

**ROCKY GROVE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SONSHINE NEWSLETTER**

JUNE 2011

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

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Summer Worship - 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Reverend Sue Nageotte, Pastor

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

Edith Richards, Organist

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

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 be sure to provide a contact name and phone number for each event so your group can be contacted for additional information if needed.

Thank you!

RGAPC Financial Information

	May 2011	Year to Date
Income	\$8929.22	\$38,518.82
Expenses	\$8,132.49	\$42,553.84
Difference	+\$796.73	-\$4,035.02

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 Susan Bell
14 Joyce Pellow	21 Phyllis Vogan
15 Melissa Lyons	22 Donna Wendt
	29 Marie Cutchall

Elizabeth (Betty) L. Dodds Scurry, a member of RGAPC since April 8, 1936, went to be with our Lord

on Saturday, May 28, 2011. She had lived in Ohio in recent years. We offer condolences to her family.

30 Books of the Bible

There are 30 Books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo.

Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam. Especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized.

Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fundraising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "The books are all right there in plain view hidden from sight." Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers.

Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God bless....

(submitted by Brenda Cokain – see Brenda or the church office for answers)

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Spaghetti Dinner

Diane Whitman and Sarah Moreland would like to thank everyone for their donations of supplies, money and their help.

A special thanks to our wonderful custodian, Scott Donaldson. Thanks, Scott, for all your work and for being there whenever we needed you.

We cleared a total of \$406.36. Great job everyone!

Youthful Spirits

Men and women with youthful spirits gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Watch the Sunday bulletin for information of the July 6th gathering.

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Church Family Picnic is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, August 6, 2011, at Pastor Sue and Jim Nageotte's home at 384 Black Road, Cochran, Ga. Additional information and directions will be forthcoming.

Siefer & Moorhead Scholarships

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, 2011. Scholarships will be awarded in July. Complete information about these Scholarships is available in our church's Administrative Manual, Section 903.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: *RGAPC plans to join with another church for VBS this year. The date & location will be announced in the near future. Please watch for announcements in the Sunday worship bulletin or call the church office.*

MISSIONS CORNER

Blanket Sunday – June 19, Father's Day

From something as simple as a blanket, amazing things can happen...

By having a Blanket Sunday offering we can provide warmth and protection to victims of a disaster.

Thousands of blankets have been distributed in the United States in just the last year to assist those in

need.

The relief and long-term work can only be carried out with your support. Please join us in reaching out

to our neighbors in need around the world.

Bring hope “...you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.” Isaiah

58:12 NRSV

The cost of one blanket is \$5.00. Give from your heart.

VANDERHOOF NEWS

Dear friends at RGAPC,

Thanks again for sending us your church newsletter. It helps us feel connected with you as we read about the many activities in which you are involved.

We want to say thanks also for your continued support and prayers for our ministry here in Kenya. Each day has its challenges and joys, and we are grateful for folks like you who keep us on their minds and hearts. We hope you have been getting our email updates. Let us know if you haven't.

We trust that Spring has finally arrived for you and you are enjoying the warm weather and new life growing around you. We are heading into the cooler time of year in Kenya, and are grateful to be getting lots of rain. We are also seeing growth in the college where we used to teach as it has been accredited by the government to be a university. Our partnering church, the Africa Gospel Church, is also seeing great growth and ministry. Praise the Lord for His hand upon these institutions! We are very happy to be part of these great events.

Thanks for keeping in touch.

Jim and Alice Vanderhoof

(The Vanderhoofs will be in the States 5/28-7/11/11. Attempts are being made to have them visit RGAPC while home from Kenya.)

PLEASE HELP IF YOU ARE ABLE!

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church has been contacted by UPMC/Northwest to see if any of our church families would be able to provide housing for a young man from Rhode Island who will be doing a volunteer internship in the Physical Therapy Department for six weeks this summer. He is a college student whose father is a Presbyterian pastor. Housing accommodations are all that would be necessary during the week. The young man may or may not want to take meals with the host/host family on weekends. He has his own transportation, and meals throughout the week will be provided by the hospital. The dates of need are June 22 through July 1, 2011, and July 18 through August 19, 2011. If you feel led to reach out in this way, more information can be obtained from Jill Williams at UPMC/Northwest at 676-7721 or williamsja4@upmc.edu.

Report on Congregation Meeting - May 1, 2011

The Clerk of Session determined that a quorum was present, and Pastor Sue Nageotte opened the meeting with prayer at 11:45 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to permit the Session to present to the congregation the issue of repairs to the front portion of the church. Elder James Sandok presented facts concerning the condition of the building and the estimates of the cost of repairs. His presentation also included information to the effect that the condition of the bell tower section presented a danger to the congregation if repairs were not undertaken. Elder David Brandt presented information on the availability of funds to make the repairs. Questions from the congregation were answered. After discussion a motion was made to enter into a contract with Fiske and Sons to repair the Bell tower portion of the church at an estimated cost of \$156,000.00 with Session to determine the source of the funds for the repairs. The Motion was seconded. There was no further discussion. The Congregation voted unanimously to pass the motion.

The meeting was then closed with prayer by Pastor Sue at 12:20 p.m.

THANK YOU

What a nice surprise! I was very touched and certainly could use all the useful gifts, plus I love the fluffy pink bunny. Thanks again. God bless each one.

Patricia Campbell

Your Easter basket was a great surprise and so thoughtful. Thank you so much!

Marie Cokain

To the Deacons and RGAPC friends,

What a nice surprise to get the Easter basket. It was filled with useful gifts. It was much appreciated. Thank you so much.

Jean Weller

Dear Friends & Deacons at RGAPC,

Many thanks to all for remembering me on Mother's Day with such a delicate, beautiful vase of flowers. A special thanks to Joyce for delivering it. As ever,

Eleanore Moffitt

To the Deacons & friends from the church,

Thank you for the beautiful gift of pink carnations for Mother's Day. Bless you all.

Jean Weller

To the Deacons and RGAPC friends,

Thank you for the Easter basket and the flowers for Mother's Day. It was nice to be remembered. Thank you.

Richard & Phyllis Vogan

To Deacons and RGAPC,

Thanks so much for the beautiful flower arrangement. It's so nice to be remembered at the church. I hope to get going to church when the weather gets nice. Art's still enjoying the bunny from Easter. Thanks for everything.

Jayne & Art McEntire

To The Deacons,

Thank you so much for the carnation bud vase for Mother's Day! It was very thoughtful and kind to honor us. You really made my day! *Joyce Wetjen*

I would like to thank each of you for your prayers and the beautiful flowers for my stay in the hospital. They were very much appreciated. *George Ekis*

R.G.A.P.C.,

Thank you all for thoughtfulness of the flowers and the get well card. Thank you for your prayers. Please keep me in your prayers as I have more tests.

Joan Lepley

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – May 9, 2011

- **Minutes of Session meeting on March 11, 2011**
- **A change in the name of Houser Memorial Camp Trust Fund so the account will now read Houser Memorial Trust Fund for Camp Scholarships.**
- **The Financial Secretary's report of April 30, 2011 and Treasurer's report of April, 2011.**
- **The request of the Fatherhood Initiative for use of the church parking lot on July 30, 2011 for parking.**
- **Receipt of the following minutes:**

Christian Education – 4-19-11

Congregational Life – 5-2-11

Missions and Outreach – 4-25-11

Trustees – 5-2-11

- **The Pastor's request for study leave between August 24, 2011, and August 30, 2011.**
- **A special offering for the benefit of the Food Pantry at University Presbyterian Church of Tuscaloosa, Alabama for tornado assistance.**
- **The baptism of Jesse Harvey upon profession of faith.**

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – May 15, 2011

- The purpose of the meeting was for Session to meet with the candidates for admission to church membership. The following individuals were presented and approved as new members of the church by profession of faith: Joshua Kirwin, Adam Kirwin, Aaron Weltner, Jesse Harvey, Konner Hartman, Reagan Hartman and Sarah Moreland. They will be presented as new members during worship on May 22, 2011.

Congratulations to Allyson and Matt Cook on the birth of a baby girl, Savannah Brooke, on May 15, 2011. Upon arrival, she was 9 lbs. 3 ozs. and 21” long with lots of dark hair! Their address is 116 East Caracas Ave., Hershey, PA 17033. Proud big sister is Sierra and grandparents are Denny and Melanie McGinnis.

New Members

Seven new members were received into the congregation of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 22, 2011. They all come by profession of faith and are:

Konner Michael Hartman

Reagan Elizabeth Hartman

Jesse Allen Harvey

Adam Douglas Kirwin

Joshua Alan Kirwin

Sarah Elizabeth Moreland

Aaron Leigh Weltner

Welcome one and all!

Baptism

Jesse Allen Harvey, son of Debra Springer and Gregory Harvey, was baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit by Pastor Sue Nageotte on May 22, 2011.

NOW PLAYING at THE IRIS THEATRE

June 2-8 The Conspirator

June 9-15 Prom

June 16-22 African Cats

June 23-29 Rio

Show Times: Monday – Thursday 7:30

Friday & Saturday 7:00 & 9:00

Show Admission (unless otherwise noted):

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

Children (under 6 with Parents) Free

Phone: 814-425-3786

LOST & FOUND

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

2011 Church Officers and Other Leaders

Session Members:

Class of 2011: Dave Brandt, Don Yount, George Wielandt

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

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

Clerk of Session: Dave Brandt

Moderator of Session: Rev. Sue Nageotte

Session Members leading Ministry Teams:

Christian Education: Malinda Lukers & George Wielandt

Congregational Life & Worship: Don Yount & Nancy Weltner

Missions, Outreach & Evangelism: Jim Speth & Debbie Dunlap

Stewardship & Personnel: Linda Hartman & Jim Sandok

Nominations: Dave Brandt

Board of Deacons:

Moderator: Joyce Pellow

Class of 2011: Doris Feather, Joyce Pellow, Lois Pierce

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

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

Board of Trustees:

Moderator: Brad Wetjen

Class of 2011: John Dumbleton, Don Fox, Harold Bell

Class of 2012: Sam Alden, Don McNany, (vacancy)

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

Nominating Committee Members from the Congregation:

Sheryl Clinefelter, Grace Gibbons, Mabel Mong, Joyce Wetjen

and Phyllis Wetzel

Church Treasurer: Rhonda Rust

Financial Secretary: Jim Clinefelter

Assistant Financial Secretary: Sam Alden

Paid and Volunteer Workers Needed:

The Camping Association of the Presbyteries of Northwestern Pennsylvania (CAPNWP) is now accepting applications for both paid and volunteer work at Camp Lambec and Westminster Highlands to assist with our summer 2011 programs of outdoor ministry. Applications for both paid staff and volunteers, as well as job descriptions for the positions they are seeking, can be found on the CAPNWP website at <http://www.capnwp.org> or can be obtained by calling the central Camping Office at 724-738-0058, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

Serving in the month of June

Hospital Visits: Elder Linda Hartman & Deacon Joyce Pellow

Worship Leader: Sheryl Clinefelter

Ushers: Harold Bell, Wayne Edmondson, Gene Sheffer,

Debbie Dunlap and Rhonda Rust

Greeters: June 5 Les & Joan Lepley

19 David & Brenda Cokain

26 Gerald & Marie Wendt

July 3 The Pellow Family

Acolytes: June 5 Austin Clark

12 COMMUNION

19 Konner Hartman

26 Austin Clark

July 3 To Be Announced

Nursery: June 5 Malinda Lukers

12 Diane Whitman

19 Sarah Moreland

26 Joyce Dillemath

July 3 Malinda Lukers

From the Pastor's Desk

June, 2011

For the last several weeks, television stations and the internet have brought us constant reports of natural disasters across our nation. Tornadoes have flattened thousands of homes in the south and central plains. Months of heavy snowfall and drenching rain have overwhelmed the capacity of rivers and streams, causing wide-spread flooding. At the same time, more than 70% of the state of Texas is in its third year of severe drought with accompanying wildfires. Other parts of the world are experiencing similar storms, flood and drought.

Members of our congregation have responded to these tragedies by giving generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and a special offering to help those hit by the

tornado in Alabama. Much of the Blanket Sunday offering (coming up on Fathers Day) will be used by Church World Service to provide emergency shelter, food, clean water, tools and other essential aid to victims of natural disasters. Beyond monetary gifts, many of you have dedicated yourselves to continuing prayer for those affected by these disasters. We are also looking into the possibility of a mission trip later this year to offer hands-on assistance.

Thank you for your outpouring of concern and your ongoing prayers for people we may never meet, living in places we may never visit, but who are nevertheless our brothers and sisters in Christ. “God will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” (Hebrews 6:10)

Now I must turn to another serious topic, this one concerning our denomination. Over the last 20 years the PC(USA) has held painful discussions about one section of our constitutional standards for ordination of church officers (elders, deacons and ministers). That section, called the fidelity and chastity clause, prohibits the ordination and installation of anyone who is sexually active outside the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman.

Delegates to the 2010 General Assembly voted to amend that part of the constitution of the PC(USA). The amendment removes the fidelity and chastity clause and replaces it with a new standard “reflect[ing] the church’s desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life.” This new standard further requires the governing bodies responsible for ordaining and installing church

officers to “examine each candidate’s calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office . . . [and] “be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.”

Our presbytery, like other presbyteries in this area, voted to reject the new language, but two-thirds of the presbyteries in the nation have now voted to approve it. The new wording takes effect on July 11, 2011. While some in our denomination will welcome the change, others are dismayed and grieved.

So – does the new standard affect us here at RGAPC? Yes, but not in the ways one might expect. Instead of a single national standard, each church now has more local authority. Instead of a focus on sexual behavior, the new standard is that ordained leadeers should joyfully submit to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. The Session is now required to be guided by Scripture and the confessions in examining candidates for office. Each person must be considered as an individual. What has not changed is that each congregation retains the right to determine who will serve as its elders, deacons, and pastor. No church can be forced to accept officers of whom it does not approve.

Under the new standard, some churches and presbyteries will undoubtedly decide to ordain officers who are sexually active outside the covenant of biblical marriage. But

whenever an ordained officer moves from one area to another, that person must still be examined and approved by the standards of the local governing body before being able to take up their office in the new location.

So, what does this mean for RGAPC? It means it is imperative that we rely on the Holy Spirit to give us guidance, wisdom and discernment. And this is not new, is it?

Yours in Christ's service,

PS: If you have questions about the ordination standards, or would like to talk with me for any other reason, I would be glad to meet with you at a time that is convenient for you. Simply contact me through the church office or by email, rockygrovepastor @ yahoo.com.