

**JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER**

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

**321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323**

**Church Phone: 814-432-4162**

**Fax Number: 814-432-4162**

**Website: [www.rockygrover.org](http://www.rockygrover.org)**

**Email Address: [rgapc@verizon.net](mailto: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 – January: Jim Sandok**

**Worship Leader – February: Jim Speth**

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**Ushers – January: Rhonda Rust, Debbie Dunlap, Ron Walters,  
Don McNany & Wayne Edmondson**

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

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**Greeters:**

**January 3: Bob & Jill Alden**  
**10: Ron Walters & Wayne Edmondson**  
**17: Don & Zella McNany**  
**24: Floyd & Debbie Dunlap**  
**31: Dick & Darlene Exley**

**February 7: Melissa Lyons & Jeff Lyons**  
**14: Dennise, Doug, Adam & Josh Kirwin**  
**21: Jim & Flo Albright**  
**28: Brad & Carrie Beightol**

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**Acolytes:**

<b>January 3: Aaron Weltner</b>	<b>February 7: Josh Kirwin</b>
<b>10: Reagan Hartman</b>	<b>14: Aaron Weltner</b>
<b>17: Konner Hartman</b>	<b>21: Reagan Hartman</b>
<b>24: Austin Clark</b>	<b>28: Konner Hartman</b>
<b>31: Adam Kirwin</b>	

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**Nursery Workers:**

<b>January 3: Pam Viele</b>	<b>February 7: Pam Viele</b>
<b>10: Joyce Wetjen</b>	<b>14: Joyce Wetjen</b>
<b>17: Diane Whitman</b>	<b>21: Diane Whitman</b>
<b>24: Kassidy Clark</b>	<b>28: Kassidy Clark</b>
<b>31: Lois Carr</b>	

**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 6-8 weeks. Please consider helping out with this crucial need.**

*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you for all your Christmas cards and for the gift that was presented in church. You have always been so kind and compassionate toward me. I will do my best to show my appreciation by giving you music each Sunday. Gratefully, Edith*

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*Dear Friends,*

*Thank you for the gift given to me on December 20<sup>th</sup>. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. It has been my pleasure to serve you and my Lord in the church office. In His Love, Joyce*

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*To all our friends at Rocky Grove Ave. Presbyterian:*

*Many thanks to all those who remembered us with cards for our anniversary and Christmas. We spent our anniversary on the beach having dinner and watching the sunset. As if that wasn't enough, we also had music. A woman sang songs for 3 hours inviting the group of diners to join her. It was great.*

*Our new adventure has been all we hoped and more. We are surrounded by kind loving happy Christian people. Although we have visited many churches, believe it or not we found a Presbyterian church we liked best. The people are friendly and the Pastor gives us outstanding messages. On Sunday nights we have Vespers here in the park. They have invited Ed to preach on the 20<sup>th</sup>. God has been so good to us.*

*We pray for you all and your church. Remember He's still in command.*

*See you in the spring.*

*Your friends in Christ,*

*Ed and Betty Clark*

*602 – 49<sup>th</sup> C Avenue Drive E*

*Bradenton, FL 34203*

**January Birthdays:**

1	Sierra Cook	15	Madeleine Wielandt
2	Jennifer Jones		Dennise Kirwin
3	Alaina Franklin	16	Vicki Henderson
4	Judy Sandok	18	Darcy Henderson
	Lois Carr	19	Kensington Baughman
5	Elissa Stuttler	20	Lois Pierce
9	Scott Edmondson	24	Brooke Brannon
11	Aaron Weltner	26	Mike Hartman
13	Alisha Newton	28	Willard Burns
		29	Josh Kirwin

**February Birthdays:**

2	Michelle Dickey	5	Nancy Weltner
3	Shawn Franklin		Hannah Wielandt
4	Yolanda Clark	7	Bob Wielandt
	Mallory Wetjen	8	Ben Edmondson
		10	Kennedy Hartman

**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**

**The December 2009 Session Report will be published with the January 2010 Session Report next month.**

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**On behalf of the Deacons, Joyce Pellow, Moderator, would like to thank the congregation for the out-pouring of love and support for projects in 2009. These include the flowers on the altar table each Sunday, Plants for Easter (53) and Christmas (43), and money and gifts for the Spirit of Giving Christmas Tree. We were able to do many things this past year with your help.**

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**Nominating Committee Report for 2010 Offices:**

**Elders: Nancy Weltner, Linda Hartman, Jim Speth (3 yr. term)**

**Jill Alden (1 yr. term)**

**Deacons: Brenda Cokain, Diane Whitman, Jane Beach (3 yr. term)**

**Trustees: Ray Aikens, Sam Alden, Don McNany (3 yr. term)**

**2010 Nominating Committee: Debbie Dunlap, Jim Clinefelter,  
Corinne Heckler, Grace Gibbons, Anne Brandt**

**Auditor: Malinda Lukers (3 yr. term)**

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

**Elders: Ray Aikins, Vicki Henderson & Jim Sandok**

**Deacons: Kaitlin Griffin, Linda Hartman & Darcy Henderson**

**Trustees: Bob Alden, Harold Bell & Shawn Franklin**

**Auditor: Dick Mortimer**

<p>Make somebody happy today; Show them that you really do care Send a note of cheer and prayer.</p>
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**Nancy George**

**P.O. Box 5052**

**New Castle, PA 16105**

**Her telephone number is 724-598-3340.**

**Hazel Lynch**

**% The Caring Place**

**103 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Franklin, PA 16323**

**Lois Pierce (Knee Replacement Surgery)**

**112 Front Street**

**Franklin, PA 16323**

**Joan Lepley**

**292 Meadville Pike**

**Franklin, PA 16323**

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**CONGRATULATIONS to Jeremiah & Malinda Lukers on the birth of their daughter, Savannah LaRue, on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:39 p.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 21 inches long. Jackson is a very proud big brother! Their home address is 227 Prospect Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323.**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

*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 each month 2010. 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 normally 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 dates are: 1/2/10, 2/6/10, 3/6/10, 4/3/10, May - Cancelled, 6/5/10, 7/3/10, 8/7/10, 9/4/10, 10/2/10, 11/6/10, and 12/4/10.

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. January 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

Did you know that you can read Roger Snyder's sermons on the RGAPC web site? If you missed any Sunday that he was here, Jim Clinefelter has posted them for your viewing.

If you don't know what to do with your old calendars, they will be put to good use at The Caring Place. Please drop them off at the receptionist desk at The Caring Place or our church office. Thanks.

If you would be interested in receiving your newsletter via email, please contact the church office with your email address. Session has given approval to start this process. With the price of postage, this will help financially as well as you will receive your newsletter "hot off the press" instead of "snail mail".

**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**

**A card shower was held for Betty Scurry who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Wednesday, December 30. Cards can be sent to her son's address: 12757 Station Road, Columbia Station, OH 44028.**

**WAWN Christian Radio Station in Franklin, PA will be taking three buses to Mellon Arena on Friday, March 26, 2010 for the Gaither Homecoming. We are offering a ticket/bus package of \$66.50 for seating in the Igloo section and \$60.00 for the B-level seating. Buses will leave the Franklin High School parking lot at 4:00 p.m. and return approximately midnight.**

**Reservations can be made by calling Joyce Wetjen at 814-432-8545 or Jane Winger at 814-676-6445. Money for the tickets must be in by Feb. 1. Checks can be made payable to Lighthouse Ministries of Franklin with a memo "Gaither Bus Trip".**

**WAWN will be giving away approximately 20 tickets on the air after January 1. Those winning the tickets can purchase their bus seats for \$24.00 by calling the numbers above.**

### **MISSIONS NEWS**

**The 2009 Christmas Joy Offering, "What Child is This?" was taken throughout Advent. Monies gathered through this offering support the Board of Pensions as well as several racial ethnic schools. This year we were able to donate \$520.00 to the cause. Thanks to all who were able to contribute.**

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 give \$1.00 or more after church on February 7, 2010.

Thanks and HAPPY NEW YEAR from your Missions Committee.

**NOW PLAYING at THE IRIS THEATRE**

Jan. 3 – 6                    “Fantastic Mr. Fox”

Jan. 7 – 13                   “The Blind Side”

Jan. 14 – 16                “Planet 51”

Check their website for times ([www.csonline.net/iristheatre](http://www.csonline.net/iristheatre))

Show Admission (unless otherwise noted):

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

Children (under 6 with Parents) Free

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Please make every attempt to attend the worship service on January 3<sup>rd</sup> to hear the pulpit supply. Session members would appreciate hearing your comments prior to their meeting on Monday,

January 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**2010 LAKE ERIE PRESBYTERY PRAYER LIST**

**CHURCH & PASTOR(S)**

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, PARISH**

**ASSOCIATES, HONORABLY**

**RETIRED, VALIDATED MINISTRY**

**& OTHER LEADERSHIP**

**Date**

**Jan. 3            Presbyterian Church, Conneaut Lake**

**Rev. Timothy Solomon (Validated Ministry)**

**Rev. Bill Mills, Temporary Supply**

**Rev. Karen Webster (Minister at Large)**

**Jan. 10   Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin**

**Gradye Parsons   General Assembly Stated Clerk**

**Jan. 17            Elmwood Avenue Church**

**Rev. Bruce Stevens**

**Rev. David Rice, Interim Pastor   Co-Executive, Synod of the Trinity**

**Jan. 24   Westminster Church, Erie   Rev. Susan Wonderland**

**Rev. John Erthein, Pastor Assoc. Executive, Synod of the Trinity**

**Jan. 31   First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant   Dr. Doug Megill**

**Rev. Dale Southorn, Pastor Stated Clerk, Lake Erie Presbytery**

**New Hope Presbyterian Church, Erie The General Council of**

**Rev. Dwayne Cole, Temporary Supply Pastor Lake Erie Presbytery**

**Feb. 14 Cambridge Springs Fairview, Church of the Cross**

**Elder Jerry Whitmore, Commissioned Lay Pastor Rev. James Moelk, Pastor**

**Rev. David Fugate, Temp. Supply, Assoc. Pastor Feb. 21**

**Emlenton Ghana Mission Team**

**Rev. Lori Danielson, Pastor Traveling Feb. 21-March 9**

**Feb. 28 Bradford, East End Rev. Jim McCormack (HR)**

**Max Miller, United Methodist Preacher**

**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.**