

**ROCKY GROVE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**MAY 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**

**Rhonda Rust, Secretary**

**Edith Richards, Organist**

**Scott Donaldson, Custodian**

***Church Office Hours:***

***Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM***

***Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM***

### **NEWSLETTER UPDATE**

The newsletter will usually be ready the first Sunday of each month. Please help us keep mailing costs low by picking up your newsletter in the sanctuary entryway 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 group for additional information if needed. Thank you!

### **RGAPC Financial Information**

	<b>March 2011</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 8,017.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,379.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 9,548.83</b>	<b>\$ 25,332.84</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>- \$ 1,531.83</b>	<b>- \$ 2,953.84</b>

*Financial figures for the month of April were not yet available when the newsletter was published. Thank you for your faithful ongoing support of the ministry of RGAPC.*

### **May Birthdays:**

<b>2</b>	<b>Gage Clark</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Mary Jo Smith</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Millie Fetterolf</b>		<b>Pastor Sue Nageotte</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Cecile Wagner</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Ron Walters</b>
	<b>Ed Whitling</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Lisa Brannon</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Jim Albright</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>Cheri Mortimer</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Darlene Exley</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Wayne Edmondson</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Jonathan Pellow</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>Betty Cornmesser</b>
		<b>30</b>	<b>Austin Clark</b>

## **Serving in the month of May**

**Hospital Visits:** Elder Debbie Dunlap & Deacon Doris Feather

**Worship Leader:** Jim Speth

**Ushers:** Jim & Sheryl Clinefelter, Dave & Brenda Cokain and  
George Wielandt

**Greeters:** May 1 Mabel Mong & Betty Cornmesser

8 Don & Nancy Weltner

15 Judy Ream & Joyce Riddle

22 Joanne, Ed & Brooke Brannon

29 Lois Pierce & Linda Zeller

**Acolytes:** May 1 Austin Clark

8 Aaron Weltner

15 Konner Hartman

22 Austin Clark

29 Konner Hartman

**Nursery:** May 1 Pam Viele

8 Sarah Moreland

15 Diane Whitman

22 Joyce Dillemath

29 Molly Whitling

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!

### **MISSIONS CORNER**

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering, taken throughout Lent, totaled \$559.00, which is up from last year's total of \$329.00. Thank you! The funds will be used to support projects worldwide through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Hunger Program. Thank you again for your support of the One Great Hour of Sharing and other RGAPC Missions and Outreach projects!

Joetta Lehman, whose work in Haiti we have supported for a number of years through One Mission Society (OMS), has resigned her position in Haiti but is not leaving the mission field. She has "stepped out in faith" and accepted a position in the Finance Department at OMS headquarters in Greenwood, Indiana. She will be moving to her new address, 952 Erny Drive, Greenwood, Indiana 46142 in the middle of May. Joetta is currently in Franklin visiting family and friends and may be sharing with us during worship on Mothers' Day, May 8, 2011.

#### **Approved Motions from the Session Meeting - March 14, 2011**

- Minutes of Session meeting on February 13, 2011, Congregational Meeting on February 20, 2011, and Church Corporation on February 20, 2011.
- Financial Secretary's report of February 28, 2011 and the Treasurer's report of February, 2011
- Request to transfer membership of the Carr's (Joe, Lois and Amy) to Christ United Methodist Church.
- Hiring of Rhonda Rust as church secretary if, after interview, the Stewardship and Personnel ministry team authorizes that recommendation.
- Establishment of a Quilt Ministry Fund
- Request of James Speth for the use of the church on June 9, 2012 for his marriage to Sarah Moreland.
- Use of the church for a Game Dinner to be held on April 9, 2011.
- Request for a fundraiser by the Youth Group to be held on May 20, 2011.

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- Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – April 11, 2011
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- Amended minutes of Session meeting on March 14, 2011.
- Financial Secretary's report of March, 2011 and Treasurer's report of March, 2011
- Approved the hiring of Rhonda Rust as church secretary as of April 5, 2011.
- Updated Section 1010 of the Administrative Manual (church secretary job description).
- Notification of the potential contractors for the church renovation that the congregation will be voting on approval of the renovations at a meeting on May 1, 2011.
- Approved request for transfer of membership of Thomas and Tracy Jamieson, with regret, to Christ United Methodist Church, Franklin
- The following Building and use requests:
  - a. Sandok family requests Moorhead Hall the afternoon of May 21, 2011 for a baby shower.
  - b. Rocky Grove High School requests parking from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on April 29, 2011 for 10 cars.
  - c. Non members Andrew Oakes and Nicole Compton request use of the sanctuary for wedding the afternoon of Saturday, July 9, 2011 with rehearsal the previous evening.
  - d. Request from a parent of a high school student to use a metal detector in the church yard.
- The removal of Section 302A of the administrative manual relating to a membership covenant.

### IT'S A GIRL

Congratulations to Jimmy and Alisha Newton on the birth of a baby girl, Paisley Kathryn, on April 12, 2011, at 3:56 p.m. She was 7 lbs. 12 ozs. and 20" long with black hair! Their address is 2903 Windy Hollow Lane, Dickinson, TX 77539. Proud grandparents are Don and Nancy Weltner

### THANK YOU

To Our Church Family -

We would like to thank the Quilt Ministry women for the beautiful quilt that they made for Aaron for us to deliver to him before his surgery on April 18th. We would like to thank all of you for your prayers and words of encouragement. It really gives us great comfort knowing he has so many people praying for him and us during this difficult time. Thank you so much and God Bless all of you. Floyd & Debbie Dunlap

*It is so nice to be remembered! What a pleasant surprise when Jane Beach called and brought me an Easter basket full of useful goodies such as note cards and pads, lotion, chapstick, Kleenex packets and candy. The book, Do Not Worry, has very interesting points to ponder! The cuddly, blue bunny was the perfect topper; Gaby, my 1-year-old granddaughter, agrees. ☺ Thank you, Carol Rough*

**Thank you for the Easter basket. We had fun going through it. It came just when we thought nobody missed us! Thanks again. Hope to see you soon. Lorraine & Bill McCauley**

*Dear Friends at RGAPC,*

*Many thanks to the Deacons & friends for the Easter basket. It was a nice surprise, and much appreciated. Tom & Eleanore Moffitt*

**Happy Easter wishes to The Deacons & all Rocky Grove Church friends. Love and many thanks,**

**Jayne & Art McEntire**

*Bert wishes to thank all the Deacons for the nice Easter basket he received. (Bert & Betty Cornmesser)*

**Thank you to the members of Deacons who put together the Easter basket and all those who sent cards for our anniversary. Clair and Gwen Speth**

*On behalf of the CE team, I would like to express our gratitude to everyone that helped make this year's Easter Egg Hunt a success! Thank you for your generous contributions toward lunch, the prizes for the children, and for your continued prayers for our youth ministry programs at RGAPC. We would also like to extend a special thank you to the Confirmation Class for their assistance with the Egg Hunt and the special activity that they coordinated for the event. Blessings,*

*Malinda Lukers*

**Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church has been contacted by UPMC/Northwest to see if any of our church families would be able to provide housing for a young man from Rhode Island who will be doing a volunteer internship in the Physical Therapy Department**

for six weeks this summer. He is a college student whose father is a Presbyterian pastor. Housing accommodations are all that would be necessary during the week. The young man may or may not want to take meals with the host/host family on weekends. He has his own transportation, and meals throughout the week will be provided by the hospital. The dates of need are June 22 through July 1, 2011, and July 18 through August 19, 2011. If you feel led to reach out in this way, more information can be obtained from Jill Williams at UPMC/Northwest at 676-7721 or [williamsja4@upmc.edu](mailto:williamsja4@upmc.edu).

### **Is God Nudging You to Further Training?**

The next cohort of lay pastor training classes will begin at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in September 2011. These on-line and weekend classes are held over a two-year period to deepen your knowledge and skills to prepare you for possible service to the church as a Commissioned Lay Pastor. If you would like additional information please speak with Pastor Sue, or Dan McEldowney, the moderator of the Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Dan's EMail is [danrmac@tbscc.com](mailto:danrmac@tbscc.com). If interested, you would need to submit applications and make a commitment to the program by June 2011.

### **Siefer & Moorhead Scholarships**

**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 obtained from the church office and must be returned no later than June 30, 2011. Scholarships will be awarded in July. Complete information about these Scholarships, and how they are administered, is available in our church's Administrative Manual, Section 903.

### **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:

- 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. If you have questions, need directions or just want more information, call the camp offices at the numbers above.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS**

**Youthful Spirits will meet at Apple Granny's on May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Men and women with youthful spirits gather for food and fellow- ship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. The May 4<sup>th</sup> luncheon will be at Apple Granny's (Old Cranberry High School cafeteria), South Main Street, Cranberry. For information or directions contact Joanne Brannon at 437-5076.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

*The Mother/Daughter Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in Moorhead Hall. A program on Haiti will be presented after the meal of meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, rolls and sherbet with wafers. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin boards in the narthex and outside the church office.*

A Youth Group fundraiser will be held on May 20, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Spaghetti with meatballs, rolls and/or bread, salad, beverage and dessert will be available. Donations will be accepted. (If you would like to make monetary or food stuff donations for this dinner, please contact Diane Whitman at 374-4077 or 673-5447.)



*All the ladies (and gentlemen too) of the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church are invited to share the Sandok family's joy at a Baby Shower for Megan (Sandok) Yeager. The festivities are scheduled for 1:00 PM on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> in Moorhead Hall.*

*Please RSVP to 437-1762 any evening after 6:00 PM or slip a note into Jim's Session Mailbox in the basement of the church by no later than Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*Megan is looking forward to seeing her church family and May 21<sup>st</sup> may be her last visit to Franklin before the blessed event.*

*Thank you,*

*The Sandoks*