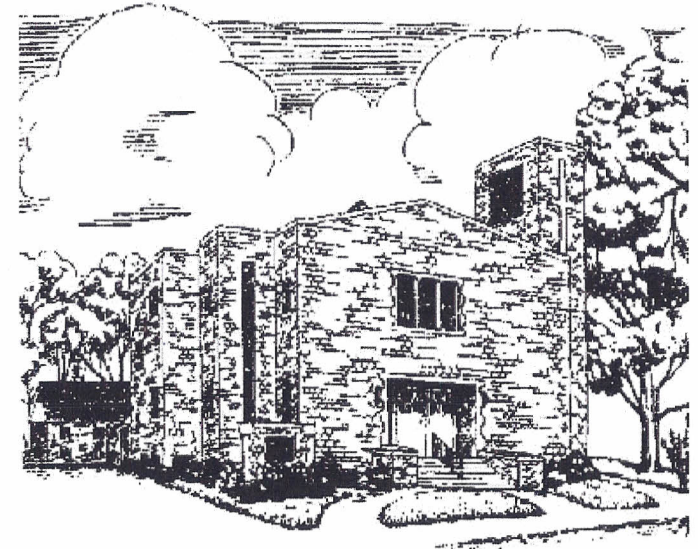


# SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

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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

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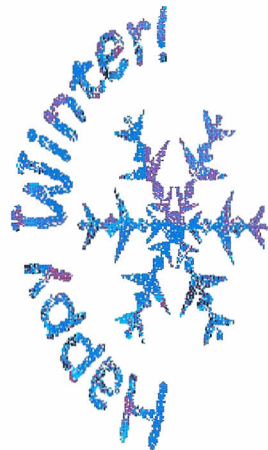
Scott Donaldson, Custodian

*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 - January 2016**

Welcome to 2016 - a New Year has arrived! We have just come thru a very difficult year, but we have survived, "Thanks Be to God." Now we need to look ahead and see where God wants us to go and what mission he will put in front of us.

Let me say that I had a completely different report written, but after the mission committee meeting in December, I came away with a completely different idea of a mission need for our church family. The committee spent much time discussing the mission needs and directions, examples: the fact that no other committee submits a report for the news-letter and the small number of Christmas shoe boxes (5) collected this past year; so, a new mission for the church family will be for each member to provide a monthly gift which will be posted in the bulletin and the news-letter. We also reviewed the administrative manual regarding the regulations of the mission & outreach committee with many changes to be recommended to the session.

So, what is to be our mission for 2016? We hope the whole church family will realize that one committee cannot achieve all the mission needs--the church family needs to participate.

Let's look forward to meeting all the challenges that are put in front of us, as a mission for our church family. We can do it with everyone's prayers and God's directions!!

The mission committee meets at 6:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month--come share your "mission" with us -- everyone is always welcome!!

Mission team: Jane Beach, Rhonda Rust, Joyce Wetjen, Diane Whitman and Linda Zeller

**"A NOTE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY"**

If you have not yet picked up your 2016 offering envelopes, they can be found on the window ledge by the chair lift outside the narthex.

Please use the pink envelopes for your 2016 offerings starting January 1, 2016. If you did not receive offering envelopes and attend regularly, please let Joyce Wetjen (432-8545) or the church office know and we'll see that you get them.

Each envelope provides a line to indicate the amount given for Current Expenses, Missions and "Other." Please use the following items for the "Other" line:

- New Building Fund
- Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Camp Scholarship Fund
- Houser Memorial Trust Fund for Camp Scholarships
- Building Repairs & Improvements
- Siefer or Moorhead Scholarship Fund
- Memorial Fund
- Missionfest

All donations to the Deacons Fund or special offerings should be put in the designated envelopes in the pew racks. Please note that the Deacons receive all loose offerings the **first two Sundays of each month and Christmas Eve.**

Also included are Per Capita and Initial Offering envelopes. **Each member is asked to pay \$29.50 Per Capita** (General Assembly - \$7.12, Synod - \$2.30, and Presbytery - \$20.08). As you can see Presbytery receives the largest portion of the Per Capita.

If you have any questions, please call Joyce Wetjen (Financial Secretary) at 432-8545. Blessings to you for a Happy and Healthy 2016!

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**Correction from your Financial Secretary:** Please note that the Deacons receive all loose offerings the first two Sundays of each month and **Christmas Eve** – not Communion Sundays as stated on the note included with some of the 2016 Offering Envelopes.

**RGAPC Financial Information**

|                            | <b>November 2015</b> | <b>Year to Date</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Income – Envelope Giving   | \$ 3,477.01          | \$ 36,705.07        |
| Presby Foundation Interest |                      | 1,598.04            |
| Edward Jones Transfers     |                      | 24,000.00           |
| Other Sources              | 661.53               | 2,885.82            |
| Expenses                   | - 3,873.01           | - 76,327.78         |
| Difference                 | \$ 265.53            | - \$ 11,138.85      |

*December Detailed Financial Reports will be available in the narthex the second Sunday of January.*



## SERVANTS FOR JANUARY

|                         |                                               |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Hospital Visits:</b> | Linda Zeller & a Deacon                       |
| <b>Greeters:</b>        | 3 Diane Whitman & Arika Songer                |
|                         | 10 Grace Gibbons & Rhonda Rust                |
|                         | 17 John & Mary Jo Dumbleton                   |
|                         | 24                                            |
|                         | 31                                            |
| <b>Acolytes:</b>        | 3 Lillian Songer                              |
|                         | 10 Arika Songer                               |
|                         | 17 Lillian Songer                             |
|                         | 24 Arika Songer                               |
|                         | 31 Lillian Songer                             |
| <b>Counters:</b>        | <i>None designated at time of publication</i> |
| <b>Pulpit Supply:</b>   | 3 Dale Francis                                |
|                         | 10 Lori Danielson                             |
|                         | 17 Ron Reagle                                 |
|                         | 24 Roger Snyder                               |
|                         | 31 Dale Francis                               |

*The office will no longer be seeking ushers to serve for a month at a time; rather, persons will be selected from those in church on Sunday morning. Greeters are still asked to sign-up on the sheets on the bulletin board on the sanctuary level.*



For our year-round Operation Christmas Child, a collection box is in the Narthex. During January you are asked to contribute a small stuffed animal. (One small enough to fit in a shoe box and still allow room for other items.) For February, it will be toothpaste and toothbrushes.

### FROM THE SESSION

There was no Session meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 18, 2016.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

**Wednesday, January 6th** - Men and women with *YOUTHFUL SPIRITS* gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun at **Dawndi's, 136 Warren Road**. All are welcome!!

**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 a.m. – Women's Breakfast**  
Linda Lou's Restaurant, 1542 Mercer Road, Franklin.

**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. -- "Unhanging of the Greens" –**  
*PLEASE COME -- MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK*

### NOTES OF THANKS

I wish to thank my church family for the gracious Christmas gift. I do my work for the Lord, but it is so nice to be appreciated by you too.

*Rhonda Rust*

I wish to thank the Deacons for the Christmas bear with the marvelous verse. I have it sitting where I can see it all the time.

*Carol Rough*

Thank you, Church Family, for the generous Christmas gift. It is very much appreciated.

*Scott Donaldson & family*

### JANUARY Birthdays



|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Sierra Cook         | 20 Lois Pierce        |
| 4 Judy Sandok         | 20 Konner Hartman     |
| 5 Elissa Stuttler     | 24 Brooke Brannon     |
| 11 Aaron Weltner      | 26 Mike Hartman       |
| 11 Jessica Songer     | 27 Anden Hill (2)     |
| 13 Alisha Newton      | 29 Joshua Kirwin (16) |
| 15 Madeleine Wielandt |                       |

Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. The February newsletter will be published for distribution the week of January 31, 2016.



# JANUARY 2016



| SUNDAY                                                                                             | MONDAY                                          | TUESDAY                            | WEDNESDAY                                    | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                                                                                   | SATURDAY                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                    |                                                 |                                    |                                              |          | 1<br> | 2<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                          |
| 3<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship –<br><i>Epiphany Sunday</i>                               | 4<br>6:00 CLAW meeting<br>7:00 Trustees meeting | 5<br>6:30 Sweet Adelines practice  | 6<br>NOON <i>Youthful Spirits @ Dawndi's</i> | 7        | 8                                                                                        | 9<br>8:30 Women's breakfast @ Linda Lou's<br>9:30 OA<br>10:00 "Unhanging of the Greens" |
| 10<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship --<br><i>Installation of Officers</i><br>5:30 Boy Scouts | 11<br>6:00 CE meeting                           | 12<br>6:30 Sweet Adelines practice | 13                                           | 14       | 15                                                                                       | 16<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                         |
| 17<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship                                                          | 18<br>6:15 Session                              | 19                                 | 20<br><i>FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>    | 21       | 22                                                                                       | 23<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                         |
| 24<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship                                                          | 25                                              | 26<br>6:30 Sweet Adelines practice | 27<br>6:30 Missions                          | 28       | 29                                                                                       | 30<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                         |
| 31<br>9:30 Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship<br>5:30 Boy Scouts                                       |                                                 |                                    |                                              |          |                                                                                          |                                                                                         |