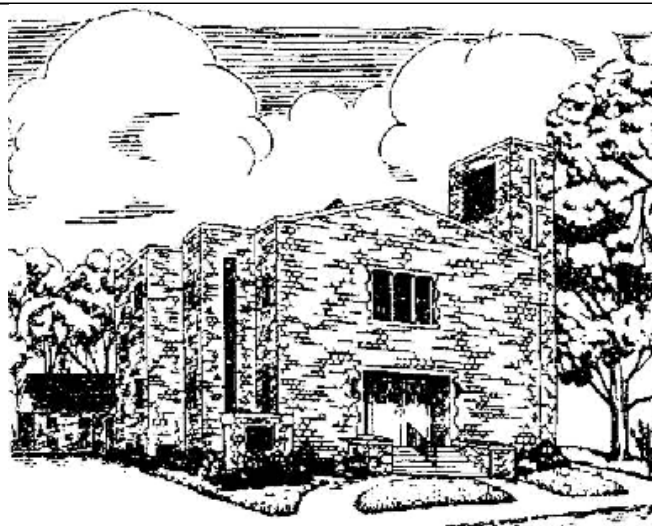


# *SONSHINE NEWSLETTER*

*August 2015*

*A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church*



*"Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus' Name"*

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**Worship – 10:00 a.m.**

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

Mike Burkhardt, Organist

Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

*Church Office Hours:*

*Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.*

*Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

Dear Sonshine Newsletter reader,

In the interest of good stewardship, we are encouraging all recipients of the monthly newsletter to view the publication online via the web site, [rockygrovepres.org](http://rockygrovepres.org), or via email if possible. Obviously, if you do not have access to a computer, you will continue to receive the newsletter in print. Please contact the office (432-4162) by August 27, 2015, to make your wishes known. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you will access the newsletter online.

Thank you,

*The Session of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church*

**Seneca Hills Bible Camp** is seeking cases of bottled water to be donated due to Department of Environmental Protection putting them on a “boil water restriction.” Over 150 cases per week are used. Please call the office at 814-432-3026 to speak to Chef Dave or Michael Harvey for details.

**RGAPC Financial Information**

	<b>June 2015</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Income — Envelope Giving	\$ 3,602.00	\$ 22,234.00
Presby Foundation Interest		\$ 810.60
Edward Jones Transfers	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
Other Sources	\$ 6.06	\$ 1,538.53
Expenses	<u>-\$ 12,845.58</u>	<u>- \$ 53,854.23</u>
Difference	\$ 4,762.48	- \$ 5,271.10

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

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## *August Birthdays*

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Arnie Bish                  | 18 Dick Exley            |
| 9 Zella McNany                | 19 Christopher Hartman   |
| 12 Carol Rough                | 19 Doris Yount           |
| 15 Floyd Dunlap               | 22 Jackson Lukers (2006) |
| 16 Jim Clinefelter            | 26 Carly Moreland (2007) |
| 16 Makenzie Ann Yeager (2011) | 28 Nancy Donaldson       |

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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 and contact Judy Ream at 432-5287.

## SERVANTS FOR AUGUST

### Hospital Visits:

Phyllis Vogan & Jane Beach

### Ushers:

Kennedy Hartman, Konner Hartman,  
Reagan Hartman, Rhonda Rust  
& Diane Whitman

**Substitute:** Linda Zeller

### Greeters:

**Today** Betty Cornmesser & Lois Pierce  
9 Grace Gibbons & Rhonda Rust  
16 Dave & Linda Christian  
23 Rhonda Rust & Diane Whitman  
30 Gene & Margie Sheffer

**Acolyte:**    **Today**   Arika Songer  
                     9   **Communion**  
                     16   Doug Songer  
                     23   Lillian Songer  
                     30   Arika Songer  
**Counters:**   **Today**   Lois Pierce & Diane Whitman  
                     9   Linda Hartman & Linda Zeller  
                     16   Linda Hartman & Lois Pierce  
                     23   Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller  
                     30   Jane Beach & Diane Whitman

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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, August and September 6, 2015.**  
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A “Sports Mom” pin was found in the church parking lot Sunday morning, July 19<sup>th</sup>. It can be claimed in the office during regular office hours.

*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.*

### **NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS and OUTREACH TEAM**

The Soap Box Derby sponsored by Fatherhood Initiative was held on July 25, 2015, after a 2-year hiatus due to rain. Thanks to all who donated cookies; they were a big hit! Thanks also to the Missions team for donations of all the hot dogs, buns, water, chips and pop. A total of \$150.00 profit was realized.

Just around the corner comes “**MISSIONFEST**” September 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be here before we know it! Please see Rhonda Rust or Linda Zeller to sign up for a booth assignment and Diane Whitman to work in Kid's Kingdom.

Garage sale items have been coming in and may continue to be brought in and put in the Choir Room during office hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:00 to 4:30 and Thursdays, 9:00 to 3:30. **As usual we cannot accept clothing or shoes.** Please price your items; **it will help so much.** Crafts are really needed for our craft booth; it's time to get busy! Bakers need to be baking for the bake sale. We want to maintain our reputation as excellent bakers; some people come for just that you know!!

No musical entertainment has yet been arranged for Missionfest Sunday (September 13<sup>th</sup>). Any ideas may be presented to Lois Pierce or Linda Zeller, elders of the Congregational Life and Worship committee, which arranges for pulpit supply.

Please keep the Missions Team in your prayers. We thank you so much for your support and thank you in advance for the work you will be doing to help spread God's word and love.

**Team Members:** Diane Whitman - Moderator, Jane Beach, Rhonda Rust, Joyce Wetjen, and Linda Zeller.

### **2015 Missionfest Recipients**

ABC Life Center  
Camping Assn. of Presbyteries of NWPA  
Child Evangelism Fellowship  
Fishermen's Net/Lighthouse Ministries  
Mustard Seed Missions  
Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center  
World Gospel Mission –Jim & Alice Vanderhoof  
United World Mission – Bruneau's  
Venango Youth for Christ

### **FROM THE SESSION**

Approved Motions – July 20, 2015 Session Meeting:

- The Trustees' request to obtain a new estimate for repairs and remediation to the Church building and grounds.
- The minutes of the Session meeting of June 15, 2015 as corrected
- The minutes of the Special Session Meeting of June 7, 2015
- The minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting of June 28, 2015
- The financial reports of the Church Secretary and Treasurer
- Tabled action on the issues of replacement cost of the outstanding key to the Church, changes to the website, and year-end payment of per capita tax for those members who have not yet paid the tax (\$29.50/member).

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### **NEW ADDRESSES**

Jeremiah and Malinda Lukers and children, Jackson and Savannah, have relocated to Georgia. Jeremiah was originally from Georgia and Malinda from Knox. They moved July 18<sup>th</sup> as Jeremiah accepted a position with Piedmont College, Demorest campus, at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, as Assistant Professor of Athletic Training and Exercise Science. Their new residence is in nearby Mt. Airy – 176 Rocky Shoals Trail. The zip code is 30563. They are about 70 miles north of Athens, Ga.

Stephen & Renee Feather and boys, Oliver & Theo, are home from the Netherlands to stay. They have assumed residence at 288 North Dalph Avenue, Bellevue, PA 15202 (a suburb of Pittsburgh).

Denny and Melanie McGinnis are using PO Box 768, Franklin, until they assume residence at 388 Beatty Run Road in a newly constructed home.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC**

On Wednesday, **August 5, 2015**, Youthful Spirits, men and women of any age who like to socialize and eat out, will be traveling to Dawndi's, 136 Warren Road, for lunch. The hostess is Rhonda Rust. Please call Rhonda at (814) 437-2831 to make a reservation by August 3rd. Watch future bulletins for information about the next event on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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### **Saturday, August 8th – Women's Prayer Breakfast**

Join the women of RGAPC for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month at **Linda Lou's**, 1572 Mercer Road (intersection of Routes 62 & 8). A delicious breakfast will follow a brief devotional!!

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## **FAMILY PICNIC BEING PLANNED**

Congregational Life & Worship is planning for the annual church family picnic on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This will be held on the back lawn if weather permits. Hot dogs grilled outside, beverage, and ice cream for dessert will be provided. Everyone attending will be asked to bring a covered picnic dish and lawn chair if you desire. We will have our traditional "Country Store" for entertainment. Sign-ups are posted on the bulletin boards, or reservations can be made by calling the church office – 432-4162.

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We extend Christian sympathy to Brad & Joyce Wetjen and the Carter family in the death of Joyce's brother, Glenn Carter, on July 15, 2015.

## **CHANGE OF MEETING !!**

The Board of Trustees has changed the meeting day to accommodate all members. Beginning in August, the Trustees will meet at 7:00 p.m. on the first **Tuesday** of each month. Thus, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

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## **THANK YOU**

I wish to thank the church for the beautiful vase of flowers. It was greatly appreciated.

*Zella McNany*

I would like to thank all of you for all your prayers, cards and lovely flowers.

*Madeleine Wielandt*

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### Call to Special Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation

The Session and Board of Trustees of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church are calling a special meeting of the congregation and corporation to be held after worship on Sunday, August 9, 2015, to discuss and vote on a proposed change to the corporation by-laws. *The trustees are recommending that the quorum be changed to fifteen percent (15%) of the total membership of the corporation.*

The Trustees also wish to obtain input as to what should be done with the church bell, which was removed from the bell-tower during renovations a few years ago and is being stored by John Henderson at his shop on Howard Street.

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*We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Don McNany. Don went home to be with the Lord on July 27, 2015. He had been a member of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church since he and wife, Zella, transferred their membership from Nicklin United Methodist church on November 11, 1999.*



### Trivia

72% - the percentage of U.S. residents enrolled in schools -- from nursery schools to colleges.

56 million - the number of students projected to be enrolled in the nation's elementary and high schools (grades K-12) this fall. That number exceeds the total in 1969 (51.6 million) when the last of the "baby boom" children expanded school enrollments.

1.5 million - number of students who are home-schooled in America. The top reasons most parents give for homeschooling is a desire to give their kids religious or moral instruction along with concerns over the public school environment.

11.8 million - the number of school-age children (5 to 17) who speak a language other than English at home. They make up nearly 1-in-5 children in this age group. Most of these children (7.1 million) speak Spanish at home.

7.2 million - the number of practicing teachers in the United States -- from pre-kindergarten to college.

\$83,144 Average annual earnings of workers age 18 and older with an advanced degree. This compares with \$58,613 a year for those with bachelor's degrees, \$31,283 for those with a high school diploma only and \$21,023 for those without a high school diploma.



## **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: Elissa Stuttler

Moderator of Session: Rev. Barry Jenkins

### **Session Members leading Ministry Teams:**

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)



# AUGUST 2015



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                 | MONDAY                        | TUESDAY                                                                    | WEDNESDAY                                                                          | THURSDAY                                    | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY                                                                                                                                            |
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|                                                                                                                        |                               |                                                                            |                                                                                    |                                             |           | <b>1</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous                                                                                                            |
| <b>2</b><br>10:00 Worship<br><i>Pulpit Supply =<br/>Craig Cashdollar</i><br>5:30 Boy Scouts –<br><i>Court of Honor</i> | <b>3</b><br>6:00 CLAW meeting | <b>4</b><br>6:30 Sweet<br>Adelines<br>practice<br>7:00 Trustees<br>meeting | <b>5</b><br>Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i><br>@ Dawndi's<br>1:00 Deacon's<br>Meeting | <b>6</b>                                    | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>8:30 Women's prayer<br>breakfast @ Linda Lou's<br>1572 Mercer Rd.<br>9:30 O A<br>11:00 Jayne McEntire<br>Memorial Service &<br>luncheon |
| <b>9</b><br>10:00 Worship -<br><b>Communion</b><br><i>Pulpit Supply =<br/>David Oyler</i>                              | <b>10</b><br>6:00 CE meeting  | <b>11</b><br>6:30 Sweet<br>Adelines<br>practice                            | <b>12</b><br>10:00 Quilting @ 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Presbyterian                      | <b>13</b>                                   | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous                                                                                                           |
| <b>16</b><br>10:00 Worship<br><i>Pulpit Supply =<br/>Dale Francis</i><br>5:30 Boy Scouts                               | <b>17</b><br>6:15 Session     | <b>18</b><br>6:30 Sweet<br>Adelines<br>practice                            | <b>19</b>                                                                          | <b>20</b><br><i>NEWSLETTER<br/>DEADLINE</i> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous                                                                                                           |
| <b>23</b><br>10:00 Worship<br><i>Pulpit Supply =<br/>Dale Francis</i>                                                  | <b>24</b>                     | <b>25</b><br>6:30 Sweet<br>Adelines<br>practice                            | <b>26</b><br>6:30 Missions &<br>Outreach meeting                                   | <b>27</b>                                   | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous                                                                                                           |
| <b>30</b><br>10:00 Worship<br><i>Pulpit Supply =<br/>Dale Francis</i>                                                  | <b>31</b>                     |                                                                            |                                                                                    |                                             |           |                                                                                                                                                     |

