

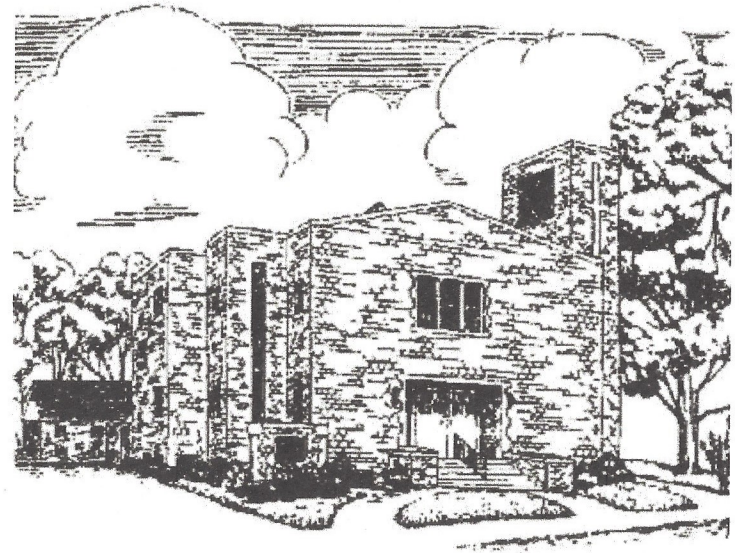
Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
321 Rocky Grove Avenue
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"Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus' Name"

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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 AM to 4:30 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at noon

Men and women with **YOUTHFUL SPIRITS** gather for food and fellowship at noon on the first Wednesday of the month. Join in the fun at **Dawndi's, 136 Warren Road**. Lois Pierce is the hostess this month. Let her know by April 4th if you plan to attend – 437-3653.

Saturday, April 9, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.

Women's Breakfast at Linda Lou's Restaurant, 1542 Mercer Road, Franklin. All are welcome. Please advise the church office if you plan to attend so we know how large of a table to request.

April 4, 2016 – Empty Bowls Event

Community Services of Venango County, Inc. will be holding its Fifth Annual Empty Bowls Event on **Monday, April 4th, 4:30 – 7:30 at Wanango Golf Club, Reno, PA**. If you are interested in going, contact Joyce Wetjen for ticket information.

Saturday, April 16, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. – Franklin First Presbyterian Church is planning brunch for men and women called "Spring Fling." There will be prizes and a presentation by Cynda Sites on food, teas & etiquette of the Civil War era. Tickets are available soon through our church office for \$10.00 each. Proceeds will benefit Oakwood Heights (formerly Presbyterian Home) in Oil City.

Saturday, April 30, 2016 – SPRING GATHERING

"Celebrate & Discover the Gifts of Women"

Ronee Christy, pastor of Oil City First Presbyterian, will lead the group in looking at several women in scripture who differ in their gifts, ages and circumstances in life. The Moore Family (Chris, Julie & Rebecca) will lead in a spirit-filled musical journey. Make reservations by April 20th for the event on the 30th at Wayside Presbyterian Church, 1208 Asbury Road, Erie from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The cost of \$6.00 for lunch can be paid at the door. Please take a food item to support Second Harvest Food Bank; especially spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and cereal are needed. See additional information on the bulletin boards. Elissa Stuttler is the contact person.

The Session of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting after worship on **APRIL 3, 2016**, for the purpose of reviewing the 2015 annual reports and the minutes of the November 15, 2015, Annual Congregation & Corporation Meetings. Rev. Barry Jenkins, pastor of Franklin 1st Presbyterian, will moderate.

RGAPC Financial Information

	February 2016	Year to Date
Income – Envelope Giving	\$ 3,609.00	\$ 6,821.00
Presby Foundation Interest		393.73
Other Sources	64.54	678.58
Expenses	- 4,102.84	- 7,875.86
Difference	- \$ 429.30	\$ 17.45

March Financial Reports will be available in the narthex by the second Sunday of April.



APRIL Birthdays

12 Paisley Newton (2011)
15 Alysta Winder (2014)
18 Megan Yeager
20 Melanie McGinnis
20 Richard Vogan

22 Amie Wielandt
23 Avery Beightol (2015)
28 Ryan Sandok (2007)
29 Phyllis Wetzel
30 Ray Aikins

FROM THE SESSION

Actions and Approved Motions – March 21, 2016, Session Meeting:

- The minutes of the January 18, 2016 Session Meeting after correction and of the February 15, 2016 (via phone) as presented.
- The Financial Secretary's reports for the periods ending January 31 and February 29, 2016 and the Treasurer's reports for January and February, including the checking account summaries, the budget year-to-date figures and the Financial Reports of church accounts.
- Tabled discussion of Trustees' request to raze the two sheds on the property and replace with a 20' by 20' structure with a concrete base, asking Trustees to obtain another estimate on materials and consider a smaller building.
- Received the minutes of the Congregational Life and Worship Ministry Team, Missions and Outreach Ministry Team, and Trustees meetings as well as the Reports of Administrative Activity since the January Session meeting.
- Received information of Presbyterian Women of Lake Erie Presbytery **Spring Gathering** on April 30, 2016 at Wayside Presbyterian Church, Erie, with speaker Rev. Ronee Christy of Oil City First and musical entertainment by The Moore Family.
- Rescheduled communion from Pentecost Sunday, April 15, 2016, to April 22, 2016.
- Reimbursement of mileage at the IRS rate (\$.54/mile currently) to Roger Snyder for his offer to help with our youth group as his schedule permits.
- Recordings of Sunday worship services be discontinued except when requested or for special services.
- The 2015 Annual Report of finances to be presented at the Congregational Meeting on April 3, 2016 after worship.



If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, please contact Judy Ream at 432-5287 or the church office – 432-4162.



RGAPC's Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held in Moorhead Hall on May 7, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. The cost per person for the dinner of ham balls, scalloped potatoes, green beans and dessert is \$7.00 and must accompany your reservation. Please put your reservations in the offering plate, send to the office or give to Lois Pierce or Linda Zeller by May 1st.

The entertainment program for the evening will be Fast Forward Quartet, part of Allegheny Sounds/Sweet Adelines.

Name: _____

Number of Reservations: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

TRIVIA AND FACTS OF APRIL

The daisy, which symbolizes innocence and the sweet pea are the flowers for the month.

The diamond is the birthstone for the month of April.

NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts on April 9, 1959.

William Wadsworth, English poet was born April 7, 1770.

Noah Webster copyrighted the first edition of his dictionary April 14, 1828.

Leonardo da Vinci, Italian painter, sculptor and scientist was born April 15, 1452.

Adolf Hitler, dictator of Germany was born April 20, 1889.

William Shakespeare, the playwright, was born on April 23, 1564. He also died in England in 1616.

The United States Library of Congress was established April 24, 1800.

George Washington was inaugurated as the first president of the United States of America on April 30, 1789.

The Vietnam War ended on April 30, 1975, when South Vietnam surrendered.

April is one of only four months that has exactly 30 days, the others are June, September and November.

April begins on the same day of the week as July every single year.

The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912.

COMPARING PEOPLE TO SHEEP

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

A retired sheep rancher was telling about his adventures in earlier years. From time to time his wife added a comment or told a story of her own about the constant care the sheep required.

After a time, the rancher humorously summed up the stories by saying, "A sheep is an animal born looking for a place to die."

The rancher's comment about sheep helps us realize more of the significance of Jesus comparing himself to a good shepherd. He was willing to die that we, his sheep, might have abundant life. Yet our lives are too often anything but abundant.

Sheep are unaware of the care that they receive. They do not realize the price paid for their protection when they wander into dangerous places.

We, too, are frequently insensitive to God's provision for us. We take his blessings for granted. We dash off on our own in pursuit of material blessings or worldly accomplishments, forgetting the basic values which Christ taught.

We resemble the sheep in another way. Sheep show little concern for one another. We may be conscious of the blessings that God has given to us. We may know that we have an abundant life. But we do not care that others are not enjoying that same abundance. We make little or no effort to share what is ours.

IT'S BOYS!!!



Mike and Cassie Harmeling are the proud parents of a son, Baylor Lee, born 3/21/16 @ 6:14am. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21 inches long. Big sister, Kinsley Laine, is 18 months old. Grandparents are Jeff & Mary Harmeling. Pastor Jeff served RGAPC from 1989 until 1999.

Amanda and Brett Hill became parents to another son, Bowen Raye, on Good Friday, 3/25/16, at 8:22 a.m. He was 11 lbs. and 22.5" at birth. Big Brother Anden is 2. Proud Great Grandma is Grace Gibbons, and Grandparents are Pam & Larry Joe Baughman.

MISSIONS CORNER



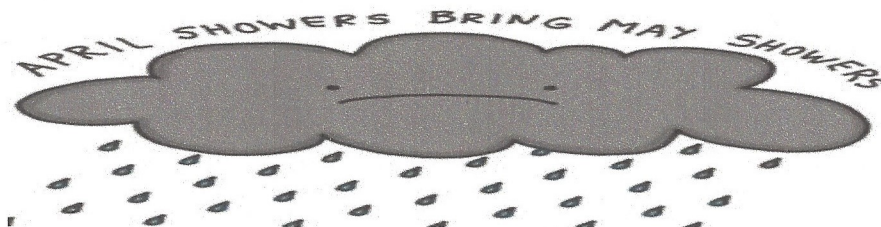
For our year-round Operation Christmas Child, a collection tote is in the Narthex. During **APRIL**, you are asked to contribute **bars of soap with each wrapped in a wash cloth and placed in a ziplock baggie**. For **May**, we will be collecting toys for boys such as cars, yo-yos, small balls, marbles, coloring books and crayons.

Also, during Lent, **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering was collected. Your contributions totaled \$93.00. Thanks to all who gave.

BAKE SALE

Okay, Bakers! It's time to get "abaken." Tentative date is May 13th at Northwest Savings Bank, 1301 Liberty Street, Franklin. (In which case, we would ask that all baked goods be brought to the Youth Room on Thursday, May 12th. As plans develop, more information will be forthcoming.) We are in need of all kinds of goodies. Single-serving pies, fudge and cookies go really fast. Small cakes and breads are winners too. Whatever you feel like making, we'll sell! So if baking is your forte, ladies and/or gents, start your *engines* - I mean ovens. Have fun baking. Questions may be directed to any Missions member.

The Mission & Outreach Ministry Team is in search of new members! If you can spare a little time, please consider attending a meeting on the last Monday of the month at 6:30. Missions are a vital part of who we are and what we are called to do in the name of Jesus Christ. Any questions can be addressed with any Missions member - Diane Whitman (Moderator), Rhonda Rust, Elissa Stuttler, Joyce Wetjen or Linda Zeller.



SERVANTS FOR APRIL

Hospital Visits: Rhonda Rust & Joyce Wetjen

Acolyte: Lillian Songer or Arika Songer

Greeters:
3 The Songers
10 Betty Cornmesser & Lois Pierce
17 Rhonda Rust & Linda Zeller
24 Arnie & Janet Bish

Counters:
3 Joyce Wetjen & Linda Zeller
10 Joyce Wetjen & Diane Whitman
17 Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen
24 Lois Pierce & Diane Whitman

Pulpit Supply:
3 Roger Snyder
10 Lori Danielson
17 Roger Snyder
24 Ron Reagle

Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th of each month or risk being delayed until publication of the next newsletter.



APRIL 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00-3:00 Sweet Adelines
3 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship <i>followed by Congregational Meeting</i> 6:00 Stewardship & Personnel meeting	4 6:00 CLAW meeting 7:00 Trustees meeting	5 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice	6 NOON -- <i>Youthful Spirits at DAWNDI'S</i>	7	8	9 8:30 Women's breakfast @ Linda Lou's 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
10 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	11 6:00 CE meeting	12 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice	13	14 4:00 – 5:00 Annual meeting of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Association	15	16 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
17 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	18 6:15 Session	19	20 <i>MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	21	22	23 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
24 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	25	26 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice	27 6:30 Missions	28	29	30 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous