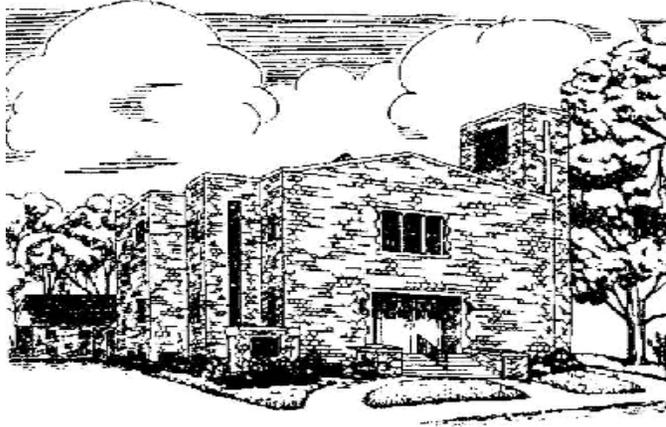


# *SONSHINE NEWSLETTER*

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*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

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*



***RGAPC's Mother-Daughter Dinner will be held in Moorhead Hall on May 10, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. The cost per person for the stuffed chicken breast main course is \$7.00 and must accompany your reservation. Please put your reservations in the offering plate or give to Lois Pierce or Don Yount by May 4<sup>th</sup>.***

***The Devine Inspirations will provide a program in the sanctuary after dinner. A free-will offering will be taken.***

***Name:***

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***Number of Reservations:*** \_\_\_\_\_

***Total Amount Enclosed:*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ronald and Louise Moorhead Scholarship - Important Information**

This scholarship was established to support active members of the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian church who are planning to further their education after high school and requires applicants to be active members for at least two years as well as regular attendees. To meet the guidelines for a "regular attendee" for scholarship consideration one must attend worship services and/or other church related activities at the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church an average of once per month during the two years prior to going to college (or technical/vocational school). Please contact George Wielandt or Wayne Edmondson if you have questions pertaining to this. Scholarship applications will be available in late May. Watch Sunday bulletins for further instruction.

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**Cecile Wagner** will be celebrating her **106<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 8<sup>th</sup>**. Her daughter reports that Cecile is in relatively good health, but is losing her sight; thus, she doesn't enjoy doing much. She does enjoy receiving cards though, so let's shower her with birthday greetings on this momentous occasion. Her address is Room 208B, Sugarcreek Station, 351 Causeway Drive, Franklin, PA 16323.

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Hello,

I'm taking part in the British 10K London Run 2014 on July 7, 2014 to raise money for Mercy Ships and I'd really appreciate your support.

Donating to my JustGiving page is easy - just follow this link and click Donate:

<http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/Jeremy-Dickey>

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Mercy Ships so it's a quick and safe way to donate.

Thank you, *Jeremy Dickey*

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**Babies born in the past month include:**

Levi Maddox Griffin, born March 28, 2014, to Kassidy Clark and Travis Griffin. Little Levi weighed in at 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 22" long. He is great-grandson of Pam Viele and Diane & Eric Whitman.

Alysta Grace Winder, born April 15, 2014, into the family of Robin Hanahan and Mike Winder, joining big sisters, Paige and Chelsey. Alysta was 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 21" long at birth. Proud grandma is Rhonda (Mimi) Rust.

From the Pastor's Study --

God has not give humans the ability to see the future – but he has given us the ability to remember and reflect on our experiences. “Looking back on it” often gives us insights into what has happened to and inside and around us. These insights, in turn, give us perspective about our current situation and can help us plan more appropriately for the future. Even though we recognize the value of “learning from history,” it is by no means an easy or a straightforward task.

Jesus' closest disciples were well aware of their Jewish history (including the prophecies regarding the coming Messiah), and over time they came to believe that Jesus was, in fact, the one they had been waiting for. But even though he had tried to tell them, they didn't begin to comprehend what that really meant . . . how the promised salvation was to be accomplished . . . until after the Resurrection. Even when they saw the empty tomb, “They still did not understand from Scripture [what we call the Hebrew Bible or the Old Testament] that Jesus had to rise from the dead.” (John 20:9)

Even his close companions, the Twelve that he had specially chosen, had only a vague notion of what Jesus meant by the Kingdom of Heaven, and a tentative, imperfect idea of how to be a laborer in that Kingdom. It was only later, as they looked back with Spirit-guided hindsight, that they recognized in Jesus' life, death and resurrection the fulfillment of God's mighty work of redemption. And in that recognition they found new depth in his teachings, new power in his commandments, and a new direction for their own lives.

Doubt was turned to faith; fear gave way to hope; and despair was replaced by joy. Their personal loyalty to Jesus -- the feelings of love, respect and admiration that all true disciples have for their teacher -- was expanded, enhanced, transformed by awe at realizing that Jesus was none other than Emmanuel, God-with-us. And with that realization they looked back at Jesus' life and teachings, and found there a deep and compelling inspiration to live their lives in fulfilling Jesus' commandments to love God, to love one another, and carry the Good News not only to their own people but to all the nations of the world.

What about us? Have we discovered a post-resurrection direction for our own lives? As we consider what God has done and continues to do, will our future be characterized by doubt and hesitation and a yearning for the past? Or will it be characterized by hope and commitment and confidence in our future with Christ, who is the Alpha and the Omega?

**Pastor Sue**



## Servants for MAY

**Hospital Visits:** Wayne Edmondson & Phyllis Vogan

**Worship Leader:** Wayne Edmondson

**Ushers:** John Klinger, Rhonda Rust, Aaron Weltner,  
Nancy Weltner and Phyllis Wetzel

**Greeters:**  
4 Jim and Sarah Speth  
11 Diane Whitman & Douglas Songer  
18 Don & Doris Yount  
25 Jim & Sheryl Clinefelter

**Acolyte:**  
4 Carson Whitling  
11 James Hoffman  
18 Douglas Songer  
25 Eli Moreland

**Counters:**  
4 Joyce Wetjen & Phyllis Wetzel  
11 Wayne Edmondson & Lois Pierce  
18 Joyce Wetjen & Phyllis Wetzel  
25 Wayne Edmondson & Lois Pierce

**Children's Church:**  
4 Diane Whitman  
11 Jim Speth  
18 Sarah Speth  
25 End of School Year Party  
(teachers will be involved)

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

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

## FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – April 14th:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 10 Mar 2014.
- The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 31 Mar 2014 and the following Treasurer's reports: the checking account summary, the budget year-to-date figures and the Financial Report for March 2014.
- Received the minutes of the Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting on 17 Mar 2014, the Congregational Life and Worship Ministry Team meeting on 7 Apr 2014, the minutes of the Missions and Outreach Ministry Team meeting on 24 Mar 2014, the minutes of the Trustee's meeting on 7 Apr 2014, and the 10 Mar 2014 through 14 Apr 2014 Report on Administrative Activity.
- Rhonda Rust's request for vacation time for 17 through 19 Jun 2014, and 21 Aug 2014, and her request for Thursday, 18 Sep 2014 to be her floating holiday for 2014.
- Pastor Sue's request for a vacation day on Sunday, 4 May 2014.
- Pastor Sue's request for a continuing education workshop, "Prepare/Enrich," that was held on 10 Apr 2014.
- A Vendor Fair that will be held at our church on 18 Oct 2014

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**LOST AND FOUND:** A pocket knife was found in the church parking lot. It may be identified and claimed in the church office.

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent gift for my support. Your generosity and faithfulness is greatly appreciated. Thanks for your partnership in reaching the nations for Christ!

Have a blessed Easter!

In His love, *Joetta*

(Lehman) with **One Mission Society** (supported by Mission & Outreach funds)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC**

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.** – **CHURCH WORK DAY begins.** Please consider helping with this much-needed activity. Volunteering is good for the heart & soul!

**Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @ noon** - **YOUTHFUL SPIRITS** (men and women of any age) will gather for food and fellowship at **Dawndi's**, 136 Warren Road. Mabel Mong will be the host; please inform Mabel (432-5453) by May 5<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. Watch the Sunday bulletins for information on the June 4<sup>th</sup> gathering to be hosted by Jim & Sheryl Clinefelter.

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.** – **MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET** in Moorhead Hall. The evening will include entertainment in the sanctuary by The Devine Inspirations for which a freewill offering will be taken. See reservation form elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Beginning June 1<sup>ST</sup>, we will return to our summer worship hour of 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School or Children's Church during June, July and August.**

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### RGAPC Financial Information

	March 2014	Year to Date
Income – Envelope Giving	\$ 6,628.98	\$ 19,101.29
Presby Foundation Interest		891.32
Other Sources	516.96	1,669.84
Expenses	<u>-8,130.35</u>	<u>- 24,608.91</u>
Difference	- \$ 984.41	-\$ 2,946.46

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

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***One Great Hour of Sharing*** offering, which was collected during Lent, totaled \$170.00 and has been sent through Lake Erie Presbytery to aid those in need through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Hunger Program. Thanks to those who gave.

### May Birthdays



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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 Gage Clark           | 15 Savannah Cook (2011) |
| 5 Millie Fetterolf     | 16 Jonathan Pellow      |
| 7 James Hoffman (2003) | 20 Pastor Sue Nageotte  |
| 8 Cecile Wagner (1908) | 23 Lisa Brannon         |
| 8 Ed Whitling          | 25 Cheri Mortimer       |
| 11 Jim Albright        | 26 Wayne Edmondson      |
| 12 Eli Moreland (2004) | 27 Betty Cornmesser     |
| 15 Darlene Exley       | 30 Austin Clark (1999)  |

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As Jeremy Dickey is in his final phase of graduating in August with his Masters in Public Relations, he has accepted a 3-month full time internship with the non-profit organization, Medicins Sans Frontieres (MSF) or Doctors Without Borders in the London office while working on his dissertation. Since being founded in 1971 in France, this world-wide, independent, neutral, and impartial organization has helped people where the need is the greatest. Those persons affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters, or exclusion from health care are aided. In 1991, Dr. James Orbinski, then-President of MSF International Council accepted the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of MSF for their work in humanitarianism.

Prior to this Jeremy is finishing a short-term internship, which has been another great experience, with a small P.R. Firm in London.

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## **SPRING CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED**

The Trustees have scheduled Saturday, May 3, 2014 as a work day for sprucing up RGAPC. Work will begin at 8:00 a.m. and go for as long as it takes or until we “tucker out.” Volunteering is good for the heart and soul, so please show up to help. Thank you.

### **INFORMATION FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAM:**

The Youth Group is selling carnations for Mother's Day. Please contact Sarah Speth (673-8976 or 437-3260) if you want to purchase a carnation for a special mother.

The members of the Christian Education Ministry Team are grateful for those people who made contributions that will help pay for the camp fees for our children who will attend church camps this summer. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Vacation Bible School is less than two months away! 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 adults. Classes will be available for children from ages 5 through 12. Early registration is available and encouraged - please contact George Wielandt or Wayne Edmondson. Also, we need help with food preparation and serving, Bible lessons, games and crafts. Please contact George or Wayne if you are willing to help. Your interaction with the children during VBS will be rewarding.



We wish to thank the congregation of RGAPC for the many prayers, cards, sheaf of wheat and expressions of sympathy; the Board of Deacons for the delicious dinner; and Pastor Sue for her prayers and visits to The Caring Place and the hospital.

*Family of Patricia Campbell*

Dear church family,

Thank you so much for the basket of goodies! There were lots of nice things for myself and baby Anden. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

*Brett, Amanda & Anden Hill*

Thank you, Rocky Grove Presbyterian Church, for another thoughtful card for Easter. I appreciate the cards so much.

*Carol Rough*

Thanks to all who sent me Easter cards.

*Joyce Riddle*

Thanks for the beautiful prayer quilt and all the thoughtful cards for Bill during his recent hospital stay. He's home now but still recuperating.

*Bill & Lorraine McCauley*



# MAY 2014



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>8:00 Church Work Day</b> <b>8:30</b> Men's Prayer breakfast @ King's <b>9:30</b> O A
<b>4</b> <b>9:30</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship – <b>Pulpit Supply (Jim Bibza)</b> <b>5:30</b> Boy Scouts	<b>5</b> <b>6:00 CLAW</b> (Congregational Life & Worship) <b>7:00 Trustees</b>	<b>6</b> <b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines	<b>7</b> NOON <i>Youthful Spirits @ Dawndi's</i> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>8</b> <b>8:00 – 10:00</b> Venango County Services meeting – Moorhead Hall	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>8:30</b> Women's Prayer breakfast @ King's <b>9:30</b> O A <b>6:00 Mother-Daughter Banquet</b> – Moorhead Hall <i>followed by entertainment in sanctuary</i>
<b>11</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> <b>9:30</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship	<b>12</b> <b>6:15 Session</b>	<b>13</b> <b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines	<b>14</b> <b>10:00 Quilting @</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous <b>1:00</b> Betty Siefer's graveside service at Franklin Cemetery
<b>18</b> <b>9:30</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship <b>5:30</b> Boy Scouts – Court of Honor (Moorhead Hall)	<b>19</b> <b>6:30 Christian Education</b> <b>6:30 Missions &amp; Outreach</b>	<b>20</b> <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous
<b>25</b> <b>9:30</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship	<b>26</b> <i>MEMORIAL DAY</i>	<b>27</b> <b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines	<b>28</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous