

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church

November 2010 Newsletter

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

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Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Worship – 10:45 a.m.

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Thurs.: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

PASTORS PONDERINGS --- NOVEMBER

Dear RGAPC Family and Friends

Thanksgiving Day is just around the corner - a day when most of us will give thanks to God for the many blessings poured out to us. At its core, Thanksgiving is a harvest festival -- and there is nothing wrong with that. Jesus often used the metaphor of harvest in his parables because it was familiar to all his listeners. The word "HARVEST" is both a verb and a noun; it describes both the effort and the yield. Harvest is a time of intense activity, great rejoicing and fervent thanks to God who causes seeds to sprout and grow and ripen.

In our largely urban culture, few people feel a deep connection with harvest metaphors and parables, because the watching, waiting, preparation, urgency, effort, joy - and, yes, the relief! - of the harvest lie outside our usual experience. And yet, each follower of Christ is, in fact, called to be a harvest worker.

In Luke Ch 10, Jesus is headed for Jerusalem where he knows he will be arrested and crucified. He sends seventy-two of his disciples "two by two ahead of him into every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

I have no doubt that those 72 men and women did ask God to send help! But they themselves did not stand waiting to see who would show up, sign up, step up. Instead, each of them went out just as Jesus commanded. They had no evangelism manuals, no mentoring programs - they just heard the call and went.

Dear friends, every time we here at RGAPC (or any other part of the Body of Christ) work together on mission and ministry activities, every time we tell someone about God's goodness and the difference that Jesus has made in our lives, every time we give food and clothing to those who are hungry and cold, every time we invite a neighbor to worship with us, we are at work in the harvest fields of the Lord.

May the Spirit of God equip, guide and strengthen us all to be faithful, fruitful of of Christ; and may the Lord God bless each of us with true joy in his service. Happy Thanksgiving!

PASTOR SUE

Pastor Sue will 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. You can also send EMail to: RockyGrovePastor @ yahoo.com. For urgent matters call Pastor Sue on her cell phone 814-573-5203.

THANK YOU'S

Please let the congregation know how very much we appreciated the prayers, cards and concerns during the time that Dick's mother, Helen E. Mortimer, was in Clarion ICU and then passed the next day -- as well as all the expressions of concern and sympathy when my aunt Catherine Gibbons passed away just a few weeks later. We really appreciated everything. We also wanted to thank everyone for the New Adventure Bible given to Emmalie Dickey. She really likes it -- it was so thoughtful that you included her. Thank you again,

Dick & Cheri Mortimer

Do you like to shop but hate to fight traffic? The Presbyterian Women of Second Pres. Church in Oil City have invited RGAPC to join them on a bus trip to Ross Park Mall in Pittsburgh on Saturday, November 20th. The bus leaves Oil City at 8 a.m. and would pick up from RGAPC parking lot at 8:10 a.m. At 6 p.m. the bus will leave the mall to return to Franklin/Oil City. There will be no stops by the bus either direction. The cost is \$18 per person. Call Second Pres at 676-8577 on or before Thursday, November 18th, to reserve your place on this bus trip.

Thanksgiving Worship ServiceA community Thanksgiving worship service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, November 21st, in the Park in Franklin. The speaker will be Rev. David Smith, First Church of the Nazarene.

November Birthdays:

1	Ellen Gierlach	16	George Wielandt
5	Carson Whitling		Jim Sandok
6	Sam Alden	17	Harold Bell
7	Tracy Jamieson	19	Nick Henderson
9	Jean Weller	20	Jessie Harvey
	Gene Sheffer	22	Edith Richards
10	Don Yount	26	Billy Jones
	Margaret Wielandt		Todd Wetjen
11	Joan Partridge	27	Joyce Wetjen
15	Dennis McGinnis		
	Robert Alden		

**Makesomebodyhappytoday.
Show them that you really
do care. Send a note of
cheer and prayer.**

Our former organist, Helen Grettler, has a new address. She loves to hear from her friends at RGAPC. Cards and letters may be sent in care of Carlin House, 12 Carlin Drive, Logan OH 43138. The Logan Daily News recently published an article about Helen and the way she continues to share her musical gifts –most recently, playing the violin! Please contact the church office if you would like to have a copy of the article.

As a church family, we extend our Christian sympathy to:

Dick and Cheri Mortimer and all their family on the recent death of Cheri's aunt, Catherine Gibbons, of Saegertown.

Hospital Visitation:

November: Don Yount, Elder (phone 432-3811)

Diane Whitman, Deacon (374-4077)

December: Jim Speth, Elder

_____, Deacon (to be arranged by Deacons)

Congregational Meeting

Luncheon and Chili Cook-off

November 14

Session has called for a meeting of the congregation after worship on Sunday, November 14th, for the purpose of electing elders, deacons and trustees due to normal rotation of terms.

As is customary, the “festivities” will include a hearty luncheon with different varieties of soup, and of course, the Annual RGAPC Chili Cook-Off. Anyone who wants to enter a pot

of chili is welcome to do so. Pre-registration is not required. Just bring your chili, fully cooked, in a crock-pot to Moorhead Hall before worship that morning. Be sure to “check in” your chili with Jim Sandok, master of ceremonies and chili-pot-watcher.

When the church service has ended, everyone will gather in Moorhead Hall where we can sample all the different chilies. Then, you can vote for your favorites by putting money – as much or little as you choose – into small baskets placed in front of each crock-pot. The contest winner is determined by the chili which receives the most donations. All the money received goes to a charitable cause, which in past years has been decided by the winning chili’s chef.

For questions about the congregational meeting please contact Wayne Edmondson, Clerk of Session. For questions about the Chili Cook-Off, contact the Chili-Meister, Jim Sandok.

In Christ’s Service:

Ministers: Everyone in the faith community is a minister!

Pastor: Reverend Sue Nageotte

Worship Leader – November: Jim Sandok

Worship Leader – December:

Ushers – November: Jim & Sheryl Clinefelter, Lois Pierce,

Linda & Kennedy Hartman

Ushers – December: Ray & Toby Aikins, Bill & Jennie Brumbaugh,
Harold Bell

Greeters -- November: 7: Jim Speth & Sarah Moreland

14: Don & Doris Yount

21: Jim & Sheryl Clinefelter

28: George Wielandt & Sam Alden

December: 5: Betty Cornmesser & Mabel Mong

12: John & Vicki Henderson

19: Dick & Cheri Mortimer

24: Christmas Eve, to be arranged

26: Jim Nageotte & John Dumbleton

Acolytes: November 7: Aaron Weltner

14: Konner Hartman

21: COMMUNION needed

28: Austin Clark

December 5: Adam Kirwin

12: Josh Kirwin

19: Aaron Weltner

24: Konner Hartman

26: Austin Clark

Nursery Workers: November 7: The Lukers

14: Diane Whitman

21: Joyce Wetjen

28: Pam Viele

December 5: Molly Whitling

12: Diane Whitman

19: Jennie Brumbaugh

26: Jeremiah & Melinda Lukers

TIDBITS OF INFORMATION

Light refreshments are provided in Moorhead Hall each Sunday morning following Sunday School. The Congregational Life Committee is seeking volunteers who would occasionally be willing to help set up the refreshments. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex and in Moorhead Hall. For more info contact Don Yount 432-3811 or Nancy Weltner 676-0521.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at King's Family Restaurant. All men of the church are invited to fellowship with us.

The Women's Prayer Breakfast meets at King's Family Restaurant the second Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Women of all ages are invited -- we hope to see you there!

The Mid-Week Bible Study is now meeting at 7 p.m. each Wednesday night, immediately after choir practice. All are welcome to join us as Pastor Sue leads us in a verse-by-verse study of Genesis. (ps, the Choir meets at 6 p.m.)

FOOD FOR THE BODY & FOOD FOR THE SOUL

Light refreshments are now being provided in Moorhead Hall each Sunday morning following Sunday School. The Congregational Life Committee is seeking volunteers who would occasionally be willing to provide snacks and/or help set up the refreshments. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex (entry to the sanctuary) and in Moorhead Hall (downstairs).

For more info contact Don Yount 432-3811 or Nancy Weltner 676-0521.

SESSION REPORT (October, 2010):

A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session for Sunday November 14th, following worship, for the purpose of electing church officers due to the normal rotation of terms.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Approved Motions Log:

- **Approved minutes of the regular meeting on 09/13/10;**
- **Approved minutes of the special meeting on 10/03/10, at which the Session regretfully accepted Joyce Wetjen's resignation as church Administrative Assistant.**
- **Approved the Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports for month ending September 30.**
- **Voted to establish a General Policy, effective immediately, that all undesignated contributions will be placed into the general checking fund and made available to pay for ongoing expenses.**
- **Approved paying J. Wetjen for one week of unused earned vacation time, with her final paycheck.**
- **Received and approved the following Committee and Team minutes: Trustees meeting 10/04/10, Board of Deacons 09/29/10, Christian Education 09/20/10, Congregational Life & Worship 10/04/10, Missions, Outreach & Evangelism 09/27/10, and Stewardship & Personnel on 10/05/10.**
- **Approved Pastor Sue's request for vacation time 11/20 through 11/27/10 and 12/27/10 through 1/03/11.**
- **Voted to establish a General Policy that church-related records should be destroyed after seven (7) years except for Session minutes and other records that are in the Church Register.**
- **Voted to reinstate Tom and Eleanore Moffitt as active members per their request.**
- **Approved George Wielandt's request to use Moorhead Hall on Saturday 10/30/10 for a family party.**

Report submitted by Wayne L. Edmondson, Clerk of Session