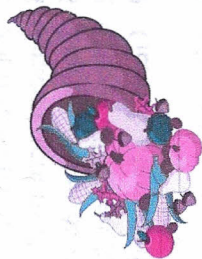


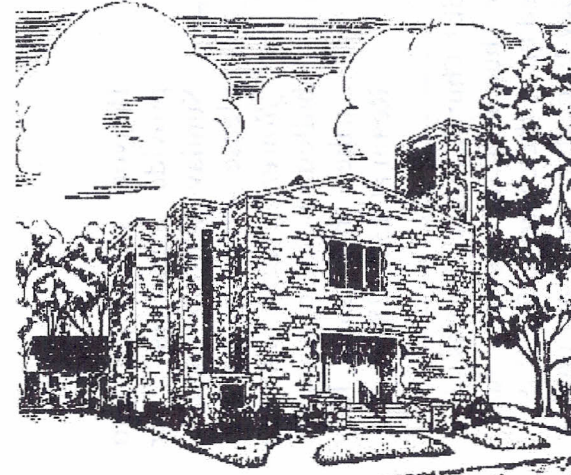
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SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

November 2015

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"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

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.

RGAPC's 2015 Financial Status

<u>Income Sources</u>	<u>September 2015</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Envelope Giving	\$ 3,506.06	\$ 30,803.06
Presby Foundation Interest		1,204.32
Edward Jones Transfers		24,000.00
Other Sources	581.12	2,164.26
Expenses	- 4,466.90	- 68,109.36
Difference	- \$ 379.72	- \$ 9,937.72

Detailed October financial reports will be available in the narthex beginning the second Sunday of November.



November Birthdays

1 Ellen Gierlach	15 Dennis McGinnis
5 Carson Whitling (2005)	16 Jim Sandok
6 Sam Alden	16 George Wielandt
9 Jean Weller	17 Harold Bell
9 Gene Sheffer	20 Jesse Harvey (1997)
10 Don Yount	22 Edith Richards
10 Margaret Wielandt	23 Oliver Feather (2011)
11 Joan Partridge	23 Arika Songer
13 Emily DeLong (2013)	26 Todd Wetjen
15 Bob Alden	27 Joyce Wetjen



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.

Calvary United Methodist Church in Oil City has an immediate opening for Church Music Director. An application can be picked up at the church office (115 East First Street) Monday through Friday 9 am until noon. The office will send or email an application upon request - 814-677-4091.



SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER

Hospital Visits: Lois Pierce & Rhonda Rust

Ushers: Rhonda Rust, Brad Wetjen, Joyce Wetjen & 2 more volunteers needed

Greeters:

- 1 John & Mary Jo Dumbleton
- 8 Grace Gibbons & Rhonda Rust
- 15 Doris Feather & Judy Ream
- 22 Diane Whitman & Songers
- 29 Gene & Margie Sheffer

Acolyte:

- 1 Lillian Songer
- 8 Arika Songer
- 15 Lillian Songer
- 22 COMMUNION
- 29 Diane & Eric Whitman

Counters:

- 1 Linda Hartman & Lois Pierce
- 8 Linda Hartman & Lois Pierce
- 15 Linda Hartman & Linda Zeller
- 22 Jane Beach & Diane Whitman
- 29 Linda Hartman & Linda Zeller



THANK YOU

We thank you sincerely for the sheaf of wheat for Jerry – it's such a touching gesture at a very sad time and we do appreciate your thoughts.

Marie, Gary, Rick & Donna Wendt

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

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

As colder days and even colder nights approach, another familiar tradition approaches – “**Christmas Joy Offering.**”

God uses the **Christmas Joy Offering** to change lives by filling in some gaps of our society. While other offerings assist in natural disasters like hurricanes and tonadoes, the **Christmas Joy Offering** helps with educational, medical and special needs of current, would-be and retired pastors, missionaries and church workers.

Gifts to **Christmas Joy Offering** are distributed equally to the assistance programs of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges for education.

The **Christmas Joy Offering** depends on our continued support. Please give generously to this worthy cause. You can find special envelopes for **Christmas Joy Offering** in next month's newsletter and in the pews during Advent.

God Bless our church family as we reach out to those in need.

Your Missions & Outreach Ministry Team

ELECTION DAY – NOVEMBER 3, 2015

Don't forget to vote. Your vote does count!



Camilla “Millie” B. Fetterolf was called home by her Lord and Savior on October 7, 2015. She was 91. Millie and Harry, who preceded her in death on June 21, 2003, shared 61 years of marriage. They joined RGAPC July 24, 1947. Millie most recently had resided at Neshaminy Manor in Warrington, PA. She will be sadly missed by family and friends.

Please remember our members and friends who cannot be as active as they once were. Send a card to let them know you are thinking of them or, better yet, make a visit. It will brighten their day and yours as well.

The Caring Place, 103 N. 13th Street, Franklin

Marie Cokain – Room 214 (June 16th)

Alda Kreiter (April 29th)

Joyce Riddle – Room 1A (October 13th)

Jean Weller – Room 224 (November 9th)

Sugarcreek Station, 351 Causeway Drive, Franklin

Julia Uncapher – Room 311 (October 13th)

MEMBERS/FRIENDS CONFINED TO HOME

Norma Aiken (June 9th) – 1220 Chestnut St, Apt. 216

Joanne Brannon (April 11th) – 47 Park Street

Lorraine McCauley (March 1st) – 28 Phipps Street

(currently at UPMC/Northwest – Room 504,
100 Fairfield Drive, Seneca, PA 16346)

Zella McNany (August 9th) – 203 Juniper Drive

Eleanore Moffitt (3/27) – Niagara Village # 201,
2380 Village Common Drive, Erie, PA 16506

Mabel Mong (March 19th) – 20 Front Street

Carol Rough (August 12th) – 1533 Pittsburgh Road

Richard Vogan (April 20th) – 139 North Pecan Drive

Jean Weller (November 9th) – 18 Phipps Street
(as of 10/26/15 at The Caring Place)

Marie Wendt (February 20th) – 336 Miller Rd.

Birth dates are noted in parenthesis.

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.



Operation Christmas Child: Filled shoeboxes for the ministry of Samaritan's Purse will be collected through November 16th. (However, it is requested that all try to meet the deadline of November 9th.) The shoe boxes along with the message of Jesus Christ will be distributed to children worldwide. Suggested items are listed in brochures which are available in the narthex and outside the church office.

PROHIBITED ITEMS: liquids of any kind, toy weapons, war action figures, chocolate, homemade candy, non-candy food items, medicines/vitamins, used items, glass or breakable items and fake or real money (could put a child in danger).

FROM THE SESSION

October 19, 2015 Session Meeting

Approved Motions

- Approved the Session minutes of September 21, 2015, meeting (as corrected).
- Accepted all financial reports submitted by Financial Secretary and Treasurer.
- Approved the written resignation of Melanie McGinnis from Board of Trustees and as Assistant Treasurer.
- Approved removal of Gerald Wendt and Camilla (Mille) Fetterolf from the membership rolls due to death 09/17/2015 and 10/07/2015 respectively.
- Approved the budget for 2016 as presented by Stewardship & Personnel Committee.
- Approved the elimination of volunteer position of Asst. Treasurer as unnecessary.
- Approved up to \$50 for a float for "Light-Up Night" parade as requested by Christian Education Committee.
- Approved the change of terms of Elders, Trustees and Deacons to be two (2) consecutive three-year terms with one (1) year off required (as provided for in the Book of Order).

HOLIDAY ADVENT CALENDAR SALE

Jessica Rudegeair is selling 14"x11" advent calendars for \$5 each in order to raise funds for a June 2016 mission trip to Honduras to work with orphans. The trip is sponsored by New Life Honduras. Call or text (814) 673-0209. Additional information can be found on the bulletin board at the foot of the balcony stairway.

SHARING OF COMFORT AND HOPE REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

This event will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 22, 2015, at Atlantic Avenue UB Church in Franklin. It is being organized by Gardinier Funeral Home to give thanks for loved ones and find strength for the upcoming holidays. Refreshments will be provided after the service. RSVP. See notice on bulletin boards.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

Men and women with **YOUTHFUL SPIRITS** gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun **November 4th** at **Lona's** 1213 Liberty Street. Please inform Lois Pierce (437-3653) by November 2nd if you plan to attend. Watch Sunday bulletins for information on the December 2nd gathering hosted by Grace Gibbons.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

The women of RGAPC meet for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. We will meet on **November 14th** at **Linda Lou's**, 1572 Mercer Road (intersection of Routes 62 & 8). A delicious breakfast follows a brief devotional!!

Annual Congregation/Corporation Meeting November 15, 2015

The Session has set the date of November 15th for the Annual Congregation & Corporation meeting. The minutes of the past year's Congregational meetings will be presented for approval, the 2016 budget approved by Session will be presented and the slate of officer nominations will be presented with additional nominations accepted from the floor. Lori Danielson will moderate the meeting in the sanctuary. We will then enjoy a **soup luncheon** in Moorhead Hall. There will be Chicken Noodle, Chili, Broccoli & Cheddar, Potato and Stuffed Pepper soups available. Crackers and rolls will be available. Cookies will be the dessert.

Do you like to bowl? Masterson Family Lanes, 1244 Buffalo Street, has spots on a number of their leagues you might want to consider. The list is posted on the bulletin boards. Also, they are encouraging church groups to participate in **CHURCH GROUP NIGHT**, which will be starting up in a couple weeks on every other Tuesday night at 6:00 p.m. Call 673-RENT for more information.



Christmas Dinner

December 5, 2015



Linda Lou's Restaurant
1572 Mercer Rd., Franklin, PA

Dinner includes meat, mashed potatoes with gravy,
vegetable medley, coleslaw, pie and beverage.

Price: \$ 13.50 per person (includes gratuity)

Please make checks payable to:

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
with **"Christmas Dinner"** on the memo line.

Reservations & payment must be submitted
no later than Sunday, November 22nd

6:00 p.m. – Social Time

6:30 p.m. – Meal

*Let us celebrate the Season of our Lord's birth
by breaking bread together and having a fun evening
with members of our church family!*

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
Christmas Dinner

Family Name: _____

Phone: _____ Number Attending: _____

Meat choices:

Chicken Breast: _____

Braised Steak: _____

Total payment enclosed: \$ _____



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS



If you desire to place a
memorial poinsettias in the
church for Christmas,
please place this form with
payment in the offering
plate, give to the office or
send to:

Judy Ream
61 Park Avenue
Franklin, PA 16323

Deadline to order is Sunday, November 29, 2015

Attached is my check for \$ _____ (\$7.00 each)
payable to:

"Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
Deacons' Fund."

Please mark color preferred: _____ Red
_____ White
_____ Pink

(Please print clearly)

NAME(S) OF DONOR: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

Poinsettias will be displayed beginning December 13th

☐ Please check if you would like
your flower(s) to go to a shut-in.

*If at all possible, please do not pick
up your flowers until **AFTER** our
Christmas Eve worship service.*

More forms are available in the Narthex for multiple orders.



NOVEMBER 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 DAYLIGHT <i>SAVINGS TIME ENDS</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship <i>Pulpit Supply = Dale Francis</i> 5:30 Boy Scouts	2 6:00 CLAW meeting 7:00 Trustees meeting	3 ELECTION DAY 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	4 Noon Youthful Spirits @ Lona's	5	6	7 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
8 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship <i>Pulpit Supply = Pine Valley Boys</i> 5:30 Boy Scouts	9 6:00 CE meeting	10 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 8:30 Women's prayer breakfast @ Linda Lou's, 1572 Mercer Rd. 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
15 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship <i>Pulpit Supply = Lori Danielson</i> Noon Meeting & Soup Luncheon 5:30 Boy Scouts	16 6:15 Session	17	18 1:00 Deacons meeting	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 Presbytery Meeting @ Oil City 2nd
22 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship – Communion <i>Pulpit Supply = Bill Mills</i>	23	24 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	25	26 	27	28 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 "Hanging of the Greens"
29 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship <i>Pulpit Supply = Lori Danielson</i> 1st Sunday of Advent	30	December 1 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	December 2 6:30 Missions & Outreach			