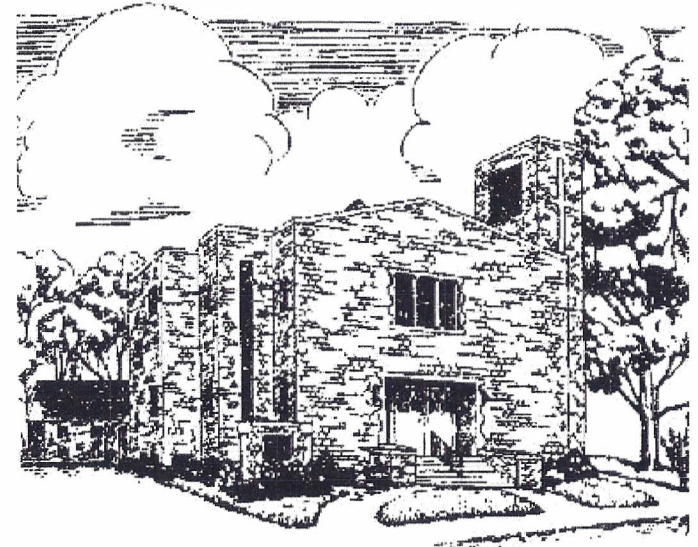


SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

February 2016

A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

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Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

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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

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MISSIONS CORNER

A total of \$125.00 was collected for the Christmas Joy Offering. Thank you for your giving.

YEAR-END DISBURSEMENTS OF 2015 MISSION FUNDS

\$300.00 each to:

ABC Life Center
Mustard Seed Missions
Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center
World Gospel Mission (Jim & Alice Vanderhoof)

\$150.00 each to:

Camping Assn. of Presbyteries of N/W PA
Child Evangelism Fellowship
Fishermen's Network
United World Mission (Robert & Nina Bruneau)
Venango Youth for Christ

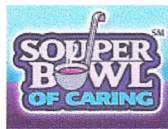
\$4,228.95 was carried over to 2016, of which **\$3,745.03** is designated for work trips and **\$214.00** from Lake Erie Presbytery for Outreach, leaving **\$269.92** actual Benevolence Fund carryover.

Help Fight Hunger with the Souper Bowl of Caring!

In 1990 Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl Football Game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

This special offering will be collected in large "soup pots" at the end of the worship service on **February 7TH**. Every dollar donated will go to fight hunger in our community.



The Missions & Outreach Ministry Team wishes to express sincere gratitude for the support of our chosen missionaries and special offerings throughout the years. If you know of a missionary that should be considered for support in 2016, please advise any Missions member – Diane Whitman (Moderator), Rhonda Rust, Elissa Stuttler, Joyce Wetjen or Linda Zeller.



SERVANTS FOR FEBRUARY

Hospital Visits: Elders & Deacons on a volunteer basis

Counters: Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen

Greeters:
7 Boy Scouts
14 Doris Feather & Judy Ream
21 Brad & Joyce Wetjen
28 The Songers

Acolytes:
7 COMMUNION
14 Arika Songer
21 Lillian Songer
28 Arika Songer

Pulpit Supply:
7 Dale Francis
14 Lori Danielson
21 Ron Reagle
28 Samuel Sher-Masih

A minister pleasantly surprised his congregation by delivering a 10-minute message. In concluding he explained, "I regret to inform you that my dog, who appears to be inordinately fond of paper, this morning ate that portion of the sermon which I have not delivered. Let us pray."

After the services a stranger from another church approached the pastor and said, "Preacher, please let me know if that dog of yours has any pups as I want to buy one for my minister."

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

OFFICERS ORDAINED & INSTALLED

On Sunday, January 10, 2016, the following new officers were ordained and installed:

To the position of **Elder:**

Lois Pierce – 1-year term
Elissa Stuttler – 3-year term
Diane Whitman – 1-year term
Joyce Wetjen – 3-year term

To the position of **Deacon:**

Doris Feather – 1-year term
Beth Blanchard-Hartman – 3-year term

Many thanks to the officers who have agreed to serve another year:

Elders: Lois Pierce & Diane Whitman

Deacon: Doris Feather

We also want to express appreciation to Trustees doing the same:

Arnie Bish – 2 years

John Dumbleton – 3 years

(Brad Wetjen is back on Trustees for a 3-year term.)



FEBRUARY Birthdays

- 4 Mallory Wetjen (13)
- 5 Nancy Weltner
Hanna Wielandt (14)
- 10 Kennedy Hartman
- 11 Maddy Wielandt (12)
- 14 Jeremy Dickey
- 15 Flo Albright
- 17 Cameron Whitling (6)
- 20 Linda Christian
Doug Songer (14)
Marie Wendt
- 21 Helen Grettler (102)
- 26 Malinda Lukers



For our year-round Operation Christmas Child, a collection tote is in the Narthex. During **February**, you are asked to contribute **toothbrushes and toothpaste**. For **March**, we will be collecting **toys for girls; i.e., jump ropes, small dolls, small balls, jacks, coloring books and crayons**.



FROM THE SESSION

Approved Motions – January 18, 2016 Session Meeting:

- The minutes of the Session Meeting of November 16, 2015
- The November & December financial reports of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer
- The minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting of 1/4/16, Missions & Outreach Ministry Team meeting of 12/2/15 and Congregational Life & Worship Committee meeting of 1/4/16
- The changes to the Administrative Manual Section 606 as submitted by Missions & Outreach Ministry Team.
- The establishment of the 2016 communion schedule as follows: February 7, 2016 (Transfiguration of the Lord), May 15, 2016 (Pentecost Sunday), August 7, 2016, October 2, 2016 (World Communion) and November 20, 2016 (Christ the King Sunday).
- The establishment of a Congregational meeting on April 3, 2016, for the purpose of presenting the 2015 Annual Reports, which will be made available by the Stewardship & Personnel Committee to Session for approval at its March meeting.
- The review of the Church Key Assignment List.
- The removal of Marilyn Joanne Brannon from membership due to death 12/31/15.
- The transfer of Rosalie Odier's membership to Girard Alliance Church, Girard, PA.
- The dissolution of the Shepherds Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

Wednesday, February 3rd - Men and women with **YOUTHFUL SPIRITS** gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun this month in **Moorhead Hall**. This will be a potluck luncheon followed by playing Bingo for prizes. Just bring a covered dish to share.

Saturday, February 13th – 8:30 a.m. – Women’s Breakfast

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.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE & WORSHIP

At its January meeting, the Congregational Life & Worship Ministry Team discussed the plan of events for 2016. There will be the Mother-Daughter Dinner on May 7th, the church family picnic in July, a Potluck Dinner in October and the Christmas Dinner on December 3rd at Linda Lou’s. Mark your calendars! Additional information will be provided as it becomes available. The committee wishes to express their gratitude for supporting the events that are planned. Anyone with suggestions for a desired event should present them to Lois Pierce, moderator, for consideration by the committee.

POINTS TO PONDER:

- The good man, like a bouncing ball, springs ever upward from a fall.
- The man or woman who kneels to God can stand up to anything.
- Prayer is not an easy way of getting what we want, but the only way of becoming what God wants us to be.
- The reason a lot of people cannot find opportunity is that it goes around disguised as hard work.

NOTES OF THANKS

I’d like to express my thanks to the church family for the Christmas gift. Thank you, also, for the notes, letters, and kind words I receive throughout the year. My music teacher once warned me that playing for church might be a thankless endeavor. I’m happy to report that it’s just the opposite here at RGAPC. I’m grateful to be playing for such an appreciative congregation.

Mike Burkhardt

To the many Shepherds, Deacons, “meal preparers” & Presbyterians that showed so much love and compassion while providing numerous prayers, cards, etc., Mom truly cherished them all. We really can’t explain how special Mom held you all in her heart. We also cannot thank you enough for attending to her family with the meal and continued support. Again, thank you from all of us.

The family of M. Joanne Brannon

To my Church Family,

Thank you so much for the very generous Christmas Gift - it is very much appreciated. I truly enjoy playing for church when I am home and able to do so. Again, thank you very much. *Janet*

I’m writing to say thank you for all you have done. It means so much and we are grateful. *from the family RGAPC supported at Christmas through Community Services.*

R. G. Ave. Church family,

Thank you so much for all your support throughout mom’s declining health; she truly relished her church family. Your sympathy wheat wreath will remain a beautiful reminder to all of us.

Cathy & the Brannon family

To my Church Family,

Thank you for the Teddy Bear at Christmas. It is appreciated. Bless everyone,

Richard Vogan

JUDGING OTHERS

When I'm busy blaming others
Looking for a fault or two
Then it's time I started counting
All the petty things I do.

There's a lot of good in others
And a lot of bad in me
So I have no right in judging
Faults of others that I see.

Thus, before I look for failings
I have found a better plan,
'Tis to keep my own house cleaner
Before judging my fellow man.
-- Author Unknown

RGAPC Financial Information

	December 2015	Year to Date
Income – Envelope Giving	\$ 4,206.82	\$ 40,911.89
Presby Foundation Interest		1,598.04
Edward Jones Transfers	4,000.00	28,000.00
Other Sources	183.07	3,068.89
Expenses	- 7,979.25	- 84,307.03
Difference	\$ 410.64	- \$ 10,728.21

*January Financial Reports will be available
in the narthex by the second Sunday of February.*

QUOTABLE QUOTES:

*"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but
whatever I have placed in God's hands that I still possess."*

-- Martin Luther

St. Valentine's Day Word Search

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G O T K N R T M N L
L L R R I M U I G D
Y O U R A L T S F H
P R A Y S N T S T E
T B N G E R E I E V
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Trust
in
God
with
All
Your
Heart

True
Love
Comes
from
Above

Saint Valentine, Pray for Us.



FEBRUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:00 CLAW meeting	2 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	3 NOON Youthful Spirits @ RGAPC 1:00 Deacons meeting	4	5	6 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
7 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship - Scout Sunday Communion Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday	8 6:00 CE meeting 7:00 Trustees meeting	9 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	10 ASH WEDNESDAY	11	12	13 8:30 Women's breakfast @ Linda Lou's 9:30 OA
14 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 6:15 Session 	16	17	18	19	20 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
21 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	22 <i>MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	23 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	24 6:30 Missions	25	26	27 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
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