

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
JANUARY 2011 SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

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

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Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Worship – 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Sue Nageotte, Pastor

Katrina Anthony, Church Secretary

Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Note from Pastor Sue

Dear RGAPC members and friends,

I pray that your Christmas was filled with deep joy and peace as you celebrated Jesus' coming into the world and into our hearts. Rejoice! The Lord has come!

As we stand at the threshold of 2011, it is natural to wonder what changes this New Year will bring to our homes, to our congregation, to our community and to the world.

One of the big challenges facing RGAPC is the question about what to do about the church building, which needs more repairs than anyone had anticipated. The Trustees and Session are continuing to work with building renovation specialists to develop a clear picture of what needs to be corrected (and how much it will cost). While this is a serious matter, we do well to remember that from the day of Pentecost, being Christ's Church has never depended upon bricks and mortar.

For many people, the word "church" means the building where people gather to hear sermons and sing hymns. While that may be the most common usage of the word, as reformed Christians we know that the Church is Christ's Body, made not of stones and lumber and nails and glass, but of living souls. Being Christ's Church depends upon our relationship with Jesus Christ -- our recognition that we are sinners, saved by grace -- and how we respond to that relationship. Being Christ's Church is a journey of spiritual growth and discovery, mutual commitment and service.

The year ahead promises to be one of spiritual growth and energy for RGAPC, as together we seek to know and to follow God's good and gracious will. I feel humbled and honored to be part of your journey. God has not given us the gift of knowing the future -- but he has given us something better: the gift of knowing the One who holds the future in his hands . . . the gift of knowing he has a purpose for our lives . . . and the promise that he will never leave us nor forsake us.

May God fill you to overflowing with hope and peace as you serve his Son, Emmanuel, God-with-us. And, have a blessed new year!

In Christ's love, Pastor Sue

SESSION REPORT (DECEMBER, 2010):

MINUTES OF THE SESSION

ROCKY GROVE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 13, 2010

The regular monthly Session meeting started at approximately 6:07 p.m. in the Ladies Parlor. Don Yount presented devotions and opened the meeting with prayer.

Session Elders present and representing a quorum were: Jill Alden, Dave Brandt, Wayne Edmondson, Linda Hartman, Nancy Weltner, George Wielandt and Don Yount. Jim Speth was not able to attend the meeting. Also in attendance were the following new elders who will be coming on to Session in 2011: Debbie Dunlap, Malinda Lukers and Jim Sandok.

Rev. Sue Nageotte moderated the meeting.

Welcoming Incoming Elders

Debbie Dunlap, Malinda Lukers and Jim Sandok were welcomed during the meeting. Rev. Sue Nageotte presented information on the Committees for 2010 and talked about the division of the responsibilities of the Elders for 2011.

Minutes

The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 8 Nov 10, the special Session Meeting of 14 Nov 10 and the Minutes of the 2010 Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting of 14 Nov 10 were approved by motion, second and vote.

Clerk's Report

- We received a letter from the Friends of Westminster Highlands, dated 23 Nov 10, that asked for support for the Westminster Highlands Presbyterian Church Camp.**
- The Presbytery of Lake Erie held a Stated Meeting at the First Presbyterian Church in Titusville, PA on 20 Nov 10. Information from that meeting was shared and included the following: The Presbytery will vote on the proposed Foundations of Presbyterian Policy and Form of Government, the Confession of Belhar and fifteen (15) amendments to the Book of Order in three separate meetings in 2011. Information on these three subjects were obtained from the Presbytery Meeting and given to Rev. Sue Nageotte.**

Financial Reports

The November 2010 Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports were approved by motion, second and vote.

Other Minutes and Reports

The following minutes were approved by motion, second and vote: The Trustee Meeting on 5 Dec 10, the Board of Deacons Meeting on 17 Nov 10, the Christian Education Ministry Team meeting on 15 Nov 10, the Missions, Outreach & Evangelism Ministry Team meeting on 22 Nov 10 and the Congregational Life & Worship Committee meeting of 15 Nov 10.

Trustees' Report

The Trustees' Report included information on repairs and maintenance on the church building that was recently completed. In addition, they learned we have a safety deposit box at our bank that no one can readily recall being in existence. Rhonda Rust will obtain additional information about this box.

Stewardship, Personnel and Nominations

- By motion, second and vote, we approved the following: The undesignated offering obtained during the collection of the Christmas Eve Offering will be given to the Deacons. This conforms to our past practice.

(minutes continued on reverse)

- The proposed 2011 Church Budget, changed to reduce Pulpit Supply from \$3,000.00 to \$900.00, was approved by motion, second and vote.

Old Business

- A report was presented on various accounts associated with the Galaxy Federal Credit Union and how they might be related to actions concerning Per Capita. There is one existing account and two closed accounts. The existing account was established as a savings account only with no intended designations. One closed account was set up to handle money that eventually went towards the purchase of an air conditioning system for the sanctuary. The other closed account was set up to hold money that was withheld from Per Capita payments to the General Assembly that was not obtained from direct contributions from Church members. This money was directed to mission causes. The following was approved by motion, second and vote: The disposition of the Galaxy Federal Credit Union funds will be referred to the Stewardship and Finance Committees.
- By motion, second and vote, we approved the Terms of Agreement (Extension of Contract) between Reverend Sue Nageotte and the Session of the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church.
- Rev. Sue Nageotte and Wayne Edmondson reviewed the latest information that was obtained from Fiske and Sons, Inc. of Erie, PA and Associated Contractors, Inc. of Meadville, PA concerning the condition of our church buildings.

New Business

- New officer training will be conducted in January.
- Committee structure and leadership for 2011 will be determined during the next Session Meeting.
- By motion, second and vote, we approved a request from Children Services for the use of at least one room in our church on Thursday, 6 Jan 10.

The next regular Session meeting will be on Monday, 10 January 2011, at 6:07 p.m.

Dave Brandt will be in charge of the devotions for the January Session Meeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Wayne L. Edmondson, Clerk of Session

Approved Motions Log:

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RESTORATIVE COMMUNITY GROUP CONFERENCING

CALLING ALL MENTORS!!

Be a part of an exciting new initiative in Venango County

Restorative Community Group Conferencing (RCGC) is a community based restorative process by which victims of delinquent acts committed by a juvenile are brought together in a non-adversarial forum to discuss the harm that has occurred as a result of that act and a solution to repair the harm.

Juveniles will be assigned a mentor who will guide them through the completion of their individual contract that was created in the community conference.

You'd be a great RCGC mentor if...

- **You are at least 21 years of age**
- **You enjoy volunteering**
- **You are reliable, responsible, patient & a good listener**
- **You can be fair & neutral**
- **You enjoy working with youth**

How do I become an RCGC mentor?

- **Contact Child to Family Connections**
- **Submit your application and Act 33/34 Clearances**
- **Complete 3 hours of mentor training:**
 - **Thursday January 6th 2011**
 - **5:30-8:30pm**
 - **191 Howard Street, Franklin PA.**

For more information contact Child to Family Connections at 437-3862 or email Bre at programspecialistcfc@verizon.net

To All my Wonderful Church Family,

From the bottom of my heart, Thank you for the beautiful prayer quilt. I have used it daily as I take a rest. It is close to my heart.

I also want to say a Very Merry Christmas to all our Church family. A Thank You to our Pastor and the others who visited me.

It is so good to know you have Dear Friends.

Thank You to all. I'm sorry I didn't get cards out this year.

God Bless Each and Everyone.

Lovingly, Joyce Riddle

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for another year of support in serving our Lord in outreach to our church family and community.

I can't express our thanks enough for all the flowers, funeral luncheons, and the tremendous spirit of giving for our Christmas families.

The Deacons

Rocky Grove Ave. Presbyterian Church,

My family and I would like to share a special thank you to all the beautiful cards and gifts we received this Christmas. Thank you for making me feel so welcomed!

Katrina Anthony & Family

The Men's Prayer Breakfast usually meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at King's Family Restaurant. All men of the church are invited to fellowship with us, the other months of the year. We will not meet in January.

The Women's Prayer Breakfast meets at King's Family Restaurant the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Women of all ages are invited -- we hope to see you there!

The Mid-Week Bible Study is now meeting at 7 p.m. each Wednesday night, immediately after choir practice. All are welcome to join us as Pastor Sue leads us in a verse-by-verse study of Genesis.

FOOD FOR THE BODY & FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Light refreshments are provided in Moorhead Hall each Sunday morning following Sunday School. The Congregational Life Committee is seeking volunteers who would occasionally be willing to provide snacks and/or help set up the refreshments. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex (entry to the sanctuary) and in Moorhead Hall

(downstairs). For more info contact Don Yount 432-3811 or Nancy Weltner 676-0521.

Thank you to everyone who has already
helped with our Sunday refreshments!

January Birthdays:

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

February Birthdays:

1 Mary Brandon	13 Andrew Brandt
2 Michelle Dickey	14 Jeremy Dickey
3 Shawn Franklin	15 Flo Albright
4 Yolanda Clark	16 Danielle Brandt

Mallory Wetjen	18 Nathan Edmonson
5 Nancy Weltner	Charlene Ekis
Hannah Wielandt	20 Marie Wendt
7 Bobby Wielandt	Amanda Lewis
8 Ben Edmondson	21 Helen Grettler
10 Kennedy Hartman	Jason Davis
Virginia Sharp	26 Malinda Lukers
11 Madeleine Rose Wielandt	

MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY TODAY.

SHOW THEM THAT YOU CARE

In Christ's Service:

Pastor: Reverend Sue Nageotte

Worship Leader – January: Vicki Henderson

Ushers – January: Debbie Dunlap, Wayne Edmondson, Don McNany, Rhonda Rust, and Brad Wetjen

Ushers – February: Bob & Jill Alden, Sam Alden, Dennise & Adam Kirwin and Diane Whitman

Greeters -- January: 2. Bob & Jill Alden

9. John Klinger & Wayne Edmondson

16. Don & Zella McNany

23. Floyd & Debbie Dunlap

30. Jim & Flo Albright

February: 6. Don & Doris Yount

13. Doug & Dennise Kirwin

20. Dick & Darlene Exley

27. Brad & Carrie Beightol

Acolytes: January: 2: Austin Clark

9. Konner Hartman

16. Adam Kirwin

23. Josh Kirwin

30. Aaron Weltner

February: 6. COMMUNION

13. Konner Hartman

20. Adam Kirwin

27. Josh Kirwin

Nursery Workers: January: 2. Pam Viele

9. Diane Whitman

16. Molly & Ed Whitling

23. Jeremiah & Malinda Lukers

30. Pam Viele

February: 6. Diane Whitman

13. Molly & Ed Whitling

20. Jeremiah & Malinda Lukers

27. Pam Viele

Hospital Visitation:

January: Elder - Jim Speth, phone 673-1219

Deacon – Joyce Pellow

February: Elder- Dave Brandt

Deacon – (to be announced)

Church Office Update

The Church Office will usually be open Tuesday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Updates and announcements for the bulletin need to be received by Wednesday afternoon.

Pastor Sue will be out of the office the first week in January. She will be returning to the office on January 10th. For hospital visits please contact Elder Jim Speth or Deacon Joyce Pellow; for emergency pastoral care please contact Rev. Harvey Boal, cell phone 282-0216.

Pastor Sue's office hours, starting January 10th, will generally be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Other appointment times can also be arranged. If you would like to arrange a pastoral visit, please call the church during regular office hours. You can also send EMail to: RockyGrovePastor @ yahoo.com. For urgent matters, Pastor Sue can be reached on her cell phone 814-573-5203.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

The newsletter will generally be ready the first Sunday of each month. Please help us keep

mailing costs low by picking up your newsletter in the sanctuary entryway on that day.

The newsletter articles are due in the church on the 20th of each month.

Thank You!

Christmas Shoebox Appreciation Lunch on January 16: Cochranon Presbyterian Church has invited our church to join them at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday January 16th for a tureen luncheon to celebrate the many people who contributed to the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox program. If you were involved in the Christmas Shoebox program in ANY WAY -- including praying for the children who received these boxes in December -- we hope you will make plans to come enjoy a delicious lunch at CPC. No reservations are necessary. CPC is located at 109 South Smith Street in Cochranon, only a 20 minute drive from Rocky Grove. Go west on Route 322 about 15 miles until you reach Route 173 (there is a blinker light at this intersection). Turn left on Rt. 173. Drive approx 1/2 mile then turn left at the first street after the signal light. If you have questions or would like to car-pool, please contact Pastor Sue

More than 20 years ago, Souper of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Donations will be collected on Sunday February 6, 2011.

Be a part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to our 2011 Souper Bowl of Caring charity:

Community Services to help feed the residents in our area.