

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

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"Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus' Name"

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Rhonda Rust, Secretary

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Church Office Hours:

Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Dear RGAPC family and friends,

As many of you are aware, I have been elected to serve as one of four commissioners from the Presbytery of Lake Erie at the 221st PC(USA) General Assembly in Detroit later this month. Thank you in advance for your prayers, not only for myself but for all the other commissioners.

While the bulk of the issues to be addressed at this GA are fairly mundane, other issues are complex and controversial. Elsewhere in this newsletter, I've provided an overview of some of the more significant items of business. Regardless of what the 221st Assembly decides regarding those issues, some church members (in local congregations, as well as across the denomination) will be pleased with the outcome, while others may be dismayed and grieved.

It has been said so often as to be a cliché, but nonetheless true: we are in a time of enormous cultural and social change. Christian neighbors and friends have honest and deeply-held differences in how they view Scripture, human relationships and “what would Jesus do” in the circumstances we are currently facing. In times like these, when there seems to be no clear path, it is helpful to remember that times may change, but the Truth never does. Jesus is still (and always!) the author and perfecter of our faith, and the head of the church. The Holy Spirit is still (and always!) powerfully at work to guide, direct, convict, equip and encourage God's people to hold fast and proclaim the Good News that in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. And nothing – *nothing!* – past, present or future can ever separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. With these truths firmly before us, we can worry less about what the denomination may do, and focus on simply *being* the Church that God calls us to be.

Love in Christ, Pastor Sue

“God has not promised skies always blue, flower-strewn pathways all our lives through; God has not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But God has promised strength for each day, rest from our labors, light for the way; grace in our trials, help from above, unfailing kindness and undying love.”



Servants for JUNE

Hospital Visits: Don Yount & Linda Zeller

Worship Leader: Sheryl Clinefelter

Ushers: Jim Clinefelter, Debbie Dunlap, Wayne Edmondson, Lois Pierce & Diane Whitman

Greeters:

- 1 Pellows
- 8 Grace Gibbons & Rhonda Rust
- 15 Diane Whitman & Lillian Songer
- 22 Joyce Dillemath
- 29 Hartmans

Acolyte:

- 1 Lillian Songer
- 8 COMMUNION
- 15 Arika Songer
- 22 Carson Whitling
- 29 James Hoffman

Counters:

- 1 Joyce Pellow & Lois Pierce
- 8 Wayne Edmondson & George Wielandt
- 15 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen
- 22 Wayne Edmondson & Joyce Wetjen
- 29 Phyllis Wetzel & Don Yount

*“Please remember that food and drink (other than water, if necessary)
should not be taken into the sanctuary. Thank you.”*

Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th of each month or risk being omitted from the upcoming publication!

NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS and OUTREACH TEAM

Hi Everyone,

Here it is June already and time for Blanket Sunday. Contributions to CWS (Church World Service) are used to help families around the world recover from disasters and displacement and build viable, sustainable lives and communities. They help people get health care, teach them how to grow food and give them micro loans. They are helping to build hope around the world with our help. The offering will be collected from June 1 to June 15, Fathers Day. Please contribute to this worthy cause. Envelopes can be found in the pew racks.

We are still collecting cell phones. There is a box in the narthex.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Happy Fathers Day!

Jill Alden, On behalf of the Committee

Pastor Sue will leave June 12th to attend General Assembly in Detroit, Michigan. She will return June 23rd. During her absence, on Sunday June 15th, our worship service will consist of a hymn sing. Men, come prepared to offer your requests of hymns since it is also Father's Day. On June 22nd, we will welcome **Ron Reagle**, an ordained minister working with a Christian motorcycle ministry who also works at Joy Global.

RGAPC Financial Information

	April 2014	Year to Date
Income — Envelope Giving	\$ 6,861.75	\$ 25,963.04
Presby Foundation Interest	416.88	1,308.20
Other Sources	553.79	2,223.63
Expenses	<u>- 8,522.07</u>	<u>- 33,130.98</u>
Difference	\$ - 689.65	\$ -3,636.11

*May financial reports will be available
in the narthex beginning the second Sunday of June.*

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – May 12th:

- Authorized Trustees to contract the Billingsley construction firm to repair the front steps and to transfer up to \$5,000.00 invested with Edward Jones to Building Repairs and Improvements.
- Authorized Trustees to contract the Billingsley construction firm to repair the steps on the side entrance, which provides access to the sanctuary and Moorhead Hall, with the requirement of keeping the total cost for repairing all the steps to under \$5,000.00.
- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 14 Apr 2014.
- The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 30 Apr 2014 and the following Treasurer's reports: Checking Account Summary, Budget year-to-date figures & April 2014 Financial Report.
- Received the minutes of the Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting on 21 Apr 2014, Congregational Life and Worship Ministry Team meeting on 5 May 2014, Missions and Outreach Ministry Team meeting on 28 Apr 2014, Stewardship and Personnel Ministry Team meeting on 27 Apr 2014, and Trustee's meeting on 5 May 2014, as well as the report on the Presbytery of Lake Erie stated meeting held on 22 Apr 2014, and the 14 Apr 2014 through 12 May 2014 Report on Administrative Activity.
- With recommendation of the Stewardship Committee, approved investment changes suggested by the church's financial advisor.
- A special collection for Community Services for non-perishable items like soap, tooth paste, cleaning supplies, etc.
- The distribution of baby bottles from the ABC Pregnancy Center to those members of our congregation who wish to make donations for their mission work.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

Wednesday, June 4th @ noon - *YOUTHFUL SPIRITS* (men and women of any age) will gather for food and fellowship at **Dairy Queen**, 1578 Pittsburgh Road. Jim & Sheryl Clinefelter will be the hosts; please inform them (437-1781) by June 2nd if you plan to attend. Watch the Sunday bulletins for information on the July 2nd gathering to be hosted by Ray & Toby Aikins.

Tuesday, June 17th through Thursday, June 19th – *VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL*. – 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Each evening will include dinner for children and volunteers, Bible lessons, crafts and games. The theme for 2014 is “**God’s Champions.**” *COME ONE COME ALL TO VBS!*

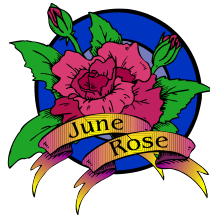
ATTENTION STUDENTS: We are accepting scholarship applications for the **Harold Siefer Memorial Scholarship** and the **Ronald and Louise Moorhead Scholarship** from active members of the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church who are planning to further their education this fall. (For the Moorhead Scholarship you must be an active member for at least 2 years and a regular attendee.) Applicants must be enrolled or attending an accredited college or technical or vocational school. **Applications can be found in the “Scholarship Applications” mail slot outside the church office and must be returned to same no later than June 30, 2014.** Scholarships will be awarded in July. Any questions should be presented to Joyce Wetjen or Don Yount.

SPRING CLEAN-UP POSTPONED

The scheduled WORK DAY of Saturday, May 3, 2014 was not realized due to forecast of inclement weather. Another Saturday will be established and published in the Sunday bulletin. It may be at a moment’s notice, so keep your eyes peeled!

The Trustees have received bids on removal and replacement of the front concrete steps. So, don’t be surprised to see them taped off in the near future. Please use the ramp or any other entrance while the work is in progress. Thank you.

June Birthdays



3 Wayne Holt
7 Baylee Cutchall (2005)
9 Norma Aiken
13 Adam Kirwin (1996)
14 Joyce Pellow
16 Marie Cokain

16 Joyce Dillemoth
17 Jim Nageotte
18 Susan Bell
21 Phyllis Vogan
21 Parker Smith (2011)
22 Donna Wendt
29 Marie Cutchall

*Joyce Riddle has a new telephone number. It is 437-0516.
Give her a call and let her know you are thinking about her.*

FATHER'S DAY WISDOM

“A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.” -- [Billy Graham](#)

One night a father overheard his son pray: “Dear God, make me the kind of man my Daddy is.” Later that night, the Father prayed, “Dear God, make me the kind of man my son wants me to be.” **Anonymous**

It is not easy being a father. If you appreciate the feelings of a father, make your dad proud of you. It is the best gift a child can give a father.

Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad.

A wise son maketh a glad father. **Proverbs 10:1**

INFORMATION FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM:

The members of the Christian Education Ministry Team are grateful for those people who made contributions that will help pay for camp fees for our children who will be attending church camps this summer. We also want to thank those who purchased carnations for Mother's Day. This Youth Group activity earned \$85.00 which will go towards camp fees. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is God's Champions. VBS will be held at our church from Tuesday, June 17 through Thursday, June 19 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Dinner will be served each evening for the children and volunteers. Classes will be available for children from ages 5 through 12. There will be Bible lessons, crafts and games. Early registration is available and encouraged - please see George Wielandt or Wayne Edmondson. Thanks to all who will be helping with VBS - your interaction with the children will be rewarding.





I want to thank my shepherd, Linda Zeller, for the beautiful Easter card.

Carol Rough

I want to thank Wayne Edmondson for taking Kennedy, Reagan, Konner, Austin and myself to Pittsburgh for lunch, Carnegie Science Center and then dinner at Vincent's Pizza. Thanks to all for sharing the day with me. It was interesting and fun too!

Rhonda Rust

Dear Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church,

It was so nice to receive the beautiful "prayer" lap robe created by special people at RGAPC. Thank you so very much. It saddens us to realize our days of being there with you have come to an end, but we thank God for the many memories and years together and trust His blessings to you all in the years ahead.

In His love & ours,

Ed & Betty Clark

I want to thank the Deacons once again for the bright and cheery card. It is so pretty, and I so enjoy getting them.

Carol Rough

Family at RGAPC,

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt. Also, thank you for the continued thoughts and prayers. So far, I have only received good news at my weekly appointments. Less than 8 weeks to go! Prayers are being answered. Thank you again. God bless,

Alison (Weller) Graves

Dear women of the church,

Thank you so much for allowing us to come and entertain at your banquet. We had so much fun and look forward to seeing you again! Love, *Adam & Rebecca Devine & family - Devine Inspirations*





JUNE 2014



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	2 6:15 Session 7:00 Trustees	3 6:30 Sweet Adelines	4 NOON <i>Youthful Spirits @ Dairy Queen</i> 6:30 Bible Study	5	6	7 8:30 Men's Prayer breakfast @ King's 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
8 10:00 Worship – Communion 5:30 Boy Scouts	9 6:00 CLAW (Congregational Life & Worship)	10 6:30 Sweet Adelines	11 10:00 Quilting @ 1 st Presbyterian 6:30 Bible Study	12 8:00 – 10:00 Venango County Services meeting <i>Pastor Sue at General Assembly 6/12 to 6/23</i>	13	14 8:30 Women's Prayer breakfast @ King's 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
15 <i>Father's Day</i> 10:00 Worship – hymn sing	16 6:30 Christian Education	17 VBS 5:00 to 8:00	18 VBS 5:00 to 8:00	19 VBS 5:00 to 8:00	20 <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	21 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
22 10:00 Worship – Pulpit Supply – Ron Reagle	23 6:30 Missions & Outreach <i>Pastor Sue back from General Assembly</i>	24 6:30 Sweet Adelines	25 6:30 Bible Study	26	27	28 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
29 10:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	30					