

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

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Summer Worship - 10:00 a.m.

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Church Office Hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

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!

RGAPC Financial Information

	June 2011	Year to Date
Income	\$6,331.50	\$44,850.32
Expenses	\$11,232.77	\$53,786.61
Difference	-\$4,901.27	-\$8,936.29

July Birthdays:

1 Dave Brandt	17 Doris Feather
Ted Davis	18 Allyson Cook
Dick Eakin	Rita Heald
Jimmy Newton	20 Reece Henderson
3 Lily Griffin	24 Sheryl Clinefelter
Max Griffin	Gary Oakes, Jr.
Allyson Holt	Brad Wetjen
6 William Jones, Jr.	25 Jamie Wetjen
9 Elissa Baker	27 Twyla Kernic

10	Tucker Price		Reagan Hartman
11	Shelly Feather	28	Sarah DeLong
12	Jarrad Griffin		Rachel Brumbaugh

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It is with regret that the Christian Education committee announces that we are unable to host or co-host Vacation Bible School this summer. We'd like to encourage members of our church family to seek and participate in other VBS opportunities within our community. Fox Street Church of God has also cancelled VBS this summer. Franklin 1st Presbyterian is planning to offer VBS the beginning of August. CE will continue to provide additional information as it becomes available.

The CE committee will hold a brief information meeting following worship on July 24th for all new and returning volunteers for our Children/Youth Ministries. This includes, but is not limited to, aides teachers and for Sunday School and Children's Church, Youth Group leaders and assistants, and Nursery workers. Hope to see you there!

Serving in the month of July

Hospital Visits: Elder Nancy Weltner & Deacon Lois Pierce

Worship Leader: Jim Sandok

Ushers: Ray and Toby Aikins, Doris Feather,
John Klinger and Brad Wetjen

Greeters: July 3 The Pellow Family
10 Bill & Lorraine McCauley
17 Jim & Flo Albright
24 Arnie & Janet Bish
31 Gene & Margie Sheffer

Acolytes: July 3 Austin Clark
10 Aaron Weltner
17 To be announced
24 To be announced
31 Aaron Weltner

Nursery: July 3 Malinda Lukers
10 Diane Whitman
17 Molly Whitling
24 Joyce Dillemath
31 Diane Whitman

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear RGAPC members and friends,

What are some of your favorite things about summer? I love long evenings, fresh corn on the cob, wild strawberries, lightning bugs, wearing sandals, and how crisp the air smells after a summer rainfall has scrubbed the air clean. I love home-grown tomatoes, snap beans and baby zucchini cooked outside on the grill. And I love going to the fair -- local fair, county fair, state fair, the size doesn't matter. There's always good food (even if it's not always nutritious), there's usually good music, and if you like rides or carnival games, well, every fair has those too.

But what I like best about going to the fair is seeing all the things that people have made, or raised, or trained. Like gorgeous canned goods, lovely quilts, plump market lambs and speedy barrel racers. What makes Fair-Day (or week) so wonderful to me, is that every single exhibit and entry reflects the interests, gifts and hard work of the person who brought it.

That's kind of how life is in the church, too. We come together for worship and special occasions (like MissionFest and congregational dinners and youth activities), but these are just a small part of the "real" church. The real life of the church is reflected in our prayers, what we do with our money, and how we treat other people -- 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Thank you for sharing your gifts, abilities, talents, hopes, dreams and energy with others in the community of faith here at RGAPC. Have a wonderful summer!

**Love in Christ,
Pastor Sue**

PS - Jim and I are looking forward to seeing you at the church picnic at our home on Saturday August 6th.

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – June 13, 2011

- **Minutes of the Congregation meeting of May 1, 2011; minutes of Session meeting on May 9, 2011. after amending the minutes to reflect that the collection for the benefit of tornado relief was for the food pantry; and minutes of the Session meeting on May 15, 2011.**
 - **Report of the Financial Secretary for the period ending May 31, 2011.**
- **Transfer of membership of Brianne Bell to the First Presbyterian Church of Oil City.**
 - **The following committee minutes:**
 - Stewardship and Personnel - May 25, 2011**
 - Missions, Outreach and Evangelism - May 23, 2011**
 - Christian Education - May 16, 2011**
 - Trustees - June 6, 2011**
- **The use of Moorhead Hall by the Hartman family for a baby shower on June 25, 2011.**

"Did you know? You can now make donations directly from your IRA -- tax free! IRA owners who are 70½ and older can make direct transfers to a charitable organization

without paying taxes. This IRA charitable rollover option is available through the end of 2011. Please talk with your financial advisor and pray about whether this might be a way for you to give a special gift to RGAPC."

!SCAM ALERT!

We have received information of a scam that has occurred in our area. "An elderly couple receives a call that there is some crisis and/or emergency involving a family member – possibly hurt, in jail or in trouble. The caller advises them to tell no one – especially not other family members. They are urged to send money immediately." This is a scam, and authorities have been notified. If you get a phone call of this nature, do not reveal anything about yourself as the scammers are adept at obtaining information from you and using it to their advantage. Contact the family member that is supposed to be in jeopardy. PLEASE! DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY!

MISSIONS CORNER

BLANKET SUNDAY OFFERING totaled \$268.00. Thank you for your support. Monies will go to assist those affected by disaster, including Joplin, Missouri.

I awoke this morning at 6:30. I am still tired but I suppose I'll get up anyway. I promised I'd help some people carry some tables, move some boxes and set up a few tents for some event. Ok, that did not take too long. Well, I guess I'm hungry. Some of the people I helped were nice enough to bring some coffee and donuts. Yum, that hit the spot. What's that? Can I cook some hot sausage? Well, I guess I can (seems a little early in the morning but I am told there will be more people here later and they will be hungry). Someone beside me is cooking hotdogs, you can try the hotdogs, but I think you'll like the hot sausage better! As I look around there are a lot of people selling things: cookies, pies, cakes, lemon shakes, pop, and water. Man, there are a lot of kids here too playing all kinds of games. Hey! Is that a Chinese auction? I can probably win something. Uh, oh... a garage sale... I will probably buy something that I don't really need and put it in my garage so I can sell it later to someone who doesn't need it either. Now I do see something neat... used books... I can find something there I will like. Did I mention there is music playing all day? Hey, wait a minute. I go to church with a lot of these people. I bet you are wondering what is going on today. I have to be honest, none of this happened today, but it will soon at Missionfest 2011. Come join the fun September 10th.

Jim Speth

Lost & Found

A pierced earring (silver teardrop) was found in the Narthex after church on Sunday, May 22, 2011. Contact the church office for more information.

Congratulations to Stacy and Charlie Smith on the birth of a baby boy, Parker James, on June 21, 2011. Upon arrival at 2:15 p.m., he was 7 lbs. 8 ozs. and 20½” long with dark hair! Brandon, Paige and Camden are the proud siblings.

Thank you, Pastor Sue, for helping us with confirmation, and thanks to the whole church for the gifts. Everybody have a great summer.

Aaron Weltner

To RGAPC,

Thank you for the Easter basket and Mother’s Day flowers.

Cecile Wagner (via daughter, Janice Whitten)

Dear Friends at RGAPC,

Thank you so much for remembering me at Father’s Day. I really appreciate your thinking of me. As ever,

Tom Moffitt

Words of appreciation

When Rollin passed away in February, I was comforted by friends at Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church in so many ways. Some came to the funeral home, others sent beautiful cards and many people upheld us in prayer. Prayer and the always-present Holy Spirit have carried us through the past few months. We are deeply grateful.

Thank you to the Board of Deacons for the lovely vase of carnations and to Joyce for bringing them to me ---- a nice Mother's Day remembrance!

Carol Rough

Dear Friends at RGAPC, Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and food provided during Doreen’s convalescence. All are greatly appreciated.

Ron &

Doreen Walters

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 July 6th at Bonanza Restaurant, 436 Allegheny Boulevard, Franklin. Watch the Sunday bulletin for information of the next event on August 3rd.

Summer Picnic August 6th 4 - 8 PM

This year the RGAPC summer picnic will be held at the Nageottes' home, as a combination open house & tureen dinner. The main dish, beverages and utensils will be provided. To ensure a variety of food items: if your last name begins with the letter:

A through G, please bring a salad;

H through O, please bring a side dish;

P through Z, please bring fresh fruit or a dessert.

We will eat at around 6 PM, but you are welcome to come earlier to visit. All RGAPC members and friends are invited. See you there!! Carpooling is encouraged; plan on a half hour drive from RGAPC. Our address is 384 Black Road, Cochran, Ga. We strongly recommend that you follow these directions instead of relying on Mapquest, Google or GPS devices. Technology has limits! Mapquest and Google will tell you to cross French Creek in Carlton, but that bridge has been closed by PennDOT; and some GPS devices will take you to a destination a mile or so away from our actual house. This is the best route: From Franklin, take US 322 west about 16 miles. At the intersection of Hwy 173 there is a blinker light. Turn left at the blinker and go south one mile, through Cochran, until you have crossed the bridge over French Creek. As you cross the bridge, check your odometer. Continue south on 173 exactly three miles then turn left on Black Road. There is a row of tall pine trees on the left as you approach the intersection. After turning left, stay on Black Road approximately two miles. There will be no houses for a long way, just keep going until you come to our place on the right. It's a tan modular home with green shutters set back from the road, with flagpole in front. Home phone - 425-1916.

MISSIONFEST 2011 T-SHIRT SALES

Shirts available in sizes SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, EXTRA LARGE, 2X & 3X
\$10.00 each.

Color choices are: Neon Orange & Neon Green.

Complete the order blank below and submit with
payment (checks made payable to RGAPC with Missionfest on the memo line)
NO LATER THAN August 1, 2011.

Name: _____ Total of order: \$ _____

Color: ☐ Orange ☐ Green

Size: ☐S ☐M ☐L ☐XL ☐2X ☐3X

Color: ☐ Orange ☐ Green

Size: ☐S ☐M ☐L ☐XL ☐2X ☐3X

Color: ☐ Orange ☐ Green

Size: ☐S ☐M ☐L ☐XL ☐2X ☐3X