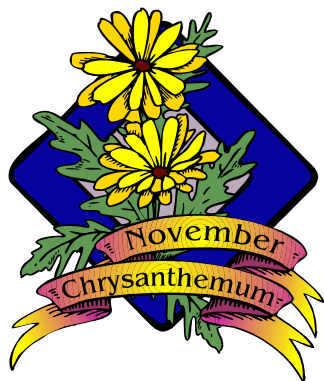


# SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 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

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*



## NOVEMBER Birthdays

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| <p>1 Ellen Gierlach<br/>5 Carson Whitling (2005)<br/>6 Sam Alden<br/>9 Gene Sheffer<br/>Jean Weller<br/>10 Margaret Wielandt<br/>Donald Yount<br/>11 Joan Partridge<br/>15 Robert Alden<br/>Dennis McGinnis</p> | <p>16 Jim Sandok<br/>George Wielandt<br/>17 Harold Bell<br/>20 Jesse Harvey (1997)<br/>22 Edith Richards<br/>23 Oliver Feather (2011)<br/>Arika Songer (2004)<br/>26 Todd Wetjen<br/>27 Joyce Wetjen</p> |
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### RGAPC Financial Information

	September 2013	Year to Date
Congregational Giving	\$ 8,446.40	\$ 70,240.98
Expenses	(\$ 7,732.96)	(\$ 79,202.59)
Difference	\$ 713.44	(\$ 8,961.61)

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

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**Operation Christmas Child:** Filled shoeboxes for the ministry of Samaritan’s Purse will be collected through November 17th. (However, it is requested that all try to meet the deadline of November 10<sup>th</sup>.) The shoe boxes along with the message of Jesus Christ will distributed to children worldwide. Suggested items are listed in brochures which are available in the narthex and outside the church office.

**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).



## SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER

- Hospital Visits:** Elder Linda Hartman  
Deacon Linda Zeller
- Worship Leader:** Sheryl Clinefelter
- Ushers:** Debbie Dunlap, John Klinger,  
Jessica Songer, Kevin Songer  
& Diane Whitman
- Children's Church:** Sarah Speth
- Greeters:**        **3** Aaron & Nancy Weltner  
                          **10** Jim & Sarah Speth  
                          **17** Brad & Joyce Wetjen  
                          **24** Kevin & Jessica Songer
- Acolyte:**         **3** Eli Moreland  
                          **10** Lillian Songer  
                          **17** Hanna Wielandt  
                          **24** **Communion**
- Nursery:**         **3** Diane Whitman  
                          **10** Margaret Wielandt  
                          **17** Sarah Speth  
                          **24** Margaret Wielandt
- Counters:**       **3** Debbie Dunlap & Phyllis Wetzel  
                          **10** Debbie Dunlap & Wayne Edmondson  
                          **17** Joyce Wetjen & Phyllis Wetzel  
                          **24** Joyce Wetjen & Wayne Edmondson

## ATTENTION

Information and articles for the December Sonshine Newsletter will need to be in earlier this month. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday being the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, which is when the newsletter is typically published and assembled, the deadline will be November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please make note of this change so that the newsletter can be distributed December 1<sup>st</sup>.

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### **Congregational Meeting, Luncheon and Chili Cook-off**

#### **November 17, 2013**

Session has called for a meeting of the congregation after worship on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, for the purpose of electing elders, deacons and trustees due to normal rotation of terms.

As is customary, there will be a hearty luncheon with a variety of different soups, and, of course, the **Chili Cook-Off** – this being the 7<sup>th</sup> annual. Please sign up on a sheet on one of the bulletin boards. Anyone wishing to enter a pot of chili is welcome to do so. Just bring your chili, fully cooked, in a crock-pot to Moorhead Hall before worship that morning.

When the church service and Congregational Meeting have ended in the sanctuary, everyone will gather in Moorhead Hall where we can sample all the varieties of chili. Then, you can vote by donating monetarily for your favorite. The contest winner is determined by the chili which receives the most donations. All the money received goes to a charitable cause, which is decided by the winning chili's chef. Let's see who can beat Ben DeLong's chili of 2012.

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

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There has been a revision to Jeremy Dickey's address in London. It is:

Flat 1 Henderson Court, 6 Myers Lane, London SE145RX UK

Drop him a line – postage, by the way, is \$1.25.

From the Pastor's study,

Dear RGAPC family and friends,

As this edition of the Sonshine Newsletter is being prepared for publication, my thoughts are on the last Sunday of the month -- the day when Protestant churches traditionally celebrate "Reformation Sunday." "Reformation" can be a scary word. It makes me think of change, and the older I get, the less enthusiastic I am about change. Yet the Christian life is, by very definition, a life of reformation. Jesus was born and died and rose again precisely to bring light and hope to lives that are otherwise lost in darkness and despair. God loves us so much that he accepts us just as we are; he also loves us so much, that he will not leave us in the same condition he found us!!

"Reformation" is a natural and expected part of the Christian's life. This is true not only for individual believers, but in communities of faith as well. While we do well to be cautious about pressing for change, Presbyterians have long believed that it is always appropriate to pray for Spirit-led reformation.

In honor of "Reformation Sunday," I offer for your consideration this prayer published 50 years ago and found in RGAPC's red hymnal:

*"Lord, call us into the church. Call us in often, and teach us the old words and old songs with new depth. Give us new reasons for coming in and for going out, into our streets and to our homes. As the house of the Lord once moved like a tent through the wilderness, so keep our churches from being rigid. Give us fresh ideas we never had before, and invigorate that which is good but has begun to feel weary. Make our congregation alive and free, so that alleluia and gloria and amen are not only for Sunday, but the experiences we have in our everyday living. O Lord, be praised! In worship and in work, be praised! Gloria! Alleluia! Amen."* [by Herbert Brokering, slightly adapted]

With love and hope for the future in Christ,

Pastor Sue

## **MISSIONS CORNER**

As we finalize the last few earnings and donations of another successful *Missionfest* and store away our rakes as the last fallen leaves grace our lawns, another familiar tradition approaches – “**Christmas Joy Offering.**”

God uses the **Christmas Joy Offering** to change lives by filling in some gaps of our society. While other offerings assist in natural disasters like Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, the **Christmas Joy Offering** helps with educational, medical and special needs of current, would-be and retired pastors, missionaries and church workers.

Gifts to **Christmas Joy Offering** are distributed equally to the assistance programs of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges for education.

The **Christmas Joy Offering** depends on our continued support. Please give generously to this worthy cause. You can find special envelopes for **Christmas Joy Offering** in next month’s newsletter and in the pews during Advent.

God Bless our church family as we reach out to those in need.

*Your Missions & Outreach Team member, Kennedy Hartman*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC**

**Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** - Men and women with *YOUTHFUL SPIRITS* gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun at **Linda Lou’s Restaurant, 633 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Franklin.** Make your reservation with Rhonda Rust or leave a message at 437-2831 by 11/4/13. All are welcome!! Next month’s gathering will be on December 4th with Doris Feather as hostess.

**Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** - Congregational meeting, luncheon and **CHILI COOK-OFF.** See article elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Friday, November 22<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. ‘til Saturday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 10 a.m.** – Youth Sleepover – watch Sunday bulletins for additional information.

**Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** - “Hanging of the Greens” at 10:00 a.m.

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** - “Christmas Dinner” – 6:00 p.m. at **Linda Lou’s, 633 13<sup>th</sup> Street.** See registration form for more information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

*Youth  
Sleepover!!*



**WHO: All Youth**

**WHEN: Friday, 11/22/13  
(6 pm 'til Saturday,  
11/23/13, 10 am)**

**Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah or Jim Speth at 814-673-8976.**

## FROM THE SESSION

### Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – October 14<sup>th</sup>:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 9 Sep 13.
- The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 30 Sep 13 and the following Treasurer's reports: the checking account summary, the budget year-to-date figures and the Financial Report for September 2013.
- Received the minutes of the Christian Education Ministry Team meeting on 24 Sep 13, Missions and Outreach Ministry Team meeting on 23 Sep 13, Trustee Meetings on 9 Sep 13 and 7 Oct 13, Deacon's Fund Treasurer's Report for 8 Aug 13 through 3 Oct 13, and Administrative Activity Report 10 Sep 13 through 14 Oct 13.
- The purchase of Quicken 2014 software at an estimated cost of \$75
- Renaming Account 01.020, Office Supplies, to Administrative Expenses.
- The Missions Ministry Team's motion to collect baby items from the congregation for donation to the ABC Pregnancy Center.
- Sending a check to Jeremy Dickey for Ronald and Louise Moorhead Scholarship that will go towards his tuition at the University of the Arts in London, UK.

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## NOTES OF THANKS

Thanks for the newsletter via email. Congratulations on your Missions Fest. We can see it is helping a lot of ministries. Please give our love to the church, and thank them for their prayers and support.

*Jim and Alice Vanderhoof, World Gospel Mission*

Dear Church Friends,

Many thanks for the wonderful prayers, cards & visits while Jerry was in the hospital and The Caring Place. The prayer quilt was such a thoughtful gift and is deeply appreciated.

*Marie & Jerry Wendt*

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for my beautiful birthday cards and for remembering me. With love & prayers,

*Joyce Riddle*

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*The Franklin Community Thanksgiving Worship Service this year will be held Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM, at the Fox Street Church of God in Rocky Grove. This event is open to everyone in the community, regardless of denomination. Come, let us give thanks to the Lord!*





**CHRISTMAS DINNER**



December 7, 2013

This year's event will be held at  
**Linda Lou's Restaurant, 633 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Franklin**

Adults: \$ 13.00 per person (includes gratuity)

Children: Age 6 to 12 – \$6.50 (1/2 portions)

Age 5 & under – free

Please make checks payable to:

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church

with "Christmas Dinner" on the memo line.

Reservations & payment are needed no later than **November 24<sup>th</sup>**.

6:00 p.m. – Social Time

6:30 p.m. – Meal

Come to enjoy some great company and fellowship.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church Christmas Dinner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**Meat choices: Stuffed Chicken Breast:** Adult \_\_\_\_\_ 6-12 \_\_\_\_\_

**Braised Steak:** Adult \_\_\_\_\_ 6-12 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total payment enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>Don't forget!</b> Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. You'll gain one hour of sleep!</p>					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:30 Men's Prayer breakfast @ King's 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>3</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> 6:00 CLAW 7:00 Trustees	<b>5</b> <i>Election Day</i> 6:15 Session 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	<b>6</b> Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> @ Linda Lou's 6:30 Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:30 Women's Prayer breakfast @ King's 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>10</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	<b>11</b> <i>VETERANS DAY</i>	<b>12</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	<b>13</b> 10:00 Quilting @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian 6:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts – Youth Room 6:30 Bible Study	<b>14</b> 8:00-10:00 Venango County Human Services (Moorhead Hall)	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>17</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship – (followed by Congregational meeting & chili Cook-Off) 5:30 Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i> 6:30 Christian Education	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:45 Venango C&Y (Moorhead Hall) 6:30 Bible Study	<b>21</b> 6:30 Deacons	<b>22</b> 6:00 <i>YOUTH SLEEPOVER begins</i>	<b>23</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 <i>YOUTH SLEEPOVER ends</i>
<b>24</b> <i>Christ the King Sunday</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship – Communion 5:30 Boy Scouts	<b>25</b> 6:30 Missions & Outreach	<b>26</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice  <i>Office hours 9-4:30</i>	<b>27</b> 6:00 Daisy/Brownie Scouts – Youth Room 6:30 Bible Study  <i>Office hours 9-4:30</i>	<b>28</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 <i>"Hanging of the Greens"</i>