

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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Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Reverend Sue Nageotte, Pastor

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

Edith Richards, Organist Emeritus

June McClintock, Organist

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

May Birthdays

2 Gage Clark (2002)	17 David Baker
5 Millie Fetterolf	20 Mary Jo Smith
8 Cecile Wagner (1908)	Pastor Sue Nageotte
Ed Whitling	21 Ron Walters
11 Jim Albright	23 Lisa Brannon
12 Eli Moreland (2004)	25 Cheri Mortimer
15 Darlene Exley	26 Wayne Edmondson
Savannah Cook (2011)	27 Betty Cornmesser
16 Jonathan Pellow	30 Austin Clark (1999)

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear friends at RGAPC.

Thank you so very much for remembering me at Easter with the basket of goodies.

As ever, *Eleanore Moffitt*

Dear friends at RGAPC,

Thank you for the colorful Easter basket and its contents. I appreciate your kindness!

Carol Rough

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your love extended toward me to make my retirement luncheon so memorable! I appreciate all the time and effort involved. Everything was lovely.

With a grateful heart, *Edith Richards*

RGAPC,

On behalf of Oliver, Renee and I would like to thank you for the many prayers and prayer quilt. It is good to know we have great brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Renee, Stephen & Oliver Feather

SERVANTS FOR MAY

Hospital Visits: Elder Debbie Dunlap

Deacon Melanie McGinnis

Worship Leader: Jim Sandok

Ushers: Kennedy Hartman, Konner Hartman, Linda Hartman,

Reagan Hartman and John Klinger

Greeters: May 6 Diane Whitman & family

13 Brad & Joyce Wetjen

20 The Jeremiah Lukers Family

27 Jim & Sheryl Clinefelter

Acolytes: May 6 Paige Winder

13 Doug Songer

20 Austin Clark

27 Hanna Wielandt

Nursery:

May 6 Malinda & Jeremiah Lukers

13 Diane Whitman

20 Sarah Moreland

27 Joyce Dilleuth

Children's Church:

May 6 Pam Baughman

13 Wayne Edmondson

20 Diane Whitman

27 George Wielandt

KIDS IN CHURCH

3-year-old Reese :
'Our Father, Who does art in heaven,
Harold is His name.....
Amen.'

Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th of each month. Please write out all of the information as you wish it to appear. Be sure to provide a contact name and phone number for an event so your group can be contacted if needed. Thank you!

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – April 9th:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 12 Mar 12.
- The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 31 Mar 12 and the following Treasurer's reports: the checking account summary, the budget year-to-date figures and the Financial Report for March 2012.
- The minutes of the Trustee meeting on 4 Apr 12, Christian Education Ministry Team meeting on 19 Mar 12, Missions and Outreach Ministry Team meeting on 26 Mar 12 and Congregational Life & Worship Committee meeting on 29 Mar 12.
- The church key assignment list which identifies those people with keys to the church and church office.
- Letters that would be sent to non-attending members and the lists of those members who would be receiving the letters.
- Linda Hartman and Joyce Wetjen as co-moderators of the Nominating Committee.
- Closing out the Galaxy Credit Union Savings Account (\$1,579.81 as of 31 Mar 12) and transferring those funds to the checking general fund at the First National Bank.
- Transferring a gift of \$10,000 (from an anonymous donor for building renovations for our church) into the Building Repair and Improvements portion of our long term investment account.

RGAPC Financial Information

	April 2012	Year to Date
Congregational Giving	\$10,678.85	\$ 33,990.59
Expenses	\$ 8,749.07	\$ 32,945.62
Difference	\$ 1,929.78	\$ 1,044.97

April financial Reports are available in the narthex.

If all copies are gone, please contact the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

Youthful Spirits

Men and women with *youthful spirits* gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun. Watch the Sunday bulletin for information on the June 6th event.

Sunday, May 6, 2012 – Congregational Information meeting. The Session will be available to answer questions, but we will not be voting on any issues. The 2011 Annual Reports are available in the narthex. Please take one copy per household for review.

Saturday, May 19, 2012 – Mother/Daughter Banquet in Moorhead Hall at 6:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards. Please sign up by the deadline of May 13th. The menu will consist of stuffed chicken, scalloped potatoes, vegetable & dessert. The program will be presented by The Sweet Adelines. Hope to see you there!

JUNE, JULY & AUGUST – Sunday Worship time is 10:00 a.m.; there will be no Sunday School and no Children's Church during the summer. The CE committee would like to thank all who have given of their time and talents to the ministry of Christian Education during the past year.

Saturday, June 16, 2012 - A Progressive Dinner is being planned. Anyone willing to open their home for this event is asked to contact Nancy Weltner at 676-0521. We will be having sign ups for foods for the different stops at a later date.

Saturday, July 14, 2012 – Church Family Picnic @ Kamp Kiwanis. Additional information will follow at a later date.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, May 12, 2012 – *Victorian Mother's Day Special* – 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Classical, love songs and sacred music will be featured. Donations accepted to support Performing Arts Ministry. See poster on bulletin board for additional info.

Great Gift for Mother's Day! May 18th - Mother and Daughter event: YFC presents Dannah Gresh and "Pure Freedom - It's ALL About Beauty" event! This brand new event for moms and teen girls is designed to get communication flowing. High impact and full of fun! (Open for Aunts, Grandmas, Women Mentors/Youth leaders and ALL Teen Girls!) Friday, May 18th, 7 PM -10 PM at the FFH building (former Cranberry HS) 224 S. Main St. Seneca. Tickets \$12 advance, \$15 at the door.

Tickets available at Venango YFC or on line at i-tickets:
<http://www.itickets.com/events/282307.html>

HIGHLANDS ROCKS 2012 – Saturday, August 4th

This will be an all-day Christian music festival at Westminster Highlands, 263 Big Bend Road, Emlenton, PA. Admission includes parking and all-day concert access. There will be locally & nationally known Christian bands and speakers. Register before July 15th for early bird pricing: \$20. Additional information can be found on posters on bulletin boards.

PRESBYTERIAN HOMES – *Caring for Life*

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a 2012 Spring Appeal envelope from Presbyterian Homes in the PRESBYTERY of LAKE ERIE. Please support the *Caring for Life* program, which ensures that their residents receive the nurturing care they need should they outlive their resources. It provides added security and peace of mind

for residents and their families.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!

The CE team is excited to announce that RGAPC is working with the Grace United Methodist Church of Rocky Grove, the Fox Street Church of God, and the First Presbyterian Church of Franklin to provide Vacation Bible School this year!

When: Evenings, July 9th – 13th

Where: Grace United Methodist Church

Theme: Adventures on Promise Island

Please begin to think and pray about how you might be able to help make this year's VBS a success. We'll need volunteers to assist in the following areas: teaching, crafts, music, games, skits, food preparation, decorations, advertising, registration, and photography.

Contact Malinda Lukers, Phyllis Wetzel, or Wayne Edmondson if you have any questions or if you would like to help!

KIDS IN CHURCH

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson and said, "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

From the Pastor's Study

Dear RGAPC family and friends,

Looking out into the woods behind our house, there can be no doubt whatsoever that spring has well and truly arrived. Every twig is bursting with new leaves -- the yard an emerald expanse adorned with gold and purple wildflowers -- the early morning air a symphony of bird song. In spring, perhaps more clearly than any other season, God shows us what “new creation” looks like. Notice that every creature is still its own self. Birds do not become fish; an apple tree does not become an oak. Yet in this season, things that have suffered the dreary chill of winter now, by God’s providence, emerge glowing with new life.

As the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins put it, “The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will flame out, like shining from shook foil . . . there lives the dearest freshness deep down things . . . because the Holy Ghost over the bent world broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.”

On Pentecost Sunday (May 27th) we celebrate that time when, as recorded in Acts Chapter 2, the Holy Spirit was sent to fill and dwell within Christ’s followers. For this reason we call Pentecost the “birthday of the Church.” We sometimes think of the Holy Spirit as primarily our comforter, our encourager, the one who helps us know God and God’s ways, the one who gives gifts to the church and who helps us resist temptation.

The Holy Spirit does indeed do these things -- and more. In one of the most ancient confessions of the Christian church, the Nicene Creed names the third person of the Trinity, “The Lord, the giver of life.” This “Giver of Life” is precisely the one who does, indeed, dwell in and among Christ’s people -- even right here in Rocky Grove. As we continue our journey together, I pray that all of us will become more aware of and more open to the Holy Spirit’s leading us, filling us, forming us, and sending us for vibrant new life in the name and the power of Jesus.

MISSIONS CORNER:

One Great Hour of Sharing donations of \$383.53 have been sent to Presbytery to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Hunger Program. Thanks to all who contributed to the offering.

2012 Missions & Outreach Recipients

Child Evangelism Fellowship, under the direction of Terri Renfrew, reaching children in Venango, Forest and Clarion Counties and worldwide.

Glenn & Kari Frantz who have served with Campus Crusade for Christ most recently at Black Forest Academy in Germany. The Frantz's have informed us that they will be remaining in the states longer than the planned year as God leads them in another direction.

Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat, a facility just south of Franklin, where lives have been changed for children and adults alike who have taken part in summer camp adventures and retreats.

Jim and Alice Vanderhoof who serve in Kenya with World Gospel Mission. They have been serving in Kenya since 1984.

Fishermen's Network, a division of Lighthouse Ministries, which works for the good of all in Venango County by organizing events, offering training and building relationships between churches.

CAPNWP (Camping Association of the Presbyteries of Northwestern Pennsylvania) which supports Westminster Highlands near Emlenton and Camp Lambec on the banks of Lake Erie.

Joetta Lehman, serving One Mission Society in the administrative offices in Indianapolis, IN after having served many years in Haiti.

Venango Youth for Christ, impacting young people for Christ in our community, across our nation, and around the world.

Undesignated, which is a category for monies set aside to be used to support mission projects not yet identified or determined.

Your Missions & Outreach Ministry Team:

Jim Speth, Moderator

Jill Alden

Joyce Dillemath

Debbie Dunlap

John Klinger

Joan Lepley

Rhonda Rust

Joyce Wetjen

Diane Whitman