

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER
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A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

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Summer Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Reverend Sue Nageotte, Pastor

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

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	18	Allyson Cook
1	Jimmy Newton	18	Rita Heald
3	Lillian Griffin (2010)	24	Sheryl Clinefelter
3	Maxwell Griffin (2010)	24	Brad Wetjen
9	Elissa Baker	25	Jamie Wetjen
12	Jarrad Griffin	27	Twyla Kernic
17	Doris Feather (80 th)	27	Reagan Hartman (1997)
17	Bill Phillips	28	Sarah DeLong

RGAPC NEWS

RGAPC's web site is moving!! The new web address www.rockygrovepres.org is currently under development and will be up and running early in July. Check it out!!!

RGAPC Financial Information – May 2013

	May 2013	Year to Date
Congregational Giving	\$ 7,929.25	\$ 40,373.98
Expenses	(\$ 7,977.65)	(\$ 40,725.46)
Difference	(\$ 48.40)	(\$ 351.48)

Detailed Financial Reports for **June** will be available in the narthex beginning the second Sunday of **July**.

Pastor Sue has a new cell phone number! She can now be reached at 814-758-5525. This is a local call from Franklin.



SERVANTS FOR JULY

- Hospital Visits:** Elder Lois Pierce
Deacon Sheryl Clinefelter
- Worship Leader:** Jim Speth
- Ushers:** Debbie Dunlap, Linda Hartman, Kennedy
Hartman, Reagan Hartman & Konner Hartman
Substitutes: Rhonda Rust & John Klinger
- Greeters:** July 7 Diane Whitman w/Austin & Gage Clark
14 George & Cayden Wielandt
21 Nancy & Scott Donaldson
28 Doug Songer & Diane Whitman
- Acolyte:** July 7 Arika Songer
14 Gage Clark
21 Eli Moreland
28 Douglas Songer
- Nursery:** July 7 Margaret Wielandt
14 Molly Whitling
21 Margaret Whitling
28 Malinda Lukers
- Counters:** July 7 Debbie Dunlap & Linda Hartman
14 Debbie Dunlap & Jim Sandok
21 Debbie Dunlap & Linda Hartman
28 Debbie Dunlap & Linda Hartman
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FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – June 10th:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 13 May 13.
- The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 31 May 13 and the following Treasurer's reports: checking account summary, budget year-to-date figures and Financial Report for May 2013.
- Received Jessica Songer as a member of the church by her re-affirmation of faith and Kevin Songer by his affirmation of faith.
- Approved the baptisms of Kevin Songer, Douglas Songer, Lillian Songer and Arika Songer.
- Received minutes of the Christian Education Ministry Team meeting on 20 May 13, Congregational Life & Worship Committee meeting on 3 Jun 13, Missions and Outreach Ministry Team meeting on 20 May 13, Personnel and Stewardship Ministry Team meeting on 9 Jun 13, and Trustee's meeting on 3 Jun 13, as well as Administrative Activity report for previous month.
- Approved new Section 609, Session, The Nominating Committee, for the Administrative Manual which lists the responsibilities, membership and membership terms of the Nominating Committee.
- Approved a request from Venango County Human Services to use Moorhead Hall and two rooms for training from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on 25, 26 and 27 Jun 13, and Moorhead Hall only on 7 Aug 13 and 11 and 12 Sep 13.
- Approved Rev. Sue's request for vacation on Sunday, 4 Aug 13.
- With respect to the Moorhead Scholarship account, exchange \$17,353 from the Templeton Global Bond Fund A into the Franklin Growth Fund and the Templeton Growth Fund. (Reason: to reduce the amount in Aggressive Income (or high yield bonds) down to the suggested range of approximately 10 %.) With respect to the Horizon Account, exchange all shares of Templeton Global Bond Fund into Franklin Total Return Fund. (Reason: rebalance to reduce the church's exposure and risk to aggressive income/high yield bonds.)
- Transferring \$8,000 from the New Building Fund to an investment account.
- Transferring \$22,000 from the Current Fund to an investment account after checking with the church treasurer to assure the remaining amount in the Current Fund is sufficient to conduct normal business.

Dearly beloved RGAPC family and friends,

When I think of the month of June, I think of special celebrations – especially graduations, weddings, and wedding anniversaries. This year in June our church family has rejoiced with Cassidy Clark on her graduation from high school, Jeremy Dickey on his graduation from Mercyhurst University, and Pam Baughman upon her retirement from teaching. We have rejoiced with the Songer family as Kevin, Doug, Lillian and Arika received the sacrament of baptism and Kevin and Jessica became members of our congregation.

As for weddings . . . well, for the first time in several years I don't have a June wedding on my pastoral calendar, but I've been thinking about weddings anyway. In particular, I've been thinking about wedding vows – the ones where bride and groom promise to “love, honor, and obey . . . to be loving and faithful, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.”

Christian marriage is a sacred covenant – “a holy mystery in which a man and a woman are joined together and become one, just as Christ is one with the church . . . Marriage is given by God, blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ, and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, let marriage be held in honor by all.” (*from the PC(USA) Book of Common Worship*).

Here are just a few thoughts about how we can “honor” marriage. Within the church and throughout our community, husbands and wives need our prayers and encouragement as they lean upon the grace of God in keeping their marriage commitments. Couples who have suffered marital misery, separation or divorce need our prayers and our understanding as they work their way through painful times. Widows and widowers need our prayers and our companionship as their sharp edge of loss slowly fades, but their affection remains undiminished. Unmarried people need our prayers and loving accountability to help them remain chaste in singleness, keeping themselves pure for their future spouse. And those who did not wait for marriage before becoming sexually intimate? They need our prayers, and truth spoken in love, to help them accept the healing and forgiveness that Jesus always and ever offers to those who have sinned.

These are just a *few* of the ways that we can “honor marriage,” within the church and throughout our community.

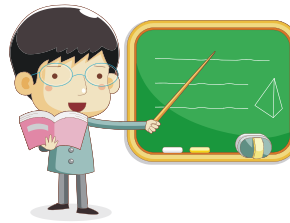
When I think of marriage vows, most of all I think of the promises of our faithful God – who promises never to leave us nor forsake us. “In plenty or in want, in joy or in sorrow, in sickness or in health” – God’s love and tender care never fade and never fail.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ – who tasted death for us, so that we might have abundant life, eternal life, secure in his power and grace.

Dearly beloved, no matter our age, marital status or circumstance of life, let us honor the sacred and holy covenant of marriage – and in so doing, we honor Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom of the Church.

In his Love, Pastor Sue

Congratulations



Pam Baughman has retired from Valley Grove School District after 23 years of service. Her last day of school was June 5th! Pam started her teaching career as a Kindergarten teacher and then moved to 4th grade when an opening became available. We wish you the best in your retirement years, Pam, with whatever you do to occupy all your spare time now!



Did you say a new baby?

If you know someone who is going to be or recently became a new parent, please contact any Deacon Member. The Deacons have baby baskets they want to share with new mommies and daddies.

These gift baskets consist of different baby items including toys, books, blankets, etc. We have also included information about our church and nursery that is available. We are hoping to add members to our church family by letting them know we are here and encouraging them to join us.

For more information,
contact any Deacon Member.



Deacon members are:

*Sheryl Clinefelter, Sarah DeLong, Joyce Dillemath,
Darlene Exley, Doris Feather, Melanie McGinnis,
Sarah Speth, Margaret Wielandt and Linda Zeller*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Youthful Spirits, men and women of the church, will gather for food and fellowship at noon on **Jolly July 3rd** for a picnic at **Jim & Sheryl Clinefelter's home, 967 Pone Lane**. Hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages will be furnished. Please let them know if you plan to attend and what dish you intend to bring. Next month's gathering will be on August 7th. Watch Sunday bulletins for additional information.

The Congregational Life & Worship Ministry Team is planning the "*Family Picnic*" for July 27, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. This event will be held on the lawn behind the church. Hot dogs done on the grill, condiments (including Missionfest hot dog sauce), beverages, and cupcakes for dessert will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a tureen to share. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information.



Communion, which had been scheduled for Sunday, August 4th, has been changed to August 11th due to Pastor Sue's taking a vacation day on the 4th. Valerian Moeller will be filling the pulpit in her absence.

Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 24**. On that date, there will be a fundraiser luncheon at First Presbyterian Church in Franklin for Oakwood Heights (formerly the Presbyterian Home in Oil City). Casseroles, salads and desserts will be donated and served. Tickets will be sold for a luncheon. Door prizes will be given. More details will follow.

NOTES OF THANKS

Thank you, Deacons, for the information on the flag and greetings for Flag Day. It is much appreciated.

Carol Rough

RGAPC,

Thanks so much for my graduation gift! Love & blessings,

Jeremy Dickey

Missions and Outreach

Oh give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: because His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:1

Let us be thankful for all that God has provided to us, especially our salvation through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and let's share these gifts whenever possible. Here's what the Missions and Outreach Ministry Team has been doing and is planning to do to share:

On June 1, 2013, Spring Fling, an outdoor fundraiser, was held. Vendors paid to set up and sell their items, and the ministry team sold hot dogs, chips, pop, water and cookies. A total of \$685.00 was raised.

Also in June, we held Blanket Sunday on the 16th. \$602.00 was raised, of which \$216.00 was used for blankets, clean-up kits and other items needed in disaster areas through Church World Service; and \$386.00 was used for Tornado Relief efforts in Oklahoma. Thanks to all who were involved with or supported these projects.

We ask that you continue to remember Mustard Seed Missions with your prayers and, if possible, with your time. Missions and Outreach is continuing to support this ministry which assists with home repairs, cleaning, helping people move, etc. Referrals are obtained through the Area Agency on Aging, Community Services and the Public Assistance Office; this is a collaborative effort. The work is done by church laypeople. Please notify Debbie Dunlap if you are able to help.

On July 20, 2013, the annual Soap Box Derby will be held on Rocky Grove Avenue, right in front of our church. This annual event is sponsored by the Fatherhood Initiative. Missions and Outreach will be selling hot dogs, pop and other refreshments at the event. We pray for a beautiful day and a great time for the kids and their dads.

It's getting to be that time of year ... Missionfest will be held on September 7, 2013. Please mark your calendar and plan to help and/or support this very important annual church project. Start saving your yard sale items, but please don't bring them to the church until August – please no clothing or shoes. Contact Rhonda Rust or any Missions member to sign up for a booth or help in any way.