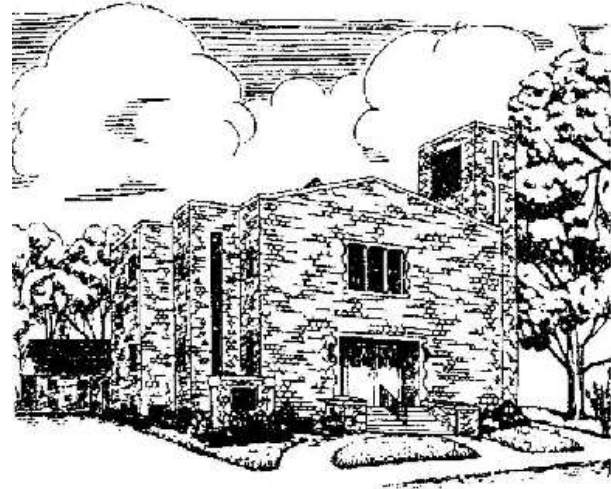


SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

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A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

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Church Phone: 814-432-4162

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

Worship – 10:00 a.m.

BEGINNING September 20, 2015

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Worship – 10:45 a.m.

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

Mike Burkhardt, Organist

Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

Church Office Hours:

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

Thursday – 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
321 Rocky Grove Avenue
Franklin, PA 16323

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SERVICE
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Reach Out In Faith

RGAPC Financial Information

	July 2015	Year to Date
Income – Envelope Giving	\$ 2,171.00	\$ 24,405.00
Presby Foundation Interest	393.72	1,204.32
Edward Jones Transfers		24,000.00
Other Sources	.06	1,538.59
Expenses	- 4,408.45	-58,262.68
Difference	- \$ 1,843.67	- \$ 7,114.77

Detailed August financial reports will be available in the narthex beginning the second Sunday of September.



September Birthdays

7	Amanda Hill	14	Bonnie Wielandt
8	Linda Zeller	19	Paige Winder (2001)
11	Theodore Feather (2013)	19	Alfred Pellow
13	Marge Sheffer	24	Grace Gibbons
14	Janet Bish	26	Lillian Songer (2003)
14	Scott Donaldson	26	Gerald Wendt



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 SEPTEMBER

Hospital Visits: Yet to be determined

Ushers: Doug Songer, Jessica Songer, Kevin Songer, Brad Wetjen and Joyce Wetjen

Greeters: 6 Kevin & Jessica Songer & family
13 Brad & Joyce Wetjen
20 Kevin & Jessica Songer & family
27 Lillian Songer & Diane Whitman

Acolyte: 6 Doug Songer
13 Lillian Songer
20 Arika Songer
27 Doug Songer

Counters: 6 Lois Pierce & Linda Zeller
13 Linda Hartman & another elder
20 Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller
27 Lois Pierce & Diane Whitman

Worship returns to 10:45 a.m. on September 20th with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Mark your calendars.

A “Sports Mom” pin was found in the church parking lot Sunday morning, July 19th. It can be claimed in the office during regular office hours.

Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th of each month or risk being omitted from the next month’s publication.

Missions Corner:

Missionfest is only a few short days away. The Missions Team has been working on getting things ready for the past few months.

We are now accepting garage sale items, which can be brought to the church during regular office hours. Brad and Joyce have been here for the past several weeks getting every thing organized and priced. So, at this point, pre-pricing your items is essential. No items of clothing or footwear will be accepted. Used books can also be brought in for the book sale during office hours.

Baked goods can be brought to the church office on Friday, Sept. 11th during the day. They can also be brought to the youth room in the evening until around 7:00 P.M.

The crafters would appreciate any crafty items you may have for their booth. These may be brought in during office hours.

If you haven't signed up to help yet, Rhonda Rust or Linda Zeller will gladly find a spot for you.

Set up starts on Friday evening (Sept. 11) at 6:00 P.M. and Saturday morning (Sept. 12) at 7:00 A.M. We would appreciate all the help we can get for set up and tear down. We realize at the end of the day on Saturday everyone is exhausted, but please stay if at all possible. The more people who can stay to clean up the quicker everyone can get home to rest.

If you have any questions please contact anyone on the Missions Team – ***Rhonda Rust, Joyce Wetjen, Jane Beach, Diane Whitman or Linda Zeller.***

We ask for your prayers for a beautiful day for Missionfest and that all goes smoothly; and prayers for our adaptability if things don't go as planned; and last but not least, prayers for another successful Missionfest – not for out glory, but for God's glory.

We would like to thank everyone in advance for all the support you continually give us. God has blessed us immensely.

Arrangements have been made to have ***Bailey Jones, Franklin's 2015 Taste of Talent winner***, to be with us Sunday morning to share her gift of music. She is one talented young woman! Services will be at 10:00 a.m. So, spread the word.

Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds, and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

2015 Church Officers and Other Leaders

Session Members:

Class of 2015: Lois Pierce, Diane Whitman

Class of 2016: Linda Hartman

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

Nominating: Linda Zeller

Board of Deacons:

Moderator: Doris Feather

Secretary: Marge Sheffer

Class of 2015: Doris Feather

Class of 2016: Judy Ream, Phyllis Vogan

Class of 2017: 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: 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)

FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions

August 17, 2015 Session Meeting

- Approved the Session minutes of July 20, 2015, meeting.
- Approved minutes of the Special Corporation Meeting held August 9, 2015.
- Accepted all financial reports submitted by Financial Secretary and Treasurer.
- Accepted the resignation of Don Yount from all elected and appointed offices effective August 17, 2015.
- Elected Linda Zeller chairperson of the Nominating Committee.

CHANGE OF MEETING !!

(What is old is new again)

The **Board of Trustees** has changed the meeting day back to the first Monday of the month. The next meeting will be **October 5th at 7:00 p.m.** There will be no September meeting due to Labor Day.

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT SEPTEMBER:

September starts on the same day of the week as December each year, but does not end on the same day of the week as any other month in the year.

The birth stone for the month is the sapphire. The sapphire represents clarity of thought, intuition, and peacefulness. The sapphire reduces anxiety and procrastination.

President William McKinley was shot on September 6, 1901 while attending the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition in New York. He passed away eight days later on September 14, 1901.

On September 18, 1851 the infamous New York Times newspaper published its first edition.

The very first comic strip was printed in an American newspaper on September 11th, 1875.

The poem "Mary had a Little Lamb" was published September 1st, 1830.

September 19th is "Talk Like A Pirate Day" around the world... an International event.

September 12th is National Chocolate Milkshake Day.

Congratulations! Elissa Stuttler was elected Clerk of Session at the July Session meeting on July 20th. We appreciate Elissa's willingness to serve in this essential capacity. This is not a new position for Elissa as she was Clerk of Session in the 1990's. She does admit that some things have changed. We know she will do a tremendous job just the same.

Women's Prayer Breakfast - cancelled

The women of RGAPC will not be meeting for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of September due to Missionfest. Watch for details of the October 10th breakfast at **Linda Lou's**, 1572 Mercer Road (intersection of Routes 62 & 8). A delicious breakfast follows a brief devotional!!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

On Wednesday, **September 2, 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 30th. Watch future bulletins for information about the next event on October 7th.

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Used cell phones (working or not) are still being collected by Missions & Outreach Ministry Team 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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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Flo Albright is in the Rehab Unit at UPMC/Northwest (Room 404) after a fall that broke some ribs. Jim Albright reports that his wife of 63 years (as of August 16th) is progressing well and hopes to come home possibly September 1st. Pray that this happens for both of their sakes!

Marie Cokain is now in a private room (# 214) at The Caring Place.

Jean Weller is back home now after a period of recuperation at The Caring Place.

Joan Partridge is recuperating at home and doing physical therapy after shoulder replacement surgery on July 31st. Keep Joan in prayer as she continues to heal.

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

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## ***THANK YOU***

*RGAPC members,*

*We wish to thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. Thank you so much for the wonderful luncheon! You are all greatly appreciated! With much love,*

***The Family of Don McNany***

*(Card is displayed on bulletin board at foot of balcony stairway.)*

*I wish to thank Linda Zeller for the birthday greeting. It is greatly appreciated.*

***Carol Rough***

*RGAPC members,*

*I wish to thank the ladies who provided the luncheon after Don's funeral; it was greatly appreciated. Thank you to the church for the sheaf of wheat you sent. Also, thanks to everyone for all the beautiful sympathy cards. It's so great to be a part of such a thoughtful church.*

***Zella McNany***

*(Card is displayed on bulletin board at foot of balcony stairway.)*



# SEPTEMBER 2015



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                         | MONDAY                               | TUESDAY                                                           | WEDNESDAY                                                                            | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY                                               |
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|                                                                                                                                                                |                                      | <b>1</b><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines Practice<br>(IN SANCTUARY) | <b>2</b><br>Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i><br>@ Dawndi's                               | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br><b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous           |
| <b>6</b><br><b>10:00</b> Worship<br><i>Pulpit Supply = Samuel Hendrickson</i>                                                                                  | <b>7</b><br><b>6:00</b> CLAW meeting | <b>8</b><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines practice<br>(IN SANCTUARY) | <b>9</b><br><b>10:00</b> Quilting @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian                     | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b><br><i>MISSIONFEST</i><br><i>10 am - 3 pm</i> |
| <b>13</b><br><b>10:00</b> Worship –<br><i>Taste of Talent Winner Bailey Jones</i><br><b>5:30</b> Boy Scouts                                                    | <b>14</b><br><b>6:00</b> CE meeting  | <b>15</b><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines practice                  | <b>16</b>                                                                            | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br><b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous          |
| <b>20</b><br><b>9:30</b> Sunday Shool<br><b>10:45</b> Worship<br><i>Pulpit Supply = Lori Danielson</i><br><b>5:30</b> Boy Scouts<br><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> | <b>21</b><br><b>6:15</b> Session     | <b>22</b><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines practice                  | <b>23</b>                                                                            | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br><b>9:30</b> Overeaters Anonymous          |
| <b>27</b><br><b>9:30</b> Sunday School<br><b>10:00</b> Worship<br><i>Pulpit Supply = Bill Mills</i>                                                            | <b>28</b>                            | <b>29</b><br><b>6:30</b> Sweet Adelines practice                  | <b>30</b><br><b>1:00</b> Deacon's Meeting<br><b>6:30</b> Missions & Outreach meeting |           |           |                                                        |