

SUNSHINE NEWSLETTER

February 2010

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

321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323

Church Phone: 814-432-4162

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Website: www.rockygrover.org

Email Address: rgapc@verizon.net

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Staff:

Joyce Wetjen, Administrative Assistant

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

Edith Richards, Organist

Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

Church Office Hours: Tues. & Wed.: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thurs.: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

HIS SERVANTS:

Worship Leader – February: Jim Speth

Worship Leader – March: Vicki Henderson

Ushers – February: Dennise & Adam Kirwin, Bob, Jill & Sam

Alden

Ushers – March: Jim Albright, Joanne Brannon, Doris Feather,

Gene Sheffer, and Gerry Wendt

Greeters:

February 7: Tom & Tracy Jamieson

14: Dennise, Doug, Adam & Josh Kirwin

21: Dick & Darlene Exley

28: Brad & Carrie Beightol

March 7: Brad & Joyce Wetjen

14: Jane Beach & Kennedy Hartman

21: John & Vicki Henderson

28: Dick & Cheri Mortimer

Acolytes:

February 7: Josh Kirwin

March 7: Austin Clark

14: Aaron Weltner

14: Adam Kirwin

21: Reagan Hartman

21: Josh Kirwin

28: Konner Hartman

28: Aaron Weltner

Nursery Workers:

February 7: Pam Viele

March 7: Lois Carr

14: Joyce Wetjen

14: Jennie Brumbaugh

21: Kassidy Clark

21: Pam Viele

28: Diane Whitman

28: Joyce Wetjen

As you can see we are in need of nursery workers. If you would be willing to serve our Lord in this capacity, please call the church office at 432-4162. If a few more people could help, you would be in

the nursery one Sunday every 8-10 weeks. Please consider helping out with this crucial need.

Thank my church family for the flowers while I was in the hospital and for the kind visit of

Mrs. Pellow during my stay in the hospital. I appreciated both.

Joan Lepley

Our Church Family,

Thank you for the lovely flowers that you sent to welcome Savannah. They helped brighten our hospital room and looked beautiful in the nursery after we came home. Thank you for the numerous cards that we've received as well. We are blessed to be part of this wonderful family.

Love,

The Lukers

Please pass on my thanks and appreciation for all the many prayers, cards, letters, and other well wishes on my behalf during my recent illness. I am feeling much better. God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Betty Siefer

Rocky Grove Ave. Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift presented to me – it is greatly appreciated. Hopefully I will be here a little more in 2010 and be able to help out more. Thanks again for all your love and support.

Janet Bish

We would like to thank everyone for all their thoughts and prayers for Floyd Sr.'s healing and recovery. The prayer quilt is beautiful and so soft. We took it out to him right after church on Sunday. He absolutely loved it. I explained to him with every knot that was tied a prayer was said for him, and when he had it covering him, he was covered with all your prayers for him. He was very touched. We thank and praise God for all he has done for us and our family, and we thank and praise God for our wonderful church family. Love and God Bless.

Floyd and Debbie Dunlap

MAKE SOMEBODY HAPPY TODAY SHOW THEM THAT YOU REALLY DO CARE !

Nancy George

P.O. Box 5052

New Castle, PA 16105

Her telephone number is 724-598-3340.

Zella McNany

203 Juniper Drive

Franklin, PA 16323

Amy Carr

311 Pacific Street

Franklin, PA 16323

CONGRATULATIONS to Rachel Brumbaugh and Justin Griffin on the birth of their daughter, Sierra RaeLynn Brumbaugh, on Wednesday, January 13 at 11:53 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19-1/2 inches long. Matthew is a very proud big brother! Their home address is 302 Hone Avenue,

Oil City, PA 16301.

Would you be willing to volunteer once every 8-12 weeks to assist with Children's Church? If so, the Christian Ed Committee would like to hear from you. We are in need of adults to be with the children

4 years old through 4th grade following "Time With the Children". There are videos available or craft material in the Sunday School office that can be used. Please call Wayne Edmondson at 758-1787 or George Wielandt.

The following people will fulfill the responsibilities of the noted positions for 2010: James Clinefelter –

Financial Secretary, Sam Alden - Co-Financial Secretary, Raymond Aikins and Richard Mortimer –

Assistant Financial Secretaries, Rhonda Rust – Church Treasurer, Lois Pierce – Assistant Treasurer.

A new policy concerning acolytes: Children who are at least eight (8) years old are eligible to perform the duty of acolyte and as long as they feel comfortable performing this duty.

To create a list of members who are no longer attending our worship services, contact and talk with them about coming back to church.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Wayne Edmondson, Clerk of Session, and arrangements will be made. His telephone number is 758-1787.

SESSION REPORT: Wayne Edmondson, Clerk

December 2009 Session Minutes:

Approved Motions log:

\$25.00 checks will be given to Joyce Wetjen, our administrative assistant, Scott Donaldson,

our custodian, Edie Richards, our organist, and Janet Bish, our assistant organist, as Christmas gifts.

The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 9 Nov 09 and the Congregational and Corporation Meeting of 22 Nov 09.

☐ The November 2009 Treasurer and Financial Secretary reports, the 7 Dec 09 Trustee

Meeting minutes, the 16 Nov 09 Christian Education Ministry Team minutes, the

23 Nov 09 Missions, Outreach & Evangelism Ministry Team meeting minutes, and the

1 Dec 09 Stewardship and Personnel Committee meeting minutes.

☐ A letter that will be sent to the Valley Grove School District. This letter expresses the desire of the members of the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church

to pursue conversations with the Valley Grove School District concerning the property of our church and their property on Miller Street in Rocky Grove that was the former site of an elementary school.

- ☐ **The following definition of Quorum will be added to the appropriate sections in the**

Administrative Manual for the Ministry Teams: A quorum of members necessary to be present

in order to conduct the business of (the appropriate) Ministry Team meeting will be a

simple majority of the active Ministry Team members.

The removal of Karen Peter's name from the membership roll of the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church.

February Birthdays:

2 Michelle Dickey	14 Jeremy Dickey
3 Shawn Franklin	15 Flo Albright
4 Yolanda Clark	16 Danielle Brandt
Mallory Wetjen	18 Nathan Edmondson
5 Nancy Weltner	Charlene Ekis
Hannah Wielandt	20 Marie Wendt
7 Bob Wielandt	Amanda Lewis
8 Ben Edmondson	21 Helen Grettler (96th)
10 Kennedy Hartman	Jason Davis

11 Madeleine Rose Wielandt

26 Malinda Lukers

13 Andrew Brandt

March Birthdays:

1 Lorraine McCauley

4 Steven Cutchall

Brady Franklin

Molly Whitling

3 Wayne Donaldson

Rosie Odier

Aaron Wetjen

Anyone who would like to have a special Sunday to place flowers on the Altar to remember or honor

a loved one or a special occasion, please contact Doris Feather (437-5236). If you would like to place flowers on the Altar on a Sunday not designated for someone, it would be greatly appreciated.

January 2010 Session Minutes:

Approved Motions log:

- **The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 14 Dec 09.**
- **The December 2009 Treasurer and Financial Secretary reports, the 4 Jan 10**

Trustee Meeting minutes and the 18 Nov 09 Deacons Meeting minutes.

- **Authorized Dave Brandt and Jane Beach meet with Rev. Sue Nageotte concerning the**

possibility of her becoming a temporary stated supply for our church.

- **The scheduling of a Congregational Meeting as soon as practical for the purpose of forming**

a Pulpit Nominating Committee.

The Communion Schedule for 2010: February 14, 2010 - Transfiguration of the Lord, April 1, 2010 - Maundy Thursday, May 23, 2010 – Pentecost, October 3, 2010 - World Communion and

November 21, 2010 - Christ the King.

Hospital Visitation Schedule:

February: Dave Brandt, Elder

Joyce Pellow, Deacon

TIDBITS OF INFORMATION

NOTICE!

To all men of RGAPC, you are cordially invited to attend the Men's Prayer Breakfasts to be held on the first Saturday of the month (February 6th). Please come and join other Christian men as they meet for a time of prayer and spiritual devotion, while engaging in some more lighthearted discussions of world events. We meet at King's Restaurant in their meeting room, at 8:30 a.m. If you need a ride, please contact Ray Aikins at (814) 432-2726 and he will arrange to have you picked up and delivered back to your home

The Women's Prayer Breakfast meets at King's Family Restaurant on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Women of all ages are invited to join us. February 13th will be our next meeting. We hope to see you there!

A Bible Study Group is meeting every Thursday at the church from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please join us for

a great learning experience and wonderful fellowship.

Do you have a serious concern, question, or recognize something that needs attention concerning our church? Please obtain a copy of the form from Section 504 of our church's Administrative Manual, fill it out and turn it into the church office or the Clerk of Session. These forms are located on a table in the narthex (area adjacent to rear of church sanctuary) and in the church office. We want to respond

to you.

The Session of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church

MISSIONS NEWS

The Souper Bowl of Caring offering will again be taken February 7, 2010 – Super Bowl Sunday. This

is a simple, yet powerful movement of caring which began in 1990. Brad Smith initiated

the movement with a simple prayer - "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." This inspired a primarily youth-led movement to help hungry and hurting people around the world. Monies are collected and donated locally. In 2010, we

will again be giving to The Salvation Army of Franklin. Please be prepared to donate \$1.00 or more after church on February 7, 2010.

As Lent, Maundy Thursday and Easter approach, we are reminded of the Love and Salvation that Jesus gives us. We can tell others of his Salvation and Love. We can show our Love that He gives us by giving it, sharing it and showing it to others. The One Great Hour of Sharing is coming up. This is another way to show our Love for Christ by giving to others in need.

We have received several thank you notes and acknowledgements from our Missionfest recipients

and also for the Totes for Tots project, Barb and Dave English (their mission trip), and the Franklin Salvation Army for the donation they received from the canned food drive.

Anyone that would like to come and join the Missions, Outreach and Evangelism Team are more than welcome. We would love to have you. We meet the 4th Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. 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.

His Servant,

Jill Alden

NOW PLAYING at THE IRIS THEATRE

Feb. 4 – 10 “Alvin and the Chipmunks”

Feb. 11 – 17 “Leap Year”

Feb. 18 - 24 “Spy Next Door”

Feb. 25 – Mar. 3 “Avatar”

7 & 9:30 p.m. showings on

Friday & Saturday

Feb. 28 “Blink of an Eye”

Check their website for times (www.csonline.net/iristheatre)

Show Admission (unless otherwise noted):

Adults \$3.00; Children (under 12) \$1.50;

Children (under 6 with Parents) Free

Something to Think About:

There’s a simple five-point formula that you can check off using your upheld hand. Touch your thumb first to begin with praise for God, the almighty, the merciful, because that’s the most important thing

of all. Next, touch your index finger to give thanks for your blessings, which are more than you realize, and for your problems, which are fewer and smaller than you think. Third, count your tall middle

finger, to remind yourself to ask forgiveness, for yourself, then to forgive others. Fourth, your ring finger reminds you to make your prayer requests for others. Fifth and last, the smallness of your

little finger shows your prayer requests for yourself should not always be at the front of the line.

Three prayer requests were emailed to the church office and requested being published in our newsletter. They are:

The Family of State Trooper Paul Richey and his Fellow Officers. Trooper Richey, who was 40 years old died Jan. 13 as a result of a gunshot wound suffered during a domestic incident on Bredinsburg Road. He was assigned to the Patrol Unit at Troop E, Franklin. He is survived by his widow, Carrie,

a son, Conner, 9, and a daughter, Catherine, 6, of Franklin; and his parents Clinton (Sam) and Nancy Richey of Franklin.

PC (USA) Mission Partners - please pray for them.

Sharyn Babe, the PC (USA) mission worker closest to the earthquake's epicenter, and her husband, Rodney, have communicated that Sharyn is hospitalized. We are waiting for additional information from Rodney about her condition. Mark Hare, the other PC (USA) mission worker in Haiti, and his wife, Jenny, live in Papay, a town about 100 miles from the epicenter. The Hares have told Presbyterian World Mission that Papay did not receive major damage and that they are safe.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - already mobilized.

PDA is rushing an initial \$100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing and designated funds to help provide immediate emergency relief to the affected people. Funds are being sent through our ecumenical and local partners working in Haiti.

If you are able to make a donation, please send it to the Presbytery of Lake Erie, 2816 Elmwood Avenue, Erie, PA 16508 and on the memo line place "Haiti Relief". All the money received by the Presbytery of Lake Erie will be given to Account No. DR000064 and will be directed through the PCUSA. Updates will be made at the [PDA website](#). Thank you.

Rev. David S. Oyler

General Presbyter

2010 LAKE ERIE PRESBYTERY PRAYER LIST
CHURCH & PASTOR(S)
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, PARISH
ASSOCIATES, HONORABLY

**RETIRED, VALIDATED MINISTRY
& OTHER LEADERSHIP**

Date

Feb. 7 New Hope Presbyterian Church, Erie

Rev. Dwayne Cole, Temporary Supply Pastor

The General Council of Lake Erie Presbytery

Feb. 14 Cambridge Springs

Elder Jerry Whitmore, Commissioned Lay Pastor

Fairview, Church of the Cross

Rev. James Moelk, Pastor

Rev. David Fugate, Temp. Supply, Assoc. Pastor

Feb. 21 Emlenton

Rev. Lori Danielson, Pastor

Ghana Mission Team

Traveling Feb. 21-March 9

Feb. 28 Bradford, East End

Rev. Jim McCormack (HR)

Max Miller, United Methodist Preacher

March 7 Tidioute

Elder Dennis Ledebur, Comm. Lay Pastor

Tionesta and Endeavor Presbyterian Churches

Rev. Peter Veltman, Stated Supply

March 14 Warren, First

Rev. Bill King, Interim Pastor

Edinboro Rev. Hal Kelley, Interim Pastor

March 21 Harmonsburg

Rev. Sue Nageotte, Temporary Supply

Rev. William A. Smith (HR)

Rev. John Bower (Minister at Large)

March 28 Erie, East Greene

Rev. David S. Oyler General Presbyterian

During the next year we invite you to uphold each church and member of presbytery in prayer. Many of you have included this information in your bulletin each week or newsletter each month, and many of you have included these people and congregations in your pastoral prayer. I urge you to continue this mutual support and encouragement each week.

May God richly bless our work together in the coming months as we serve Jesus Christ together. This is one small, but significant, way in which we can hold up our brothers and sisters through Christ in our prayers.