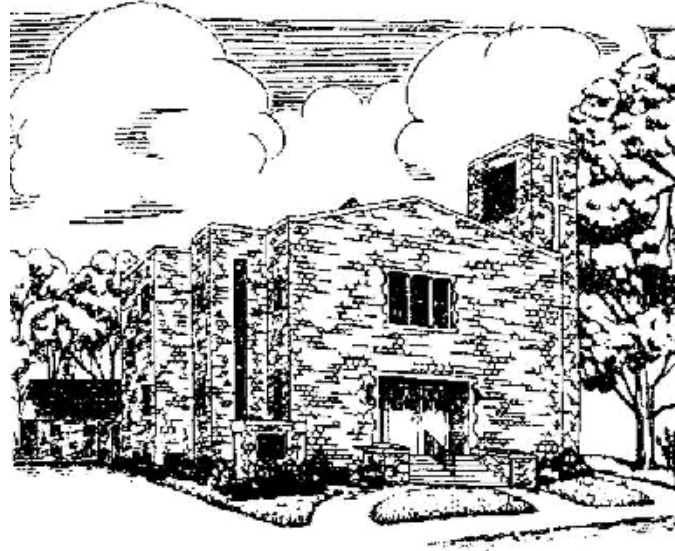


# SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

## November 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

Mike Burkhardt, Organist

Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

*Church Office Hours:*

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

## From the Pastor's Study

Dear RGAPC Family and Friends

Thanksgiving Day is just around the corner - a day when most of us will give thanks to God for the many blessings poured out to us. At its core, Thanksgiving is a harvest festival -- and there is nothing wrong with that. Jesus often used the metaphor of harvest in his parables because it was familiar to all his listeners.

The word "HARVEST" is both a verb and a noun; it describes both the effort and the yield. Harvest is a time of intense activity, great rejoicing and fervent thanks to God who causes seeds to sprout and grow and ripen. In America today, few people feel a deep connection with harvest metaphors and parables, because the watching, waiting, preparation, urgency, effort, joy - and, yes, the relief! - of the harvest lie outside our usual experience. And yet, each follower of Christ is, in fact, called to be a harvest worker.

In Luke Ch 10, Jesus is headed for Jerusalem where he knows he will be arrested and crucified. He sends seventy-two of his disciples "two by two ahead of him into every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." I have no doubt that those 72 men and women did ask God to send help! But they themselves did not stand waiting to see who would show up, sign up, step up. Instead, each of them went out just as Jesus commanded. They had no evangelism manuals, no mentoring programs - they just heard the call and went.

Dear friends, every time we here at RGAPC (or any other part of the Body of Christ) work together on mission and ministry activities, every time we tell someone about God's goodness and the difference that Jesus has made in our lives, every time we give food to the hungry and cold, every time we invite a neighbor to worship with us, we are at work in the harvest fields of the Lord.

May the Spirit of God equip, guide and strengthen us all to be fruitful followers of Jesus Christ; and may the Lord God bless each of us with true joy in his service. Happy Thanksgiving!

### RGAPC Financial Information

	September 2014	Year to Date
Income – Envelope Giving	\$ 5,524.00	\$ 62,191.15
Presby Foundation Interest		1,725.08
Other Sources	605.09	35,502.28
Expenses	- 32,529.78	-104,139.66
Difference	- \$ 26,400.69	- \$ 4,721.15

*Detailed **October** financial reports will be available  
in the narthex beginning the second Sunday of November.*

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**Operation Christmas Child:** Filled shoeboxes for the ministry of Samaritan's Purse will be collected through November 16th. (However, it is requested that all try to meet the deadline of November 9<sup>th</sup>.) The shoe boxes along with the message of Jesus Christ will be 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).

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### THANK YOU

Dear Ones,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, nice stationery and stamps. You are in my thoughts and prayers daily. *Joyce (Riddle)*

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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!**

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## SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER

- Hospital Visits:** Judy Ream & Don Yount
- Worship Leader:** Wayne Edmondson
- Ushers:** Jim Clinefelter, Doris Feather, Lois Pierce,  
Rhonda Rust, Diane Whitman & Wayne  
Edmondson (substitute)
- Greeters:** 2 Don & Doris Yount  
9 The Speths  
16 Denny & Melanie McGinnis  
23 The Songers  
30 Samantha & James Hoffman
- Acolyte:** 2 Arika Songer  
9 Carson Whitling  
16 James Hoffman  
23 COMMUNION  
30 ADVENT
- Counters:** 2 Wayne Edmondson & Joyce Pellow  
9 Don Yount & another elder  
16 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen  
23 Wayne Edmondson & Joyce Pellow  
30 Wayne Edmondson & Lois Pierce
- Children's Church:** Kevin Songer & Diane Whitman (11/02/14)  
Jim & Sarah Speth (11/09 & 11/16/14)

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### LOST & FOUND

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

Flo Albright has reported the loss of a ring, and Cheri Mortimer has reported that she lost an earring recently. If either is found, please check with Flo or Cheri as it may possibly be one of theirs.

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

**NOVEMBER**  
**Birthdays**



1	Ellen Gierlach	15	Dennis McGinnis
5	Carson Whitling (2005)	16	Jim Sandok
6	Sam Alden	16	George Wielandt
9	Jean Weller	17	Harold Bell
9	Gene Sheffer	20	Jesse Harvey (1997)
10	Don Young	22	Edith Richards
10	Margaret Wielandt	23	Oliver Feather (2011)
11	Joan Partridge	23	Arika Songer
13	Emily DeLong (2013)	26	Todd Wetjen
15	Bob Alden	27	Joyce Wetjen

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**VENTURING CREW TO START AT RGAPC**

The Boy Scouts of America is launching a new "Venturing" program for young men and women, ages 14 to 21. Venturing Crew participants develop leadership skills while engaging in a variety of outdoor activities which can include canoeing, backpacking, rock climbing, and camping, along with opportunities to help in community service projects.

This is the first Venturing Crew in Venango County. For additional information, come to the "information and sign up" meeting in the RGAPC Youth Room on Sunday, November 9th, from 5:30 to 7 PM, or, visit [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/venturing.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/venturing.aspx)

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**ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

***Don't forget to vote. Your vote does count!***

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Before Thanksgiving a Minnesota teacher asked her first grade pupils what they had to be thankful for. "I am thankful," said a sharp little boy, "that I am not a turkey!"



## **Soup Luncheon and Chili Cook-off November 16, 2014**

On Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a hearty luncheon with a variety of different soups, and, of course, the **Chili Cook-Off** – this being the 8<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 has ended, 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 & 2013!

*NOTE: If the Nominating Committee has filled the slate of officers for 2015 and the Stewardship Ministry Team has completed work on the budget for 2015, there will be a meeting of the congregation after worship and before the luncheon for the purpose of electing elders, deacons and trustees to fill vacancies occurring at end of year due to normal rotation.*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC**

**Sunday, November 2, 2014** - A Harvest Costume Party will be held, during the worship service. Parents are encouraged to dress their children in appropriate costumes. This event will be for children who are not in junior or senior high, but children who are in junior and senior high are welcome to help with the event. Please contact Diane Whitman or Wayne Edmondson if you have any questions.

**Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> @ noon – YOUTHFUL SPIRITS** – Men and women of any age will gather for food and fellowship at **Dawndi's**, 136 Warren Road. Rhonda Rust will be the hostess; please inform her (437-2831) by November 3<sup>rd</sup> if you plan to attend. Watch the Sunday bulletins for information on the December 3<sup>rd</sup> gathering to be hosted by Grace Gibbons.

**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** - Luncheon and **CHILI COOK-OFF**. See article elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Friday, November 21, 6:00 p.m. - Saturday, November 22, 11:00 a.m.** - A sleep-over will be held at the church for children, from first through twelfth grades. Please contact Diane Whitman or Wayne Edmondson if you have any questions.

**Saturday, November 29, 10:00 a.m. – HANGING OF THE GREENS**

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m. – Christmas Dinner** - Linda Lou's Restaurant, 633 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Franklin. Watch Sunday bulletins for more information and reservation form.

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** - A spaghetti dinner is being planned. Details will be announced later; watch Sunday bulletins. Money made from this dinner will go towards church camp fees for children in 2015.

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The item of some value that was found after church on Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> was a \$10 bill. Since it was not claimed, it has been deposited into the checking account and designated for Current Expenses.

## FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions from the Session Meeting – October 13, 2014:

- Minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 15 Sep 2014 with four minor corrections.
- Minutes of the Special Session Meetings of 5 and 6 Oct 2014.
- Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 30 Sep 2014 and the following Treasurer's reports: the checking account summary, the budget year-to-date figures and the Financial Report for September 2014.
- Accepted, with deep regret, resignations of Joan Lepley and John Klinger from the PC(USA) and RGAPC; letters to be sent expressing our deep regret and that we understand their positions. Note: the letters will also indicate we gladly welcome them to continue in worship & fellowship of the congregation even though they are no longer active members.
- Received the minutes of the Christian Education Ministry Team minutes of 22 Sep 2014, Congregational Life and Worship Ministry Team meeting of 6 Oct 2014, Missions and Outreach Ministry Team meeting of 29 Sep 2014 and Trustees' meeting of 6 Oct 2014; the report on the Presbytery Meeting of 16 Sep 2014; and the 15 Sep 2014 through 13 Oct 2014 Report on Administrative Activity.

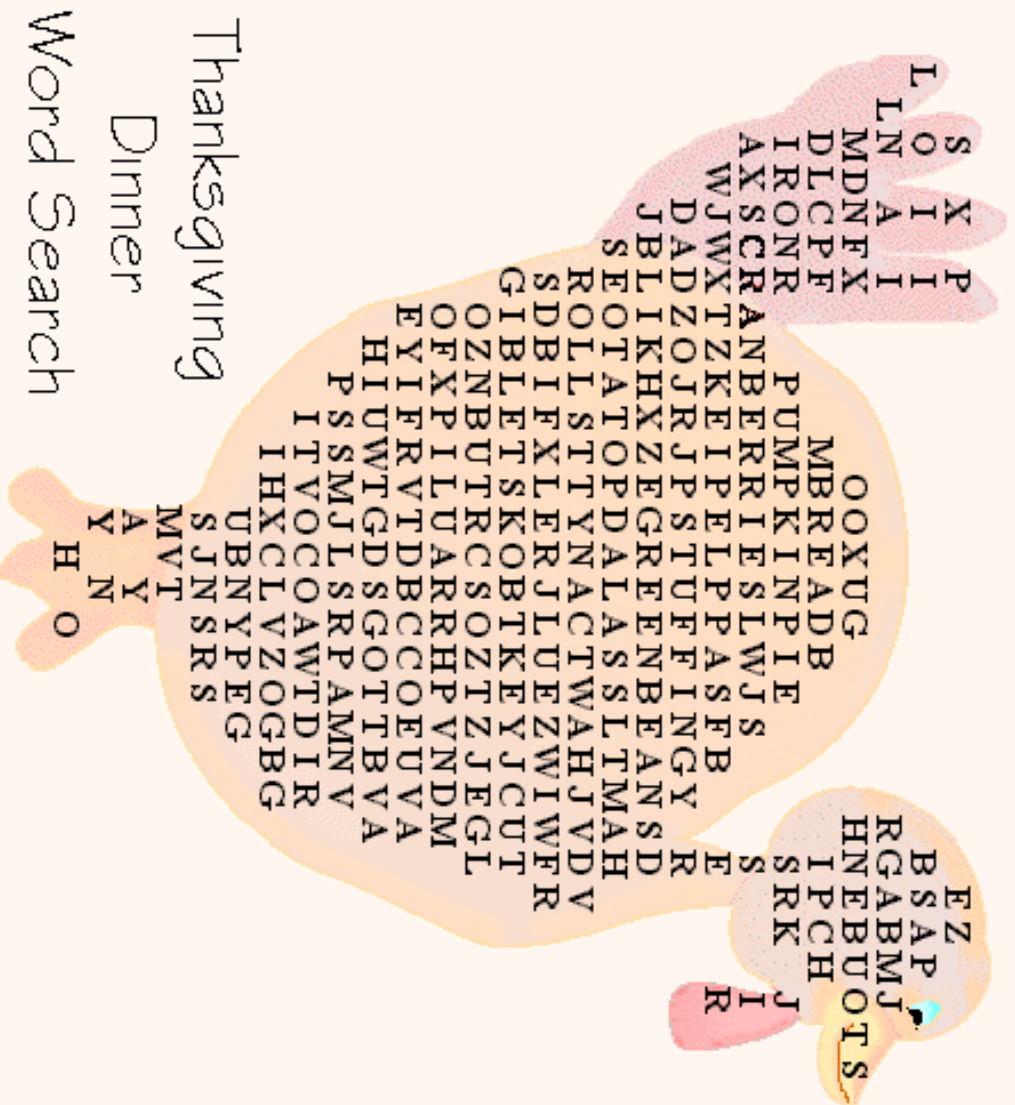


## MISSIONS CORNER:

The **Fall Harvest Vendor Fair** was held on October 18<sup>th</sup> in Moorhead Hall. Sixteen (16) vendors participated. \$55.50 was made on the Silent Auction, \$370.00 on table rentals and \$265.00 by selling hot dogs, chips, water, pop, cookies and Clark's donuts. A total of \$690.50 will go into Missions to support projects throughout the world proclaim that "He is Lord" Thanks be to God



**William L. "Bill" McCauley passed away on September 26, 2014. He is survived by his dear wife of 68+ years, Lorraine, and two sons: Roger and his wife, Ann, and Michael and his wife, Patty. Also surviving are three grandchildren: Mary Ann McCauley, Ellen Shidemantle and her husband Brian, and Josh McCauley. Bill and Lorraine have been members of RGAPC since April 1963; their names will be placed on the 50-year member plaque in 2015.**



- apple pie
- bread
- corn
- cranberries
- dressing
- giblets
- gravy
- green beans
- ham
- peas
- potatoes
- pumpkin pie
- rolls
- salad
- stuffing
- sweet potatoes
- turkey
- yams

Thanksgiving

Dinner

Word Search





# NOVEMBER 2014



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>Hopefully, you didn't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 1st!</p>						<b>1</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>2</b> <i>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship (with Costume Party during worship) 5:30 Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 6:00 CLAW (Congregational Life & Worship) 7:00 Trustees	<b>4</b> <hr/> <b>ELECTION DAY</b> <hr/>	<b>5</b> Noon <i>Youthful Spirits @ Dawndi's</i> 6:30 Bible Study	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:30 Women's Prayer breakfast @ King's 9:30 O A
<b>9</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship 5:30 Sign-ups for Scouting – Youth Room	<b>10</b> 6:15 Session	<b>11</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines	<b>12</b> 6:30 Bible Study	<b>13</b> 8:00 – 10:00 Venango County Services meeting – Moorhead Hall	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 O A 10:00 Presbytery meeting @ OC 1 <sup>st</sup> 1:00 Emily DeLong's party in Youth Room
<b>16</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Noon Chili Cook-Off & Soup Luncheon 5:30 Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> 6:30 Christian Education	<b>18</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines	<b>19</b> 6:30 Bible Study	<b>20</b> <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	<b>21</b> 6:00 <i>Youth Sleepover begins</i>	<b>22</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 11:00 <i>Youth Sleepover ends</i>
<b>23</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Communion – Christ the King Sunday 5:30 Boy Scouts – Moorhead Hall	<b>24</b> 6:30 Missions & Outreach	<b>25</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 "Hanging of the Greens"
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