

ROCKY GROVE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 2010 NEWLETTER

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

321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323

Church Phone: 814-432-4162

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Website: www.rockygrover.org

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Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Staff:

Rev. Sue Nageotte, Temporary Supply 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.

HIS SERVANTS:

Worship Leader – March: Vicki Henderson

Worship Leader – April: Wayne Edmondson

**Ushers – March: Jim Albright, Joanne Brannon, Doris Feather,
Gene Sheffer, and Jerry Wendt**

**Ushers – April: Dave Cokain, John Klinger, Jim Speth,
Brad & Joyce Wetjen**

Greeters:

March 7: Brad & Joyce Wetjen

14: Jane Beach & Kennedy Hartman

21: John & Vicki Henderson

28: Dick & Cheri Mortimer
April 4: Joe, Lois, Brian & Amy Carr
11: John Klinger & Jim Speth
18: John Dumbleton & Don Fox
25: Rhonda Rust & Joyce Dillemath

Acolytes:

March	7: Austin Clark	April	4: Reagan Hartman
	14: Adam Kirwin		11: Konner Hartman
	21: Josh Kirwin		18: Austin Clark
	28: Aaron Weltner		25: Adam Kirwin

Nursery Workers:

March	7: Lois Carr	April	4: Kassidy Clark
	14: Jennie Brumbaugh		11: Diane Whitman
	21: Pam Viele		18: Lois Carr
	28: Joyce Wetjen		25: Jennie Brumbaugh

As you can see we are in need of nursery workers. If you would be willing to serve our Lord in this capacity, please call the church office at 432-4162. If a few more people could help, you would be in the nursery one Sunday every 8-10 weeks. Please consider helping out with this crucial need.

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for your support, concern, prayers, phone calls, cards, and the beautiful flowers I received at the hospital.

It is so great to have such a loving church family. This is greatly appreciated during this stressful time in our family.

Thank you.

God Bless, Zella McNany

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer quilt. Every time I look at it I will remember all of the prayers, support and concern that went into it when it was being made, plus the hard work.

I am so lucky to have such a loving church family. I shall always cherish the quilt the rest of my life. Thank you.

God Bless, Zella McNany

We want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food, and for just being there for us. We also want to thank the people who prepared and served the funeral luncheon. The sheaf of wheat was appreciated. We feel so blessed to have such a caring church family.

Grace Gibbons and Family

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers I received while a patient in the hospital. They certainly were a bright spot and it makes you feel good to know your church family is thinking of you. Marie and I both appreciated your prayers.

Jerry Wendt

Helen Grettler would like to thank the members of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church for the many beautiful cards sent for her 96th birthday on February 21st. She appreciated their thoughtfulness at this time.

Amy Carr was a patient at UPMC Northwest. She telephoned to thank her church family for the stuffed Panda Bear. She said "I love stuffed animals!" Please continue to keep Amy and her family in your prayers.

**Make somebody happy today;
Show them that you really do care
Send a note of cheer and prayer.**

Nancy George	Zella McNany
P.O. Box 5052	203 Juniper Drive
New Castle, PA 16105	Franklin, PA 16323

Her telephone number is 724-598-3340.

Amy Carr	Don & Doris Yount
311 Pacific Street	136 Mercer Road
Franklin, PA 16323	Franklin, PA 16323

**Jerry Wendt
336 Miller Road
Franklin, PA 16323**

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to the family of Clair "Bo" Gibbons. Bo went to be with Our Lord on February 14, 2010. He had been a very faithful member of our congregation since April 3, 1955 and will be missed.

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to the family of Sara Mong. Sara attended RGAPC faithfully until moving to Logan, OH. She had been a member since April 13, 1941!

CONGRATULATIONS to Ed & Molly Whitling on the birth of their son, Cameron Miles, on Wednesday, February 17th. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and is 20-3/4 inches long. Carson is a very proud big brother

now! Their home address is 311 Gilfillan Street, Franklin, PA 16323.

RGAPC is having a baby boom!!! We have three new little members that have joined our church family since December and there's been a little bird (stork) flying around telling us that Jarrad and Kaitlin Griffin are expecting twins in the spring! We can truly say that God is blessing us! It's great to hear "baby sounds" on Sunday morning!

Would you be willing to volunteer once every 8-12 weeks to assist with Children's Church? If so, the Christian Ed Committee would like to hear from you. We are in need of adults to be with the children 4 years old through 4th grade following "Time With the Children". There are videos available or craft material in the Sunday School office that can be used. Please call Wayne Edmondson at 758-1787 or George Wielandt.

If you are in need of pastoral care, please contact Wayne Edmondson, Clerk of Session, and arrangements will be made. His telephone number is 758-1787.

SESSION REPORT: Wayne Edmondson, Clerk

February 2010 Session Minutes:

Approved Motions log:

To hire Rev. Sue Nageotte as a Temporary Supply Pastor from 1 Mar 10 through 31 Dec 10 with options.

The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 11 Jan 10.

Hazel Agnes Lynch was removed from the membership roll because of her death on 16 Jan 10.

Marguerite Williams was removed from the membership roll because of her death on 24 Jan 09.

The 25 Jan 10 minutes of the Missions, Outreach and Evangelism Ministry Team.

The transfer the remainder of the money due on the new Allen organ from the Christian Education Director's salary account.

Jarrad Griffin's request to be removed as an active elder on Session because of several changes in his and Kaitlin's (his wife) lives that have required more time to address.

The purchase of a new computer for our administrative assistant per the request from the Trustees.

Hospital Visitation Schedule:

March: George Wielandt, Elder

Brenda Cokain, Deacon

April: Jill Alden, Elder

Diane Whitman, Deacon

March Birthdays:

1	Brady Franklin	18	Emmalie Dickey
	Lorraine McCauley	19	Mabel Mong
3	Wayne Donaldson	23	Linda Hartman
4	Steven Cutchall		Karen Richards
	Rosie Odier		Maryann Yount
	Aaron Wetjen	27	Eleanore Moffitt
	Molly Whitling	29	Ernest Pellow
10	Rodney Zeller	30	John Dumbleton
13	Stephen Feather	31	Jill Alden
	Brenda Holt		
	Makayla Yount		

April Birthdays:

3	Bill McCauley	11	Ed Brannon
9	Joe Carr		Joanne Brannon

Anyone who would like to have a special Sunday to place flowers on the Altar to remember or honor a loved one or a special occasion, please contact Doris Feather (437-5236). If you would like to place flowers on the Altar on a Sunday not designated for someone, it would be greatly appreciated.

Venango Youth for Christ is extending an invitation for the "Ladies Good Friday Breakfast 2010". It is being held at the Christian Life Building at 7:15 a.m. The speaker is Michelle Borquez and the ticket cost is \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door.

Tidbits of Information

NOTICE!

To all men of RGAPC, you are cordially invited to attend the Men's Prayer Breakfasts to be held on the first Saturday of the month (March 6th). Please come and join other Christian men as they meet for a time of prayer and spiritual devotion, while engaging in some more lighthearted discussions of world events. We meet at King's Restaurant in their meeting room, at 8:30 a.m. If you need a ride, please contact Ray Aikins at (814) 432-2726 and he will arrange to have you picked up and delivered back to your home.

A Bible Study Group is meeting every Thursday at the church from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please join us for a great learning experience and wonderful fellowship.

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. March 13th will be our next meeting. We hope to see you there!

Do you have a serious concern, question, or recognize something that needs attention concerning our church? Please obtain a copy of the form from Section 504 of our church's Administrative Manual, fill it

out and turn it into the church office or the Clerk of Session. These forms are located on a table in the narthex (area adjacent to rear of church sanctuary) and in the church office. We want to respond to you.

The Session of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church

The "WILD GAME DINNER" will be held on Saturday,

March 20th, at 6:00 p.m. in Moorhead Hall. Bear meat will be on the menu this year along with venison, turkey, etc. (let's hope etc. doesn't include road-kills!). The dinner is open to all men, women and youth of the area who are interested. There is no charge; however, a donation will be taken at the door. There will be more information in upcoming bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact George Wielandt.

Ladies (and Gents too), please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 6th at 9 a.m. to come to the church for a good old fashion "Spring House Cleaning". We would especially like to clean both kitchens thoroughly and discard out-dated items (food and otherwise). There are several other rooms that could be "freshened up" too. Depending on how many people come, we will start in Moorhead Hall kitchen and proceed from there. If you need a ride, please call the church office 432-4162 and arrangements will be made for pick-up and delivery back to your home. Thank you!

Our new Allen organ has arrived! A dedication service is planned at a later date. The organ has been paid in full from the Organ Fund and Current Fund. Any future donations should be directed to the Current Fund as the Organ Fund will be closed.

Ladies' Scrapbook Retreat at Seneca Hills Bible Conference in the Miller Retreat Center March 19-21. Registration Deadline is March 12. Cost is \$85 per person. Please call 432-3026.

PRAYER CHAIN: It has been decided to revise the prayer chain into two groups. Anyone who has an email address will now be receiving the prayer requests via email. Those who do not have email addresses will still receive the telephone call, but only the name of the person needing prayer will be given. God knows the need of that person so we will not be forwarding any information concerning the specific need. If you are currently on the Prayer Chain, please email the church office at

rgapc@verizon.net to verify that your correct email address is on file. If you are not on the prayer chain and wish to be, either email or call the church office. We hope this will simplify the process that calls can go through quickly. We are trying this because several people work and do not get the request to pass along in a timely manner. Thanks for your cooperation.

Maundy Thursday Service will be held at RGAPC this year with our friends from First Presbyterian Church in Franklin. The date is Thursday, April 1 and the time will be announced in future bulletins.

The Penn State University Choir is coming to the First United Methodist Church on Liberty Street in Franklin to present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 24th. There will be no admission charge and everyone is invited to attend. First U.M. is looking for persons to host a choir member(s) that evening. You would need to take them to your home after the concert, provide a bed and breakfast the next morning, and return them to the church by 7:30 a.m. Thursday morning. If you are able to be a host, please contact Priscilla Rexford (437-6359), Mary Ann Richardson (432-3329), or the church office (432-8161).

PLEASE REMEMBER: If you can't write it down and sign it, you shouldn't say it!

MISSIONS NEWS

"You did it!" and the Missions Committee wants to personally thank you for your generous support of this year's "Souper Bowl of Caring". Your very generous donations, even in a bad economy, totaling \$423.73 topped last year's donations of \$306.50 and are very much appreciated. Your very generous support of RGAPC's mission projects is the grease that keeps the wheels of the missions program turning, freely and effortlessly. The Missions Committee

As Lent, Maundy Thursday and Easter approach, we are reminded of the Love and Salvation that Jesus gives us. We can tell others of his Salvation and Love. We can show our Love that He gives us by giving it, sharing it and showing it to others. The One Great Hour of Sharing is coming up. This is another way to show our Love for Christ by giving to others in need.

To enhance our communications as a church family, a new column is being added to the Sonshine Newsletter. It will be called "Our Family Connection". We would like to know a little about you and your family even if they are adult children, grandchildren, etc. Anything that you want to share will be printed in the newsletter so we, as a church family, can grow together in love. Please fill out the form that is part of the newsletter and return it to the church office. It may be mailed, placed in the offering plate,

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in the "Administrative Assistant's" mailbox, or dropped through the slot in the office door. Each month there will be as many families "Connection" as space permits. We would like to continue receiving information from each family; however, it may not be printed until all forms that have been submitted are shared with the congregation.

We are asking for birthdates for church office records. When an article is printed, only the month and day will be shared in the newsletter.

Forms will be available in the narthex and church office. If you have any questions, please call Joyce at the church office (432-4162). We look forward to receiving your form. Thanks!

OUR FAMILY CONNECTION

Our "maiden voyage" for this article is beginning with John and Paula Klinger and their two daughters. John was born and raised at RGAPC and has remained a faithful member. He, along with Paula, has been involved in many functions in the life of our congregation. For many years you could see their smiling faces at the "Lemon Shake" stand at Missionfest fighting the bees that also loved those "just right" drinks on a hot day in September.

John and Paula have raised two lovely daughters, Suzanne and Jennifer (Jen). They enjoyed vacations where else but Black Lake, NY and have many memories with the girls at John's favorite vacation spots. The girls also enjoy beach vacations. Suzanne is presently a first year medical student at LECOM at Seton Hill University. She has been awarded the Health Profession Military Scholarship through the Army. Jen is a registered nurse in Charlotte, NC. She got her B.S. in nursing from Gannon University. Presently she is working at a mental health emergency room. She will marry this summer in Miami, FL on May 31, 2010. Her fiancé is Raul Carvajal. He works in shipping and receiving in Charlotte. They met in Brookville four years ago.

This is a very special year for John and Paula as they will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on June 14th. (Save your money John for a special celebration gift for Paula!!!)

NOW PLAYING at THE IRIS THEATRE

Feb. 28	"Blink of an Eye"
March 4-10	"Extraordinary Measures"
March 11-17	"Tooth Fairy"
March 18-24	"Secrets of Jonathan Sperry"

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 p.m.
Show times at 7 & 9 p.m. on
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
March 25-31 “Jackson & Olympians”

Show Admission (unless otherwise noted):
Adults \$3.00; Children (under 12) \$1.50;
Children (under 6 with Parents) Free

2010 LAKE ERIE PRESBYTERY PRAYER LIST
CHURCH & PASTORS
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE, PARISH
ASSOCIATES, HONORABLY
RETIRED, VALIDATED MINISTRY
& OTHER LEADERSHIP

Date

March 7 Titioute
Elder Dennis Ledebur, Comm. Lay Pastor
Tionesta and Endeavor Presbyterian Churches
Rev. Peter Veltman, Stated Supply

March 14 Warren, First
Rev. Bill King, Interim Pastor
Edinboro Rev. Hal Kelley, Interim Pastor

March 21 Harmonsburg
Rev. William A. Smith (HR)
Rev. John Bower (Minister at Large)

March 28 Erie, East Greene
Rev. David S. Oyler General Presbyter

April 4 Meadville, Redeemer
Rev. Rachel Johns, Stated Supply
Rev. Dennis Kitterman (Minister at Large)
Rev. Jim McCormack (HR)

April 11 Franklin, First
Moderator, Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow
218th General Assembly

April 18 Meadville, First
Rev. Brian Jensen, Pastor
Rev. Kate Irish Filer, Part-time Interim
Elder Elizabeth Duncan
(Moderator of Council)

April 25 Ripley
Rev. Carl Hull (HR)
Rev. Sam Gibb (Minister at Large)

During the next year we invite you to uphold each church and member of presbytery in prayer. Many of you have included this information in your bulletin each week or newsletter each month, and many of you have included these people and congregations in your pastoral prayer. I urge you to continue this mutual support and encouragement each week.

May God richly bless our work together in the coming months as we serve Jesus Christ together. This is one small , but significant, way in which we can hold up our brothers and sisters through Christ in our prayers.