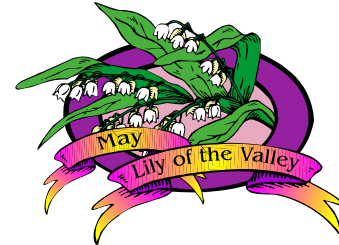
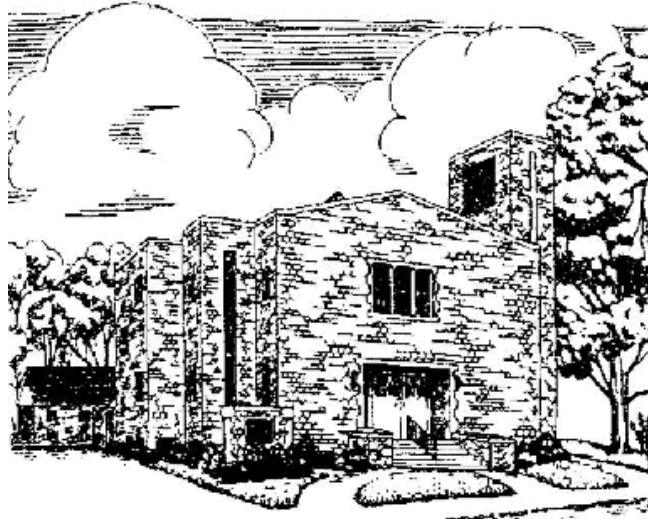


# *SONSHINE NEWSLETTER*

*May 2015*

*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*

Dear RGAPC family and friends,

Sometime during the last week of April, you should have received a mailing making you aware that I will be ending my ministry here on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Though we have faced a number of challenges in the last five years, we have also experienced many joys. Thank you for welcoming me to your community and into your lives. It has been an honor to serve as your pastor.

As explained in my letter dated April 23, it is important for you to know that after I depart I can no longer serve you in any pastoral capacity. That does not mean that I must cut off all ties and friendships, but I can no longer provide counsel, make hospital visits or officiate at weddings and funerals. Jim and I are planning to remain in Cochran, but I expect to spend a significant part of my summer in Ohio with my father. If you would like to visit with me before I leave, please contact me either through the church office (432-4162) or via my cell phone (758-5525).

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, and may the Lord grant you peace.  
Love in Christ, *Pastor Sue*

### God's Faithfulness

*by Annie Johnson Flint*

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 for each trial, help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

### RGAPC Financial Information

	<b>March 2015</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Income — Envelope Giving	\$ 4,327.00	\$ 11,177.00
Presby Foundation Interest		+ 416.88
Edward Jones Transfers		+ 10,000.00
Other Sources	+ 245.60	+ 1,250.85
Expenses	<u>- 8,288.93</u>	<u>- 24,911.98</u>
Difference	- \$ 3,716.33	- \$ 2,067.25

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

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## *MAY Birthdays*

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

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**Beginning June 7<sup>TH</sup>, we will return to our summer worship hour of 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday School during June, July and August.**  
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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 next month's publication.**

## SERVANTS FOR MAY

|                                |                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b><u>Hospital Visits:</u></b> | Linda Christian & Wayne Edmondson                                                                                                                        |
| <b><u>Worship Leader:</u></b>  | Wayne Edmondson & Jim Sandok                                                                                                                             |
| <b><u>Ushers:</u></b>          | Rhonda Rust, Brad Wetjen, Diane Whitman, Linda Zeller & <b>1 more needed</b><br><b>Substitutes:</b> Doris Feather, Grace Gibbons                         |
| <b><u>Greeters:</u></b>        | 3 Diane Whitman & Lillian Songer<br>10 The Hartmans<br>17 Brad & Joyce Wetjen<br>24 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED<br>31 Doris Feather & Rhonda Rust                  |
| <b><u>Acolyte:</u></b>         | 3 Hanna Wielandt<br>10 Doug Songer<br>17 Lillian Songer<br>24 COMMUNION<br>31 Arika Songer                                                               |
| <b><u>Counters:</u></b>        | 3 Jane Beach & Don Yount<br>10 Diane Whitman & another elder<br>17 Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller<br>24 Linda Hartman & Lois Pierce<br>31 TO BE DETERMINED |

~~~~~ Children's Church during the Sunday morning worship service has not been offered recently due to lack of volunteers and will not be offered during the summer months as in the past. However, if you would be willing to provide this service beginning in September, please see Wayne Edmondson or Diane Whitman, Elders on the Christian Education Ministry Team. (Curriculum materials are provided.) ~~~~~

### **MISSIONS CORNER:**

***One Great Hour of Sharing*** offering, which was collected during Lent, totaled \$141.00 and has been sent to aid those in need through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Hunger Program. Thanks to those who gave.  
P.S. Another \$15 was donated 4/12/15 and has also been forwarded. That brings the **grand total to \$156.00.**

### **FROM THE SESSION**

#### Approved Motions – April 13, 2015, Session Meeting:

- The installation of Grace Gibbons and Marge Sheffer to the office of Deacon for three year terms.
- The ordination of Diane Whitman and Linda Zeller to the office of Elder.
- The installation of Jane Beach and Linda Zeller to the office of Elder for three year terms, the installation of Linda Hartman to the office of Elder for a two year term, and the installation of Diane Whitman to the office of Elder for a one year term.
- The ordination and installation service for the new Elders and Deacons will take place during the worship service on Sunday 26 Apr 2015.
- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of 9 Mar 2015.
- The Financial Secretary's report for the period ending 31 Mar 2015 and the following Treasurer's reports: checking account summary, budget year-to-date figures and Financial Report for March 2015.
- Received the minutes of the Christian Education Ministry Team meeting of 23 Mar 2015, Congregational Life and Worship Ministry Team meeting of 8 Mar 2015, Missions and Outreach Ministry Team meeting of 23 Mar 2015, Trustees meeting of 6 Apr 2015, Shepherd's Committee meeting of 18 Mar 2015, and the Report on Administrative Activity 10 Mar through 13 Apr 2015.
- To order seventy-five (75) sets of offering envelopes for 2016.
- The transfer of up to \$4,000.00, as needed, from the Horizon investment account into the current fund by the treasurer.
- Accepted, with deep regret, resignations from membership from Harold and Sue Bell.
- Accepted, with deep regret, resignations from membership from Floyd and Debbie Dunlap.
- Pastor Sue's mileage expenses for March which totaled \$91.43.
- Pastor Sue to complete her current contract which ends 30 June 2015, but she will take her two weeks of earned vacation at the end of June so she will end her service here on 14 June.
- Rev. Bill Mills (the moderator of the Presbytery Committee on Ministry) will moderate the May Session meeting, and will find a new person to moderate Session meetings beginning in June and continuing until a change is required.

## 2015 Church Officers and Other Leaders

### Session Members:

Class of 2015: Wayne Edmondson, Lois Pierce, Diane Whitman

Class of 2016: Linda Hartman, Don Yount

Class of 2017: Jane Beach, Linda Zeller

Clerk of Session: Wayne Edmondson

### Session Members leading Ministry Teams: (Moderator listed first)

Christian Education: Wayne Edmondson & Diane Whitman

Congregational Life & Worship: Lois Pierce & Linda Zeller

Missions & Outreach: Diane Whitman & Jane Beach

Stewardship & Personnel: Linda Hartman & Don Yount

Nominating: Don Yount

### Board of Deacons:

Moderator: Doris Feather Secretary: Linda Christian

Class of 2015: Sheryl Clinefelter, Doris Feather

Class of 2016: Judy Ream, Phyllis Vogan

Class of 2017: Linda Christian, Grace Gibbons, Marge Sheffer

### Board of Trustees:

Moderator: John Dumbleton Secretary: Rhonda Rust

Class of 2015: Arnie Bish, John Dumbleton

Class of 2016: Rhonda Rust, Melanie McGinnis, Gene Sheffer

Class of 2017: David Christian, Kevin Songer

### Nominating Committee Members from the Congregation:

Janet Bish, Doris Feather, Melanie McGinnis,

Marge Sheffer and Linda Zeller

Church Treasurer: Rhonda Rust

Assistant Church Treasurer: Melanie McGinnis

Financial Secretary: Jim Clinefelter

Assistant Financial Secretary: Joyce Wetjen

Auditors: Doris Feather (2015)

Grace Gibbons (2016)

Elissa Stuttler (2017)

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*We acknowledge with gratitude the service of officers whose terms were completed at the end of 2014: Elders Wayne Edmondson, Joyce Wetjen and Phyllis Wetzel (Wayne elected to another 1-year term); Deacons Sarah DeLong and Linda Zeller; and Trustees Arnie Bish, Linda Hartman and Brad Wetjen (Arnie to remain another year).*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC**

**Wednesday, May 6<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 **Amazing Foods**, 1327 Elk Street. Make your reservation with Grace Gibbons or leave a message at 432-4388 by 5/3/15. All are welcome!! Next month's gathering will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup> hosted by Melanie McGinnis. Watch Sunday bulletins for additional information.

### **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** - *Women's Prayer Breakfast*

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, May 9<sup>th</sup>** – **6:00 p.m.** – ***MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER*** in Moorhead Hall. Reservations are due May 3<sup>rd</sup> for a buffet meal. The menu will include stuffed chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, country green beans, applesauce, roll, butter and dessert. A contest of "Guess Who's Who" will be our entertainment. Please give to Lois Pierce a picture of yourself as a baby or child in an envelope marked with your name. Only Lois will know who's who. Come join in the fun and fellowship as we celebrate mothers everywhere. Questions may be directed to Lois Pierce at 437-3653.

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### **Children's Sunday School**

The only class at present is for elementary school students, which is being taught **in the Youth Room** from 9:30 to 10:25 a.m. by Diane Whitman. Lessons and activities are structured for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grades but other ages are welcome. Questions? Willing to help? Contact Diane at 673-5447, or Wayne Edmondson at 758-1787.

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Did you know that you can access the Sonshine Newsletter and all its information on RGAPC's web site – [rockygrovepres.org](http://rockygrovepres.org) or, if you have email, you can have the newsletter sent to you that way? Please consider taking advantage of these alternative ways of receiving the newsletter in order to save on paper, ink, postage and time. Please notify the office of your wishes as soon as possible. We would like to implement the new practice by mid-year. Printed copies will always be available to those who do not or desire to not have access to the internet!



If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, please sign-up on the "*flower chart*" on the bulletin board outside the narthex or contact Judy Ream at 432-5287.

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## *THANK YOU*

I want to thank the Deacons for the beautiful “glittery” Easter card.

*Carol Rough*

Thank you, Deacons, for the Valentine’s, St. Patrick’s and Easter cards. Thanks also to Rhonda and Judy for bringing Easter lilies to the house for both of us. All is greatly appreciated.

*Don & Zella McNany*

*(Actual card is displayed on bulletin board at foot of steps leading to the balcony.)*

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### **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 Linda Hartman if you have questions pertaining to this. Scholarship applications will be available in late May. Watch Sunday bulletins for further instruction. Don Yount or Linda Hartman





## IN THE GARDEN



- Down

- Answers to puzzle on next page, but; but don't spoil your fun. Better yet, if need be, look for the answers in the Bible (the Book of Genesis).

## **Crossword answers:**

### **ACROSS:**

Gold, God, Ground, Earth, Knowledge, River & Streams


### **DOWN:**

Woman, Adam, Garden, Created, Eve & Heavens



# MAY 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous
<b>3</b> <b>9:30</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship	<b>4</b> <b>6:00</b> CLAW <b>7:00</b> Trustees	<b>5</b> <b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines practice	<b>6</b> Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> @ <i>Amazing Foods</i> <b>6:30</b> Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>8:30</b> Women's breakfast @ King's <b>9:30</b> O A <b>6:00</b> Mother/Daughter Dinner
<b>10</b> <i>Happy Mothers Day</i> <b>9:30</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship	<b>11</b> <b>6:15</b> Session	<b>12</b> <b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines practice	<b>13</b> <b>10:00</b> Quilting @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian <b>6:30</b> Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous
<b>17</b> <b>9:30</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship	<b>18</b> <b>6:30</b> Missions & Outreach (NO CE MEETING)	<b>19</b> <b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines practice	<b>20</b> <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i> <b>1:00</b> Deacons meet <b>6:30</b> Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous
<b>24</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <b>9:30</b> Sunday School <b>10:45</b> Worship <i>Communion</i>	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> <b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines practice	<b>27</b> <b>6:30</b> Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous
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