

ROCKY GROVE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

“Sharing, Preparing, and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

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Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Worship – 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study -- 7:00 p.m.

Reverend Sue Nageotte, Pastor

Rhonda Rust, Secretary & Treasurer

Edith Richards, Organist

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday 9 AM - 3:30 PM

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

The newsletter will usually be ready the first Sunday of each month. Please help us keep mailing costs low by picking up your newsletter in the sanctuary entryway that day.

Newsletter articles are due in the church office on the 20th of each month. Please be sure to provide a contact name and phone number for each event so people can contact your group for additional information if needed. Thank you!

RGAPC Financial Information

	February 2011	Year to Date
Income	\$ 6,183.00	\$ 14,362.00
Expenses	\$ 8,107.41	\$ 15,784.01
Difference	- \$ 1,924.41	- \$ 1,422.01

Financial figures for the month of March were not yet available when the newsletter was published. Thank you for your faithful ongoing support of the ministry of RGAPC.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received through Easter Sunday, April 24th. Please use the special envelope found in this newsletter, or in the pews, to ensure that your contribution is forwarded to OGHS. With the earthquake and tsunami disaster in Japan, more than ever we need to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), one of three programs assisted through One Great Hour of Sharing. The other two programs are **Self-Development of People (SDOP)** and **Presbyterian Hunger Program**. Please give prayerful consideration to supporting this worthy cause.

April Birthdays:

1	Bill McCauley	22	Aimee Wielandt
11	Joanne Brannon	23	Jonelle Davis
	Ed Brannon	26	Brenda Cokain
12	Joan Lepley	28	Ryan Sandok
13	Kaden Henderson	29	Phyllis Wetzel
16	Lois Burns	30	Ray Aikins
18	Megan Yeager		
20	Melanie McGinnis		
	Jeff Lyons		
	Richard Vogan		

THANK YOU!

Joyce Wetjen is home and recovering well following her surgery at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital earlier this month. She says, “Please thank everyone at RGAPC for their encouraging cards, lovely flowers, and the many, many prayers. It is so good to know that we have such a loving church family!”

Six young people from RGAPC recently attended a youth confirmation retreat at Camp Crestfield, a Presbyterian camp and conference center near Slippery Rock. More than a hundred 6th to 9th graders from 15 different Presbyterian churches attended the retreat, at which they learned about the sacraments and explored different aspects of the Christian faith through fun and high-energy activities. They are very grateful to the congregation for encouraging them in their faith journey, and for providing a portion of the camp fee.

Please continue to pray for Aaron Weltner, Adam and Josh Kirwin, Jesse Harvey, and Konner and Reagan Hartman as they finish their confirmation classes.

Youthful Spirits will meet at Linda Lou's on April 6

Men and women with youthful spirits gather for food and fellow- ship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. The April luncheon will be at Linda Lou's (633 13th Street in Franklin). For information or directions contact Ray Aikins at 432-2726.

SAVE THE DATE

We will be having an Easter Sunrise Breakfast again this year. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the narthex area.

Also, a Mother-Daughter Dinner will be held on May 14th.

Adult Membership Classes are Being Held

Pastor Sue is leading a class for adults who want to know more about the Presbyterian / Reformed faith, and are exploring the possibility of becoming a member of our congregation. We will meet in the Ladies Parlor from noon to 1:30 PM on the following Sundays: April 3, April 10 and May 1. All are welcome!

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Ladies Day Out Brunch to Benefit Seneca Hills

All women of the church are invited to a **“Ladies Day Out” Brunch** at 10 AM at First Pres in Franklin on Saturday, April 9. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit Seneca Hills Bible Camp. Please consider attending this program. See the flyers in the narthex and the Ladies Parlor for more information. We will meet at the RGAPC parking lot at 9:30 to carpool to First Pres.

Please note -- the RGAPC Women’s Prayer Breakfast will not be held this month, so that women can participate in the Ladies Day Out brunch instead.

RGAPC Camping Scholarships Awarded

The Christian Education Ministry Team is pleased to report that, thanks to the generous support of the many members and friends of the congregation, RGAPC this year was able to award camping scholarships to seven young people. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to have a Christian camp experience. The benefits of attending a Christian summer camp are immeasurable and can have a life long impact on the camper. Your support of the camping scholarship fund and our local Christian camps truly does make a difference!

Paid and Volunteer Workers Needed:

The Camping Association of the Presbyteries of Northwestern Pennsylvania (CAPNWP) is now accepting applications for both paid and volunteer work at Camp Lambec and Westminster Highlands to assist with our summer 2011 programs of outdoor ministry. Applications for both paid staff and volunteers, as well as job descriptions for the positions they are seeking, can be found on the CAPNWP website at <http://www.capnwp.org> or can be obtained by calling the central Camping Office at 724-738-0058, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

“Spring Cleaning” Work Dates at Camps

Those interested in assisting with “spring cleaning”, both indoors and out, can do so at:

- Seneca Hills, south of Franklin, on Saturday April 30

(phone 814-432-3026);

- Westminster Highlands, near Emlenton on Sat. May 7;
- Camp Lambec, west of Erie, PA on Saturday, May 21.

(both camps, phone 724-738-0058)

On the work days, volunteers can arrive at camp anytime after 9 AM and stay through the afternoon or just a few hours. If you have questions, need directions or just want more information, call the camp offices at the numbers above.

PLAN AHEAD FOR HOLY WEEK

We are mid-way through the season of Lent, with Palm Sunday and Easter quickly approaching. Please be aware of these worship services and events and be sure to mention them to your friends and family. Don't forget to offer a ride to those who don't have reliable transportation or might be concerned about parking.

Sunday April 17 **Palm Sunday worship** service, in which we

10:45 AM rejoice at Jesus' triumphal entry into
Jerusalem. Look! the Messiah comes,
riding on the colt of a donkey. Hosannah!

Sunday April 17 Stay after worship for a delicious brunch

Noon and indoor **Easter Egg hunt**, with lots of
fun and prizes for all ages. Sign-up sheets
are in the narthex (back of the church).

Thursday April 21 **Maundy Thursday** with First Presbyterian

Gather at 6 PM **Church, Elk Street in Franklin. Have you**
Meal at 6:30 **ever wondered what kind of meal Jesus**
and the disciples ate for the Last Supper?
Come to this Passover Seder and see for
yourself! This meal and worship service
will include the Lord's Supper. First Pres
would appreciate reservations (see the
sign-up slip, elsewhere in this bulletin).

Sunday April 24 **EASTER -- Resurrection of the Lord**

7:30 AM **Sunrise Worship Service at RGAPC**

8:30 AM **Easter Sunrise Breakfast – there will be**
sign-up sheets in the narthex.

10:45 AM **Easter Sunday Worship, with music by the**
RGAPC choir

Serving in the month of April

Hospital Visits: **Elder Don Yount, Deacon Joyce Dillemath**

Worship Leaders:

April 3 Vicki Henderson

April 10 Wayne Edmondson

April 17 Jim Speth

April 24 Sunrise Service -- Wayne Edmondson

April 24 Second Service -- Jim Sandok

Ushers: Bob & Jill Alden, John Dumbleton, & the Kirwin family

Greeters: April 3 Dorie Feather & Grace Gibbons

10 Don & Doris Yount

17 Dick & Cheri Mortimer

24 Sunrise Service --

24 10:45 Service -- Ray & Toby Aikins

Acolytes: April 3 Josh Kirwin

10 Aaron Weltner

17 Austin Clark

24 Konner Hartman

Nursery: April 3 Joyce Dillemath

10 Sarah Moreland

17 Ed & Molly Whitling

24 Sunrise Service -- no nursery care

24 10:45 service – the Lukers

Please note: the church office is working to do a better job of asking in advance whether people are able to serve on particular Sundays. Meanwhile if you cannot serve on the day(s) you have been scheduled, 1) please forgive us! 2) please try to arrange a trade with someone else, and 3) please notify the church office of any changes. Thank you!

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting

At the regular meeting on February 13, 2011, Session approved the following:

- **The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of January 10, 2011;**
- **The Financial Secretary's Report and Treasurers Reports for the month ending January 31, 2011;**
- **The use of Moorhead Hall by non-member Jill Campbell on Saturday March 5th, for a baby shower.**

Session also received reports from the Board of Trustees, Congregational Life and Worship, Christian Education, Missions, Outreach and Evangelism, and from the pastor.

Also on February 13, Session met with the Board of Deacons for the annual joint meeting. Approved Motions for the March 8th Session meeting were not yet available when this newsletter went to print.

Minutes of Congregation Meeting on February 20, 2011

The Clerk of Session having determined that a quorum was present, the meeting was opened with prayer by moderator Sue Nageotte at 11:50 AM. The purpose of this meeting was to elect an elder to fill a vacancy on Session. The nominating committee nominated George Wielandt to fill a one-year vacancy. There were no nominations from the floor; therefore nominations were closed and George Wielandt was duly elected. The meeting was recessed in order to conduct an annual meeting of the corporation. After that business was concluded, the meeting of the congregation resumed. There was no other business to be conducted, but Session did entertain a question about the progress of the building committee. The meeting was closed with prayer by the moderator at 12:00 PM.

Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women

Where? Irvine Presbyterian Church

When? Saturday, April 30th from 9 am to 1:30 pm

**What? Spend a day learning about and celebrating
the gifts of African women of faith.**

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Jannie Swart, Pastor of Oil City Second Presbyterian Church, a native of South Africa with a heart for mission.

Cost for this event (includes lunch) is \$ 5.00. You may mail payment or pay for your lunch when you arrive. Please make checks payable to Irvine Presbyterian Women's Association. Registration deadline is Friday April 15, 2011. To register, contact First Presbyterian Church in Franklin 432-4318. Nursery care is also

available for young children, at the cost of \$5.00 per child. Please list children and their ages when registering, and bring a bag lunch for your child(ren).

Is God Nudging You to Further Training?

The next cohort of lay pastor training classes will begin at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in September 2011. These on-line and weekend classes are held over a two-year period to deepen your knowledge and skills to prepare you for possible service to the church as a Commissioned Lay Pastor. If you would like additional information please speak with Pastor Sue, or Dan McEldowney, the moderator of the Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Dan's EMail is danrmac@tbscc.com. If interested, you would need to submit applications and make a commitment to the program by June 2011.