

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

February 2013

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

New Officers

During the worship service on January 13, 2013, the following persons were ordained and/or installed as elders and deacons as they had been elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on November 18, 2012:

Elected to the Office of Elder, each for a three-year term:

Lois Pierce

George Wielandt - scheduled to be installed February 13th

Elected to the Office of Elder for a one-year term:

Linda Hartman

Elected to the Office of Deacon, each for a three-year term:

Sarah Speth

Doris Feather - scheduled to be installed February 13th

Sheryl Clinefelter will be installed upon return from NC

We also recognized our new Trustees:

Elected to the Office of Trustee, each for a three-year term:

Harold Bell, David Cokain and John Dumbleton

THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING OFFICERS

We wish to thank our outgoing officers for their faithfulness and commitment to the work of the church.

Elders: Linda Hartman, James Speth & Nancy Weltner

Deacons: Brenda Cokain & Diane Whitman

Trustees: Sam Alden, Don McNany & Joyce Pellow

A list of all officers and committees will be published in the March newsletter.

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – January 14th:

- **Minutes of the regular Session Meeting of December 10, 2012, and the Special Session Meetings of January 2 and January 13, 2013.**
- **The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending December 31, 2012 and the following Treasurer's reports: the checking account summary, the budget year-to-date figures and the Financial Report for December 2012.**
- **Received the minutes of the Congregational Life & Worship Committee meeting on January 7, 2013, Trustee's meeting on January 7, 2013, and the December 10, 2012, through January 14, 2013, Report on Administrative Activity.**
- **Waived the custodial fee for the use of Moorhead Hall on February 3, 2013, for a baby shower that will be hosted by Sarah DeLong and Jill Alden.**
- **The formation of a task force to actively plan the dismissal of our church from the Presbyterian Church (USA) and to explore other denominational options.**

- Wayne Edmondson was elected to be the Clerk of Session.
- The Church Key Assignment list after finding it to be in order.
- The new job description for the church secretary.
- Two vacation days and one sick day per calendar year for our organist. The request for vacation days must be at least two weeks in advance and there are restrictions for obvious holidays.

Congratulations! A daughter, Sofia Isabella, was born January 22, 2013, at 10:18 p.m. to Jennifer and Raul Carvajal. The baby weighed in at 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and is 19” long. The proud grandparents, John and Paula Klinger, left 1/26/13 to join the happy family for a visit. Their address is 2747 Old House Circle, Matthews, NC 28105.

February

Birthdays

4	Yolanda Clark	14	Jeremy Dickey
	Mallory Wetjen (2003)	15	Flo Albright
5	Nancy Weltner	17	Cameron Whitling (2010)
	Hanna Wielandt (2002)	20	Doug Songer (2002)
7	Bob Wielandt		Marie Wendt
10	Kennedy Hartman	21	Helen Grettler
11	Madeleine Rose Wielandt (2004)	26	Malinda Lukers

RGAPC NEWS

Praise and Prayer

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Psalm 150:6

Praise and Prayer will be continuing throughout the New Year. We will be meeting two times a month, every other Wednesday night starting at 6:30 p.m. We meet in the Youth Room. Check the newsletter calendar for the next meeting date.

Praise and Prayer is a time where we devote an hour or so to share our praises to God for all that He has done for us and continues to do for us. Praise and Prayer also allows us to offer any prayers of concern for our friends, family, church, town, country, or the world. It is a time for fellowship with our church family, and God's family. Please consider joining us at our next gathering, we would love for you to be with us.

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Mark 11:24

Youthful Spirits, men and women of the church, gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to join in the fun at noon on February 6th at French Creek Cafe, 1242 Liberty Street, Franklin. Call Doris Feather at 437-5236 to make a reservation. The next meeting will be March 6th.

RGAPC 2013 YOUTH

When: Thursday, February 21, 2013

Time: 6-8 pm

Who: Grades 3-12

We are off and running for 2013. There are so many plans and so little time! We would like to discuss fundraisers, adventures, and our weekend trip in June at this meeting so please come with your ideas and questions.

If you bring a friend, you will receive a gift.

A light meal will be provided.

Need more information, or a ride?
Contact Sarah Speth at 814-673-8976 anytime.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT REAPC

Wednesday, February 13th – Ash Wednesday Service – Franklin First Presbyterian will be joining us for a 6:30 p.m. service.

Saturday, March 16th - Mystery Dinner - 6:00 p.m. – Watch future Sunday bulletins for additional information

Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m. – Seder Service at Franklin First Presbyterian.

Easter Sunrise Breakfast – March 31st – More information to follow.

MISSIONS CORNER

MISSION TRIP ANYONE?

The devastation resulting from Hurricane Sandy is as extensive and heart-breaking as that from Hurricane Katrina in 2005. There will be many opportunities for people to go on work trips in the coming year. Some of these will be coordinated at the Presbytery level, others through local Franklin area churches. Please let Pastor Sue know if God is nudging you to participate in a work trip to help the victims of Sandy.

The Missions & Outreach Ministry Team is continuing to collect used cell phones to be donated to Cell Phones for Soldiers. The phones are sold to recycling firms, and the money is used to buy calling cards for soldiers overseas. Please help with this worthy cause. A box for collection is located in the narthex.

Christmas Joy Offering for 2012 totaled \$367.90, which is an increase from 2011's total of \$252.44. The Missions & Outreach Team thanks you for your generosity!

Souper Bowl Sunday will soon be upon us! Yes, I did spell souper bowl correctly. I'm talking about Souper Bowl Sunday where the Mission committee members will be collecting your generous monetary donations into our soup kettles so that the donations can be given to our local food pantries.

Normally when we hear Super Bowl Sunday we naturally think of football and great food. We unintentionally forget about those in our area who have trouble getting food on the table for a meal, let alone food for a football party.

So when you see us by the doors with our kettles outreached on February 3rd, please remember to give generously to those who are not as fortunate as we are. God is good to us, let us share His bounty.

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.
1 Timothy 6:18

Also watch for future announcement about the upcoming Keeling concert that will be held here on Sunday night, April 28th at 6:00 p.m. The Keeling's are a talented Christian family with many musical gifts. We are looking forward to having them share their gifts with us. A love offering will be taken.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
Psalm 47:6

The New Year is here and it signals it's time to try new things. Wouldn't you love to begin the New Year by trying something different? Why not start by coming to a Missions and Outreach meeting! We are looking for some new faces with some fresh ideas to join our mission to help spread God's word. Our meetings are every fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone needs a mission in life, let us be part of your mission.

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

Notes of Thanks

Thanks to everyone for the certificate and other gifts I received for Christmas. I am so blessed to have such a loving, giving church family.

Blessings to you all,

Rhonda Rust

Dear Church Family,

What a lovely surprise you gave me Christmas Eve! I didn't expect to be considered "staff" once I retired. Thank you for your very welcome gift. Be assured that whenever I can help I will continue to gladly do so. Love in Christ,

Richards

Edith

Dear friends at RGAPC,

Thank you for all the cards and expressions of appreciation you have given me in recent weeks. Words simply cannot express how touched I am by your kindness and generosity.

It is a joy and a privilege serving as your pastor. With much love,

Pastor Sue

Dear Friends at RGAPC,

Thank you for the Christmas gift.

June McClintock

Thanks for all the Christmas cards and gifts. We are blessed to have such a loving church family.
Scott Donaldson & family

Thanks for all the Christmas cards.

Ron Walters

Dear Friends at Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church,

We're so grateful to God for your gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Because of your generosity, 16 children will have a precious gift and a gospel opportunity.

God blessed us with 40,376 shoeboxes in N/W PA because of you.

Pray God will use these gifts to draw children and families to Jesus.

Gratefully, *Kathy Schriefer & the N/WPA OCC Area Team*

SERVANTS FOR FEBRUARY

Hospital Visits: Elder Wayne Edmondson & a Deacon

Worship Leader: Wayne Edmondson

Ushers: Harold Bell, Lois Pierce, Brad Wetjen,

Joyce Wetjen and Donald Yount

Greeters: February 3 Kevin & Jessica Songer

10 Lois Pierce & Linda Zeller

(Ash Wednesday)

13 Debbie Dunlap & Jill Alden

17 Boy Scout Troop # 28

24 Aaron & Nancy Weltner

Acolyte: February 3 Arika Songer
Joyce Pellow & family

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10 COMMUNION

17 Gage Clark

24 Eli Moreland

Nursery: February 3 Margaret Wielandt

10 Diane Whitman

17 Margaret Wielandt

24 Molly Whitling

Children's Church: February 3 Wayne Edmondson

10 Pam Baughman

17 Wayne Edmondson

24 George Wielandt

RGAPC Financial Information

	December 2012	All of 2012
Congregational Giving	\$ 9,952.00	\$ 93,633.85
Expenses	\$ 8,991.44	\$100,528.81
Difference	\$ 960.56	- \$ 6,894.96

*Detailed January Financial Reports will be available in the
narthex beginning the second Sunday of the month..*