



SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2013

A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church

“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

Linda Christian, Pianist

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

OCTOBER Birthdays



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|----|----------------------------------|----|--|
| 1 | Jeremiah Lukers | 17 | Kaitlin Griffin |
| 4 | Debbie Dunlap
Don McNany | 20 | Carrie Beightol |
| 5 | Don Fox | 21 | Isabel Griffin (2007) |
| 7 | Stacy Smith
Joe Tatarek | 22 | Pam Viele |
| 8 | Toby Aikins | 23 | Kelly Sandok
Sarah Speth
Diane Whitman |
| 9 | Judy Ream | 25 | Anne Brandt |
| 10 | Treva Clinefelter
Don Weltner | 28 | Brad Beightol
Cayden Wielandt (2007) |
| 12 | Ben DeLong | 29 | Matt Cook |
| 13 | Joyce Riddle | 30 | Pam Baughman
John Henderson |
| 15 | Larry Baughman | | |

RGAPC Financial Information

	August 2013	Year to Date
Congregational Giving	\$ 6,113.35	\$ 61,794.58
Expenses	(\$ 9,165.86)	(\$71,469.63)
Difference	(\$ 3,052.51)	(\$ 9,675.05)

Detailed financial reports for September will be available in the narthex beginning the second Sunday of October. If all copies are gone, please contact the church office.



Operation Christmas Child: Please start to prepare for our annual support of this ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Shoe boxes along with the message of Jesus Christ are distributed to children worldwide. Suggested items are listed in brochures which are available in the narthex. **PROHIBITED ITEMS:** liquids of any kind, toy weapons, war action figures, chocolate, homemade candy, non-candy food items, medicines/vitamins, used items, glass or breakable items and fake or real money (could put a child in danger). We will be collecting filled shoeboxes through November 10th.



SERVANTS FOR OCTOBER

- Hospital Visits:** Elder Wayne Edmondson
Deacon Melanie McGinnis
- Worship Leader:** Wayne Edmondson
- Ushers:** Gene Sheffer, Aaron Weltner, Nancy Weltner, Brad Wetjen & Joyce Wetjen
- Children's Church:** Diane Whitman
- Greeters:**
- 6 Jim & Sarah Speth and family
 - 13 Clair Speth & Ron Walters
 - 20 Don & Doris Yount
 - 27 Diane Whitman & Arika Songer
- Acolyte:**
- 6 COMMUNION
 - 13 Arika Songer
 - 20 Gage Clark
 - 27 Doug Songer
- Nursery:**
- 6 Malinda Lukers
 - 13 Margaret Wielandt
 - 20 Joyce Dillemath
 - 27 Margaret Wielandt
- Counters:**
- 6 Wayne Edmondson & Jim Sandok
 - 13 Wayne Edmondson & Jim Sandok
 - 20 Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen
 - 27 Linda Hartman

RETURN TO FALL

We returned to Fall (or Autumn if you prefer) on September 22nd. With the coming of shorter days and longer nights, you are invited to participate in a weekly Wednesday evening Bible study led by Pastor Sue. The book of Psalm will be delved into. This study is known as “Praying through the Psalms.” It is hoped that you find the time and interest to take part and, hopefully, gain insight into this part of the scriptures.

CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A BOY!

The Feathers have one more to put in their cap! Theodore Charles Feather was born Wednesday, September 11, 2013, weighing in at 4 pounds. Best wishes are extended to the parents, Stephen and Renee, as well as big brother, Oliver, and especially Great Grandma, Doris!

YOUTHFUL SPIRITS, men and women of the church, will gather for food and fellowship at noon on **October 2nd** at **King's Family Restaurant, 821 Allegheny Boulevard, Franklin**. Make your reservation with Melanie McGinnis or leave a message at 374-4794 by 9/30/13. All are welcome!! Next month's gathering will be on November 6th with Rhonda Rust as hostess.

Jeremy Dickey left Wednesday, September 18, for London to attend the University of the Arts London. We wish him the best. He has a blog of his adventures, which you can access (thanks to Jim Clinefelter) via the church's web site, www.rockygrovepres.org and clicking on LINKS. Check it out and follow Jeremy throughout this coming year overseas.

Eleanore Moffitt has moved to Erie. Her new address is:

Mrs. Eleanore Moffitt
Niagara Village – Apt. # 201
2380 Village Common Drive
Erie, PA 16506

From the Pastor's study,

Dear RGAPC family and friends,

If you've been around 321 Rocky Grove Avenue lately, you know there's been a lot going on! Sunday School has begun again after the summer break, with solid, interesting and helpful Bible-based curriculum for each class. Children from pre-school through 6th grade are studying Kid Connection's "Faith Alive!" Our junior- and senior-high class is working through D. James Kennedy's classic book, "Why I Believe." The women's Sunday School class is working through "Simple Prayer," while the men's Sunday School class is discussing a recent and intriguing book titled "Receiving and Giving." And that's just Sunday morning!

On Wednesday, October 23rd, the weekly mid-week evening Bible study will resume its regular weekly meetings at 6:30 PM each Wednesday evening. Pastor Sue will lead us in "Praying through the Psalms." No text-book – just the Bible -- as we explore this wonder-ful book of Scripture that includes (in the words of one famous Reformer) "prayers that touch every emotion known to humankind."

Bible study, prayer, worship and small group fellowship are vital to the spiritual health of every Christian. Furthermore, scientific studies show that spiritual health is a strong factor in physical and emotional health. My hope and prayer is that each and every one of you will take advantage of one of the opportunities for Bible study, prayer and fellowship at RGAPC this fall.

I also hope and pray that you will place a high priority on attending one of information meetings that have been scheduled for members of the congregation to learn more about ECO: A Covenant Order of Reformed Presbyterians. The dates are Sunday October 13th during morning worship, and Wednesday October 16th at 6:30 PM. Further details about these meetings can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Yes, there's a lot going on - Praise the Lord!

Love in Christ --

MISSIONFEST 2013 REPORT

Missionfest has come and gone for another year. The Missions & Outreach Ministry Team wishes to thank each and every one who contributed in any way to the success of Missionfest 2013.

Distribution to recipients will be as follows:

Child Evangelism Fellowship	\$868.00
Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center	\$868.00
World Gospel Mission – Jim & Alice Vanderhoof	\$868.00
ABC Pregnancy Center	\$434.00
Camping Assn. of Presbyteries of N/W PA	\$434.00
Fishermen's Network	\$434.00
Latin American Missions – Robert & Nina Bruneau	\$434.00
One Mission Society – Joetta Lehman	\$434.00
Venango Youth for Christ	\$434.00
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$5,208.00

OVER THE YEARS:

As is evidenced by the following listing of net profits, Missionfest has had its ups and downs over the years. We praise God for the abundance He has afforded us, so that we may continue to help in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

1984 - \$724.31	1999 - \$6,534.59
1985 - \$850.00	2000 - \$4,546.39
1986 - \$1,825.00	2001 - \$5,982.53
1987 - \$1,400.00	2002 - \$4,540.12
1988 - \$1,930.00	2003 - \$3,467.11
1989 - \$2,305.00	2004 – NO MISSIONFEST
1990 - \$2,538.11	2005 – NO MISSIONFEST
1991 - \$3,583.22	2006 - \$3,914.60
1992 - \$4,691.52	2007 - \$5,091.65
1993 - \$5,823.54	2008 - \$4,315.63
1994 - \$6,022.07	2009 - \$4,378.77
1995 - \$7,003.64	2010 - \$5,427.06
1996 - \$5,981.18	2011 - \$5,036.04
1997 - \$7,733.53	2012 - \$5,865.30
1998 - \$6,737.21	2013 - \$5,796.42

Missionfest 2013 proceeds:

GARAGE SALE	\$1,170.66
BAKE SALE	734.00
SILENT AUCTION	617.00
HOT SAUSAGE	476.55
CRAFTS	432.75
BOOK STORE	397.70
POP, WATER & CHIPS	300.71
HOT DOGS	251.00
OLD & PRECIOUS	247.35
KIDS' KINGDOM	145.70
COTTON CANDY	108.50
LEMON SHAKES	96.00
COFFEE, DONUTS, etc.	57.40
DONATIONS FROM CONGREGATION	1,067.00
HUNTER COOK LOVE OFFERING	366.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES (includes love offering)	- 305.90
<i>NET PROFIT TOTAL</i>	<i>\$5,796.42</i>
2012 DESIGNATED FOR 2013 START UP	\$324.14
<i>TOTAL PROCEEDS FOR DISTRIBUTION</i>	<i>\$6,120.56</i>
DESIGNATED FOR 2014 START UP	\$304.19
FUTURE WORK TRIPS	\$608.37
RECIPIENT DISTRIBUTION	\$5,208.00

COOLSPRING CORN MAZE TRIP

The Christian Education Ministry Team is planning a trip to the Coolspring Corn Maze on October 12th, meeting at the church at 3:00 p.m. A children's Halloween party is also being planned. This will take place during Sunday School and worship on October 27, 2013. Questions should be directed to Wayne Edmondson.

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – September 9:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 12 Aug 13.
 - The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 31 Aug 13 and the following Treasurer's reports: Checking Account Summary, Budget year-to-date figures & August Financial Report.
 - Received the minutes of the Christian Education Ministry Team meeting on 20 Aug 13, Missions & Outreach Ministry Team meeting on 26 Aug 13, Shepherd's Committee meeting on 10 Jul 13, and Administrative Activity Report of 12 Aug 13 through 9 Sep 13.
 - Pastor Sue's request to change her vacation from six days, 2 Oct 13 through 7 Oct 13, to one day, 2 Oct 13.
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NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Sue and church members,

I love the quilt you gave me and also remembering how you each tied a knot. The colors are beautiful – beige, black, pink and green.

I thank everyone for being so thoughtful and remembering me. I am without my brace now and am walking on both legs with a walker in the Rehab room. Dr. Smith threw the brace in the garbage can. It's a wonderful feeling, but it will take time. I don't want to leave until I can walk on my own.

Thanks again for thinking of me. I will treasure the quilt.

Flo Albright

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for the generous scholarship that I was awarded. This blessing will be very helpful as I achieve my Master's Degree! Although I will not be worshipping every Sunday with all of you, please know I will be attending church from afar, in spirit. Feel free to keep in touch with me via my blog: jermdouglas.wordpress.com. Additionally if anyone would like to send snail mail, my new address is:

Jeremy Dickey
1 Henderson Court
6 Myers Lane
London SE145RX United Kingdom

Peace and blessings,

Jeremy (Dickey)

FROM THE REAFFIRMATION TEAM:
ECO INFORMATION MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Members and friends of RGAPC are encouraged to make every effort to attend one of the upcoming town hall-style meetings designed to provide the congregation with information about the new Reformed denomination known as ECO: A Covenant Order of Reformed Presbyterians.

Each meeting will include an overview of ECO's mission, vision, values, and structure, followed by an opportunity for you to ask questions. To make it possible for more church members to participate, two meetings have been scheduled:

Sunday, October 13th at 10:45 AM (during worship)

- and -

Wednesday, October 16th at 6:30 PM.

In last month's edition of the Sunshine Newsletter, we reported that Session had recently met with an ECO pastor from the New Castle area. Based on that meeting (and other research by members of the Re-Affirmation Team), the Session feels there is much in this new denomination that would be a good fit for RGAPC if – in the future – the congregation votes to be dismissed from the PC(USA) for reasons of conscience. Please watch for a mailing with additional information, which will be sent to all members in the first week of October.

No motions will be made and no voting will take place at the meetings on October 13 and 16. However, any possible move to another denomination would ultimately be voted upon by the congregation. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to gather information and we urge you to attend if at all possible – and, keep praying!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	2 Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> @ King's Restaurant 6:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts – Youth Room	3 6:30 Deacons	4	5 8:30 Men's Prayer breakfast @ King's 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
6 <i>WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	7 6:00 CLAW 7:00 Trustees	8 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	9 10:00 Quilting @ 1 st Presbyterian	10 8:00-10:00 Venango County Human Services (Moorhead Hall)	11	12 8:30 Women's Prayer breakfast @ King's 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 3:00 Coolspring Corn Maze
13 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship (ECO information presentation)	14 6:15 Session	15	16 8:45 Venango C&Y (Moorhead Hall) 6:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts – Youth Room 6:30 ECO Info meeting	17	18	19 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
20 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship – Joetta Lehman with OMS 5:30 Boy Scouts	21 <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i> 6:30 Christian Education	22 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	23 6:30 Bible Study	24	25	26 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
27 9:30 Sunday School (Children's Halloween party) 10:45 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	28 6:30 Missions & Outreach	29 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	30 6:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts – Youth Room 6:30 Bible Study	31		