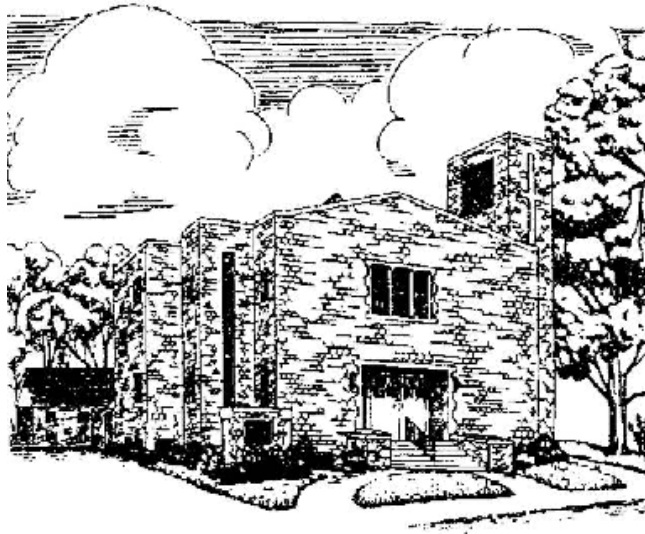


MARCH

2015



"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:

In the book *"When God Whispers Your Name"* Christian author Max Lucado tells a story that came to him from a friend who heard it from a friend who heard it from who knows who. Seems a fellow is shopping at a commissary on a military base. He doesn't need much; just some coffee and a loaf of bread. He's standing in line at the checkout counter. Behind him is a woman with her cart full to overflowing with groceries, clothing – even a VCR.

When the man's turn comes, he steps up to the register. The clerk invites him to pull a piece of paper out of a fishbowl, saying, "If you pull out the correct slip, then your entire purchase is free."

"How many 'correct slips' are there?" asks the buyer.

"Only one," she replies. The bowl is so full the chances are slim, but the fellow tries anyway; and wouldn't you know it, he gets the winning ticket! Then he realizes he is only buying coffee and bread. What a waste. But this fellow is quick. He turns to the lady behind him – the one with the cart full of stuff – and proclaims, "Look at this, Honey! We won! We don't have to pay a penny!"

She stares at him uncertainly. He waves the slip and winks at her. And somehow, she has the presence of mind to play along. She steps up beside him, puts his arm through his and smiles. And for a moment they stand side by side, wedded in good fortune. In the parking lot she crowns their temporary union by giving him a big hug, and goes on her way with a grand story to tell her friends.

I know, I know. What they did was a bit shady. He shouldn't have lied, and she shouldn't have pretended. But it's still a wonderful story. And it's a story not too distant from our own. We, too, have been given an unexpected gift – a gift even greater than that received by the woman in the commissary. Though her debt would have been great, she could pay it. We can't begin to pay ours.

We, like that woman, have had our debt marked "Paid in Full." Not at the checkout counter, but at the judgment seat of God, through the mercy of Christ. May this wonderful truth fill your heart and lift your spirits, today and every day . . . and don't forget to share this grand story with your friends!

Love in Christ, *Pastor Sue*

RGAPC Financial Information

	January 2015	Year to Date
Income — Envelope Giving	\$ 3,827.00	\$ 3,827.00
Presby Foundation Interest	+ 416.88	+ 416.88
Other Sources	+ 640.18	+ 640.18
Expenses	<u>-8,691.26</u>	<u>-8,691.26</u>
Difference	-\$3,807.20	-\$3,807.20

*Detailed **February** financial reports should be available
in the narthex beginning the second Sunday of March.*



MARCH Birthdays

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| 1 Lorraine McCauley | 23 Linda Harman |
| 4 Aaron Wetjen (9) | Karen Richards |
| Molly Whitling | 26 Dave Christian |
| 5 Rosie Odier | 27 Eleanore Moffitt |
| 6 Kevin Songer | 28 Levi Maddox Griffin (1) |
| 8 Bryce David Beightol (2) | 29 Ernest Pellow |
| 10 Rodney Zeller | Renee Feather |
| 13 Stephen Feather, II | 30 John Dumbleton |
| Brenda Holt | 31 Jill Alden |
| 19 Mabel Mong | |
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Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th of each month or risk being omitted from the next month's publication.



SERVANTS FOR MARCH

<u>Hospital Visits:</u>	Joyce Pellow & a Deacon
<u>Worship Leader:</u>	Wayne Edmondson & Jim Sandok
<u>Ushers:</u>	Kennedy Hartman, Konner Hartman, Linda Hartman, Reagan Hartman & Rhonda Rust
<u>Greeters:</u>	1 John & Mary Jo Dumbleton 8 Jim & Judy Sandok 15 Don & Doris Yount 22 Dave & Linda Christian 29 Jim & Flo Albright
<u>Acolyte:</u>	1 Jackson Lukers 8 Hanna Wielandt 15 Doug Songer 22 TO BE ANNOUNCED 29 Lillian Songer

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF LIFE:

The teacher asked, "Can anyone give me a good example of how heat expands things and cold contracts them?"
"Well," one alert pupil answered, "the days are much longer in the summer."



Don't forget to change your clocks upon retiring Saturday evening, March 7th, so as to be on time for Sunday School and/or church Sunday morning, March 8th!!!!



The Deacons have made arrangements for memorial flowers on Easter Sunday. The price is \$7.00 for each plant. Orders with payment should be received by Sunday, March 15, 2015. Please complete the form below and send to Rhonda Rust, 87 Prospect Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323, or place in the offering plate.

Please include a check for \$7.00 per plant payable to 'RGAPC - Deacon's Fund'

In memory of _____

Given by _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

_____ Hyacinth \$7.00 each Total \$ _____

_____ Tulip \$7.00 each Total \$ _____

_____ Lily \$7.00 each Total \$ _____

_____ Daffodils \$7.00 each Total \$ _____

Total Paid \$ _____

Note: Color of tulips and hyacinths - discretion of the florist

_____ I do not wish to pick up my flowers on Easter Sunday and would like it to be given to a shut-in.

_____ I will pick up my flowers.

All orders must be received by Sunday, March 15, 2015.

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions – February 11, 2015, Session Meeting:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 12 Jan 2015.
- The ordination and installation of Linda Christian to the office of Deacon for a three year term.
- The installation of Wayne Edmondson to the office of Elder for a one year term.
- The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 31 Jan 2015 and the following Treasurer's reports: Checking Account Summary, Year-to-Date Budget & January 2015 Financial Report.
- The transfer of \$4,500.00 from the Horizon investment account into the current fund (checking account).
- All expenditures over \$25 except salaries, utilities, taxes, snow removal, copier maintenance and custodial supplies (with a \$100 per month limit) must be approved by Session.
- Received minutes of the Christian Education Ministry Team meeting of 26 Jan 2015, the Congregational Life and Worship Ministry Team meeting of 9 Feb 2015, and the Trustees meeting of 2 Feb 2015.
- The 2014 Session Statistical Report.
- Accepted, with deep regret, notices from Jill Alden, Jim Clinefelter, John Henderson, Joyce Pellow and Joe Tatarek stating that they have declined to be installed as Ruling Elders.
- Accepted, with deep regret, a letter from George Wielandt stating he has resigned from his position as a current serving Elder.
- Accepted, with deep regret, resignation from Amy Tatarek from the position as Assistant Financial Secretary.
- Accepted, with deep regret, resignations from membership from John and Vicki Henderson, Richard and Cheryn Mortimer, and Joe and Amy Tatarek. No letters of transfer were requested.
- Set the quorum for the ministry team and committee meetings, as the moderator plus two other team members.
- Pastor Sue's request for Study Leave for Mediation Skills Training from 11 through 17 May 2015.
- A request from the Franklin Women's AA Group for use of Moorhead Hall on Wednesday evenings, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., on a donation basis, to start on a date to be determined by them.

MISSIONS CORNER:

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering will be taken again this year during Lent (Ash Wednesday, February 18th, through Easter, April 5th). OGHS supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Hunger Program. Envelopes for your donations will be available in the pews (as soon as they arrive since they are running late) as well as in the April Sonshine Newsletter. Please consider giving to this worthy cause to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

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The ***Souper Bowl of Caring*** offering taken Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, totaled **\$94.00**. The recipient again this year as selected by the Mission & Outreach Ministry Team is Community Services of Venango County with the designation that it is used to stock the food pantry at the Rocky Grove facility on Parker Avenue. Thank you for your support.

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Used cell phones (working or not) are still being collected 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.

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The Mission & Outreach Ministry Team has lost many of its former members due to health, etc. If you can spare a little time, please consider attending the meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:30 in the Downstairs Classroom. Mission is a vital part of who we are and what we are called to do in this world in the name of Jesus Christ. Wayne Edmondson is the new moderator.

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**Rita Heald and her husband, Chuck, have moved to an assisted living facility in Ohio. Their new address is: Apt. 305, Emeritus at Chestnut Hill, 5055 Thompson Road, Columbus, OH 43230. She reports that they are doing well.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC**

**Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** – Men and women with *YOUTHFUL SPIRITS* gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun at **the church**. Make your reservation with Lois Pierce or leave a message at 437-3653 by 3/2/15. All are welcome!! Lois will be preparing our soup luncheon. Next month's gathering will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> hosted by Doris Feather. Watch Sunday bulletins for additional information.

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.** – 40 Days of Prayer service in the sanctuary to pray for Health Care Workers.

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** - *Women's Prayer Breakfast*

This event has been cancelled the past two months, so the March gathering is really something to which all are looking forward. Come join the women of RGAPC for breakfast the second Saturday of the month at King's Family Restaurant on Allegheny Blvd. at 8:30 a.m. Devotions, prayer and fellowship abound.

**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.** – *"Spring Thing"* –

There will be a potluck dinner in Moorhead Hall. Please sign up on the posted sheets on the bulletin boards. Let's celebrate the arrival of spring in this "old fashioned" way!



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If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, please contact Rhonda Rust at 437-2831 or the church office – 432-4162

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Don't forget to change your clocks upon retiring Saturday evening, March 7<sup>th</sup>, so as to be on time for Sunday School and/or church Sunday morning, March 8<sup>th</sup>!!!!

*We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Bernard "Bernie" Clair Speth who went home to be with our Lord on January 19<sup>th</sup>.*

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## THANK YOU

The family of Bernard C. “Bernie” Speth wishes to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers, flowers and sheaf of wheat following the passing of their loved one on January 19th.

I want to thank the Deacons for the nice Valentine greeting.

*Carol Rough*

Friends at RGAPC,

Thank you for your gift of flowers and the visits from Pastor Sue. Your kindness is a blessing.

*Jean Weller*

Dear Friends,

We thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas you provided for a family at our center. Sometimes God just prompts you to go above and beyond and we never know exactly why; but, you certainly hit a homerun! Thank you for caring and giving!

*Robyn & ABC Life Center*

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**Children's Church during the worship service has been cancelled indefinitely. Children will need to return to their parents or grandparents after the Time with the Young Disciples.**

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**The RGAPC Camp Scholarship applications are now available in the “Scholarships” mailbox opposite the church office door. Please return the completed forms to this same mailbox by March 22, 2015.**



*MARCH 2015*



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                            | MONDAY                                               | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                                                  | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                      | THURSDAY                             | FRIDAY                                                                                        | SATURDAY                                                                                                  |
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| <b>1</b><br><b>9:30</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:45</b> Worship<br><b>5:30</b> Boy Scouts                                           | <b>2</b><br><b>6:00 CLAW</b><br><b>7:00 Trustees</b> | <b>3</b><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet<br>Adelines<br>practice                                                                                                                    | <b>4</b><br><b>Noon</b><br><i>Youthful Spirits</i><br>@ RGAPC<br><br><b>6:30 Bible Study</b>                   | <b>5</b>                             | <b>6</b><br><b>7:00 “40 Days of Prayer” service</b><br><i>to pray for health care workers</i> | <b>7</b><br><b>9:30</b> Overeaters<br>Anonymous                                                           |
| <b>8</b><br><b>9:30</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:45</b> Worship<br><b>5:30</b> Boy Scouts<br><br><i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i> | <b>9</b><br><br><b>6:15 Session</b>                  | <b>10</b><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet<br>Adelines<br>practice                                                                                                                   | <b>11</b><br><br><b>10:00</b> Quilting @ 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Presbyterian<br>resumes<br><b>6:30 Bible Study</b> | <b>12</b>                            | <b>13</b><br><br><i>FRIDAY</i><br><i>THE 13<sup>TH</sup></i>                                  | <b>14</b><br><b>8:30</b> Women’s<br>breakfast @ King’s<br><b>9:30</b> Overeaters<br>Anonymous             |
| <b>15</b><br><b>9:30</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:45</b> Worship<br><b>5:30</b> Boy Scouts                                          | <b>16</b><br><br><b>6:30 Christian Education</b>     | <b>17</b><br> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i><br><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet<br>Adelines<br>practice | <b>18</b><br><br><b>6:30</b> Shepherds’<br>meeting                                                             | <b>19</b>                            | <b>20</b><br><i>Spring begins</i><br><br><i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>                           | <b>21</b><br><b>9:30</b> Overeaters<br>Anonymous<br><b>6:00</b> <i>Spring Thing</i><br>(“potluck” dinner) |
| <b>22</b><br><b>9:30</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:45</b> Worship                                                                    | <b>23</b><br><br><b>6:30 Missions &amp; Outreach</b> | <b>24</b><br><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet<br>Adelines<br>practice                                                                                                               | <b>25</b><br><br><b>6:30 Bible Study</b>                                                                       | <b>26</b><br><br><b>6:30 Deacons</b> | <b>27</b>                                                                                     | <b>28</b><br><b>9:30</b> Overeaters<br>Anonymous<br><b>1:00</b> Sarah DeLong -<br>use of Youth Room       |
| <b>29</b><br><b>9:30</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:45</b> Worship –<br><i>Palm Sunday</i>                                            | <b>30</b>                                            | <b>31</b><br><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet<br>Adelines<br>practice                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                |                                      |                                                                                               |                                                                                                           |