

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church

June 2012

“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

June Birthdays

3 Wayne Holt	16 Marie Cokain
7 Baylee Cutchall (2005)	Joyce Dillemuth
8 Shyra Price	17 Jim Nageotte
9 Norma Aiken	18 Sue Bell
13 Adam Kirwin	21 Phyllis Vogan
14 Joyce Pellow	Parker James Smith (2011)
15 Melissa Lyons	22 Donna Wendt
	29 Marie Cutchall

SERVANTS FOR JUNE

Hospital Visits: Elder Joyce Wetjen

Deacon Sarah DeLong

Worship Leader: Sheryl Clinefelter (Jim Speth on June 3rd)

Ushers: Bob Alden, Jill Alden, Brenda Cokain,

David Cokain and Wayne Edmondson

Greeters: June 3 Scott & Nancy Donaldson

10 Ed & Molly Whitling

17 John & Jane Meisner

24 Don & Zella McNany

Acolytes: June 3 COMMUNION

10 Lillian Songer

17 Doug Songer

24 Paige Winder

Nursery: June 3 Molly Whitling

10 Joyce Dillemath

17 Diane Whitman

24 Malinda Lukers

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held July 9th through the 13th, 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. This is a tremendous opportunity to reach the children in our community. Please pray about how you might be able to help. Please complete the information below and return it to the church office, Malinda Lukers, Phyllis Wetzel or Wayne Edmondson as soon as possible. Thanks!

1. We need as much or as little time as you can give. What evening(s) are you available to help? Please circle all that apply:

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

2. Please consider your personal gifts and select those areas below that you would like to help with:

___ teaching ___ crafts ___ games ___ music ___ food service

___ decorations ___ registrations ___ advertising ___ skits

3. Please mark which age group of children you are most comfortable working with:

___ preschool (3 and 4 years old) ___ kindergarten

___ grades 1 & 2 ___ grades 3 & 4 ___ grades 5 & 6

4. Would you be willing to work in a nursery caring for children under the age of 3?

___ yes ___ no

5. List any other ways we can best use you for VBS. Comments and/or suggestions are welcomed.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU! REMEMBER THE MORE HELP WE HAVE, THE GREATER OUR SUCCESS IN SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THE CHILDREN.

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – May 14th:

- ☐ • The agenda for the Session Meeting of 14 May 12.
- ☐ • The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 9 Apr 12.

- ☐ • The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 30 Apr 12 and the following Treasurer's reports: checking account summary, budget year-to-date figures and Financial Report for April 2012.

- ☐ • The minutes of the Trustee meeting on 7 May 12, the Christian Education Ministry Team meeting on 16 Apr 12, special Christian Education Ministry Team meeting on 13 May 12, Missions and Outreach Ministry Team meeting on 23 Apr 12, Congregational Life & Worship Committee meeting on 7 May 12, and Stewardship Ministry Team meeting on 22 Apr 12.

- ☐ • The Venango Fatherhood Initiative to have use of our church parking lot and electricity for the Soap Box Derby that will be held on Saturday, 21 Jul 12.

- ☐ • Pastor Sue's request for vacation from 10 Jun thru 16 Jun 12.

RGAPC Financial Information

	May 2012	Year to Date
Congregational Giving	\$ 6,885.00	\$ 40,875.59
Expenses	\$ 8,384.48	\$ 41,330.10
Difference	- \$1,499.48	- \$ 454.51

Detailed financial reports are available in the narthex

beginning the second Sunday of the month.

If all copies are gone, please contact the church office.

Through The Eyes of a Child

The little boy came running to his mother holding a dry pressed leaf which was evidently a relic of days long ago.

“I found it in the big Bible, mother,” he cried excitedly. “Do you suppose it belonged to Eve?”

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

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 on June 6th at Eat 'n Park. Call Mabel Mong at 432-5453 by noon on June 4th to make a reservation. Watch the Sunday bulletin for information on the July event, which will be on the 11th due to the first Monday being July 4th.

JUNE, JULY & AUGUST – Sunday Worship time is 10:00 a.m.; there will be no Sunday School and no Children's Church during the summer. The CE committee would like to

thank all who have given of their time and talents to the ministry of Christian Education during the past year.

Saturday, June 16, 2012 – Progressive Dinner – We will travel to Ben and Sarah DeLong's in Titusville, on to Don and Nancy Weltner's, and end up at Jim and Flo Albright's. Watch for sign-up sheets and additional information to be posted on the bulletin boards. Let's make this an event to remember!!!

Saturday, July 14, 2012 – Church Family Picnic @ Kamp Kiwanis. Additional information will follow at a later date.

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 found in the "Scholarship Applications" box outside the church office and must be returned no later than June 30, 2012. Scholarships will be awarded in July.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

June 18-22 - Bucktails Good News Camp Week One and

June 25-29 - Bucktails Good News Camp Week Two, both sponsored by Child Evangelism Fellowship for all children who have complete 1st grade and are under 13 years of age. Camp is in session 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. You will hear great truths from the Bible and exciting stories from missionaries. Daily afternoon activities include choices of horse-back riding, crafts, swimming & fishing, weather permitting. Campers may choose one camp week only. First 100 campers registered and paid will be accepted for each week. For more information call 814-676-6319 or email terrirenfrew@windstream.net

Saturday, June 23 – ABC Pregnancy Center Golf Outing at Lucky Hills Golf Course, shotgun start at 9:00 am. Cost is \$50 per person which includes green fees, cart, food and prizes. Mulligans available at \$5 per person, one per person, limited to 4 per team. 18 team limit. Please sign up by June 18th. To register, contact Paul McGill at 814-432-5719 or 657-6972.

HIGHLANDS ROCKS 2012 – Saturday, August 4th

This will be an all-day Christian music festival at Westminster Highlands, 263 Big Bend Road, Emlenton, PA. Admission includes parking and all-day concert access. There will be locally & nationally known Christian bands and speakers. Register before July 15th for early bird pricing: \$20. Additional information can be found on posters on bulletin boards.

OUR DAILY BREAD is a quarterly publication for personal and family inspirational devotions. The current issue, covering June, July and August 2012, is available in the Narthex and outside the church office. Large prints will be available later in the month for July, August and September. Feel free to take a copy and one for a friend too! If all are gone, please advise the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Reagan Hartman received Outstanding Director's Award for music ability for Rocky Grove High School's Junior High Chorus on Wednesday, May 16, 2012. Way to go, Reagan! We are so proud of you!

Kelly Sandok, youngest daughter of Jim and Judy Sandok, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Indiana University of Pennsylvania on Saturday, May 12, 2012.

2012 Oil City High School graduates include Jacob and Daniel Wetzel, twin sons of Phyllis Wetzel.

Ernie Pellow, son of Charles and Tracey Pellow and Tammy Pellow and grandson of Joyce & Alfred “Ernie” Pellow, graduates from Franklin High School on June 10, 2012. He will be attending Clarion University in the fall, majoring in Business Administration.

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!

Dear RGAPC family and friends,

June is the month in which we will . . .

- Celebrate Trinity Sunday (June 3rd). This is the only special holiday in the church calendar which is based not on a historical event, but on a theological doctrine.
- Change to summer worship hours. From June through September, worship begins at 10:00 AM.
- Enjoy the presence of more little ones in worship, since Children’s Church is on vacation for the summer.
- Celebrate Father’s Day (June 17th). I hope that everyone will “Honor our Heavenly Father” by coming to church!
- Celebrate many weddings and anniversaries. The Christian covenant of marriage is a vital witness of God’s grace to a world that has become deeply confused both about healthy boundaries in human sexual expression and what it means to make and keep a promise. Let’s rejoice in God’s gift of marriage between a man and a woman, and do everything in our power to encourage and uphold those married couples we know. At the same time, let’s hold widows and widowers and divorced folks and unmarried people in our hearts and prayers – extending our friend-ship, and asking God to meet their every need.

June is also the month in which we will . . .

- Visit the homes of several church members for another delicious “progressive dinner” on June 16th
- Have fun at the Rocky Grove Volunteer Firemen’s Fair,

- **Be working hard on games, crafts, music and lessons for Vacation Bible School, which takes place in the evening during the second week of July.**

***Whew!* It's going to be an exciting month! So -- wherever you go and whatever you do during the month of June, may God bless you and keep you, may God smile upon you, may God be gracious to you and give you peace. Love in Christ,**

MISSIONS CORNER:

Father's Day, June 17, 2012, is designated as Blanket+ Sunday at Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Yes, it is our opportunity to help many individuals improve their lives. Church World Service (CWS) Blanket+ is just one of those ways.

For over 60 years CWS has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and help them to acquire certain resources.

Over 8,000 congregations across the United States provide funds to help people in need all around the world including the U.S. Some of these resources are: blankets, tents, food, tools, seeds and wells.

You too can help by giving of your resources.

Help CWS on Blanket+ Sunday

Please be generous in your support of the Blanket+ offering by using the attached envelope for your donation. Donations will be accepted through June 24, 2012.

You are the plus in Blanket +

Submitted by Diane Whitman on behalf of your Missions & Outreach Ministry Team:

Jill Alden

Joan Lepley

Joyce Dillemath

Rhonda Rust

Debbie Dunlap John Klinger

Jim Speth, Moderator

Joyce Wetjen

Diane Whitman

When you are all wrinkled up with care and worry,

it's time to get your faith lifted.

God gives something better for everything he takes away!

(quotes from Christian Clippings)