

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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Worship - 10:00 a.m.

(June – July – August)

Reverend Sue Nageotte, Pastor

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

Edith Richards, Organist Emeritus

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

July Birthdays

1	Dave Brandt	17	Bill Phillips
	Ted Davis	18	Allyson Cook
	Jimmy Newton	20	Reece Henderson (2004)
3	Lily Griffin (2010)	24	Sheryl Clinefelter
	Max Griffin (2010)		Gary Oakes, Jr.
	Allyson Holt		Brad Wetjen
6	William Jones, Jr	25	Jamie Wetjen
9	Elissa Baker	27	Twyla Kernic
10	Tucker Price (2010)		Reagan Hartman (1997)
12	Jarrad Griffin	28	Sarah DeLong
17	Doris Feather		Rachel Brumbaugh

CONGRATULATIONS

Aaron Weltner won the Good Citizenship Award, and Reagan Hartman got Honors Award from Rocky Grove High School.

Adam Kirwin, Josh Kirwin and Aaron Weltner got Academic Awards for being on the Principal's List the entire school year at Rocky Grove High School.

Meghann Hartman and Mark McIntosh were married June 2nd.

Sarah Moreland and Jim Speth were married June 9th.

Artichoke Dip *(from the kitchen of Julie Clinefelter Moeller)*

1 - 14 oz can chopped artichokes	1 cup mayonnaise
1 cup grated Parmesan	1 Tbls. lemon juice

1/3 tsp garlic powder

1 cup mozzarella cheese

Mix all in pie pan. Bake 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Mix and sprinkle with paprika. Bake 10 more minutes. Serve with party

rye toasts.

(served at Progressive Dinner as an appetizer at The DeLong's)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

Youthful Spirits

Men and women with *youthful spirits* gather for food and fellowship at noon typically the first Wednesday of each month. However, the JULY event is on the 11th due to the 4th of July holiday. Join in the fun in Moorhead Hall for a catered picnic at NOON. Please tell Jim or Sheryl Clinefelter (437-1781) if you plan to attend. Watch the Sunday bulletin for information on the August 1st event.

Monday – Friday, July 9 – 13, 2012 – Vacation Bible School, *Adventures on Promise Island*, will be held at Grace United Methodist Church of Rocky Grove, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. as a joint effort with Grace UM church, Fox Street Church of God, and First Presbyterian Church of Franklin.

Saturday, July 14, 2012 – Church Family Picnic – 5:30 p.m. @ Kamp Kiwanis. The *Country Store* is back! Hot dogs, dessert, beverages & table service will be provided. Please sign up to indicate number attending and what covered dish you plan to bring.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

July 15th – One in Spirit in Concert at First Baptist Church, 1041 Liberty Street, Franklin, PA at 7:00 pm. Call 814-432-8061 for more information.

Saturday July 21st – Rocky Grove Soapbox Derby sponsored by Venango Fatherhood Initiative on Rocky Grove Avenue. Ages 7-14 (must turn age 7 by date of race) Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and race starts at 9:00 am. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs. For information on purchasing a "GO-KIT" car, derby registration, sponsorship opportunities or contributing a door prize, please call VFI at 814-676-9940 ext. 12. RGAPC Mission & Outreach Team will be selling hot dogs, water & soda. Christian Education Team will be selling donuts & coffee.

MISSIONS CORNER:

The Blanket Sunday offering was received during the month of June. The total for this year's offering was \$245.00. Last year's Blanket Sunday total was \$268.00. The money has been sent to Church World Service to be used for blankets and other needs for disaster areas around the world. Thank you for all your support.

The annual Fatherhood Initiative Soap Box Derby will be held again this year in front of the church. The date for the Derby will be July 21, 2012. The Missions and Outreach Committee will be selling hotdogs and soda. If anyone is interested in helping us with set-up, selling, and tear down, we could really use the help. Please contact anyone on the committee if you are willing and able to help us on that day.

We still have tip cards available for anyone who would like to use them. This is a Missions Outreach project; the purpose of the tip card is to leave it along with your tip for your server in a restaurant. The tip card states "With this tip, I pray a blessing over you and your family". It gives the name of our church and address, along with the phone number and worship hours. If you are interested in receiving a little bundle of cards, please see one of the committee members and we will make sure we get you a pack.

Your Missions and Outreach Committee members are:

Jim Speth	Jill Alden	Joan Lepley
Joyce Wetjen	Joyce Dillemath	John Klinger
Diane Whitman	Rhonda Rust	Debbie Dunlap

Thank you.

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Colossians 3:23-24

Dear Members and Friends:

June 24,2012

The session of Rocky Grove Presbyterian Church is writing to ask you to pray with us for our denomination and for this congregation. We are very concerned about a number of decisions the PC(USA) has made in recent years. We believe these decisions reveal an increasing disregard for God's Word, as more value is being placed upon accepting personal preferences than on developing the "obedience which comes through faith" (Romans 1:5).

Most of you know that in May of 2011, a majority of presbyteries approved a change in our Book of Order, so that sessions and presbyteries now have the option of ordaining and installing elders, deacons and ministers engaged in sexual relationships outside the sacred covenant of marriage between a man and a woman. While no congregation can be forced to accept leaders of whom its members do not approve, to even permit such ordinations is a radical departure from 2,000 years of Christian faith and practice.

At the 220th General Assembly, which meets in Pittsburgh the week of June 30th through July 7th, some presbyteries are seeking to return to our previous ordination standards. But other presbyteries are pushing to move the PC(USA) even further away from the church's historical interpretation of Scripture. For example, overtures have been submitted which, if adopted, would allow pastors to officiate at same-sex marriages in states which permit them. Other overtures would change the PC(USA) constitution, so the Book of Order would define marriage as a relationship between two persons instead of between a man and a woman.

We acknowledge that our culture is changing, and the church must continually be asking, "How is the Holy Spirit leading us to show Christ's love to the people we meet in this time and this place?" There is no doubt that Jesus reached out to many who were considered outcasts by their society. Yet the Scriptural witness is that Jesus came not merely to accept, but also to heal, redeem, and give new life to all who believed he was indeed the Son of God.

As Presbyterians from around the nation convene for the General Assembly in Pittsburgh, the Session asks you to be praying that the decisions and direction of that meeting will be fully in line with God's purpose and plan. And please continue to pray for this congregation, that we will be faithful, fruitful followers of Jesus Christ right here in Rocky Grove.

May the grace of God strengthen you in every way, The Session

Wayne Edmondson Malinda Lukers Debbie Dunlap Jim Sandok Joyce Wetjen

Linda Hartman Jim Speth Phyllis Wetzell Nancy Weltner

We invite you to join us for a night of:

Praise and Prayer

The idea of Praise and Prayer night is to get together to ask for prayers of concern for those in our church family, our own families, friends, people in our community, around the country, and the world. With every prayer of concern, we will offer praise to the Lord for who He is, what He has done for us, what He is doing for us, and what He plans to do for us.

You can bring your Bible if you like, and share a favorite verse of scripture, or bring an article from a newspaper, a magazine article showing us how God is at work not only in our lives and community but also around the world. You can share a personal experience how God has touched your life. The goal is to not only bring us together with each other, but also bring us together with God.

We will be meeting the last Wednesday of the month throughout the summer. If the Praise and Prayer night is well received, we could possibly extend it through the fall or longer.

Please prayerfully consider joining us Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room for Praise and Prayer. Thank you.

Is anyone in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise.

James 5:13

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – June 18th:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 14 May 12.
- The Financial Secretary's report and Treasurer's reports for the period ending 31 May 12.
- With regret, the transfer of membership of Bill and Jennie Brumbaugh to the Seneca United Methodist Church, Seneca, PA.
- With regret, the transfer of membership of Charlene Ekis to the Atlantic Avenue United Brethren Church.
- With regret, the removal of Steven E. Feather from the active membership roll at his request.
- Changes to Section 1104, Church Finances, Miscellaneous Policies so that this section is now consistent with practices during the past several years.
- The minutes of the Trustee meeting on 4 Jun 12, Christian Education meetings on 21 May 12 and 11 Jun 12, Missions and Outreach meeting on 21 May 12, and Congregational Life and Worship meeting on 4 Jun 12.
- The use of our sanctuary for the wedding of Kelly Duth and Josh Deeter on 7 Jul 12 in case of rain.
- Moving the Harold Siefer Scholarship account from Stifel Nicolaus to Edward Jones.
- A letter to be sent to Andrew Browne, Vice President and Corporate Secretary of the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that we strongly object to the Board of Pensions' amendment to the Benefits Plan that provides coverage for same gender partners and their children to be effective January 1, 2013.
- Placing a letter in the next SONSHINE Newsletter that asks members and friends to pray for our denomination, congregation and Session as a result of decisions made by the PCUSA in recent years.

RGAPC Financial Information

	June 2012	Year to Date
Congregational Giving	\$ 7,711.50	\$ 48,587.09
Expenses	\$11,431.99	\$ 52,762.09
Difference	- \$ 3,720.49	- \$ 4,175.00

*Detailed financial reports for June will be available in the narthex
beginning the second Sunday of the month.*

SERVANTS FOR JULY

Hospital Visits: Elder Malinda Lukers

Deacon Margaret Wielandt

Worship Leader: Wayne Edmondson

Ushers: Jim Clinefelter, Debbie Dunlap, Doris Feather,

Rhonda Rust and George Wielandt

Greeters: July 1 Arnie & Janet Bish

8 Jim & Flo Albright

15 Don & Doris Yount

22 Dick & Cheri Mortimer

29 Nancy & Aaron Weltner

Acolytes: July 1 Austin Clark

8 Hanna Wielandt

15 Lillian Songer

22 Paige Winder

29 Douglas Songer

Nursery:

July 1 Molly Whitling

8 Sarah Speth

15 Malinda Lukers

22 Diane Whitman

29 Molly Whitling

Children's Church: No Children's Church (June, July & August)

The Missions Ministry Team is filling 24 canvas bags with School Kits for Church World Service. If you would like to help supply these items, they may be brought to the church during office hours. The following items are needed for each bag: A 12" ruler, a hand-held pencil sharpener, a pair of rounded tip metal scissors, a large eraser, six new (unsharpened) pencils with erasers, a box of 24 crayons, three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages. (No loose-leaf paper please.) Cash donations may be made - contact Joyce Wetjen – 432-8545. Thank you very much.

NOTES OF THANKS

Thanks to all who sent cards and for the prayer quilt. It is just lovely.

Grace Gibbons

Thank you for all the phone calls, cards, the quilt and especially the prayers during my recent surgery and recovery.

Judy Ream