

# *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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**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***

## June

### Birthdays

3	Wayne Holt	16	Joyce Dillemath
7	Baylee Cutchall (2005)	17	Jim Nageotte
7	June McClintock	18	Susan Bell
9	Norma Aiken	21	Phyllis Vogan
13	Adam Kirwin (1996)	21	Parker Smith (2011)
14	Joyce Pellow	22	Donna Wendt
16	Marie Cokain	29	Marie Cutchall

### RGAPC NEWS

**The Christian Education Ministry Team has the following items of interest to announce:**

**Vacation Bible School will be held at our church on June 19 and 20, 2013. We are planning to have Bible lessons, games, crafts, and meals. VBS will be held during the evening and will start at 5:30 p.m. Please contact the church office, Phyllis Wetzel or Wayne Edmondson for registration and other information. More information will be available later in June. Watch Sunday bulletins.**

**On Sunday, June 2, 2013, during the worship service, we will be recognizing Kassidy Clark, who is graduating from Rocky Grove High School, and Jeremy Dickey, who graduated from Mercyhurst University on May 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**The last Sunday School and Children's Church classes were held on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Sunday School and Children's Church will resume on Sunday, September 15, 2013.**

**Check out the bulletin board in Moorhead Hall! Thanks are extended to Pam Baughman for taking and posting pictures of our ladies and the hats worn at the Mother-Daughter Dinner on May 11, 2013. Some were quite unique!**

## **From the Pastor's Study**

**Dear RGAPC family and friends,**

**Praise God! Warm weather has finally arrived, and with it, all the glorious colors and fragrance of the spring. Whenever I say this around long-time Pennsylvania residents, someone is quick to remind me that we might still have a cold snap, or even – brrrrr! -- a late snowfall. Someone else might remind me that when the humming-birds arrive, so do the mosquitoes. Yes, oh yes, I know these things are true. And truly it is wise to have row-covers and insect repellent on hand for those times they are needed.**

**The reality of life is that every season contains a mixture of things, some of which are delightful and others . . . well, not so much. When we are in a difficult “season” of life, -- at work, at home, at school, at church, in our relationships or in our physical or spiritual health -- it can sometimes feel as though we will never get through. And, metaphorically speaking, it can feel as though we are spending all our energy warding off the frost and the bugs.**

**In times such as that, it is good to remember that God is the Author of every season and the Guide of every journey. He knows the way through each dark valley. He knows the safest path along each treacherous mountain path. He knows just when to send the gentle breath of his Spirit to melt the cold and waft away the pesky irritations that discourage, distract and distress you. And even if the difficult circumstances still exist, God will walk with you every step of the way – loving, leading, encouraging, protecting.**

**Therefore, dear friends, this summer and always: “We wait in hope, for the Lord is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, and we trust in his holy name.” (Psalm 33:20-21).**

**Love in Christ,            PASTOR SUE**

GARDENING GOD'S WAY

**PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:**

*Peace of mind*

*Peace of heart*

*Peace of Soul*

**PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:**

*Squash gossip*

*Squash indifference*

*Squash gambling*

*Squash selfishness*

**PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:**

*Let us be faithful*

*Let us be kind*

*Let us be obedient*

*Let us really love one another*

**NO GARDEN IS COMPLETE WITHOUT TURNIPS:**

*Turn up for meetings*

*Turn up for services*

*Turn up to help one another*

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

*Time for God*

*Time for study*

*Time for prayer*

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE. THERE IS MUCH FRUIT IN YOUR GARDEN, BECAUSE YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.

*(submitted by Margie Sheffer)*

## Father's Day Word Search Puzzle

S O Y A D N U S N O R A F D D  
O D D D O R G A N I Z E A D T  
H E F P D I R G S T F U T A T  
S O N O R A D O D D G H H E R  
S S E D A E D L Y H R E E V G  
O E T N T I S F T N A S R P I  
N O N K E A N E E W N A S H F  
S I E N N G R T N O D R I H T  
E N E F O S O R E T F J E U N  
I E T N H I N N E T A E V E N  
T N E M P I U Q E S T R O P S  
K T N H N J D I N E H T L E E  
C N I T E N H R E R E O W N D  
E F N T S A F K A E R B A T A  
N H E R S B I R T C H D A Y D

BREAKFAST	LOVE
CARD	NECKTIES
DAD	NINETEEN TEN
DADDY	PHONE
DAUGHTERS	PRESENT
FATHER	SONORA DODD
GIFT	SONS
GOLF	SPORTS EQUIPMENT
GRANDFATHER	SUNDAY
	THIRD

JUNE *FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>:*

*The greatest gift I ever had came from God, and I call him Dad!*  
Anonymous

*Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*  
Proverbs 22:6

#### A CHILD'S IMAGE OF THEIR FATHER

**4 YEARS:** My daddy can do anything!

**7 YEARS:** My dad knows a lot ... a whole lot.

**8 YEARS:** My father does not know quite everything.

**12 YEARS:** Oh well, naturally, Father does not know that either.

*FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>:*

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God, and I call him Dad!* Anonymous

Anonymous

**14 YEARS: Oh, Father? He's hopelessly old-fashioned.**

**21 YEARS: Oh, that man, he's out of date!**

**25 YEARS: He knows a little bit about it.**

**35 YEARS: Before we decide, we'll get Dad's idea first.**

**50 YEARS: What would Dad have thought about that?**

**60 YEARS: My dad knew literally everything!**

**65 YEARS: I wish I could talk it over with Dad once more.**

**FLAG DAY, celebrated June 14<sup>th</sup>, has been a presidential proclaimed observance since 1916. Although Flag Day is not a federal holiday, Americans are encouraged to display the flag outside their homes and businesses on this day to honor the history and heritage the American flag represents.**

**I am your flag.**

**I was born on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 1777.**

**I am more than just cloth shaped into a design.**

**I am the refuge of the World's oppressed people.**

**I am the silent sentinel of Freedom.**

**I am the emblem of the greatest nation on earth.**

**I am the inspiration for which American**

**Patriots gave their lives and fortunes.**

**I have led your sons and daughters into battle**

**From Valley Forge to the bloody swamps of Vietnam.**

**I walk in silence with each of your Honored Dead**

**To their final resting place beneath the**

**Silent White Markers, row upon row.**

**I have flown through Peace and War, Strife and  
Prosperity, amidst it all I have been respected.  
My Red Stripes....  
Symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation.  
My White Stripes....  
Signify the burning tears shed by Americans  
Who lost their sons and daughters.  
My blue field....  
Is indicative of God's Heaven under which I fly.  
My stars....  
Clustered together, unify 50 States as one, for God and Country.  
"Old Glory" is my nickname,  
And proudly I wave on high.  
Honor me, respect me, defend me with  
Your lives and your fortunes.  
Never let my enemies tear me down from my  
Lofty position, lest I never return.  
Keep alight the fires of patriotism,  
Strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy.  
Worship Eternal God and keep His Commandments  
And I shall remain the bulwark of peace  
And freedom for all mankind.**

**--- Author Unknown**



## **Missions and Outreach**

**Our Outreach was The Keeling Concert on April 28 and was very well attended. It was wonderful to see the sanctuary filled with so many smiling and excited faces. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and musical message The Keelings brought. With help from some of our congregation, we were able to collect and pack 16 boxes of food, a total of 275 food items! The food has been picked up by The Salvation Army and Community Services.**

**The Mission's Team will be taking a special offering for the next few weeks for the tornado victims in Okalahoma. This will coincide with our Blanket Sunday offering which is normally taken on Father's Day, for Church World Services. CWS is an organization specifically for helping in natural disaster areas. They supply warm blankets, clean up kits, necessity kits, etc. They are trying to help make it easier for those in the disaster area while they try to get their lives back to normal. Recovery may begin with a bucket of supplies, but it doesn't end until everyone has a chance to recover.**

**Please, prayerfully consider giving to this very important cause. If you will be writing a check, make it out to RGAPC and in the memo write, tornado victims, or if you are going to give cash, put it in one of the Blanket Sunday envelopes, or one of the offering envelopes in the pews, and write tornado victims on that envelope and just drop it into the collection plate along with your usual Sunday offering.**

**Next on our agenda is the Mustard Seed Missions; this is a new local mission project in our own area. The Missions' Team has made Mustard Seed Missions one of our recipients with our undesignated funds. Mustard Seed Missions is a faith-based, Venango County church collaborative, reaching out, touching lives in our community based on referrals from the County of Venango and other social service agencies. Church laypeople have been installing windows, giving rides, visiting the downcast, building beds, cleaning houses, helping people move, repairing roofs and porches in the name of Jesus Christ. If you are willing to help with any of these types of jobs, please let Debbie Dunlap know so that a list can be compiled of people to call when just such a need becomes known. The Mustard Seed Missions states: We are not just a social service; nor are we just an evangelism arm of our churches. We are a mixture of both.**

**We ask that you keep all these worthy mission projects and the people involved in your prayers.**

*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.*                      *1 Peter 4:10-11*

Coming in July... Fatherhood Imitative Soap Box Derby, July 20, 2013. Watch next month's newsletter for details.

### *NOTES OF THANKS*

Thank once again to the Deacons for the cheery card welcoming SPRING! It is much appreciated.                      *Carol Rough*

My family and I deeply appreciate the cards and other expressions of sympathy following the recent death of my step-mother, Joan Diehl. Your support and prayers have been a great comfort during this time. While we are saddened, we are consoled knowing that Joan is even now in the presence of our Savior.    Love in Christ,    *Pastor Sue*

### *UPCOMING EVENTS*

Youthful Spirits, men and women of the church, will gather for food and fellowship at noon on June 5<sup>th</sup> at Dawndi's (Lucky Hills Golf Course, 136 Warren Road, Franklin. Make your reservation with Joan Partridge (437-7978) and leave a message by 6/3/13. Next month's gathering will be on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. More info will be forthcoming.

## THE "U" IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time had begun

God stuck U in the name of His Son.  
And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,  
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,  
For U, He was born; that's why He came.  
And His great love for U is the reason He died.

It even takes U to spell crUcified..

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand  
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?  
The stones split away, the gold trUmpet blew,  
And this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His Upward ascension,  
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.  
"Go into the world and tell them it's true  
That I love them all - Just like I love U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,  
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?  
It all depends now on what U will do,  
He'd like them to know, but it all starts with U.

**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, 2013. Scholarships will be awarded in July.

## An Update from the Re-Affirmation Team

As reported last month, the Presbytery recently formed a group called a “Resolution Team.” This team will work with the Session and church members as RGAPC is seeking to discern whether to remain in the PC(USA) or move to another Reformed denomination for reasons of conscience. The initial meeting between the Session and the Presbytery’s Resolution Team (PRT) will take place early in June. It is likely that some “townhall” type meetings will be held at different times during the summer.

If you have specific questions, please write them down and either put them into the offering plate or the suggestion box located near the church office. Questions will be gathered and answered in future issues of the newsletter or “Q & A” letters to church members.

Please continue to pray for wisdom for everyone involved throughout this process of discernment.

*Pastor Sue will be on vacation June 19<sup>th</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*Ed Clark will be filling the pulpit on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and*

*Rev. David Oyler, General Presbyter, Presbytery of*

*Lake Erie, on June 30<sup>th</sup>.*

## FROM THE SESSION

### Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – May 13<sup>th</sup>:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 8 Apr 13.
- The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 30 Apr 13 and the following Treasurer's reports: the checking account summary, the budget year-to-date figures and the Financial Report for April 2013.
  
- Received the minutes of the Christian Education Ministry Team meeting on 15 Apr 13, the Congregational Life & Worship Committee meeting on 6 May 13, the Missions and Outreach Ministry Team meeting on 22 Apr 13, the minutes of the Trustee's meeting on 6 May 13, the Administrative Activity Report 9 Apr 13 through 13 May 13, and the report on the Presbytery Stated Meeting on 16 Apr 13.
  
- The use of our parking lot for the Venango Fatherhood Initiative's 11th Annual Soapbox Derby on Saturday, 20 Jul 13.

### **RGAPC Financial Information – April 2013**

	April 2013	Year to Date
<b>Congregational Giving</b>	\$ 8,328.47	\$ 32,444.73
<b>Expenses</b>	(\$ 7,916.75)	(\$ 32,747.81)
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 411.72	(\$ 303.08)

### **RGAPC Financial Information – May 2013**

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

Detailed Financial Reports for May will be available in the

narthex beginning the second Sunday of June.

*Pastor Sue has a new cell phone number! Starting June 10<sup>th</sup> you can reach her at 814-758-5525. This is a local call from Franklin.*

## **SERVANTS FOR JUNE**

**Hospital Visits: Elder Linda Hartman Deacon Sheryl Clinefelter**

**Worship Leader: Sheryl Clinefelter**

**Ushers: Jim Clinefelter, Doris Feather, Dick Mortimer,  
Brad Wetjen & Joyce Wetjen**

**Greeters: June 2 Jim & Sarah Speth and children  
9 Clair Speth & Ron Walters  
16 Joyce Dillemath & Heather Faulkner  
23 Don & Doris Yount  
30 John & Mary Jo Dumbleton**

**Acolyte: June 2 Gage Clark  
9 Eli Moreland  
16 Douglas Songer  
23 Lillian Songer  
30 Hanna Wielandt**

**Nursery: June 2 Joyce Dillemath  
9 Margaret Wielandt  
16 Diane Whitman  
23 Sarah Speth  
30 Sarah Speth**

**Counters:**

**June 2 Debbie Dunlap & Joyce Wetjen**

**9 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen**

**16 Debbie Dunlap & Linda Hartman**

**23 Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen**

**30 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen**

**Beginning June 2<sup>nd</sup>, we return to our summer worship hour of 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School or Children's Church during June, July and August.**