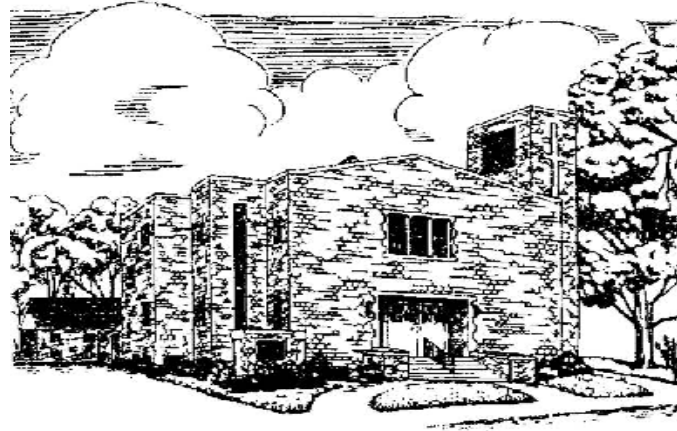




SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

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“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323

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Email Address: [rgapc @ verizon.net](mailto:rgapc@verizon.net)

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Worship – 10:45 a.m.

Reverend Sue Nageotte, Pastor

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

Mike Burkhardt, 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

Lenten & Easter Worship & Other Events

Now through Palm Sunday **“40 Days of Prayer” continues**

Churches throughout Venango County are joining in 40 Days of Prayer. Free devotional booklets and prayer calendars are available through the church office.

Friday, April 11 **Service of Prayer for the Elderly**
12:00 noon in the sanctuary at RGAPC

Sunday, April 13 **Palm Sunday Worship and Activities:**
9:30 **Sunday School** for all ages
10:45 **Worship** with procession of the Palms
Noon **“Brunch”** in Moorhead Hall followed
by **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children
7 PM **Worship celebration** at Oil City HS,
to conclude the 40 Days of Prayer

Maundy Thursday, April 17 - Worship & Communion
6:30 pm, at RGAPC with Franklin First Pres;
Reverend Barry Jenkins preaching

Good Friday, April 18
10:30 **Annual Franklin Cross Walk**
Start at St. Patrick’s Church at Tenth & Liberty Streets and end at Christ United Methodist on Buffalo Street.
7 pm **Ecumenical Good Friday Service**
Franklin Alliance Church
1200 Otter Street

Easter Sunday, April 20 **Alleluia! He is Risen!**
7:30 **Sunrise Service** at RGAPC followed
by **Sunrise Breakfast** in Moorhead Hall
9:30 **Sunday School** for all ages
10:45 **Easter Worship** (no Children’s Church)

Invite your family, friends and neighbors!



The Deacons have made arrangements for memorial flowers on Easter Sunday. The price is \$6.50 for each plant. Orders with payment are requested by Sunday, March 30, 2014. Please complete the form below and place in the offering plate or send to:

RGAPC Office
321 Rocky Grove Avenue
Franklin, PA 16323

Please include a check for \$6.50 per plant payable to:
'RGAPC - Deacon's Fund'

In memory of _____

Given by _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

_____ Hyacinth \$6.50 each Total \$ _____

_____ Tulip \$6.50 each Total \$ _____

_____ Lily \$6.50 each Total \$ _____

_____ Daffodils \$6.50 each Total \$ _____

Total Paid \$ _____

Note: Color of tulips and hyacinths will be at discretion of the florist

_____ I do not wish to pick up my flowers on Easter Sunday and would like them to be given to a shut-in.

_____ I will pick up my flowers.

All orders MUST be received in the office by Thursday, April 3rd.

From the Pastor's Study

Dear RGAPC family and friends,

In his last message to fellow prisoners before he was executed by the Nazis, the famous German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "We must persevere in quiet meditation on the life, sayings, deeds, suffering and death of Jesus. All that we may rightly expect from God, and ask Him for, is to be found in Jesus Christ."

This is exactly what Christians are asked, encouraged, even urged to do during this season of Lent, throughout Holy Week, and on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Spend time in the Gospels, especially Matthew chapters 26, 27 & 28, and John 17 through 21 (and/or Mark 14, 15 & 16 and/or Luke 22, 23 & 24). There is much to meditate upon, to pray through, to wonder at and appreciate.

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. I pray that this Easter season will bring you and your loved ones a fresh awareness of God's kindness and grace!



Servants for APRIL

Hospital Visits: Joyce Wetjen & Joan Lepley

Worship Leader: Jim Sandok
(Easter – Wayne Edmondson)

Ushers: Kennedy Hartman, Linda Hartman,
Reagan Hartman, Brad Wetjen & Joyce Wetjen

Greeters: April 6 Lois Pierce & Linda Zeller
Palm Sunday 13 Diane Whitman & Arika Songer
Maundy Thursday 17 Diane Whitman
Sunrise/Easter 20 Brad & Joyce Wetjen
27 Dave & Linda Christian

Acolyte: April 6 Douglas Songer
Palm Sunday 13 Eli Moreland
Maundy Thursday 17 Communion
Sunrise Service 20 NO ACOLYTE
Easter 20 Lillian Songer
27 Arika Songer

Counters: April 6 Edmondson & Wetjen
Palm Sunday 13 Pierce & Wetjen
Maundy Thursday 17 2 Elders
Easter 20 Edmondson & Wetjen
27 Wielandt & Yount

Children's Church: April 6 Jim Speth
Palm Sunday 13 George Wielandt
Maundy Thursday 17 No Children's Church
Sunrise/Easter 20 No Children's Church
27 Wayne Edmondson

Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th of each month or risk being omitted from the upcoming publication!



If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, please contact Judy Ream at 432-5287.

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – March 10th:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 17 Feb 2014.
 - Approved the ordination and installation of Phyllis Vogan as a Deacon, and approved the ordination and installation of Joyce Pellow as an Elder.
 - The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 28 Feb 2014 and the following Treasurer's reports: the checking account summary, the budget year-to-date figures and the Financial Report for February 2014.
 - Received the minutes of the Congregational Life and Worship Ministry Team meeting on 3 Mar 2014, the minutes of the Missions and Outreach Ministry Team meeting on 24 Feb 2014, the minutes of the Stewardship and Personnel Ministry Team meeting on 16 Feb 2014, the minutes of the Trustee's meeting on 3 Mar 2014, and the 17 Feb 2014 through 10 Mar 2014 Report on Administrative Activity.
 - Sue's request for a week of vacation time to be taken sometime between 21 April and 15 May 2014.
 - To have the Gideons Society speak during a worship service later this year and have a free-will offering taken for them.
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LOST AND FOUND: A pair of eyeglasses were found in the narthex after church on Sunday, March 9th. They may be claimed in the church office.

We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Patty Campbell who was called home by our Lord and Savior on Friday, March 14, 2014. She had been a member of RGAPC since September 2, 1969.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

Wednesday, April 2nd @ noon - *YOUTHFUL SPIRITS* (men and women of any age) will gather for food and fellowship at **Bob Evans Farms Restaurant**, Cranberry. Joanne Brannon will be the host; please inform Joanne (437-5076) by March 31st if you plan to attend. Watch the Sunday bulletins for information on the May 7th gathering.

Palm Sunday, April 13th – Noon – Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunrise Service, April 20th – 7:30 a.m. – followed by breakfast prepared by men of the church, 9:30 Sunday School and 10:45 Easter Service.

April 27th – Pulpit Supply provided by The Gideons as Pastor Sue will be on vacation April 26th through May 3rd.

A Child's View of Thunderstorms

A little girl walked to and from school daily. Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning.

The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school. She also feared the electrical storm might harm her child. Full of concern, the mother got into her car and quickly drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along.

At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile. More lightning followed quickly and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile.

When the mother drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called, "What are you doing?" The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty because God keep taking my picture."

	February 2014	Year to Date
Income – Envelope Giving	\$ 6,355.97	\$ 12,472.31
Presby Foundation Interest	00.00	891.32
Other Sources	226.74	1,152.88
Expenses	- 8,214.54	-16,478.56
Difference	- \$ 1,631.83	-\$1,962.05

*March financial reports will be available
in the narthex beginning the second Sunday of April.*

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 | 28 | Ryan Sandok |
| | Paisley Kathryn Newton (2011) | 29 | Phyllis Wetzal |
| 18 | Megan Yeager | 30 | Ray Aikins |

221st PC(USA) General Assembly

The Presbyterian Church (USA) holds a "General Assembly" every two years. Each General Assembly (GA) brings together voting commissioners elected by each presbytery, as well as non-voting participants and observers from PC(USA) congregations, seminaries and sister denominations around the world. Our pastor, Reverend Sue Nageotte, has been elected to serve as one of Lake Erie Presbytery's commissioners at the 221st GA, which will be held in Detroit from June 14 through June 21, 2014. Elected commissioners discuss and act on hundreds of items of business, including "overtures" (proposed changes to our denomination's principles, policies or practices) submitted by synods and presbyteries. But General Assemblies are much more than business meetings; they are packed with worship services, prayer gatherings, informational presentations, an exhibit hall, networking opportunities and more. Many activities are open to anyone who wishes to participate. If you think you might be interested in attending one or more days at the upcoming General Assembly, please let Pastor Sue know.

SPRING CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED

The Trustees have scheduled Saturday, May 3, 2014 as a day for sprucing up RGAPC. Watch Sunday bulletins for more information.

MISSIONS CORNER:

Good day and Happy Easter Everyone,

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is in progress. OGHS monies go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. We will be collecting monies until Easter. There are envelopes in the pews for this offering or you may use the enclosed envelope. Thank you in advance for your gift.

We are still collecting old cell phones. There is a box in the narthex for them. Thank you in advance.

Anyone that would like to come and join the Missions & Outreach Ministry Team is more than welcome. We would love to have you. We meet the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30. We hope to see you there. Yes, it can be work; but, when it is done for the Lord, it is gratifying. I hope you will consider and pray about joining us; you are needed!

Remember to keep our Church in your Prayers.

Take Care and God bless you all.

His Servant,

Jill Alden

The Missions & Outreach Ministry Team now consists of the following individuals:

Phyllis Wetzel, Moderator

Joyce Pellow, Elder

Rhonda Rust, Trustee liaison

Joan Lepley, Deacons liaison

Jill Alden

John Klinger, Trustee

Joyce Wetjen

ATTENTION

The Personnel Committee will be conducting a mid-year performance review of our pastor in the near future. We are inviting members of the congregation to provide input for this performance review, by May 4th. Positive feedback, constructive criticism and specific concerns (if any) will all be helpful. These should be submitted in writing to Joyce Wetjen, Don Yount, or the locked "suggestion box" by the church office. Please include your name so the Personnel Committee can follow up with you for clarification if needed.

The committee would appreciate hearing from church members.



APRIL 2014



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 April <i>Fools' Day</i> 6:30 Sweet Adelines	2 NOON <i>Youthful Spirits @ Bob Evans</i> 6:00 Daisy Scouts	3 4:00 Mt. Pleasant Cemetery meeting	4	5 8:30 Men's Prayer breakfast @ King's 9:30 O A
6 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Noon – 2:00 Session Luncheon 2:00 – 8:30 Sweet Adelines 5:30 Boy Scouts	7 6:00 CLAW (Congregational Life & Worship) 7:00 Trustees	8 6:30 Sweet Adelines	9 10:00 Quilting @ 1st Presbyterian	10 6:30 Deacons Meeting 8:00 – 10:00 Venango County Services meeting – Moorhead Hall	11 NOON 40 DAYS of PRAYER @ RGAPC for elderly	12 8:30 Women's Prayer breakfast @ King's 9:30 O A
13 Palm Sunday 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship NOON Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt	14 6:15 Session	15	16 6:00 Daisy Scouts	17 6:30 Maundy Thursday (communion)	18 GOOD FRIDAY 	19 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
20 EASTER 7:30 Sunrise Service followed by breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	21 6:30 Christian Education NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 6:30 Sweet Adelines	23 <i>Administrative Professionals Day</i>	24	25	26 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
27 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship with <i>The Gideons</i>	28 6:30 Missions & Outreach	29 6:30 Sweet Adelines	30 6:00 Daisy Scouts			