

ROCKY GROVE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

“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

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

From the Pastor’s Pen

Dear members and friends of RGAPC,

Scripture tells us “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot . . . a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh.” (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-4a) My husband Jim and I felt honored to have so many of you at our home for the church picnic on August 6th. That was indeed a time for talking, laughing, and enjoying wonderful food!

Now summer has slipped away. School is back in session, and within a few short days our congregation will be returning to its “regular” fall schedule. Here are a couple of special events I hope you will be sure to attend:

- Saturday Sept 10th, Missionfest – invite your friends!**
- Sunday September 11th 9:30 Sunday School “kick-off” and Promotion**

For this Sunday only, meet in the sanctuary;

the rest of the year meet in classrooms.

10:30 Refreshments in Moorhead Hall

10:45 Special Worship Service featuring the singing

group “One In Spirit” – invite your friends!

Elsewhere in the newsletter you’ll find important details about these and other events and activities. “There is a time for everything.” And this fall, right now, is the time for all of us to re-connect and grow and pray and sing and laugh and serve with our family in Christ, here at RGAPC.

Rejoicing with you in the love of the Lord,

Church Family News

Paeton Elizabeth McIntosh was born August 15, 2011, to Meghann Hartman & Mark McIntosh. She weighed 6 lbs and 12 ozs at birth. Mike and Linda Hartman are the proud grandparents.

Makenzie Ann Yeager was born August 16, 2011, at 11:05 p.m. to Megan and Adam Yeager. Their address is 4983 Killens Pond Road, P. O. Box 729, Felton, DE 19943. She was 8 lbs even and 21½” long at birth. Jim & Judy Sandok are the proud grandparents.

WANTED: NEW OR USED

items needed for church grounds maintenance

Snow blower – 2-Stage 5 Horsepower or better

Leaf Blower/Vacuum

Please inform Brad Wetjen if you have or know of available items for purchase or donation.

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!

News From Missions, Outreach, and Evangelism

The Fatherhood Initiative Soap Box Derby was held on Saturday, July 30th. This year instead of selling hotdogs and soda to raise money for missions, we thought we could treat this event as an outreach project. We handed out more than 120 bottles of water and crackers to the participants and onlookers. The bottles and crackers were labeled “Courtesy of Rocky Grove Ave. Presbyterian Ch__rch. What’s missing?” They also listed our worship time. The crowd seemed very appreciative of our efforts on such a warm and sunny day. The winner of the Soap Box Derby was also given a gift basket from the Missions team on behalf of RGAPC.

Missionfest is just a few short days away. You may bring your garage sale items to the church during regular office hours. We would appreciate it if you could pre-price as many items as you can. (We do not accept clothing) The baked goods can be brought to the church on Friday, Sept. 9th during office hours, or starting at 6 p.m. that evening. We hope everyone with crafting skills has been crafting away, and we hope you will be bringing all your used books for the book sale. Diane Whitman is still looking for helpers in Kids’ Kingdom, so if you are able to help in that area, please contact Diane. As you know the day of Missionfest can be long and tiring, and we really would appreciate everyone staying just a little while longer to help clean up.

On the Sunday following Missionfest we can all relax and be inspired by the Southern gospel group, “One In Spirit”. They will be sharing with us their ministry of music. A love offering will be taken.

The Missions team would like to thank everyone in advance for all the hard work, faith, and love you have given. Thanks to you and thanks to God, who deserves all honor, glory, and praise!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact anyone on the Missions team - Jim Speth, Jill Alden, Joan Lepley, Diane Whitman, Rhonda Rust, Joyce Dillemath, Joyce Wetjen or Debbie Dunlap.

For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

HUGGING

Hugging is healthy; it helps our bodies' immune systems. It keeps you healthier, cures depression, reduces stress, induces sleep, is invigorating, is rejuvenating and has no unpleasant side effects. Hugging is nothing less than a miracle drug.

Hugging is a natural; it is organic and naturally sweet, has no pesticides, no preservatives, and no artificial ingredients. It is 100% wholesome.

Hugging is practically perfect; there are no movable parts, no batteries to wear out and no periodic check-ups. It has low energy consumption and high energy yield, is inflation proof and nonfattening, has no monthly payments, no insurance requirements, is theft proof, nontaxable, nonpolluting and of course fully returnable!

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

submitted by Judy Ream

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – August 18, 2011

- **Minutes of the Session meeting on July 11, 2011**
- **Financial Secretary's report for the period ending July 31, 2011.**

- Treasurer's checking account summary, budget year-to-date figures and financial report for July, 2011
- The following committee minutes: Missions, Outreach and Evangelism - July 25, 2011 -- Christian Education - July 24, 2011 -- Trustees - August 1, 2011 -- Congregational Life - August 1, 2011
- The Pastor's study leave for October 10 through 16, 2011, and vacation from October 17 through 23, 2011
- Schedule of next congregation information meeting for after church on August 28, 2011

SERVING IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Hospital Visits: Elder Jim Speth & Deacon Melanie McGinnis

Worship Leader: Jim Speth

**Ushers: Sarah DeLong, Kennedy Hartman, Linda Hartman,
Don McNany and Eugene Sheffer**

Greeters: September 4 Jeremiah & Malinda Lukers

11 Ray & Toby Aikins

18 Don Fox & Linda Hughes

25 Austin Clark & Diane Whitman

Acolytes: September 4 Austin Clark

11 Konner Hartman

18 Hanna Wielandt

25 Paige Winder

Nursery: September 4 Diane Whitman

11 Joyce Dillemath

18 Malinda Lukers

25 Sarah Moreland

THE IRIS THEATRE

"Where Community Responsibility and Entertainment Meet"

NOW PLAYING!

September 1 - 7	The Smurfs
September 8 - 14	Cowboys & Aliens
September 15 – 24	Captain America Special Showings – Friday & Saturday - 7 PM and 9:15 PM

Show Times

Mon, Tues & Wed - 7:30
Thurs - 7:30
Fri & Sat - 7 & 9 PM
Sun - No shows

Show Admission

Adults \$3.00
Children (under 12) \$1.50
Children (under 6 with Parents) Free

The CE Ministry team is changing the way children's and youth Sunday School classes will be dismissed. Please note that this will have an impact on ALL the classes. Rather than parents coming to the classrooms to pick up their children after Sunday School, teachers will bring the children to Moorhead Hall immediately at the end of class. So, there is also a change in what the Sunday morning bells mean: First bell is a five minute warning for all classes to wrap up. Second bell, class is dismissed. Parents should go immediately to Moorhead Hall to meet their children. (The Little Lambs class will be dismissed from the nursery. Any child not accompanied by an adult must be picked up from the nursery.)

The Mid-Week Bible Study will kick off again on Wednesday evenings after choir, starting September 14th. A passage-by-passage study of the book of Exodus is planned. We will also explore related biblical passages showing how God has continued to encourage and

challenge his people through the centuries, by calling them to continually remember his mighty acts of deliverance from slavery and his miraculous provision during the years of wandering in the wilderness. Come and be refreshed at this mid-week oasis of study and prayer!

MISSIONFEST - September 10, 2011

STILL NEEDED:

Pop, water & chips – see list on bulletin board

Game Operators for Kids' Kingdom

Committee Structure Planning Meeting in Moorhead Hall

Monday, September 12th - 6:00 PM

At this meeting we will look at ways our committees and ministry teams might be re-structured to strengthen ministry and mission involvement while potentially reducing the number of meetings that folks need to attend. This planning meeting is open to all interested persons (required for Session members).

Session Meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

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 September 7th at Amazing Foods, 1327 Elk Street, Franklin. Watch the Sunday bulletin for information of the next event on October 5th.

Sunday School Kick-Off September 11th

2011-2012 Sunday School year will kick-off September 11, 2011, with all classes meeting in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. The Christian Education Ministry Team is excited to announce the available classes and encourage you to find a place for your child and/or yourself.

“Little Lambs” is a new addition. This class will be led by Malinda Lukers in the Nursery, and is for children through age 3. A parent or grandparent is encouraged to also attend, especially with children under age 2. Children should be picked up after class in the nursery.

Children age 4-6 will meet in Noah’s Ark with Diane Whitman. Children age 7-11 will be instructed by Pam Viele in Daniel’s Den. Children age 12-18 will meet in the Youth Room with Wayne Edmondson.

The Men’s Class will be led by George Wielandt in the Choir Room.

The Women’s Class, which meets in Ladies Parlor, is going to study the book of Ephesians. While most of Paul’s letters seem to have been written in response to problems in different churches, the letter to the Ephesians assures us of the riches of the grace that God has poured out upon his children and reveals the wonderful future that God has planned for us when all things will be united in Christ.

Refreshments will be provided snacks in Moorhead Hall Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Come enjoy the fellowship! This is also the designated pick-up location for children in the Noah’s Ark and Lion’s Den classes.

RGAPC Financial Information

	August 2011	Year to Date
Congregational Giving	\$5,569.50	\$ 59,253.82
Expenses	\$7,257.07	\$ 69,555.64
Difference	-\$1,687.57	-\$ 10,301.82

**Please pray about increasing your level of giving to the ministry at Rocky Grove Avenue
Presbyterian Church.**

September Birthdays:

1 Tammi Davis	14 Bonnie Wielandt
7 Amanda (Baughman) Hill	Brian Friedrich
Jerry Yount	15 John Klinger
8 Linda Zeller	19 Alfred Pellow
11 Clair Speth	Paige Winder
13 Marge Sheffer	24 Grace Gibbons
14 Janet Bish	26 Gerald Wendt
Scott Donaldson	

A few serving spoons were “left behind” at Nageotte’s after the church family picnic, August 6th. Items may be claimed in the church office. Those not claimed by September 12, 2011, will be placed in Moorhead Hall kitchen.

At long last, Trustees are happy to report that Fiske and Sons, Inc. out of Erie will be starting on the repairs to the bell tower and front of the church on September 12, 2011.