

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church

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**"Sharing, Preparing, and
Caring in Jesus' Name"**

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Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

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Joyce Wetjen, Administrative Assistant

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

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Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

Church

Office Hours: Tues. & Wed.: 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thurs.: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friends of RGAPC,

Dear Members and

of you for the warm welcome that has been extended to

Jim. I deeply appreciate your patience as I learn your names

the things that make life here in the Franklin area unique.

things I noticed right away is that RGAPC is particularly

to think of as “neighborliness.” Throughout much of this

garage-door openers and cable television became standard

“neighborhoods” ceased to be a reality. The houses are still there,

living in them; but the truth is that most Americans interact far

neighbors than we did a decade ago. From the conversations

First, I want to thank all

me and my husband,

and faces, and some of

As a newcomer, one of the

blessed in a quality I like

country, when automatic

features in homes,

of course, with people

less frequently with our

of you it's clear that you feel a deep and abiding connection to
a VERY good thing!

disciples out to care for those who were bruised and hurting,
traveling to some far-off place Go to the lost, confused
neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health
dead. Touch the untouchables. Kick out the demons. You have
so live generously . . . You don't need a lot of equipment;
(Matthew 10: 5-8, The Message translation, italics added).

have both the responsibility and the privilege to reach out to
and hard-pressed by the trials of life. The most crucial need of
relationships. So I want to encourage you in this important
“neighborliness.”

evenings are longer, and people will be spending more time outside in
As you notice your neighbors “out and about” take a few extra

that I've had with many
your community. This is

When Jesus first sent his
he said: “Don't begin by
people *right here in the*
to the sick. Raise the
been treated generously,
you are the equipment.”

As followers of Christ, we
those who are lost, lonely,
every heart is for caring
ministry of

Days are warmer,
their yards and gardens.

with them after the winter. It doesn't have to be complicated; just

sincerely care about them and will be praying for them. If they

grandchildren, it's not too soon to mention that Vacation Bible School is

in the evening.

when so many people feel disconnected and lonely, one of the

can show authentic Christian concern is through the gift of our

listening, praying, sharing our own faith story, telling about times

rescued us, and sometimes simply being with another person

moves into summer, be watchful for opportunities to strengthen

church and at home -- and then watch to see what God will do.

all grace bless you and fill you with joy,

Pastor Sue Nageotte

moments to re-connect

let them know that you

have children or

coming up June 14th - 18th

In these fast-paced times

most important ways we

personal presence:

that we struggled and God

quietly. So as spring

friendships, both at

May the God of

May Birthdays:

Millie Fetterolf		Pastor Sue Nageotte	5	
Cecile Wagner	21	Ron Walters	8	
Edward Whitling	23	Lisa Brannon		
Albright	25	Cheri Mortimer	11	Jim
Carr	26	Wayne Edmondson		Amy
Darlene Exley	27	Betty Cornmesser	15	
Jonathan Pellow	28	<u>Betty Siefer (95th)</u>	16	
Austin Clark			30	

send Betty Siefer a card. Her address is:

2000 Cambridge

Drive, Room 506, Davidsville, PA 15928

**** Please**

June Birthdays:

Wayne Holt	9	Norma Aiken	3
Baylee Cutchall	13	Adam Kirwin	7

generally be in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Other appointment times are available by prior arrangement. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the church during regular office hours. For urgent matters call Pastor Sue on her cell phone 814-573-5203.

Pastor Sue will
to 3 p.m. Other
are in need of
For urgent matters

contact Wayne Edmondson if you have made contributions to help the youth group support a Compassion International child. His cell phone number is 814-758-1787.

Please
the
number

green jacket with plaid lining found in the choir room recently. If this is yours, please call the church office at 432-4162.

There was an olive
If this is yours,

missionaries and want-2-B missionaries! It is time for serious about missions in 2010. A general look should enough information to whet your appetite and to motivate A mission's related activity (not a hands-on activity) purchase of the annual Missions Year Book. This book can be \$10.50. The book contains a wealth of information and can be for your daily devotional time. RGAPC has a copy in the signed out.

the "Helping Hands" projects? This community outreach people that are unable to accomplish a project on their own. RGAPC involves the relocation of Art and Jayne missions committee is waiting for a phone call on this project. hand, please contact any mission's committee member. If specific project that needs a helping hand, please forward the church office. The missions committee will consider all

Greetings to all you everyone to get really provide you with you to lend a hand. concerns the purchased for used as a resource library that can be Have you heard of is geared to help One such project for McEntire. The If you can lend a you know of any information to the projects.

“Helping Hands ”projects would be yard work, cleaning, etc. Mark on your calendar for July 31, 2010. This is the Derby held in front of RGAPC from 6:00 a.m. until 3:00 volunteers to help sell hot dogs, hot coffee, donuts and cold would like to make a monetary donation toward the purchase your contribution would be appreciated.

know that “Summer Time” signals “Garage Sale Time”. If holds a garage sale and items are unsold, save them in a garage or basement to donate to the “Granddaddy” of all garage MissionFest is held the first Saturday after Labor Day. bring garage sale items to the church until the O.K. to do so review the above information and choose to become involved in

TIDBITS OF INFORMATION

meets every Thursday at the church from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Some examples of small home repair, annual Soap Box p.m. We need beverages. If you of the above items, Of course we all you or your neighbor corner of your sales, “MissionFest”. Please, please do not is given. Please Missions.

A Bible Study Group

begin a new study in the Old Testament book of Esther.

are invited to our usual Men's Prayer Breakfast, which

1st Saturday of every month, at 8:30 a.m., at King's

our breakfast this month is May 22, 2010, at our usual

invited Pastor Sue Nageotte, to this prayer breakfast.

cordially accepted the invitation and will be our guest on that date.

would come, I would pay for her water and she would be

many free refills as she would like. It would be very much

could have a good turn out to welcome Pastor Sue to the group.

Breakfast meets at King's Family Restaurant on the second

month at 8:30 a.m. Women of all ages are invited to join us.

there!

Please join us as we

Men of RGAPC, you

normally meets on the

restaurant. However,

8:30 a.m. time. I have

Pastor Sue has

I told her that if she

permitted to have as

appreciated if we

The Women's Prayer

Saturday of each

We hope to see you

ATTENTION STUDENTS: We are accepting scholarship applications for the

Siefer Memorial Scholarship and the Ronald and Louise Moorhead

Scholarship from active members of the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian

Harold

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
Applicants must be enrolled or attending an accredited college or
or vocational school. Applications can be obtained from the church
must be returned no later than June 30, 2010. Scholarships will be
July. Complete information about these Scholarships, and how
administered, is available in our church's Administrative Manual,
903.

THANK YOU

*Gwen and Clair
(Bernard) Speth would like to thank everyone for their 60th anniversary
cards.*

*Dear Church Friends,
Thank you so
much for the beautiful flowers I received while in the hospital. I
the calls, visits, cards & prayers. I'd also like to thank you for the calls,
regarding our grandson, Chris, who is continuing to wage a battle*

*appreciated all
emails, and prayers*

leukemia. Again, many thanks to all.

against acute

Tom Moffitt

Apr. Session

Approved Motions Log, Wayne Edmondson, Clerk

Session Meeting of 8 Mar 10.

and Financial Secretary's reports.

Stove Account (account number 08.032) to the

Repairs and Improvements Account (account number 09.260).

eliminate the Stove Account.

Account by combining the balance with Benevolence

from the General Investment Account into the

to bring that fund to a \$0.00 balance. In addition, the transfer

from the New Building Account (account number 08.211) and

the Building Repair and Improvement Account (account

to the Investment Account.

Evangelism Ministry Team will provide food for

Derby that will be held in front of our church on Rocky Grove

- **The minutes of the regular**

- **The March 2010 Treasurer's**

- **To transfer \$674.00 from the**

Building

This will

- **To eliminate the Work Trip**

- **The transfer of \$27,849.00**

Furnace Fund

of \$15,000.00

\$10,000.00 from

number 08.210)

- **The Missions, Outreach and**

the Soap Box

Avenue on 31

Jul 10.

• Rev. Sue's request for study leave for a class at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary on 19 through 23 Apr 10, with Sunday, 25 Apr 10, as an "off preaching" Sunday.

• The baptism of Cameron Miles Whitling, born 17 Feb 2010, to members Edward Michael Whitling and Molly McFadden Whitling.

• A request by member Christina Eakins for the use of Moorhead Hall during the afternoon of Saturday, 5 Jun 10, for a wedding shower, and her request to waive the usual custodian's fee.

If you have not yet filled out your "Family Connection" form, please do so and return it to the church office. Forms are 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

Joanne Brannon is our featured "family member" this month. She lives at 47 Park Street, Franklin. She has four children: Cathy Hustedde; Barb and her husband, Gary Oakes, Sr.;

Ed and his wife, Lisa; and Ken and his wife, Erin. The family circle includes grandchildren:

Gary Oakes, Jr. (27); Ryan & Meghan Oakes (24); Brooke Brannon (18); Mallory Brannon

(13); and Nolan Brannon (10) Her parents (Hester & John Mackell) moved to Rocky Grove

in 1940 and joined RGAPC. Her father was an ordained Elder and her mother was a

seamstress for the church. She and her two sisters sang in the junior and senior choirs.

She married Jim Brannon April 21, 1951. Jim was an ordained Elder and served on one of

our pulpit committees. Jim went to be with the Lord and his funeral was held in the church

January 5, 2003. Barb and Ed were both married at RGAPC. Joanne has served as a Deacon

and says, "I truly enjoy and appreciate the church, Session and Deacons for the work they do".

Joanne has traveled to Canada, Smith Mountain Lake, Australia (2 times), England, France,

and Italy. We're really glad that she is back in Rocky Grove and actively involved in the life of

our congregation!

The trustees need your help on Saturday, May 15th. There will be a CHURCH "CLEAN-UP

& CLEAN-OUT"

DAY, rain or shine. Projects include:

Clean and reorganize the nursery

Reorganize several storage closets

the old pastor's study in preparation for VBS and an upcoming wedding

Clean

yard work

Outside

As you can see there are several ways we need your help, so please bring a sack lunch and plan

would be very grateful for whatever time you can give. to join us! We

**MAKE SOMEONE
HAPPY TODAY; SHOW THEM THAT YOU REALLY DO CARE.**

SEND A NOTE OF CHEER AND PRAYER

Brumbaugh – UPMC N/W

Hobart (Bert) Cornmesser

Bill

1136 Allegheny Avenue

% The Caring Place

Oil City, PA 16301

103 North 13th Street

Franklin, PA 16323

extend our deepest Christian sympathy to Tom and Tracy

We

Jamieson and family on the recent death of Tom's mother.

be an information sharing meeting with the members of our
after the worship service on Sunday, May 23, 2010. Information
are scheduled by Session every few months so that elders can
information with the congregation and answer questions. If you have
particular question or concern you would like the Session to research
meeting, please write it down and give it to Pastor Sue,
Wetjen in the church office, or Wayne Edmondson(Clerk of Session)
week prior to the information meeting.

There will
church
meetings
share
a
prior to the
Joyce
at least a

NOW PLAYING at THE IRIS THEATRE

May 9 - 12 “The Last Song”

May 13 - 19 “Letters to God”

May 16 Torn in Two – Local Christian Rock

Sunday – 7:30 p.m.

May 20 - 26 TBA

June 3 – 6 “To Save A Life”

Show Admission (unless otherwise noted):

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

Children (under 6 with Parents) Free

Phone: 814-425-3786

VBS ROUTE 254

take place June 14th-18th from 6 - 8 p.m. with our annual family

as the closing to VBS on Friday the 18th at 6 p.m. The whole

congregation is invited to attend! Please sign-up to help with VBS or contact

Bell at 814-758-4067 as soon as possible. We need snack donations,

donations, and volunteers. We also need older youth who no longer

VBS to help with decorating, organizing, assisting during VBS, and

down & clean up of VBS.

VBS will

cookout

Brianne

cookout

attend

tear

**pray that God guides us as we plan for this joyous event and plan to
all of the VBS evenings!**

**following items are needed and may be dropped off in the church office
VBS box outside the sanctuary:**

Potato Salad Macaroni Salad

Hot Dogs Hot Dog Buns

Plastic Silverware Juice/Milk

Assorted Cookies Assorted Pretzels

Pre-packaged Fruit Snacks

Popsicles (Freezer sticks/tubes)

Old Road Maps

new this year - VBS will be participating in our worship service on

June 20th! Please come and bring family and friends to enjoy

work through our youth! Spread the good news of Jesus and invite

community to attend VBS Route 254: Our Journey with Jesus!

Please

attend

The

or in the

Also,

Sunday,

God's

the

you!!

Thank

HIS SERVANTS:

Worship Leader – May: Jim Sandok

Worship Leader – June: Sheryl Clinefelter

Ushers – May: Bill & Jennie Brumbaugh, Lois Pierce,

Kennedy & Linda Hartman

Ushers – June: Ray & Toby Aikins, Harold Bell,

Jim & Sheryl Clinefelter

Greeters:

May 2: Mabel Mong & Betty Cornmesser

9: Bill & Lorraine McCauley

16: Bill & Jennie Brumbaugh

23: Twyla Kernic & Corinne Heckler

30: Joanne & Brooke Brannon

June 6: Brianne Bell & Sam Alden

13: Dave & Brenda Cokain

20: Judy Ream & Joyce Riddle

27: Ray & Toby Aikins

Acolytes:

May 2: Josh Kirwin June 6: Austin Clark

9: Aaron Weltner 13: Aaron Weltner

16: Reagan Hartman 20: Josh Kirwin

23: COMMUNION 27: Adam Kirwin

30: Konner Hartman

Nursery Workers:

May 2: Pam Viele June 6: The Lukers

9: Kassidy Clark

13: Joyce Wetjen

16: Joyce Wetjen

20: Pam Viele

23: Diane Whitman

27: Kassidy Clark

30: Lois Carr

Hospital Visitation Schedule:

May: Jim Speth, Elder

Lois Pierce, Deacon

June: Wayne Edmondson, Elder

Brenda Cokain, Deacon

A Mother's Day Reflection

**Mother's Day is not known as one of the great holidays of the church
in
fact, it doesn't appear on the liturgical calendar at all. This isn't due to
a
lack of appreciation for mothers! But the Church is rightly cautious
about adding secular holidays to its calendar. Nevertheless, there is much**

we

may fruitfully learn from going back to the roots of this holiday.

The observance of Mothers Day can be traced back to Anna Jarvis, a

Methodist who lived in Grafton, West Virginia. Anna Jarvis was inspired

by

her mother, Anna Reeves Jarvis, who in the 1850's organized "Mothers

Work Day" clubs in that area. These volunteer groups provided medicine

for the poor, arranged nursing care for the sick, and ran shelters for

children with tuberculosis and other serious illnesses.

When the Civil War broke out, Anna Reeves Jarvis called together the women

involved in the Work Day Clubs. She asked them to make a pledge that

friendship and good will would not become a casualty of the war, and they

gladly agreed. Throughout the long and bloody conflict, the women nursed

soldiers from both sides. It was difficult, challenging work, but their efforts

saved many lives.

When the war was over and all the wounded soldiers were released from

medical care, Anna Reeves Jarvis saw the need for another kind of healing

the healing of family ties. And so she turned her energy toward organizing “Mothers Friendship Days,” for the purpose of helping to reconcile families from both the North and the South, whose relationships had been torn asunder by the civil war.

Anna Jarvis -- the daughter -- was born in 1850. From the time she was a very young child, she watched her mother live out her Christian faith by helping other women work together in ministries of compassion and reconciliation. In 1907, two years after her own mother’s death, she organized the first “Mothers Day” in her home town of Grafton to honor the women who had devoted so much of their energy to serving others. The idea quickly spread, and in 1915 President Woodrow Wilson established the national observance of Mother’s Day to be held the second Sunday of each May. This year, as we honor our own mothers and the mothers among us, may God stir up in each one of us the deep desire to serve others in the name and the Spirit of Jesus.