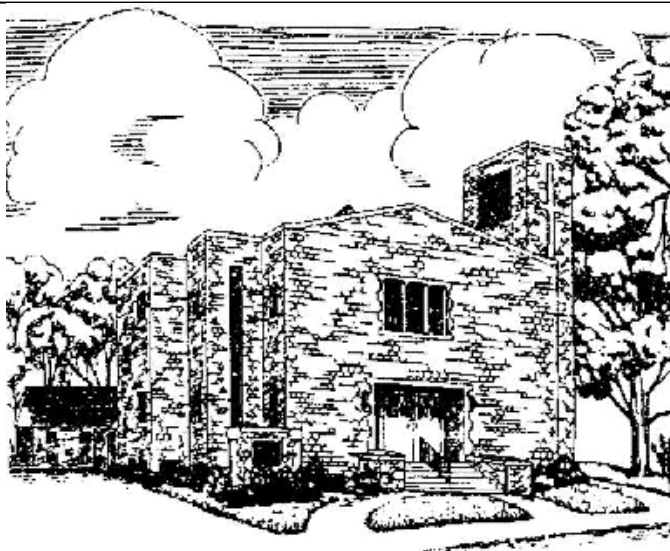




SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

October 2014

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

Mike Burkhardt, Organist

Church Office Hours:

Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

From the Pastor's Study

Dear RGAPC family and friends,

On October 5th, Christian congregations in many nations will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Initiated in 1933 by the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, it was adopted by the United Presbyterian Church in 1936. Within 20 years, churches around the war-weary globe were embracing World Communion Sunday as a deeply-needed reminder that despite national conflicts and beyond all human endeavor, we find true unity only in Christ.

I must confess: sometimes true unity seems like a distant dream, especially in light of the serious conversations we've been having about denominational issues. But when I study God's Word and consider church history, I find that in almost every age God's people have had serious conversations about serious differences. And you might think this is peculiar, but I actually find that reassuring.

Given the fact that great saints of the church – Peter and Paul and Augustine and Luther and Calvin and Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King Jr (to name just a few) -- struggled to work through serious issues of faith and practice in their time, we do not need to be discouraged or distressed to find ourselves struggling with serious issues of faith and practice in our own day.

In less than two weeks (on October 12th) active members of RGAPC will be asked to vote whether to remain with the PC(USA) or to join a different Presbyterian denomination called ECO (the option recommended by Session). Some people have deep feelings and deep convictions about this, while others are still unsure.

Friends, the future health and growth of this congregation depends far, far less on what is decided, than on the way we treat one another during the decision-making process and in the months to come. Let us listen deeply, express our own thoughts with care, and in all things treat one another with gentleness and respect. Those are the kind of things that demonstrate true unity in Christ. Those are the kind of things that will bear witness to our community that no matter what denomination we belong to, we are first and last and most importantly servants of Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners.

With Love in the Lord, Pastor Sue

RGAPC Financial Information

	August 2014	Year to Date
Income – Envelope Giving	\$ 8,866.00	\$ 56,667.15
Presby Foundation Interest		1,725.08
Other Sources	32,104.64	34,897.19
Expenses	- 7,544.10	- 71,609.88
Difference	\$ 33,426.54	\$ 21,679.54

September detailed financial reports will be available in the narthex beginning the second Sunday of October.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for my college scholarship to help with expenses for my junior year at Clarion University where I am majoring in Business Administration. I really appreciate it. In Christian love,

Ernie (Pellow)

The actual card is on bulletin board at bottom of stairway leading to balcony.

Thank you to all who remembered me on my 90th birthday and sent a card. I was and am pleasantly overwhelmed.

Bernie Speth

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

October 5, 6:30 p.m. – FREE CONCERT – Dan Schall in concert at Galloway Methodist Church, 196 Seysler Road, Franklin.

October 6, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – BARN PARTY & HAYRIDE Additional information may be found on a bulletin board poster.

**DO NOT BE AFRAID OF WHAT THE FUTURE MAY BRING;
GOD IS ALREADY THERE.**

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



SERVANTS FOR OCTOBER

- Hospital Visits:** Linda Zeller & Phyllis Wetzel
- Worship Leader:** Wayne Edmondson
- Ushers:** Bob Alden, Jill Alden, Debbie Dunlap,
John Klinger and George Wielandt
- Greeters:** 5 Doris Feather & Rhonda Rust
12 Jim & Judy Sandok
19 Lois Pierce & Linda Zeller
26 Nancy & Aaron Weltner
- Acolyte:** 5 Communion
12 Doug Songer
19 Eli Moreland
26 Lillian Songer
- Counters:** 5 To Be Announced
12 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen
19 Wayne Edmondson & George Wielandt
26 Joyce Pellow & Lois Pierce
- Children's Church:** Malinda Lukers & Sarah Speth (10/5/14)
Kevin Songer & Diane Whitman
(10/12/14 thru 11/02/14)

Several craft items are unaccounted for, and one was to be returned to the owner if not sold. Anyone with information should contact Marge Sheffer or Doris Feather.

A REVIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN SPIRIT AMONG CHURCH MEMBERS WOULD SOLVE MANY CHURCH PROBLEMS.

OCTOBER
Birthdays



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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

Wednesday, October 1st @ noon – YOUTHFUL SPIRITS – Men and women of any age will gather for food and fellowship at *Primo Barone's*, 1564 Airport Road. Melanie McGinnis will be the hostess; please inform her (374-4794) by September 29th if you plan to attend. Watch the Sunday bulletins for information on the November 5th gathering to be hosted by Rhonda Rust.

Saturday, October 11th @ 6:00 p.m. – COLUMBUS DAY dinner – We will once again enjoy a *mystery dinner!!!!* The Congregational Life & Worship team will be providing the meal and serving it to you. The only hard part for those in attendance is to decipher the menu (as it will be GREEK to most) and possibly eating it with no utensil. If you have never experienced a mystery dinner, you won't want to miss this event.

Saturday, October 18th – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Moorhead Hall - Come experience the *FALL VENDOR FAIR*. The Missions & Outreach team will be hosting this event. Numerous vendors will be displaying and selling their wares. Watch for more info in next month's issue and future bulletins.

MISSIONFEST 2014 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 2014.

Missionfest 2014 proceeds:

GARAGE SALE	\$888.43
BAKE SALE	817.38
SILENT AUCTION	570.00
HOT SAUSAGE	250.46
CRAFTS	254.50
BOOK STORE	181.21
POP, WATER & CHIPS	220.00
HOT DOGS	150.00
OLD & PRECIOUS	157.51
KIDS' KINGDOM	122.92
FRENCH FRIES	122.50
COTTON CANDY	37.00
LEMON SHAKES	68.90
COFFEE, DONUTS, etc.	51.40
CONGREGATIONAL GIVING & DONATIONS	948.78
PINE VALLEY BOYS LOVE OFFERING	200.00
TRANSFER FROM BENEVOLENCE 12/31/13	400.66
PURCHASE OF NEW GRIDDLE	- 943.65
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES (includes love offering)	- 451.90
<i>NET PROFIT TOTAL</i>	<i>\$4,046.10</i>
2013 DESIGNATED FOR 2014 START UP	\$304.19
<i>TOTAL PROCEEDS FOR DISTRIBUTION</i>	<i>\$4,350.29</i>
DESIGNATED FOR 2015 START UP	\$214.10
FUTURE WORK TRIPS	\$428.19
RECIPIENT DISTRIBUTION	\$3,708.00

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday, October 12, 11:30 AM

The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation to take place in the sanctuary on Sunday 12 October 2014 immediately following worship. This will be a shortened service so the meeting is expected to begin at approximately 11:30 AM. The purpose of the meeting is for a final vote on whether to request that the Presbytery of Lake Erie dismiss RGAPC from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to a different Reformed denomination under the favorable terms of a dismissal agreement negotiated with the presbytery Resolution Team.

For information: The Session is recommending that if RGAPC votes in favor of leaving the PC(USA), that we join ECO (A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) as the best fit for our congregation. At least 1/3 of our active members -- that is, at least 43 members -- must attend the meeting in order for the vote to take place, and, at least 75% of those who vote must be in favor of dismissal for the motion to pass. The PC(USA) does not allow proxy voting or absentee ballots for matters requiring decision at a congregational meeting, so if you need transportation please contact the church office as soon as possible.

At the meeting on 12 October church members will also be asked to approve a temporary delay of up to 3 months in our normal time-frames for nominating, electing, training and installing church officers, while the question of our future denominational affiliation is settled.

For further information: Church members on the active roll should refer to the letter mailed them on September 8, explaining the reasons for seeking dismissal and providing an overview of ECO. A detailed summary of the proposed favorable financial terms of dismissal was provided during information meetings on 21 and 24 September. Specifics will not be published in the newsletter until after they are approved by the congregation. If you need to have copies of any of those materials, or would like a copy of ECO's "Essential Tenets," please contact the church office.

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – September 15, 2014:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 11 Aug 2014.
 - The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 24 Aug 2014.
 - The minutes of the Special Session Meeting of 7 Sep 2014.
 - The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 31 Aug 2014 and the following Treasurer's reports: the checking account summary, the budget year-to-date figures and the Financial Report for August 2014.
 - Received the minutes of the Congregational Life and Worship Ministry Team meeting on 8 Sep 2014, the Missions and Outreach Ministry Team meeting on 25 Aug 2014, the Trustee's meeting on 8 Sep 2014, and the Administrative Activity Report 11 Aug 2014 through 15 Sep 2014.
 - Rev. Sue Nageotte's request for vacation from 27 Oct 2014 through 1 Nov 2014.
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LOST & FOUND

An item of some value was found after church on Sunday, August 31st. It may be claimed in the church office by giving a description of the item and where you might have lost it. Thank you.

A grapevine wreath with Thanksgiving décor and 2 American flags were left in Moorhead Hall. They may be claimed in the office.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE

Fathers give daughters away to other men who aren't good enough, so they can have grandchildren who are smarter than anybody else's.

During the pastor's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Tommy whatever made you do such a thing?" Tommy answered soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!"

Distribution to recipients will be as follows:

ABC Pregnancy Center	\$618.00
Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center	\$618.00
World Gospel Mission – Jim & Alice Vanderhoof	\$618.00
Child Evangelism Fellowship	\$309.00
Camping Assn. of Presbyteries of N/W PA	\$309.00
Fishermen's Network	\$309.00
One Mission Society – Joetta Lehman	\$309.00
United World Mission – Robert & Nina Bruneau	\$309.00
Venango Youth for Christ	\$309.00
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$3,708.00

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
	2014 - \$4,046.10



OCTOBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> 6:30 Bible Study	2 6:30 Deacons Meeting	3	4 8:30 Men's Prayer breakfast @ King's 9:30 O A
5 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 World Communion 4:00 Open meeting with Presbytery Resolution Team 5:30 Boy Scouts	6 6:00 CLAW (Congregational Life & Worship) 7:00 Trustees 7:15 Special Session meeting	7 6:30 Sweet Adelines	8 6:30 Bible Study	9 8:00 – 10:00 Venango County Services meeting – Moorhead Hall	10	11 8:30 Women's Prayer breakfast @ King's 9:30 O A
12 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 11:30 Congregational Meeting to vote on dismissal	13 <i>Columbus Day</i> 6:15 Session	14 6:30 Sweet Adelines	15 6:30 Bible Study	16	17 6:00 Set up for Vendor Fair	18 9 – 2 Vendor Fair 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 6:00 Columbus Day Mystery Dinner
19 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	20 6:30 Christian Education NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 6:30 Sweet Adelines	22 6:30 Bible Study	23	24	25 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
26 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	27 6:30 Missions & Outreach	28 6:30 Sweet Adelines	29 6:30 Bible Study	30	31 Trunk or Treat – Rocky Grove Firehall	