



“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

Mike Burkhardt, 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 Study:

Dear RGAPC family and friends,

I recently heard about something very interesting taking place at one of our sister churches in Lake Erie Presbytery. Every six weeks or so, the congregation plans a "Let's Talk About It" Sunday to explore a challenging or sensitive topic. On those mornings, rather than preaching a sermon, the pastor and one or two other church members have a discussion about the subject, giving biblical background as well as some ways that faithful Christians have viewed the topic through the centuries. After worship there is a luncheon when church members can ask questions and share their own views around the table.

One of the recent topics was, "Should We Take Everything in the Bible Literally?" During the discussion, one church member pointed to the story of Jonah, asking if anyone believed that he really survived inside the belly of a great fish for three days. After some animated conversation about this, another person quietly noted that Jesus himself had something to say about that (see Matthew 12:38-40).

On another "Let's Talk About It" Sunday, that congregation might explore the subject of divorce and remarriage, or the opportunities and challenges of biblical forgiveness. In each case, the goal is not getting people to "agree" or "decide," but rather, to encourage people to share their thoughts and feelings about challenging topics in a faithful, non-threatening way.

I rejoice that some of these conversations are already taking place at RGAPC (for instance, in the adult Sunday School classes). But there would be value, I think, in providing other opportunities for our church family to come together to explore important topics of life and faith. Not to debate or put anybody on the spot; just to talk.

Session is planning a number of discussions in the coming months, in part to keep open communications as we continue to work with the Presbytery on the possibility of dismissal (the first will be Sunday February 23rd after worship). I hope that every active member of the congregation will place a high priority on participating in those conversations. Let's talk about it!

Love in Christ, Pastor Sue



SERVANTS FOR FEBRUARY

Hospital Visits: Debbie Dunlap & Judy Ream

Worship Leader: Wayne Edmondson

Ushers: Harold Bell, Debbie Dunlap, Rhonda Rust,
Jim Speth & George Wielandt

Greeters:

February 2	Boy Scouts of Troop # 28
9	The Ed Whitling Family
16	Gene & Margie Sheffer
23	The Doug Kirwin Family

Acolyte:

February 2	Arika Songer
9	James Hoffman
16	Doug Songer
23	Eli Moreland

Children's Church:

February 2	Wayne Edmondson
9	Sarah Speth
16	Sarah Speth
23	Sarah Speth

Counters:

February 2	Joyce Wetjen & George Wielandt
9	Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen
16	George Wielandt & Joyce Wetjen
23	Wayne Edmondson & Lois Pierce

TAX SEASON IS HERE! Volunteers are ready to prepare your federal, state and local taxes as well as rent and tax rebate. They will be available at the Oil City Library every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9AM until 4PM starting February 4th and continuing through April 9th. Volunteers will be available in Franklin at the Baptist Church, 1401 Liberty Street, every Thursday and Friday from 8AM until 3PM starting Thursday, February 6th and continuing through April 11th. Please bring all your information for 2013 plus last year's tax return for 2012.

New Officers

The following who were elected at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on November 17, 2013, were ordained and installed on Sunday, January 26, 2014:

- Don Yount to the Office of Elder for a three-year term.
(Joyce Pellow will be ordained and installed at a later time.)
- Joan Lepley and Judy Ream to the Office of Deacon, each for a three-year term. (Phyllis Vogan will be ordained & installed at a later time.)

THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING OFFICERS

We wish to thank our outgoing officers for their faithfulness and commitment to the work of the church.

Elders: Debbie Dunlap, Linda Hartman & Jim Sandok
Deacons: Joyce Dillemath, Darlene Exley & Melanie McGinnis
Trustees: Bob Alden, Dick Exley & Brad Wetjen

A list of all officers and committees will be published in the March newsletter.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SET

The Session has set the date of a meeting of the congregation to take place in Moorhead Hall on Sunday, February 23rd 2014 following the regular worship service. The official business is to present the 2013 Annual Reports. There will also be a luncheon and opportunity for church members to share in small groups their concerns, hopes and questions about the process of dismissal from the PC(USA) and the future direction of the congregation.

MISSIONS CORNER:

YEAR-END DISBURSEMENTS OF 2013 MISSION FUNDS

\$408.00 each to:

Child Evangelism Fellowship, Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center & World Gospel Mission (Vanderhoof's)

\$204.00 each to:

ABC Pregnancy Center, Fishermen's Network, Camping

Assn. of Presbyteries of N/W PA, Latin America Mission (Bruneau's), One Mission Society (Joetta Lehman) &

Venango Youth for Christ

\$400.66 was transferred to Missionfest fund to offset some of the expense of the new griddle for the Hot Sausage booth.

The *Christmas Joy Offering* taken through Advent was \$267.00, which was forwarded to Lake Erie Presbytery.



Help Fight Hunger through the Souper Bowl of Caring!

In 1990 Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl Football Game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

This special offering will be collected in large "soup pots"
at the end of the worship service on **February 2nd**.

Every dollar donated will go to fight hunger in our community.

Used cell phones (working or not) are still being collected by the Missions & Outreach Ministry Team for donation to **Cell Phones for Soldiers**. Please help with this worthy cause any time you get a new phone. A box for collection is located in the narthex.

The Missions & Outreach Ministry Team wishes to express sincere gratitude for the support of our chosen missionaries and special offerings throughout the years. If you know of a missionary that you would like to be considered for support in 2014, please advise the **new moderator, Phyllis Wetzl at 678-1158**.

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – January 13th:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 9 Dec 2013.
- The Financial Secretary’s report for the period ending 31 Dec 2013 and the following Treasurer’s reports: the checking account summary, the budget year-to-date figures and the Financial Report for December 2013.
- The 2013 Session Statistical Report.
- Received the minutes of the Congregational Life and Worship Ministry Team meeting on 5 Jan 2014, the Shepherd’s Committee Meeting on 11 Dec 2013, the Trustee’s meeting on 9 Dec 2013, and the 9 Dec 2013 through 13 Jan 2014 Report on Administrative Activity.
- We would ask Venango County Children and Youth Services to pay \$35.00 for the use of Moorhead Hall during 21 through 23 May 2014.
- Pastor Sue’s request for two days’ study leave on 11 and 12 Feb 2014 to attend the regional PC(USA) pastors’ conference titled “Understanding Culture, Understanding Self.”
- Wayne Edmondson to be Clerk of Session for the year 2014.
- Wayne Edmondson to be the church’s representative (delegate) to meetings of the Presbytery of Lake Erie.

RGAPC Financial Information

	December 2013	2013 TOTALS
Congregational Giving	\$ 11,108.00	\$ 96,065.38
Expenses	(\$ 8,634.22)	(\$ 104,408.21)
Difference	\$ 2,473.78	(\$ 8,342.83)

January Detailed Financial Reports will be available by the second Sunday of February. Watch the Sunday bulletin.



Congratulations! Amanda (Baughman) & Brett Hill were blessed with the birth of their first-born son, Anden Joel, on January 27, 2014. He was 8 lbs. 14 ozs. and 22” long at birth. Grandparents of the bundle of joy are Joe and Pam Baughman. Great-grandmother is Grace Gibbons.



President's Day



ABRAHAM
AMERICAN
ANTISLAVERY
BIRTHDAY
BRITISH
CANDIDATE
COMMANDER
CONGRESS
CUSTIS
DEBATES
DOLLAR

ELECT
EMANCIPATION
FARMER
FEBRUARY
FIRST
GEORGE
GETTYSBURG
ILLINOIS
LAWYER
LINCOLN
MARTHA

MARY
MONUMENT
MOUNT
PENNY
PRESIDENTS
PROCLAMATION
REPUBLIC
REVOLUTION
RUSHMORE
SIXTEENTH
SURVEYOR

TODD
VERNON
VIRGINIA
WASHINGTON

February Birthdays



4	Yolanda Clark	14	Jeremy Dickey
	Mallory Wetjen (2003)	15	Flo Albright
5	Nancy Weltner	17	Cameron Whitling (2010)
	Hanna Wielandt (2002)	20	Doug Songer (2002)
7	Bob Wielandt		Marie Wendt
10	Kennedy Hartman	21	Helen Grettler
11	Madeleine Rose Wielandt (2004)	26	Malinda Lukers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

Helen Grettler, long time organist and pianist with RGAPC now living in Logan, Ohio, was born February 21, 1914. That means she will be celebrating her 100th birthday this year! Let's shower her with many, many cards!!! Helen's address is:

**12 Carlin Drive – Room 156
Logan, OH 43138**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

Men and women with ***YOUTHFUL SPIRITS*** will gather for food and fellowship at noon Wednesday, February 5th in the Youth Room. There will be a potluck luncheon; so bring something to share. Coffee will be provided. Please inform Lois Pierce (437-3653) by February 3rd if you plan to attend. Watch the Sunday bulletins for information on the March 5th gathering hosted by Joan Partridge.

NOTES OF THANKS

Sorry I'm late but I want to acknowledge and say "Thanks" for all the Christmas cards and greetings.

Clair "Bernie" Speth

Thanks to the Deacons, especially Sheryl Clinefelter, for the card with the sunflower "to warm my winter days." It certainly did that!

Carol Rough

I would like to thank everyone for the money donated for my sister and family. Austin is doing much better and no surgery was needed. Praise to our Heavenly Father.

Diane Whitman



If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, please contact Judy Ream at 432-5287.

Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th of each month or risk being omitted from the upcoming publication! Please be sure to provide a contact name and phone number for each event for contact if additional information is needed. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS

Jim Sandok retired from Venango County as of Saturday , January 4, 2014, after 20 years in various capacities, the most recent of which was as Administrative Officer for Human Services. Enjoy your retirement, Jim, whatever you decide to do to occupy your leisure time!

FEBRUARY 2014



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 8:30 Men's Prayer breakfast @ King's 9:30 O A
2 <i>"Souper Bowl"</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship – Scout Sunday <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 6:00 CLAW (Congregational Life & Worship) 7:00 Trustees	4 6:30 Sweet Adelines	5 NOON <i>Youthful Spirits</i> – Youth Room 6:00 Daisy Scouts 6:30 Bible Study	6	7	8 8:30 Women's Prayer breakfast @ King's 9:30 O A
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	10 6:30 Christian Education	11 6:30 Sweet Adelines	12 6:30 Bible Study	13 8:00 – 10:00 Venango County Services meeting – Moorhead Hall	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
16 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	17 <i>Presidents' Day</i> 6:15 Session	18	19 6:00 Daisy Scouts 6:30 Bible Study	20 <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	21	22 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
23 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 12:00 Congregational Meeting	24 6:30 Missions & Outreach	25 6:30 Sweet Adelines	26 6:30 Bible Study	27 6:30 Deacons Meeting	28	