

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church

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“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

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

A Note from the Pastor’s Study

Dear RGAPC family and friends,

Happy New Year! As we say goodbye to 2011 and look forward to new adventures and opportunities in 2012, I hope that each one of us will set aside some time to reflect on and treasure the amazing grace that is ours, by faith, in Jesus Christ. Some years ago I was given a card with this wonderful set of affirmations from Scripture. I encourage you to put it somewhere you will see it often, and read it frequently to help keep the Christmas bells of joy ringing in your heart all year long. God's promises are sure, and he has given them to you so that – no matter what your life circumstances may be – you can stand with confidence in Christ and rejoice in the rich blessings that God has given to you as his dearly loved child.

With love in Christ, and joy in serving as your pastor,

THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)

I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)

I am united with Christ (1 Cor 6:17)

I was bought at a price (1 Cor 6: 19-20)

I am a saint set apart for God (Ephes 1:11)

I am a personal witness for Christ (Acts 1:8)

I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5: 13-14)

I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)

I am forever freed from condemnation (Romans 8:1-2)

I am a citizen of heaven and precious to God (Phil 3:20)

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Ephes 2:6)

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)

I cannot be separated from the love of God (Romans 8:35-39)

I am a minister of reconciliation for Christ (2 Corinth 5:17-21)

I am assured God works all things together for good (Rom 8:28)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil 4:13)

I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Ephesians 3:12)

I am God's workmanship (Eph 2:10); I am complete in Christ (Col 2:10)

I am confident that the work God has begun in me will be perfected (Phil 1:5)

I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14), and adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)

I know who I am!

I belong

to God

2012 Church Officers and Other Leaders

Session Members:

Class of 2012: Linda Hartman, Jim Speth, Nancy Weltner

Class of 2013: Debbie Dunlap, Malinda Lukers, Jim Sandok

Class of 2014: Wayne Edmondson, Joyce Wetjen, Phyllis Wetzel

Board of Deacons:

Class of 2012: Jane Beach, Brenda Cokain, Diane Whitman

Class of 2013: Joyce Dilleuth, Darlene Exley, Melanie McGinnis

Class of 2014: Sarah DeLong, Margaret Wielandt, Linda Zeller

Board of Trustees:

Class of 2012: Sam Alden, Don McNany, Joyce Pellow

Class of 2013: Bob Alden, Brad Wetjen, Dick Exley

Class of 2014: Arnie Bish, John Klinger, Don Yount

Nominating Committee Members from the Congregation:

Jill Alden, Sheryl Clinefelter, Grace Gibbons,

Jeremiah Lukers, Mabel Mong

Church Treasurer: Rhonda Rust

Assistant Church Treasurer: Lois Pierce

Financial Secretary: Jim Clinefelter

Assistant Financial Secretary: Sam Alden

Auditors: Malinda Lukers (2012) & John Klinger (2013)

Employees:

Susanna K. Nageotte, Temporary Pastor

Rhonda Rust, Church Secretary

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

Edith Richards, Organist

Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Iris Theatre

Cochranton , PA 16314

157 West Adams Street

"Where Community Responsibility and Entertainment Meet"

December 29 – January 4	Arthur Christmas
January 5 – January 11	The Muppets
January 12 – January 18	Hugo

*** Showtimes and dates are subject to change. Please consult our website
(see link below) for the most up-to-date showtimes and dates.**

Show Times

(unless otherwise noted above)

Mon, Tues & Wed - 7:30

Thurs - 7:30

Fri & Sat - 7 & 9 PM

Sun - No shows unless otherwise noted above

Show Admission

(unless otherwise noted)

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

Children (under 6 with Parents) Free

God's Grace

**Whatever you cross, whatever your pain, There will always be sunshine, after the
rain, Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall; But God's always ready, to
answer your call. He knows every heartache, sees every tear, A word from His**

lips, can calm every fear, Your sorrows may linger, throughout the night, But suddenly vanish, by dawn's early light...

The Savior is waiting, somewhere above, To give you His grace, and send you His love.

Author Unknown

January Birthdays

1 Sierra Cook	15 Dennise Kirwin
2 Jennifer Jones	Madeleine Wielandt
3 Alaina Franklin (2005)	16 Vicki Henderson
4 Judy Sandok	18 Darcy Henderson
Shane Weller	19 Kensington Baughman (2008)
5 Elissa Stuttler	20 Konner Hartman (1999)
9 Scott Edmondson	Lois Pierce
11 Aaron Weltner (1999)	24 Brooke Brannon
12 Charlotte Pellow (2011)	26 Mike Hartman
13 Sierra Brumbaugh (2010)	28 Willard Burns
Alisha Newton	29 Joshua Kirwin (1999)

A man was invited to an old friend's home for dinner. His buddy preceded every request to his wife with endearing terms, calling her, honey, my love, sweetheart, darling and so forth. The guest was impressed since the couple had been married almost 60 years. When the wife was off in the kitchen he said to his long-time friend, "I think it's wonderful that after all the years you've been married, you still call your wife such sweet pet names." His buddy hung his head and whispered, "The truth is, my memory isn't what it used to be -- I keep forgetting her name!"

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Friends at RGAPC,

Thank you for the Thanksgiving cookies. I really enjoyed them.

Jean Weller

Thank you so much for the many cards and prayers during my recent hospitalization. I am now recuperating at home.

Judy Ream

Thanks to everyone for the many prayers for Baby Oliver. It means a lot.

Doris Feather

Dear RGAPC family, words cannot begin to express my deep appreciation for the many cards and year end gifts received from the congregation. I am truly humbled by your kindness and generosity. It is a privilege to serve as your pastor. Thank you,

Pastor Sue

To my church family: Thank you for the Franklin Retail Association gift certificate. It is very much appreciated.

Rhonda Rust

Thank you for all the Christmas cards

Gwen & Clair Speth, Jim Speth and Sarah Moreland

Dear Church Family, Thank you for the very practical and welcome gift certificate, a token of your perennial kindness to me.

Edith Richards

The Deacons wish to thank all who helped make 2011 a successful year in reaching out to shut-ins and those needing assistance of various sorts as well as providing flowers to grace our communion table during worship. We truly appreciate it.

Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th 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!

SERVANTS FOR JANUARY

Hospital Visits: Elder Jim Speth & Deacon Darlene Exley

Worship Leader: Jim Speth

Ushers: Ray & Toby Aikins, Wayne Edmondson,
and Les & Joan Lepley

Greeters:

January 1	Doris Feather & Rhonda Rust
8	Joanne Brannon Family
15	Pam Baughman & Grace Gibbons
22	Dick & Darlene Exley
29	Don & Doris Yount

Acolytes: **January 1 Aaron Weltner**

 8 Konner Hartman

 15 Josh Kirwin

 22 Paige Winder

 29 Doug Songer

Nursery: **January 1 NO NURSERY**

 8 Sarah Moreland

 15 Molly Whitling

 22 Malinda Lukers

 29 Diane Whitman

Children's Church: **January 1 NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

 8 Wayne Edmondson

 15 George Wielandt

 22 Pam Baughman

 29 Pam Viele

UPCOMING EVENTS at RGAPC

Please mark the dates on your calendars!

Youthful Spirits

Men and women with *youthful spirits* gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun January 4th at Bella Cucina (in the back room), 1234 Liberty Street, Franklin. Call Ray & Toby Aikins at 432-2726 by Tuesday, January 3rd to make a reservation. Watch the Sunday bulletin for information of the next event on February 1, 2012.

INSTALLATION & ORDINATION OF NEW OFFICERS JANUARY 15, 2012

Elders to be installed: Wayne Edmondson and Joyce Wetjen

Elder to be ordained and installed: Phyllis Wetzel

Deacons to be installed and ordained: Sarah DeLong, Margaret Wielandt and Linda Zeller

Trustees to be recognized for 3-year terms: Arnie Bish, John Klinger and Don Yount

Trustee to be recognized for 1-year term: Joyce Pellow

50-YEAR MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION

The celebration for 50-year members will take place January 22, 2012. There will be a light luncheon in Moorhead Hall after worship to honor all of our 50-year members. A new plaque is being purchased to display all 50-year members on one. (The current plaque is not large enough to accommodate all the new additions!)

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A little boy was fascinated by the big old family Bible. As he was carefully turning its pages one day, something fell out. It was a large leaf that had been placed between the pages to dry. "Momma!" cried the boy with excitement, "look what I found!" "What do you have there, dear?" the mother asked. With astonishment in the boy's voice he answered, "It's Adam's suit!"

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – December 12th

- The minutes of the Session meeting on November 14, 2011.
- The acceptance, ordination and installation of new elders and deacons as listed in the minutes of the congregational meeting.
- The report of the Financial Secretary for the period ending November 30, 2011 and checking account summary, budget year-to-date figures and financial report for November 2011.
- The 2012 proposed budget.
- The use of \$100.00 from the Fellowship Activities account for employee gifts.
- Received the following committee minutes:

Missions, Outreach and Evangelism - November 28, 2011

Trustees - December 5, 2011

Presbytery Highlights of the meeting on November 19, 2011

- Study leave for the pastor for January 31, 2012, through February 2, 2012.
- The use of the parking lot by Rocky Grove High School on May 12, 2012 for the Junior Prom.

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: Dave Brandt, George Wielandt & Don Yount

Deacons: Doris Feather, Joyce Pellow & Lois Pierce

Trustees: Harold Bell, John Dumbleton & Don Fox

MISSIONS CORNER:

Good News of Great Joy!

2011 Christmas Joy Offering

The Missions, Outreach & Evangelism ministry team wishes to thank all who contributed to the Christmas Joy Offering. The total will be published in the February Sonshine newsletter.

The Souper Bowl of Caring began more than 20 years ago 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.”*

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country. We at RGAPC will again be part of this movement of sharing God’s love with those in need. On Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, 2012, please give generously. Every dollar donated will go to Community Services of Venango County, our 2012 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

Jim and Alice Vanderhoof, whom we sponsor through our Mission giving, are coming to R.G.A.P.C. on March 18, 2012, and will be sharing with us during the worship service. The Vanderhoofs served 22 years at Kenya Highland Bible College. In 2005, they became field directors for World Gospel Mission Kenya Field, which works with African Gospel Church, helping missionaries. We look forward to having Jim and Alice visit with us once again.

RGAPC Financial Information

	November 2011	Year to Date
Congregational Giving	\$7,040.00	\$ 82,331.86
Expenses	\$7,572.55	\$ 91,924.43

Difference	-\$ 532.55	-\$ 9,592.57
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Watch the Sunday bulletin for December Financial information, which was not yet available when this publication went to print.

MEMO TO ALL MEN & WOMEN

The plan for 2012 is to continue the men's and women's prayer breakfasts currently meeting each month at King's Restaurant, Allegheny Boulevard, Franklin, at 8:30 a.m.

The men's tentative schedule (the first Saturday of each month) is as follows:

January 7 th	July 7 th	February 4 th	
August 4 th	March 3 rd	September 1 st	APRIL
3 rd	October 6 th	May 5 th	November
	June 2 nd	December 1 st	

The women's tentative schedule (the second Saturday of each month except for September) is as follows:

January 14 th	July 14 th	February 11 th	
August 11 th	March 10 th	MISSIONFEST	April
14 th	October 13 th	May 12 th	November 10 th
	June 9 th	December 8 th	

All are invited to attend these meetings to enjoy an hour or so of prayer and fellowship. If you have not previously attended, now would be a great time to start. If you have attended in the past, but not recently, now would be a perfect time for you to get reacquainted with others of the church and community.

QUOTABLE QUOTE:

Unknown: If you have missed knowing me, you have missed nothing. But, if you have missed knowing my LORD and SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, you have missed everything in the world.