

# **ROCKY GROVE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **JUNE 2010 NEWLETTER**

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

**321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323**

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**Worship Service – 10:00 a.m.**

**Please Note: Sunday worship time will change to 10:00 a.m. beginning June 6<sup>th</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Staff:**

**Rev. Sue Nageotte, Pastor**

**Joyce Wetjen, Administrative Assistant**

**Scott Donaldson, Custodian**

**Edith Richards, Organist**

**Janet Bish, Assistant Organist**

**Church Office Hours:      Tues. & Wed.: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Thurs.: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

## **The Pastor's Ponderings . . . .**

**Dear Members and Friends of RGAPC,**

**Summer is just around the corner! For students, teachers and many other folks, June, July and August are a time for slowing down and enjoying a slower pace than the rest of the year. But for farmers, construction workers and those who work in recreation-based industries, summer is often the busiest season of all.**

**This summer at RGAPC, we will experience both these contrasts. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, we change to our earlier summer worship time of 10:00 AM. Sunday School and Choir will be “on vacation” until September, while nursery care and children’s church will be provided as usual.**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup> is a week of high energy and high spirits, as First Pres in Franklin joins us in presenting the Community Vacation Bible School, “Route 254, Our Journey With Jesus.” The Route 254 curriculum is based on Psalm 25, verse 4: “Show me your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.” This is a fruitful prayer for every believer, of every age. I am looking forward to our evenings that week, as together we learn more about the blessings and joy of following Jesus Christ.**

**Many churches experience a dip in attendance during the summer, as people take vacations to visit family and friends in other places. In your comings and goings this summer, I hope you will make it a priority to participate in worship every Sunday. If you have out of town guests, bring them with you here to RGAPC. When you go out of town, join in worship with your hosts, or find a church to attend in that area. Think about how encouraging it is to the gathered Body of Christ, to worship and fellowship with visiting brothers and sisters in the faith! Of course there are those whose health or employment obligations do not permit them to attend Sunday church services. We lift those up in prayer.**

**Culture says summer is a time to take a break from the usual routine. Our continuing commitment to worship during the summer is a way of declaring that we are followers of Christ, not culture.**

**May the Lord of summers and winters, of activity and restfulness, fill you with all joy and peace as you continue to love and serve him.**

**Peace in Christ --**

## THANK-YOU'S

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*Jeremy Dickey*

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*Marie Cokain will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 16<sup>th</sup>. We would like to shower her with lots of cards and "special" notes from her family and friends. They may be sent to her home address at 347 Pinoak Drive, Franklin, PA 16323. Thank You in advance for helping us celebrate Marie's blessed long life!*

*~ ~ ~ Her loving family ~ ~ ~*

Wayne Edmondson, Clerk of Session

**Approved Motions Log for May 10 Meeting:**

- Minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 12 Apr 10.
- April 2010 Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports.
- The minutes of the Trustees Meeting on 5 Apr 10, the minutes of the Stewardship and Personnel Committee meeting on 20 Apr 10, the minutes of the Christian Education Ministry Team meeting on 26 Apr 10, and the minutes of the Missions, Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team on 26 Apr 10.
- Recommendation from Personnel Committee to permit Joyce Wetjen to enroll in the PC (USA) health plan, the church's contribution amount to be offset by reducing Joyce's salary at her request.
- A special offering for the tornado victims in Louisiana and Mississippi who were hit by tornadoes prior to 29 Apr 10 will be collected during the worship service on 23 May 10.

**Approved Motions Log for May 16 Meeting:**

- We accepted Joan Lepley into the Membership of the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church.
- We will ask the Trustees to provide Session with a bid to remove the dead trees behind the church by an insured tree service.

**ATTENTION STUDENTS:** We are accepting scholarship applications for the Harold Siefer Memorial Scholarship and the Ronald and Louise Moorhead Scholarship from active members of the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church who are planning to further their education this fall. (For the Moorhead Scholarship you must be an active member for at least 2 years and a regular attendee.) Applicants must be enrolled or attending an accredited college or technical or vocational school. **Applications can be obtained from the church office and must be returned no later than June 30, 2010.** Scholarships will be awarded in July. Complete information about these Scholarships, and how they are administered, is available in our church's Administrative Manual, Section 903.

If you have not yet filled out your "Family Connection" form, please do so and return it to the church office. Forms are available in the narthex and church office. We look forward to receiving your information. Thanks!

## **OUR FAMILY CONNECTION**

*Rhonda Rust is our featured “family member” this month.*

*She lives near the church in Franklin. She has one child, Michael Winder, and two grandchildren: Brandon Miller and Paige Winder.*

*Rhonda did not share any personal information on her form so I guess she is leaving it to the editor of the Sonshine Newsletter to tell all she knows about Rhonda! I wouldn't do that – not now anyway. I'm running too close to deadline!*

*Missions and Missionfest seem to be her “sweet spot”. She is a tremendous asset to the Missions Committee and especially to Missionfest. If you are here on Friday, you can usually find her somewhere in the building or outside putting up tents, marking spots for the various booths, and anything else that is necessary to make Saturday's Missionfest successful. But her work is not limited to those two days. She works to secure helpers for the booths, people to help setup/tear-down; obtains the permit which is needed to hold the event; and we work together on publicity. Her day doesn't end when all the tables are put away and the tents are down. She makes sure all the receipts are turned in so that the best possible, accurate account of profit can be given to the congregation on Sunday morning. She LOVES Missionfest!*

*Rhonda is also the Church Treasurer and volunteers her time to do this job. She sings in the choir and has helped with both Trustee Cleanup Days. I know she does many more things that go unseen, but when you love the Lord the way she does, you just do it. Right, Rhonda? We are blessed to have her as a member of RGAPC!*

**RGAPC is pleased to welcome our newest church family member, Joan Lepley. She was received into the membership by Session on May 16, 2010. Missions Committee has a new member and she attended her first meeting already. Welcome Joan!!**

**The Session of the Harmonsburg Church invites you to a special celebration on Sunday, June 6 at 2:00 PM. They will be dedicating their newly built church sanctuary. Former Temporary Supply pastor Rev. Sue Nageotte will deliver the sermon that afternoon. Come and see their new church home! The address is 14282 Cemetery Road, Harmonsburg, PA 16424 (this is the corner of Walnut Street and Cemetery Road).**

**Pastor Sue will generally be in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Other appointment times are available by prior arrangement. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the church during regular office hours. For urgent matters call Pastor Sue on her cell phone 814-573-5203.**

# **BIRTHDAYS**

## **June Birthdays:**

3	Wayne Holt	16	Marie Cokain
7	Baylee Cutchall		Joyce Dillemath
8	Shyra Price	17	Jennie Brumbaugh
9	Norma Aiken		Jim Nageotte
13	Adam Kirwin	18	Sue Bell
14	Joyce Pellow	21	Phyllis Vogan
15	Melissa Lyons	22	Donna Wendt
		29	Marie Cutchall

## **July Birthdays:**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Brandt	3	Allyson Holt
	Ted Davis	6	Bill Jones
	Dick Eakin	9	Elissa Sandok
	Jimmy Newton	11	Shelly Feather

## **MISSIONS CORNER**

**We had some questions regarding last month's article about the "Helping Hands" project for Art and Jayne McEntire. Their family is working to get the former home at 144 Elm Street ready to sell. The missions committee is waiting for a phone call to help in whatever way we can. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact Diane Whitman (374-4077) or Rhonda Rust (437-2831).**

**Father's Day means "Blanket Sunday" at RGAPC and an envelope is attached to the newsletter for your donation to help "blanket the world with love"! Mark 12:31 says "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." That doesn't just mean Rocky Grove and Franklin, but the world at large.**

**Church World Service was able to rush blankets and CWS Kits to the people of Haiti within the first 24 hours thanks to pre-positioned supplies in neighboring Dominican Republic. Your support makes that kind of swift response possible.**

**Contributions to Blanket Sunday mean Church World Service will be in Haiti for the long haul, as families recover from this tragedy. They will also be ready to help families in the USA as well as other parts of the world to recover from disasters and build viable, sustainable lives and communities.**

**\$25 can provide 5 warm blankets for a family left homeless by an earthquake or other disaster. Look around your home and see how many blankets, throws, and quilts you have and think of the people that have lost everything they own in the recent disasters right here in the USA. Then, please consider making a cash donation to Blanket Sunday. Thank you!**

**REMINDER: If you or your neighbor has a garage sale and there are items that didn't sell, save them in a corner of your garage or basement to donate to the Missionfest garage sale. Please do not bring garage sale items to the church until announcements are made to do so. Missionfest is September 11<sup>th</sup> this year so mark your calendar now so you can be a part of the fun and enjoy the fellowship with your RGAPC family.**

**Thank you and have a great summer!**

**Joyce Wetjen**

## **LET THESE FOLKS KNOW YOU CARE**

**Jarrad & Kaitlin Griffin**

**Bert Cornmesser**

**674 Grant Street – Lot 53**

**% The Caring Place**

**Franklin, PA 16323**

**103 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Franklin, PA 16323**

**Treva Clinefelter**

**% The Caring Place**

**Art & Jayne McEntire**

**103 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street**

**110 Elm Street**

**Franklin, PA 16323**

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## **NOW PLAYING at THE IRIS THEATRE**

**May 31 – June 2      “Train Your Dragon”**

**June 3 – 6      “To Save A Life”**

**Special Showings – Fri. & Sat.: 7 & 9:15 p.m.**

**Sunday: 6 p.m.**

**June 10-16      “Oceans”**

**June 17-23      “Clash of The Titans”**

**June 24-30      “Letters to Juliet”**

**Show Admission (unless otherwise noted):**

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

**Children (under 6 with Parents) Free**

**Phone: 814-425-3786**

Looking for a summer job? Camp Lambec, located along the shores of Lake Erie in North Springfield, PA, is seeking applicants for the positions of Head Lifeguard and Lifeguard. For more information and applications, visit [capnwp.org](http://capnwp.org). Please contact Charity McDonald at [cxm159@case.edu](mailto:cxm159@case.edu) with any questions.

Members of RGAPC have been invited by The Presbytery of Lake Erie to celebrate the installation of Mary Eleanor "Ellie" Johns as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Warren, PA. This celebration will take place on Sunday, June 13 at 4:00 p.m. at The Conewango Club, 201 Market Street Extension, Warren, PA. Everyone is invited to attend.

**SPRING CLEANING:** Thanks to everyone who turned out for the church cleanup day on May 15th. The work crew consisted of Ray & Toby Aikins; Bob, Jill & Sam Alden; Harold Bell; Scott Donaldson; John Dumbleton; Linda Hartman; Rhonda Rust; Jim Sandok; and Brad & Joyce Wetjen. Several areas were cleaned out and reorganized - the bell tower, vault room, storage closets, the storage sheds were painted, and the front steps of the church also received a fresh coat of paint. Your help is deeply appreciated! Thanks also to Ray Aikins for painting the trim on the sheds.

**HYMNALS:** The church has many copies of the red hymnal, "Hymns for the Family of God," and the old burgundy hymnal, "Favorite Hymns (Revised)" which no longer are being used during worship. As a matter of good stewardship, Session has voted to make these hymnals available free of charge for the personal use of church members. If you would like to take one of these hymnals home, please take one from the table in the narthex. In mid-summer, any unclaimed copies will be made available to other churches and Christian organizations. P.S. - The church is also looking for a good home for the old choir robes. If interested, contact the church office.

A Bible Study Group meets every Thursday at the church from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us.

Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m., at King's Restaurant. All men of the church are invited to fellowship with us.

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

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**Thank you for your generosity to the special request for the victims of recent weather-related disasters. A total of \$444.00 was collected. If you were unable to donate last Sunday and would still care to do so, please make your check payable to RGAPC, but write "Special Offering" on the memo line of your check or if you are donating cash, please mark the envelope "Special Offering". Thank you.**

**VBS will take place June 14th-18th from 6 - 8 p.m. with our annual family cookout as the closing to VBS on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. The whole congregation is invited to attend!**

**Please sign-up to help with VBS or contact Brianne Bell at 814-758-4067 as soon as possible. We need snack donations, cookout donations, and volunteers. We also need older youth who no longer attend VBS to help with decorating, organizing, assisting during VBS, and tear-down & clean-up of VBS.**

**Please pray that God guides us as we plan for this joyous event and plan to attend all of the VBS evenings!**

**The following items are needed for daily snacks and may be dropped off in the church office or in the VBS box outside the sanctuary:**

**Assorted Cookies**

**Assorted Pretzels**

**Pre-packaged Fruit Snacks**

**Juice/Milk**

**Popsicles (Freezer sticks/tubes)**

**Old Road Maps are needed for decorating.**

**For the family cookout on Friday night we need:**

**Potato Salad**

**Macaroni Salad**

**Hot Dogs**

**Hot Dog Buns**

**Plastic Silverware**

**Also, new this year - VBS will be participating in our worship service on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>! Please come and bring family and friends to enjoy God's work through our youth! Spread the good news of Jesus and invite the community to attend VBS Route 254: Our Journey with Jesus! Thank you!!**

**HIS SERVANTS:**

**Worship Leader – June: Sheryl Clinefelter**

**Worship Leader – July: Jim Speth**

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**Ushers – June: Ray & Toby Aikins, Harold Bell,**

**Jim & Sheryl Clinefelter**

**Ushers – July: Debbie Dunlap, Wayne Edmondson, Don McNany,**

**Rhonda Rust, and Ron Walters**

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**Greeters:**

**June 6: Brianne Bell & Sam Alden**

**13: Dave & Brenda Cokain**

**20: Judy Ream & Joyce Riddle**

**27: Ray & Toby Aikins**

**July 4: Ron & Doreen Walters**

**11: Diane Whitman & Jesse Harvey**

**18: Gene & Marge Sheffer**

**25: Jim & Sheryl Clinefelter**

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**Acolytes:**

**June 6: Austin Clark**

**July 4: Reagan Hartman**

**13: Aaron Weltner**

**11: Konner Hartman**

**20: Josh Kirwin**

**18: Austin Clark**

**27: Adam Kirwin**

**25: Adam Kirwin**

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**Nursery Workers:**

**June 6: The Lukers**

**July 4: Diane Whitman**

**13: Joyce Wetjen**

**11: Lois Carr**

**20: Pam Viele**

**18: Jennie Brumbaugh**

**27: Kassidy Clark**

**25: The Lukers**

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**Hospital Visitation Schedule:**

**June: Wayne Edmondson, Elder**

**Brenda Cokain, Deacon**

**July: Dave Brandt, Elder**

**Joyce Pellow, Deacons**