

# **ROCKY GROVE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER**

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

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**Summer Worship - 10:00 a.m.**

**Reverend Sue Nageotte, Pastor**

**Rhonda Rust, Secretary**

**Edith Richards, 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 at RGAPC**

### **Youthful Spirits**

Men and women with youthful spirits gather for food and fellowship the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun August 3rd at Amazing Foods, 1327 Elk Street, Franklin. Watch the Sunday bulletin for information of the next event on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Summer Picnic August 6<sup>th</sup> 4 - 8 PM**

This year the RGAPC summer picnic will be held at the Nageottes' home, as a combination open house & tureen dinner. The main dish, beverages and utensils will be provided. To ensure a variety of food items: if your last name begins with the letter:

A through G, please bring a salad;

H through O, please bring a side dish;

P through Z, please bring fresh fruit or a dessert.

We will eat at around 6 PM, but you are welcome to come earlier to visit. All RGAPC members and friends are invited. See you there!! Carpooling is encouraged; plan on a half hour drive from RGAPC. Our address is 384 Black Road, Cochranon. We strongly recommend that you follow these directions instead of relying on Mapquest, Google or GPS devices. Technology has limits! Mapquest and Google will tell you to cross French Creek in Carlton, but that bridge has been closed by PennDOT; and some GPS devices will take you to a destination a mile or so away from our actual house.

**This is the best route:** From Franklin, take US 322 west about 16 miles. At the intersection of Hwy 173 there is a blinker light. Turn left at the blinker and go south one mile, through Cochranon, until you have crossed the bridge over French Creek. As you cross the bridge, check your odometer. Continue south on 173 exactly three miles then turn left on Black Road. There is a row of tall pine trees on the left as you approach the intersection. After turning left, stay on Black Road approximately two miles. There will be no houses for a long way, just keep going until you come to our place on the right. It's a tan modular home with green shutters set back from the road, with a flagpole in front. Home phone - 425-1916.

## COMMUNITY NEWS PAGE

The Cooperstown Presbyterian Church will celebrate 200 years of ministry the weekend of August 13 and 14. There will be an open house on August 13 from Noon to 8:00 PM. From 2:00 to 6:00 they will provide a pig and lamb roast (along with a LOT of other food) free to the public. Bands will be playing and there will be games for children. On August 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a special church service with a social to follow. Service starts at 10:00 a.m. For more information contact Donna Overmoyer at [overmoyer@zoominternet.net](mailto:overmoyer@zoominternet.net).

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Sunday, August 14 - One in Spirit will be in concert at First Baptist Church, Liberty St., Franklin at 7:00 p.m. They present a powerful Southern Gospel program. Mark your calendars. (This is the group that we have coming for Sunday, September 11, 2011.) You can also hear a sampling of their music by accessing: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llOoV4QWvFw>

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### THE IRIS THEATRE

"Where Community Responsibility and Entertainment Meet"

### NOW PLAYING

<b>July 28 - Aug 3</b>	<b>Cars 2</b>
<b>Aug 4 - 10</b>	<b>Mr. Popper's Penguins</b>
<b>Aug 11 - 17</b>	<b>Monte Carlo</b>

#### **Show Times**

Mon, Tues & Wed - 7:30  
Thurs - 7:30  
Fri & Sat - 7 & 9 PM  
Sun - No shows

#### **Show Admission**

Adults \$3.00  
Children (under 12) \$1.50  
Children (under 6 with Parents) Free

Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please write out all of the information as you wish it to appear. Be sure to provide a contact name and phone number for an event so your group can be contacted if needed. Thank you!

### RGAPC Financial Information

	June 2011	Year to Date
Income	\$ 6,331.50	\$ 44,850.32
Expenses	\$ 11,232.77	\$ 53,786.61
Difference	-\$ 4,901.27	-\$ 8,936.29

**NOTE: Expenses in June were inflated with payment of annual premium of \$3,708.00 for church insurance. July reports were not available when this newsletter went to print.**

#### August Birthdays:

1 Arnie Bish	20 Michael Bell
4 Curtis Zeller	Les Lepley
9 Zella McNany	Brandon Miller
12 Carol Rough	22 Jackson Lukers
15 Floyd Dunlap	24 Christina Hanna
16 Jim Clinefelter	Bert Cornmesser
18 Gwen Speth	25 Bill Brumbaugh
Dick Exley	26 Carly Moreland
19 Chris Hartman	28 Nancy Donaldson
Doris Yount	

#### SERVING IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

**Hospital Visits: Elder Malinda Lukers & Deacon Jane Beach**

**Worship Leader: Wayne Edmondson**

**Ushers: Jim Albright, Sam Alden, Jim Speth,**

**Jerry Wendt and Diane Whitman**

**Greeters: August 7 Doris Feather & Rhonda Rust**

**14 Jim & Sheryl Clinefelter**

**21 Bob & Jill Alden**

**28 Debbie & Floyd Dunlap**

**Acolytes: August 7 Austin Clark**

**14 Hannah Wielandt**

**21 Paige Winder**

**28 Aaron Weltner**

**Nursery: August 7 Sarah Moreland**

**14 Sarah Moreland**

**21 Malinda Lukers**

**28 Molly Whitling**

### **LEADERS OF CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**The Session recently approved new Child Safety Guidelines, which will go into effect September 11, 2011. All persons in supervisory positions involving children and youth ministries at**

**RGAPC are required to complete an application packet. This includes, but is not limited to, teachers and aides for Sunday School and Children's Church, Youth Group leaders and assistants, and Nursery workers. Applications are available in the church office and should be completed by August 14, 2011. Any questions should be directed to George Wielandt or Malinda Lukers.**

## **NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS MINISTRY, OUTREACH, AND EVANGELISM TEAM**

Hi Everyone,

Here it is the middle of July already as I write this. The Soap Box Derby is fast approaching. It will be July 30, 2011. Our team is going to do some outreach to the community. We will pass out water and crackers with messages on them.

The next fundraiser for us is - YES, MISSIONFEST! on September 10, 2011. It will be here before we know it. We need your help in many ways. There is a sign up sheet for booths or call and let Rhonda know. We need crafts and goodies also. If anyone would like to donate a gift basket, items for one, or money towards one, see Jill. It would be greatly appreciated. We will need garage sale items also. Please be praying for a beautiful day and the Lord's help with Missionfest. We hope to see you all there. Thank you for all your help. We appreciate everything you are doing for MissionFest, our church, and the recipients. Thanks again and let's make it a great day!

For the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year disbursement, we sent each of our recipients \$495.00. The recipients are Child Evangelism Fellowship, Campus Crusade for Christ, One Mission Society, Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center, Venango Youth for Christ, and World Gospel Mission. Thank you all very much so we can give to these great missions.

In His Service, Jill Alden

### **Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – July 11, 2011**

- Minutes of the Session meeting on June 13, 2011.
- Financial Secretary's report for the period ending June 30, 2011.
- Checking account summary, budget year-to-date figures and financial report for June, 2011.
- The following committee minutes: Missions, Outreach and Evangelism - June 27, 2011 -- Christian Education - June 13, 2011 -- Trustees - July 5, 2011 -- Deacons - June 8, 2011, and July 3, 2011
- The proposed Child Safety Guidelines. They will be incorporated into the Administrative Manual and go into effect on September 11, 2011..
- The use of Moorhead Hall by Sweet Adelines for a new twelve month term pursuant to the present arrangement and use on August 21, 2011, between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 p.m.
- The distribution of church directories to the congregation.

## THANK YOU'S

Dear Rocky Grove Presbyterian Church Congregation,

Thank you for your donation of \$562.00 toward UPC's Food Pantry. Your generous donation will provide much needed assistance to the families affected by the devastating tornado that hit our city on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to keep Tuscaloosa and the State of Alabama in your thoughts and prayers. Sincerely,

*Matt Mitchell*, Administrative Assistant, University Presbyterian Church

Dear Church members: On behalf of our three children, I thank you so much for the prayer blanket for my husband, Dick Hamilton. The colors so great for a man, the prayers so needed. Sincerely,

*Norma Hamilton & family*

To the members of both The Missions, Outreach & Evangelism Ministry Team and members of the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church, I want to extend my most heart-felt thank you for the assistance the Church has presented me in regards to my mission pilgrimage to Dublin, Ireland. Happily I was chosen to be one of six individuals, out of 85 applicants, to attend a mission pilgrimage to Dublin, Ireland, in August of this year. This trip is an amazing opportunity and with the help from the Church I will be able to take advantage of it. It is a blessing to know that while I may not be able to attend RGAPC on a regular basis while at Mercyhurst College, my church family is constantly there for guidance and support. I look forward to speaking with the congregation, upon my return, to discuss all of the happenings during this mission pilgrimage. Again, thank you so much to everyone who made providing me with assistance possible!

Go raibh maith agat agus Dia! (Thank you and God bless in Irish)

*Jeremy D. Dickey*

Pastor's message:

I keep a file folder at home, full of short articles and news clippings that I think I might use some day for sermon illustrations or, well, just because something in the article is encouraging or thought-provoking. Here is one whose author is unknown – or maybe the author just preferred to remain anonymous. I first saw it printed in a church newsletter in Salinas, California, which is sometimes called the Lettuce Capital of the World.

“A church family can be compared to many different things, but I like to think of our congregation as a garden. In order to thrive, a garden – and our church family – needs time, attention and cultivation. It needs the sunshine of laughter, encouragement, affirmation and fun. It also needs some rainy days when we work through difficulties and have serious discussions about issues that matter. And there must be spade work, times of work and prayer in which hard clumps are broken loose and the soil prepared for

**planting. And what kinds of seeds shall we plant in our church family garden? Here are some suggestions:**

**Plant four rows of Peas:**

**Prayer,**

**Preparation,**

**Perseverance, and**

**Peacefulness**

**Then three rows of Squash:**

**Squash gossip,**

**Squash bitterness, and**

**Squash apathy**

**Five rows of Lettuce:**

**Let us be Christ's faithful disciples,**

**Let us love one another,**

**Let us be generous,**

**Let us speak the truth in love, and**

**Let us be eager to show God's love to others;**

**Finally, plant three rows of turnips:**

**Turn up often;**

**turn up cheerfully, and**

**turn up with a friend.**

**Once the garden has been planted, what then? Well, then we tend the garden with care [and prayer], watching patiently for the growth that is sure to come. Before you know it,**



**this church garden will be a place where every plant bears fruit in season and every soul may find sustenance and strength.”**

**By God’s grace, may RGAPC’s garden grow and flourish in just this way!**

**Peace in Christ,**

**Pastor Sue**