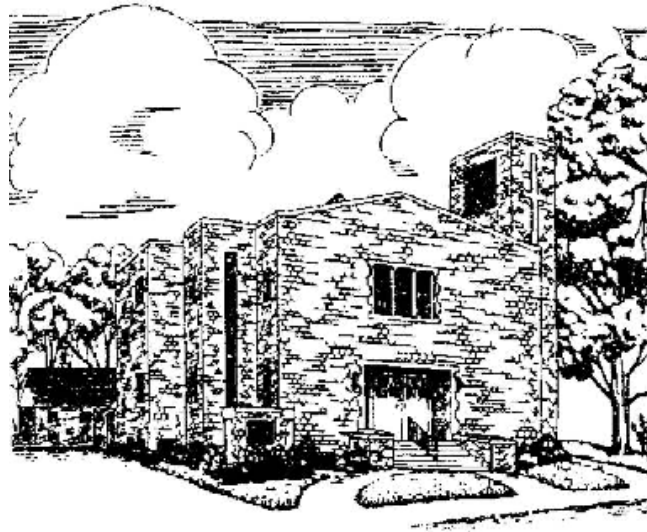


SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

July 2015

A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



Welcome
JULY

“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323

Church Phone: 814-432-4162

Website: www.rockygrovepres.org

Email Address: [rgapc @ verizon.net](mailto:rgapc@verizon.net)

Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

Mike Burkhardt, Organist

Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

Church Office Hours:

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

RGAPC Financial Information

	May 2015	Year to Date
Income — Envelope Giving	\$ 4,144.00	\$ 15,321.00
Presby Foundation Interest	\$ 393.72	\$ 810.60
Edward Jones Transfers		\$ 10,000.00
Other Sources	\$ 56.07	\$ 1,306.92
Expenses	<u>-\$ 7,653.21</u>	<u>-\$ 32,565.19</u>
Difference	-\$ 3,059.42	-\$ 5,126.67

*Detailed **June** financial reports should be available
in the narthex beginning the second Sunday of **July**.*

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### *July Birthdays*

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 David Brandt           | 18 Allyson Cook       |
| 1 Jimmy Newton           | 22 Samantha Hoffman   |
| 3 Lillian Griffin (2010) | 24 Sheryl Clinefelter |
| 3 Maxwell Griffin (2010) | 24 Brad Wetjen        |
| 9 Elissa Baker           | 25 Jamie Wetjen       |
| 12 Jarrad Griffin        | 27 Reagan Hartman     |
| 17 Doris Feather         | 28 Sarah DeLong       |

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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.

SERVANTS FOR JULY

Hospital Visits: Grace Gibbons & Linda Hartman

Ushers: Scott Donaldson, Linda Hartman, Brad Wetjen, Joyce Wetjen **Substitutes:** Kennedy, Reagan & Konner Hartman

Greeters:
5 Brad & Joyce Wetjen
12 Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller
19 Arnie & Janet Bish
26 Jim & Flo Albright

Acolyte:
5 Lillian Songer
12 Arika Songer
19 Doug Songer
26 Lillian Songer

Counters:
5 Jane Beach & Lois Pierce
12 Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller
19 Diane Whitman & Don Yount
26 Lois Pierce & Linda Zeller

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**Summer worship hour of 10:00 a.m. continues through Labor Day. There will be no Sunday School during June, July and August.**

*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.*

**MISSIONS CORNER:**

The Missions Ministry Team would like to thank the congregation for their donations to Blanket Sunday. A total of \$ 220.00 has been collected for Church World Service.

We have 11 weeks until Missionfest 2015 which is Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, so be thinking what you would like to do to help with our annual Missions fun day! As always there will be Garage Sale, Bake Sale, Crafts, Books, Kids Kingdom, and one Food/Beverage Station. We would love to see new faces at our planning meetings so please watch the bulletin for information on the meeting dates and times. Garage Sale items may be brought to the church any day that the office is open.

*Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about whatever (anything and everything) they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven. For wherever two or three are gathered in My name, there I AM in the midst of them. Matthew 18: 19-20*

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Don't forget to check out RGAPC's web site – rockygrovepres.org – for the newsletter and other pertinent information. If you have access to the internet and wish to stop delivery of the newsletter in paper format, you can get it via email or the web site. Just let the office know! Thanks for doing your part to help control expenses in postage, paper and ink!

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions – June 15, 2015 Session Meeting:

- The minutes of the regular Session Meeting of May 11, 2015.
- Wayne Edmondson's resignation from Session effective June 16, 2015, with thanks and appreciation of service.
- Financial Reports from Financial Secretary and Treasurer.
- Ministry teams' and Trustees' minutes as well as Administrative Activity Report.
- The resignation of Jim Clinefelter as Financial Secretary and Sheryl Clinefelter as Deacon.
- The consideration of a person who has previously served as an Elder; thus, no need to train.
- The election of Joyce Wetjen as Financial Secretary and Lois Pierce as Assistant Financial Secretary.
- The authorization for Rhonda Rust to request transfer of funds from the Horizon Account at Edward Jones to First National Bank in the amount of \$10,000.
- The transfer of dividends from the Horizon Account into a Cash Account rather than being reinvested as has been the practice. This will allow for ease in transferring funds in the future.
- The approval of Rev. Barry Jenkins to perform the marriage ceremony of Kelly Portice and Dustin Wyant on October 17, 2015, at Rocky Grove Presbyterian Church.
- Diane Whitman's appointment as Elder commissioner to Presbytery.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

On Wednesday, **July 1, 2015**, Youthful Spirits will be traveling to the home of Ray and Toby Aikins located at 162 Shade Tree Lane for a picnic lunch. The hosts will provide table service, hamburgers, buns, condiments, and drinks. Those attending are requested to bring a casserole, salad or a dessert to share. Please call the hosts at (814) 432-2726 to make a reservation. If anyone needs a ride, call the Aikins or church office (432-4162).

Saturday, July 11th – Women's Prayer Breakfast

Join the women of RGAPC for breakfast the second Saturday of the month at **Linda Lou's** at its new location – 1572 Mercer Road (intersection of Routes 62 & 8) up the hill!!

Our next sharing of The Lord's Supper scheduled for August 2, 2015, has been rescheduled for August 9th. Reverend David Oyler will be with us to share the sacraments.

(Thus, the Deacons will meet August 6th at 1:00 p.m. rather than July 29th.)

FAMILY PICNIC BEING PLANNED

Congregational Life & Worship is planning for the annual church family picnic on August 15th. This will be held on the back lawn if weather permits. Hot dogs will be grilled outside. Everyone attending will be asked to bring a covered picnic dish. Sign-ups will be posted as we grow closer to the time of this FUN event. Watch future bulletins and newsletter publications for additional information.

IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME!!!

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Scholarship applications are being accepted for the **Harold Siefer Memorial Scholarship** and the **Ronald and Louise Moorhead Scholarship** from active members of the Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church who are planning to further their education this fall. (The Moorhead Scholarship requires active member for at least 2 years and a regular worship attendance.) Applicants must be enrolled or attending an accredited college or technical or vocational school. **Applications can be found in the “Scholarship Applications” mail slot outside the church office and must be returned to same no later than June 30, 2015.** Scholarships will be awarded in July. Any questions should be directed to Linda Hartman or Don Yount.

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*Congratulations to Adam Kirwin upon graduation from Rocky Grove High School Class of 2015 on June 5th! Adam plans to further his education at University of Pittsburgh Bradford and major in Criminal Justice.*

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Many of the characters we meet in the Bible would be highly unacceptable (the “Ineligibles”) as members in churches today – certainly not the following:

Not Abraham – he signed the hotel register as a single man!

Not Jacob – he was a deceiver (he would be called crooked today).

Not Moses – he was on the “wanted” list in every post office in Egypt!

Not Peter – he was a vile, cursing, ignorant man.

He once drew a sword and cut off a man’s ear!

Not Paul – he was a troublemaker everywhere he went.

He stopped an entire trade union from plying its trade!



THANK YOU

Dear friends,

Thank you all for the many cards and other expressions of appreciation that I received during the last month or so of my ministry there at Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church. Thank you, also, for the delightful farewell luncheon and the lovely gifts crafted by the Wendell August Forge.

I will cherish the engraved plaque of the Lord's Supper and the coasters showing "Footsteps on the Sand," as enduring and fitting reminders of our journey of faith together in God's grace. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

With love and appreciation,

Pastor Sue

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## Freedom is...

Freedom is not the right to do as you please, but the liberty to do as you ought.

Freedom is indivisible; there is no "s" on the end of it. You can erode freedom, diminish it, but you cannot divide it and choose to keep "some freedoms" while giving up others.

*Ronald Reagan*

## **2015 Church Officers and Other Leaders**

### **Session Members:**

Class of 2015: Lois Pierce, Diane Whitman

Class of 2016: Linda Hartman, Don Yount

Class of 2017: Jane Beach, Linda Zeller

Clerk of Session: VACANT

Moderator of Session: Rev. Barry Jenkins

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

Christian Education: 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: 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, Linda Zeller

**Church Treasurer:** Rhonda Rust

**Assistant Church Treasurer:** Melanie McGinnis

**Financial Secretary:** Joyce Wetjen

**Assistant Financial Secretary:** Lois Pierce

**Auditors:** Doris Feather (2015)

Grace Gibbons (2016)

Elissa Stuttler (2017)





# JULY 2015



| SUNDAY                                                                              | MONDAY                                                               | TUESDAY                                   | WEDNESDAY                                                                         | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY                                                                                                              |
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|                                                                                     |                                                                      |                                           | <b>1</b><br>Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i><br>@ The Aikins<br>(162 Shade Tree Lane) | 2         | 3         | <b>4</b><br><br>Happy 4th of July! |
| <b>5</b><br>10:00 Worship<br><i>Pulpit Supply = Dale Francis</i><br>5:30 Boy Scouts | <b>6</b><br>6:00 <b>CLAW</b> meeting<br>7:00 <b>Trustees</b> meeting | <b>7</b><br>6:30 Sweet Adelines practice  | <b>8</b><br>10:00 Quilting @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian                         | 9         | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br>8:30 Women's prayer breakfast @ Linda Lou's, 1572 Mercer Rd.<br>9:30 O A                                 |
| <b>12</b><br>10:00 Worship<br><i>Pulpit Supply = Lori Danielson</i>                 | <b>13</b><br>6:00 CE meeting                                         | <b>14</b><br>6:30 Sweet Adelines practice | <b>15</b><br>6:00 <b>Shepherds' Picnic @ Zellers</b>                              | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                                                |
| <b>19</b><br>10:00 Worship<br><i>Pulpit Supply = Lori Danielson</i>                 | <b>20</b><br>6:15 Session<br><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>              | <b>21</b><br>6:30 Sweet Adelines practice | <b>22</b><br>6:30 Missions & Outreach meeting                                     | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                                                |
| <b>26</b><br>10:00 Worship<br><i>Pulpit Supply = Bob Scheer</i>                     | <b>27</b>                                                            | <b>28</b><br>6:30 Sweet Adelines practice | <b>29</b>                                                                         | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b> |                                                                                                                       |