreach Committee, Rebekah, and Rebekah's Students**



## **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.

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

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### Vacation Bible School

We had 42 children attend our VBS the last week of June. The theme was, "Jesus Holds the Pieces Together."

The program Friday night was moderately attended. The deacons generously gave us \$200, and the total offering was \$615. Expenses were \$287.22. This left \$527.78 for our mission project of upgrading church security. We held one planning meeting, picked a theme and the scriptures to use, and discussed what was important to emphasize. The lesson plans were written and given to all the teachers in the classrooms and in each area visited by the children. This was a team effort because all the staff did plan for their area themselves, keeping the main theme in mind. Please appreciate all the following people for their roles because they did the work.

**Preschool:** Teacher, Sarah Zundel, assisted by Stacey Patterson

**Kindergarten/1st grade:** Teacher, Michelle Smith, assisted by Becky Moore

**Grades 2 and 3:** Teacher, Rachel Maxson, assisted by Amber Rutter

**Grades 4,5, and 6:** Teacher Dan Vamos, assisted by Alexandra Vamos

**Music:** Teacher, Jeff Smith, assisted by Gianna Smoyer & Makenna Smith

**Crafts:** Teacher, Penny Moon, assisted by Bonnie Rozik & Ruby Roberts

**Games:** Teacher, Chris Stasicha, assisted by Carter Stasicha

**Snacks:** Manager, Betty Rae Smith, assisted by Patty Smith & Sarah Risky

**Drama/Live scripture:** Pastor Don, Carolyn Smith & Audrey Cottle

**Registration:** Bill Smith & Hayley King(also filled in as teacher as needed)

**Church Secretary:** Elizabeth Rutter, **Coordinators:** Michelle and Carolyn Smith

We started with the lesson about Jesus being lost by his parents and being found in the temple. Another was about Jesus when mothers brought their children to see him. Since we have a lovely mural of this event in our choir room, painted by Frank Melega, we made sure every class visited it. I took the preschool class after they were done singing. We made a game of it, looking under pews, behind doors, through the adjoining room, then to the choir room looking for Jesus. They were delighted to find him in the mural with children from various parts of the world. When the lesson was completed, we started to leave, heading to their classroom. One little boy was so excited that we had found Jesus. He grabbed my hand and said, "Now let's go look for God! Jesus did say for us to come to him as a little child. Even though we lose him sometimes, we are always welcomed back. It worked because the above-mentioned people have also helped for many years, and we were lucky to have some new folks help this year. Thank you to all that served.

Carolyn Smith, Christian Ed. Committee

Rehoboth Nursery School Board will meet August 16th at 4:30 pm at the church. We will begin our 50th year with the 4/5 yr old class starting with visiting day on Tuesday, Sept. 5th and the 3 yr. old class starting on Friday, Sept. 8th.

# Sunday School is being held after the Children's Sermon throughout the summer.

## Session Facts From The Past

Beacon #7-Purchasing a New Organ

October 8, 1985 Minutes-Motion that the Session affirm the Choirs desire to obtain a new organ and any fund raising activities will be dealt with when presented to the Session.

November 26, 1985 Minutes-The Moderator will ask Russ Moon to meet with the Session in December to report on the organ fund.

December 17, 1985 Minutes-Motion to approve the selection of the Allen Organ Model 3100 and authorize the Organ Committee to negotiate a firm price at which time they will return to the Session for final approval of the purchase.

January 28, 1986 Minutes-Motion made, seconded, and passed for Congregational Meeting March 9 to obtain approval for purchase of Allen Organ when money is available for said purchase and for the cost of placement.

March 6, 1986 Minutes-Motion to approve Sketch #6 for the organ placement in the choir loft from previous location below the pulpit.

September 23, 1986 Minutes-Motion, seconded, and passed to schedule Organ Dedication for October 12, at 7:30 P.M. Mr. Walter Greenwood will be the organist for the recital. Fellowship hour will follow.

Motion, seconded, and passed for Session to provide choir \$100.00 towards cost of flowers and refreshments for dedication.

Stated Meeting, October 21, 1986 reported 325 persons attended the organ dedication and recital.

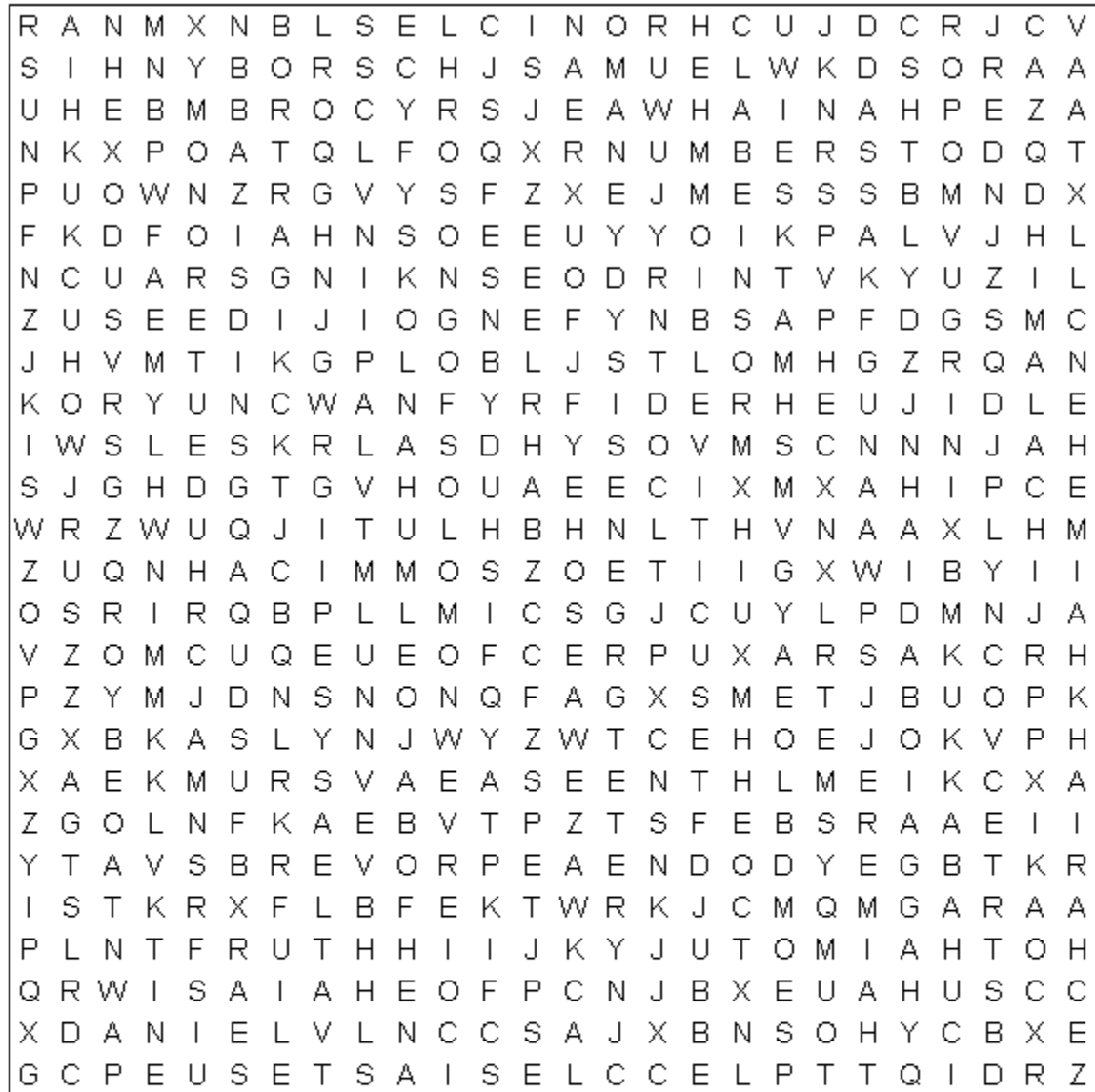
Beacon #8-Elders List

List of Rehoboth Members who have served as Elders, Rehoboth Church Registry:

James Russell Moon, Edwina Leeper Matson, Penny Moon, William Smith, Jr., Melvin O'Bryon, Melba Jean Wolfe, Louetta Hayden, Jay Smith, Jeff Smith, Sally Finley Nicholls, Eleanor Finley, Lisa Orr, Amy Flowers, Alicia Muzina, Cynthia Hruby, John Zenobi, Tammy Stimmell, Deborah Buza, Linda Kissler, Betty Rae Smith, Rebecca Reeb, Chris Reeb, Allan Buza, David O'Casek, William Welsh, Nikki Samoda, Edward Moore, William V. Nicholls, Dalton Smith, David Vindivich, Justin Walsh, Dean Rippel, William J. Smith



# Books of the Old Testament



Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua

Judges

Ruth

Samuel

Kings

Chronicles

Ezra

Nehemiah

Esther

Job

Psalms

Proverbs

Ecclesiastes

Song Of Solomon

Isaiah

Jeremiah

Lamentations

Ezekiel

Daniel

Hosea

Joel

Amos

Obadiah

Jonah

Micah

Nahum

Habakkuk

Zephaniah

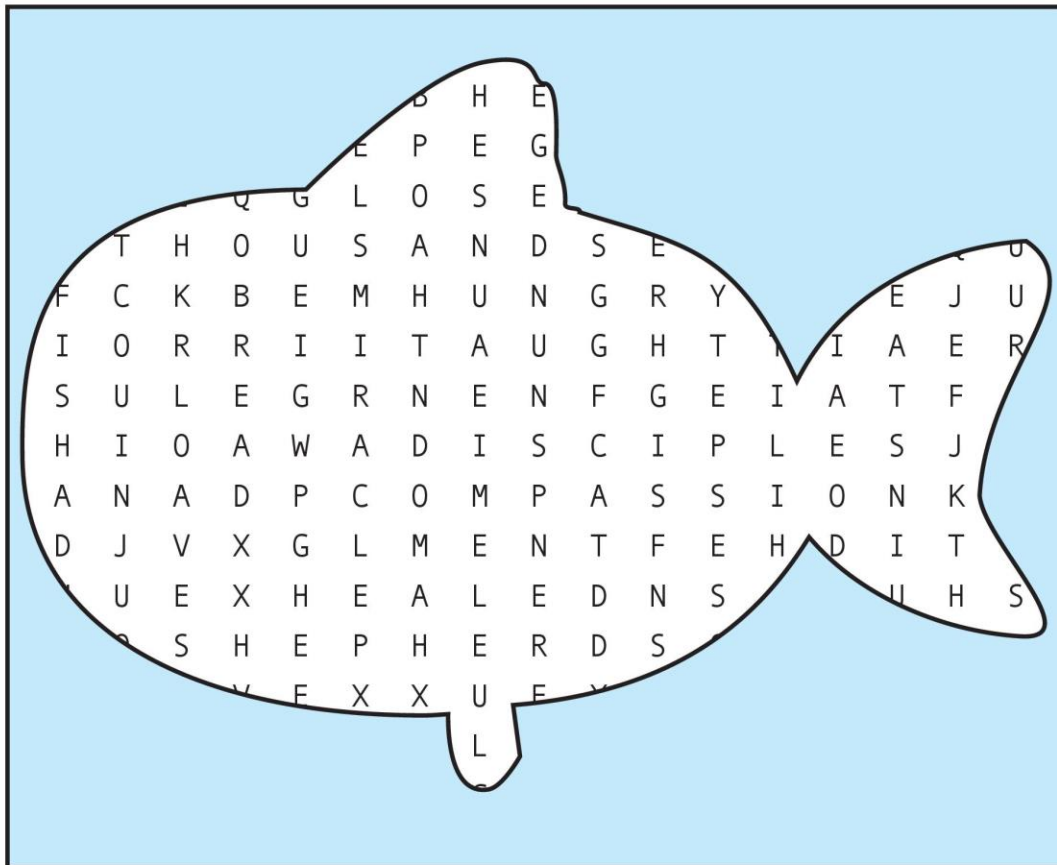
Haggai

Zechariah

Malachi

# Jesus Fed the People Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.  
The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.



BREAD  
COMPASSION  
DISCIPLES  
EAT

FISH  
HEALED  
HUNGRY  
LOAVES

MIRACLE  
SHEPHERD  
TAUGHT  
THOUSANDS