

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

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A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church

Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus' Name"

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Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Worship – 10:45 a.m.

Reverend Sue Nageotte, Pastor

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

June McClintock, Organist

Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youthful Spirits, men and women of the church, will gather for food and fellowship at noon on **April 3rd** at **Linda Lou's**, 633 13th Street, Franklin. All are welcome to join in the fun. Make your reservation with Betty Cornmesser. Next month's gathering will be on May 1st. Watch for the location in the Sunday bulletin.

April 12th – BAKE SALE - N/W Savings Bank lobby 9 am to 6 pm to support research for Multiple Sclerosis. Anyone willing to help Carol Rough by baking for this worthy cause should contact the church office.

Saturday, April 27, 2013 - Spring Clean-up Day

The Trustees have projects for all willing workers. So, plan accordingly to help spruce up our church building and grounds.

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

April 19 - Friday Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

**April 27 - Saturday PennDot Trash pick-up
(Location TBD)**

May 11 – Saturday Car wash Fundraiser

(Rain Date: 18th)

June 26-29 Wed-Sat Creation Fest 2013

(Agape Farm, Mt. Union)

www.creationfest.com

NOTES OF THANKS

Deacons,

Thank you for thinking of us – for flowers, cards and prayers.

Lorraine & Bill McCauley

Thank you for all the loving thoughts, prayers and cards.

Diane & Eric Whitman

I want to thank the Deacons for the St. Patrick's Day card all the way from North Carolina.

Carol Rough

I want to thank everyone for all the lovely Easter cards I received and especially the Deacons for the lovely Easter remembrance. I love you all.

Joyce Riddle

I want to thank the Deacons for the Easter card and handmade chick that was inside – how cute!

Carol Rough

VNA OF VENANGO COUNTY HOSPICE

If you have a desire to make a difference in the lives of the terminally ill or those who are grieving by giving of your time to assist a patient, family member, or office staff, then you have the qualities VNA of Venango County Hospice is looking for. Anyone over the age of 18 can become a volunteer. For free training dates and additional information, please call 814-432-6555.

**FORGIVE THOSE WHO OFFEND YOU ----- IT WILL
MESS WITH THEIR MINDS!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Keep PA Beautiful!!

When: Saturday, April 27, 2013

Time: To Be Determined (around 8 am, depending on how many people are helping)

Where: Meeting at RGAPC parking lot

Who: *Anyone!!*

We will be meeting early in the morning to determine clean-up groups. There is a specific road/park that will be assigned to our group by PennDot. Gloves, vests and bags will be provided..

PennDot is having a free lunch located at their facility on Pittsburgh Road for those who helped clean up. There will be tickets handed out and everyone will receive a prize for their hard work! Last year, prizes ranged from TV's and iPod to gift cards and free bowling.

If you are interested in helping, please call Sarah at 673-8976 by 4/12 so I can make sure there are enough supplies for everyone.

Spaghetti Dinner

Come enjoy all-you-can-eat

Spaghetti, salad, drinks, and dessert.

**When::Friday, April 19, 2013
5-8 PM**

Where: RGAPC In Moorhead Hall

Cost: Donations

Take-out Available

**All proceeds benefit the
Youth Group's future activities.**

MISSIONS CORNER

The Keelings – Biography

The Keelings began their journey into gospel music in the fall of 1993 after Randy Keeling, who had been separated from his wife and family, received Christ as his Savior. After Randy reunited with his family, he felt the call of God to share his testimony with others.

Now in their 20th year, The Keelings have shared their God-given talents through music and testimony at hundreds of venues throughout the eastern United States during which time they have become known as one of western Pennsylvania's premier Southern Gospel groups.

During the course of their musical career, The Keelings have recorded more than 17 albums, with several songs that have made it to #1 and/or in the top #10 position on the Radio Active Airplay weekly top 100 chart which is published by the Caraway Media Group in Asheboro, NC.

Additionally, the group has appeared with numerous Christian artists such as The Collingsworth Family and Gaither Homecoming friends Ivan Parker, Stephen Hill and Wesley Pritchard. In September 2006, The Keelings were invited to make a guest appearance with Christian comedian Tim Lovelace at the instrumentalist's jam session at the National Quartet Convention in Louisville, KY.

The group is comprised of Randy Keeling, his sons, Jeff and Doug, his daughter and son-in-law, Lynn and Pat Willaman, and sound technician Ray Young. The Keelings are best known for their unique harmony, trumpet trios, and Jeff's abilities on the piano.

Over the years, The Keelings have established a reputation for their unwavering commitment to Character, Quality and Integrity in their ministry. It is the mission of The Keelings to present a message of hope in Christ to a hurting world, and to preserve the tradition of quality Southern Gospel music.

The Keelings will be in concert at Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church on April 28, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. No ticket is required, but at least one non-perishable food item will be required for entrance. A Love Offering will be taken.

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – March 11th :

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 11 Feb 13 and the Special Session Meeting of 24 Feb 13.
- The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 28 Feb 13 and the following Treasurer's reports: the checking account summary, the budget year-to-date figures and the Financial Report for February 2013.
- Received the minutes of the Christian Education Ministry Team meeting on 18 Feb 13, Congregational Life & Worship Ministry Team meeting on 4 Mar 13, the Missions and Outreach Ministry Team meeting on 25 Feb 13, the Board of Trustee's meeting on 4 Mar 13, and the 11 Feb 13 through 11 Mar 13 Report on Administrative Activity.
- Rev. Sue Nageotte's request for study leave on 19 and 20 Apr 13.
- Rev. Sue Nageotte's request for vacation from 19 Jun 13 through 2 Jul 13.
- The proposed Policy and Procedure Regarding Allegations of Sexual Misconduct. (This is required of all PC(USA) congregations. Additional information on this policy will be published in next month's newsletter.)

Ronald and Louise Moorhead Scholarship - *New Information*

This scholarship was established to support active members of the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian church who are planning to further their education after high school. This scholarship requires applicants to be active members for at least two years and be regular

attendees. Some of our church members asked for a definition of a "regular attendee." During the Session meeting on December 10, 2012, Session approved the following guideline for a "regular attendee" for scholarship consideration: A regular attendee will attend worship services and/or other church related activities at the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church an average of once per month during the two years prior to going to college (or technical or vocational school). Please contact Phyllis Wetzel or Wayne Edmondson if you have questions pertaining to this.

From the Pastor's Study

Dear RGAPC family and friends,

Most of you will be receiving this issue of the SonShine Newsletter either on, or a few days after, Easter Sunday -- that uniquely Christian celebration of Resurrection Day. Our Lenten sermon series this year has reflected on different aspects of Jesus' journey to the cross, and how we, as disciples, are shaped by journeying with Jesus. In the life of Christ, we learn about God's amazing love for us, and his invitation for us to "love God, love one another, and love our neighbors" – especially the poor, the lonely, the friendless. On Good Friday we tremble in awe as we realize how God's righteous wrath against sin, and his vast mercy toward sinners, come together at the cross where Jesus gave his life for the salvation of all those who would trust in him as their Savior and Lord.

In the resurrection of Jesus, everything that Jesus said and did is validated by God as true. He is "the Way and the Truth and the Life." He is the "bread of life," "light of the world," "the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep." As the Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to believers in first century Rome, "The proof of God's love for us is that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us . . . Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us . . . and Christ stands at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us."

If you have been around "church" for any length of time, this may seem like "old news." But don't be fooled. It is also marvelous, wonderful, great Good News. For when anyone trusts in the promise of God for forgiveness of sin and eternal life through Jesus Christ, we receive assurance that God's promise of peace, love, hope and joy are being fulfilled.

Just as crocuses and daffodils peek up through the snow to reveal the arrival of spring, in just this same way there are signs of God's faithful and abiding love in every aspect of our lives -- if we only take time to see. Alleluia! Christ is risen! The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

SERVANTS FOR APRIL

Hospital Visits: Elder Joyce Wetjen & Deacon Joyce Dillemath

Worship Leader: Jim Sandok

**Ushers: Debbie Dunlap, Kennedy Hartman, Linda Hartman,
Reagan Hartman & Rhonda Rust**

Children's Church: Diane Whitman

Greeters:

April 7 Jim Speth family

14 Clair Speth & Ron Walters

21 Kevin & Jessica Songer

28 Kevin & Jessica Songer

Acolyte: April 7 Gage Clark

14 Eli Moreland

21 Doug Songer

28 Hanna Wielandt

Nursery: April 7 Sarah Speth

14 Margaret Wielandt

21 Sarah Speth

28 Margaret Wielandt

Counters: April 7 Wayne Edmondson & George Wielandt

- 14 Debbie Dunlap & Linda Hartman
 21 Debbie Dunlap & Linda Hartman
 28 Debbie Dunlap & Phyllis Wetzel
 (Keelings concert) 28 Debbie Dunlap & Joyce Wetjen

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 William McCauley | 20 Melanie McGinnis |
| 11 Joanne Brannon | Richard Vogan |
| Ed Brannon | 22 Amie Wielandt |
| 12 Joan Lepley | 26 Brenda Cokain |
| Paisley Kathryn Newton (2011) | 28 Ryan Sandok |
| 18 Megan Yeager | 29 Phyllis Wetzel |
| | 30 Ray Aikins |

RGAPC NEWS

The bracelet that was found in the church parking lot on Sunday, February 3rd, was claimed by its rightful owner, Nancy Schiffer, one of the Sweet Adelines, on March 6th!

Membership Classes: Pastor Sue will be leading classes on Sunday mornings during April from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. for those who are interested in finding out more about this congregation and how to become a church member. If you are interested, the classes will be conducted in the pastor's study.

We extend Christian sympathy to Scott and Nancy Donaldson and family. Nancy's mother, Clarice L. "Sue" Farren, went to be with our Lord on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, after a period of declining health.

2013 RGAPC Directory

A new directory of our church family has been published. Birthdates are included where known. Any corrections or additions should be reported to the church secretary. If you have not received a copy, please advise the church office and you will be provided one.

CONGRATULATIONS - IT'S A BOY!

Brad and Carrie Beightol are the proud parents of a son, Bryce David, born March 8, 2013. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 9 oz. and 19½" in length. Grandma Nancy, Grandpa Don and Uncle Aaron Weltner as well as Aunt Alisha, Uncle Jimmy and Paisley Newton make up the rest of the happy family. Baby and parents are doing well.

IT'S ALL IN THE INTERPRETATION!

A priest and a pastor from the local churches are standing by the side of the road, pounding a sign into the ground, which reads: "The End is Near! Turn yourself Around Now Before It's Too Late."

"Leave us alone, you religious nuts!" yelled a driver as he sped past.

From the curve ahead, they heard screeching tires and a big splash.

The pastor turns to the priest and asks, "Do you think the sign should just say: 'Bridge Out'?"

RGAPC Financial Information

	February 2013	Year to Date
Congregational Giving	\$ 7,490.00	\$ 15,135.01
Expenses	(\$ 8,789.91)	(\$ 16,792.52)
Difference	(\$1,299.91)	(\$ 1,657.51)

Detailed Financial Reports for March will be available in the

narthex beginning the second Sunday of April.