

# **ROCKY GROVE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

## **MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER**

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

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**Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship – 10:45 a.m.**

**Wednesday Bible Study -- 7:00 p.m.**

**Reverend Sue Nageotte, Pastor**

**Edith Richards, Organist**

**Scott Donaldson, Custodian**

*Church Office Hours will Vary this Month*

## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

The newsletter will generally be ready the first Sunday of each month. Please help us keep mailing costs low by picking up your newsletter in the sanctuary entryway on that day.

Newsletter articles are due in the church office on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please be sure to provide a contact name and phone number for each event so people can contact your committee or group for additional information if needed. Thank you!

### Souper Bowl Sunday Offering

The Missions, Outreach & Evangelism Committee reports that a total of \$214.00 was given by the congregation to the Souper Bowl Sunday offering on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Last year's total was \$424, so we fell a little short of our goal of matching the 2010 offering. You put forth a good effort, though, and your support is, as always, very much appreciated.

The money has been given to Venango County Community Services to help stock their food pantry. Nation-wide, the Souper Bowl offerings in 2011 have totaled more than EIGHT MILLION dollars.

### Job Opening: RGAPC Church Secretary, 20 hours per week

The Personnel Committee is seeking applications from persons who have experience working in an office environment, are well-organized, have good computer skills, and desire to work part time, three or four days per week. Resumes should be submitted to the church office, attention "Personnel Committee."

### RGAPC Financial Information

	January 2011	Year to Date
Income	\$ 8,179	\$ 8,179
Expenses	\$ 7,676	\$ 7,676
Difference	+ \$ 503	+ \$ 503

**Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry of RGAPC.**

**March Birthdays:**

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

**THANK YOU!**

**Margie Sheffer writes: “I would like to thank the congregation  
for the lovely prayer quilt, flowers, numerous cards  
and food items I received after my recent surgery.  
Everything was so much appreciated! Thank you again.”**

**Youthful Spirits will meet at Amazing Foods on March 2**

**Men and women with youthful spirits gather for food and fellow- ship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. The March luncheon will be at Amazing Foods (1327 Elk Street in Franklin). For information or directions contact Gayle Schull at 432-4387.**

**Serving in Worship for March:**

**Worship Leader: Wayne Edmondson**

**Ushers: Ron Walters, Jim Albright, Jim Speth,  
Rhonda Rust and Jerry Wendt**

**Greeters: March 6 John & Vicki Henderson  
13 Ben & Sarah DeLong  
20 Dick & Cheri Mortimer  
27 John Klinger & Jim Speth**

**Acolytes: March 6 -- Communion --  
13 Austin Clark  
20 Konner Hartman  
27 Adam Kirwin**

**Nursery: March 6 Diane Whitman  
13 Ed & Molly Whitling  
20 Jeremiah & Malinda Lukers**

**Please note: the church office is working to do a better job of asking in advance whether people are able to serve on particular Sundays. Meanwhile if you cannot serve on the day(s) you have been scheduled, 1) please forgive us! 2) please try to arrange a trade with someone else, and 3) please notify the church office of any changes. Thank you!**

### **Officers Elected to fill Vacancies**

**At the Congregational Meeting on Sunday February 20<sup>th</sup>:**

- **George Wielandt was elected as an Elder to fill a 1 year vacancy on Session,**
- **Dick Exley was elected to a 3 year term as Trustee, and**
- **Harold Bell was elected to a 1 year term as Trustee.**

**We are grateful for their willingness to serve the Lord in these special ministries!**

## **RGAPC MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

**A five week prospective members class is starting on March 13 for those who wish to explore becoming a member of our congregation. In what ways does the Presbyterian Church (USA) differ from other denominations? What do I have to believe to be a church member? Does it make any difference whether or not I officially join the church? Explore these and other questions over a light lunch, after worship, on March 13, March 27, April 3, April 10 and May 1. For more info contact Pastor Sue Nageotte, at the church office 432-4162 or by cell phone 814-573-5203.**

## **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

**The *One Great Hour of Sharing* season is approaching! Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through this offering to share God's love with people experiencing need. The One Great Hour of Sharing begins the first day of Lent and continues through Easter Sunday. The monies raised help such organizations as:**

**(1) Self-Development of People (SDOP) to work with ecumenical partners in reaching poor, oppressed, and disadvantage communities in parts of the world that SDOP would otherwise not be able to reach**

**(2) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), a member of Action by Churches Together International (ACT), an alliance of the emergency departments and programs of member communions of the World Council of Churches. The combined response of ACT members enables a broader response to large or complex disaster situations and**

**(3) Presbyterian Hunger Program in helping teach those in need to grow their own food and build fresh water storage.**

**Both Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbyterian Hunger Program work in partnership with Church World Service. Watch your Sunday bulletins for the *One Great Hour of Sharing* inserts that will explain more in depth how your donations can make our love and God's love felt all over the world. Thank you again for your support of the One Great Hour of Sharing and other RGAPC Missions and Outreach projects!**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS**

**"The Big Event" is coming! Saturday March 19, from 9 am to 2:30 pm at Elmwood Avenue Presbyterian Church in Erie. Attend workshops, exchange information, and learn how churches of Lake Erie Presbytery are reaching out to their communities. Brochures can be obtained through the church office or at the Presbytery web site:**

**[www.pbylakeerie.org](http://www.pbylakeerie.org)**

**World Day of Prayer Service All are invited to a World Day of Prayer Celebration to be held on Friday March 4, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Rhoades Auditorium, Venango Campus of Clarion University, Oil City.**

**Dining with Diabetes Classes:** Penn State Extension is once again offering the popular and valuable “Dining with Diabetes” class, from 6:00 to 8:30 every Tuesday evening in March at the Venango Fairgrounds Auditorium. If you or a family member have been told you have Type 2 diabetes, you’ll want to attend this class! For more information or to register, call 814-755-3544.

**“Lunch and Learn” in Rocky Grove - March 9**

Laid off, out of work or just need information to help your family survive in today’s economy? United Way and CareerLink invite you to be their guest at the Rocky Grove Fire Hall on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 2:30 PM. Enjoy a free lunch and obtain information on energy and food assistance, medical benefits, potential temporary jobs, employment services and unemployment compensation. Reserve your spot by calling United Way at 814-676-6545 no later than March 1, 2011.

**Oil Region Job Fair 2011 – April 6**

Out of work? Looking for a better job? Come to Cranberry Mall on Wednesday April 6, 2011 between 11 AM and 5 PM to meet employers and discuss job opportunities. For information call CareerLink at 678-5090, or, log onto the CareerLink website at [www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us](http://www.pacareerlink.state.pa.us) to create your personalized resume for this event.

## **CHRISTIAN CAMPING NEWS**

**Camping Scholarship Applications**

The RGAPC Camp Scholarship Administration Committee is now receiving applications for children and youth who wish to attend a Protestant Christian camp this summer. Application forms are available in the narthex and through the church office. Brochures for Camp Lambec, Westminster Highlands and Seneca Hills are also available. Scholarship applications must be received by the church office no later than Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>.

**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.**

### **“Spring Cleaning” Work Dates at Camps**

**Those interested in assisting with “spring cleaning”, both indoors and out, can do so at:**

- **Seneca Hills, south of Franklin, on Saturday April 30**  
**(phone 814-432-3026);**
- **Westminster Highlands, near Emlenton on Sat. May 7;**
- **Camp Lambec, west of Erie, PA on Saturday, May 21.**  
**(both camps, phone 724-738-0058)**

**On the work days, volunteers can arrive at camp anytime after 9 AM and stay through the afternoon or just a few hours; whatever time you can spend will be appreciated. If you have questions, need directions or just want more information, call the camp offices at the numbers above.**

**Approved Motion Log from the Session Meeting on January 10, 2011. Session approved:**

- **The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 13 Dec 10.**
- **A request from Adam Peterson, of the Boy Scouts, to use Moorhead Hall and the kitchen for a spaghetti dinner fundraiser during the afternoon of Sunday, 6 Feb 11.**
- **The December 2010 Financial Secretary’s report.**
- **The December 2010 Treasurer’s reports.**



- **The minutes of the Trustee Meeting on 3 Jan 11 and the minutes of the Congregational Life & Worship Committee meeting on 3 Jan 11.**
- **The following dates for Communion were set: March 6 (Transfiguration of the Lord), April 21 (Maundy Thursday), June 12 (Pentecost), October 2 (World Communion) and November 20 (Christ the King Sunday).**
- **A request from Brianne Bell and Chris Gorman for the use of the church for their wedding on Saturday, 12 Nov 11, and, rehearsal the following day if needed.**
- **Dave Brandt was elected Clerk of Session for 2011.**
- **Wayne Edmondson was elected as our Commissioner to Presbytery for 2011.**
- **Rhonda Rust was elected as our Church Treasurer for 2011.**
- **A meeting of the congregation has been called for Sunday, 20 Feb 11, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing persons to fill partial terms on the Session and Board of Trustees, due to vacancies, and to present the 2010 Annual Reports and 2011 Budget.**

**Approved Motions for the February 13<sup>th</sup> Session meeting were not yet available when this newsletter went to print.**

### **Daffodil Days are Coming!**

**Daffodils are among the first signs of spring, and have become a symbol of hope for cancer patients and their families. The American Cancer Society is providing our congregation the opportunity to purchase lovely bunches of fresh daffodils, which will be placed in our sanctuary on Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>. After worship that day, you may take the daffodils home or – if you prefer – they will be shared with homebound members.**

**A bunch of 10 fresh daffodils is available for a donation of \$10.00. All proceeds go to benefit cancer patients in Venango and Forest Counties, and to provide funds for cancer research and education.**

**Orders are being coordinated by Doris Feather, 437-5236.**

**Daffodil orders can be taken until March 11<sup>th</sup>. Please use this form for your orders. Make checks payable to The American Cancer Society.**

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**My name is \_\_\_\_\_**

**I would like to purchase:**

**\_\_\_\_\_ bunches of daffodils at \$ 10.00 per bunch (10 flowers)**

**Total Due (\$ 10 times number of bunches) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**\_\_\_\_\_ I will take my daffodils home after worship on March 20**

**\_\_\_\_\_ Please give them to someone to cheer up their day**