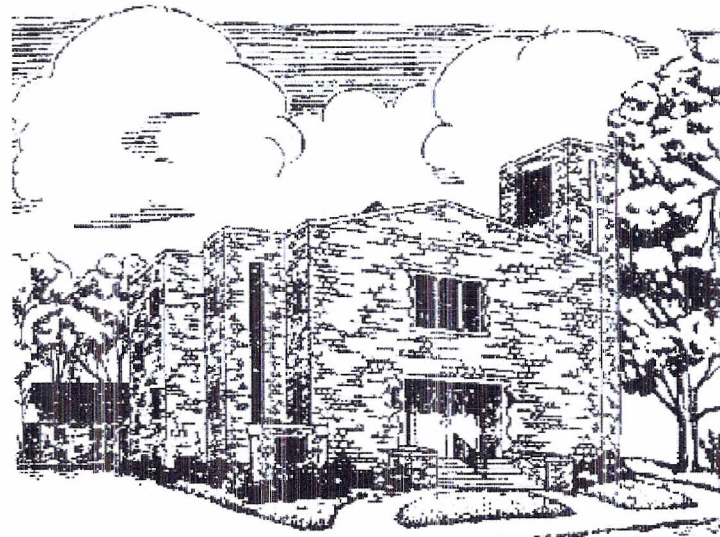


SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

March 2016

A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323

Phone: 814-432-4162

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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

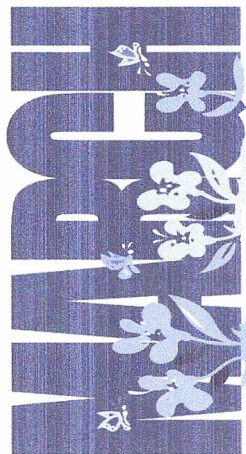
Scott Donaldson, Custodian

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM

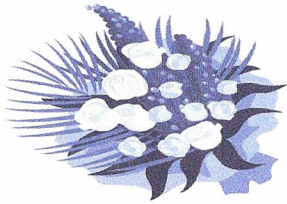
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RGAPC Financial Information

	January 2016	Year to Date
Income – Envelope Giving	\$ 3,212.00	\$ 3,212.00
Presby Foundation Interest	\$ 393.73	\$ 393.73
Other Sources	\$ 614.04	\$ 614.04
Expenses	- \$ 3,773.02	- \$ 3,773.02
Difference	\$ 446.75	\$ 446.75

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



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

Of all God's gifts to man, laughter is the most subtle and one of the most precious. It has neither nationality nor religion. As an equalizer, it has not equal. Even science, which can do so many things can't teach us to laugh. Mirth is from God, dullness from the devil. When we laugh we agree with God that all is good. *– Anonymous*

It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow!

Minds are like parachutes; they only work when they are open.

Faith is a gift, but you can ask for it.

*God loves us the way we are,
but, He loves us too much to leave us that way.*

LORD, DON'T TAKE MY TEARS OR MY CROSS AWAY

Lord, don't take my tears or my cross away
For I would grow weary and forget to pray.
I want to serve You all of my days;
I'll share You with others along life's way.

Lord, may I never take for granted
All the Blessings You send my way.
Let my heart give You all my Praises;
Following Jesus I will never dismay.

For my tears will keep me humble;
Though many times I fall and crumble,
Lord grant me strength for each new day.
Lord don't take my tears or my cross away.

Teach me, Lord, to never grow careless
Or grow weary in my walk each day.
Remind me, Lord, how much I need You;
Lord, don't take my tears or my cross away.

Lord, You see each wave as billows roll;
You hear each prayer on Earth extol.
You understand every heartache and tear.
I thank you, Lord; You are always near.

Lord, You promised a better day is coming;
Our cross we'll bear no more;
We'll live with You for all Eternity,
Upon Heaven's bright and golden shore.

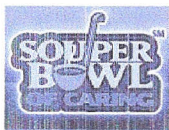
--- Bernice Ward

MISSIONS CORNER



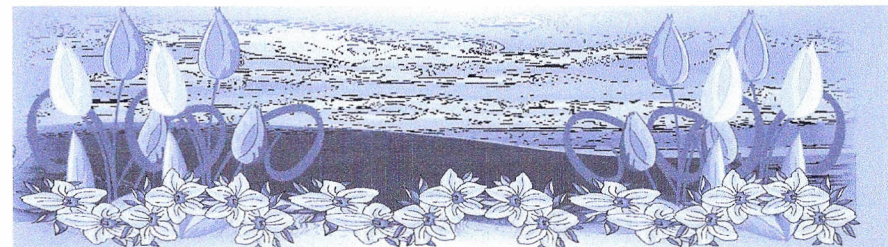
For our year-round Operation Christmas Child, a collection tote is in the Narthex. During **March**, you are asked to contribute **toys for girls; i.e., jump ropes, small dolls, small balls, jacks, coloring books and crayons.** For **April**, we will be collecting a bar of soap wrapped in a wash cloth & placed in a Ziploc bag.

Also, during Lent, One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be collected. Your contributions will help toward disaster assistance, alleviating hunger as well as helping people learn how to help themselves toward a better life. Envelopes for donations can be found in the pews and also in the printed March newsletter.



The "Souper Bowl of Caring" offering was taken in "soup pots" at the end of the worship service on **February 7TH**. A total of **\$65.00** was collected and sent to Community Services of Venango County and earmarked for the Rocky Grove site. Thanks to all who gave!

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 in the Choir Room. Missions is a vital part of who we are and what we are called to do in this world 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 MARCH

Hospital Visits: Linda Hartman & Judy Ream

Acolyte: Lillian Songer or Arika Songer

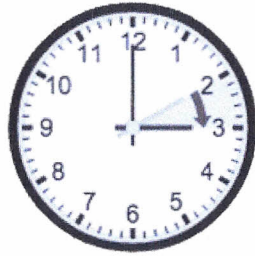
Greeters:
6 The Songers
13 Margie & Gene Sheffer
20 Grace Gibbons & Rhonda Rust
27 Betty Cornmesser & Lois Pierce

Counters:
6 Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller
13 Lois Pierce & Diane Whitman
20 Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller
27 Jane Beach & another Elder

Pulpit Supply:
6 Dale Francis
13 Dale Francis
20 Dale Francis
27 Lori Danielson

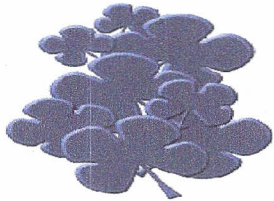
Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th of each month or risk being delayed until publication of the next newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC



SPRING AHEAD!

Don't forget to change your clocks upon retiring Saturday evening, March 12th, so as to be on time for Sunday School and/or church Sunday morning, March 13th!!!!



MARCH Birthdays

1 Lorraine McCauley	19 Mabel Mong
4 Aaron Wetjen (9)	23 Linda Hartman
4 Molly Whitting	23 Karen Richards
6 Kevin Songer	26 Dave Christian
8 Bryce David Beightol (3)	27 Eleanore Moffitt
10 Rodney Zeller	29 Ernest Pellow
13 Stephen Feather, II	29 Renee Feather
13 Brenda Holt	30 John Dumbleton

FROM THE SESSION

The Session did not meet in February due to inclement weather. The next scheduled meeting is March 21, 2016.

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 - Men and women with ***YOUTHFUL SPIRITS*** will again gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of the month. Join in the fun this month at Primo Barone's at Venango Regional Airport, 1564 Airport Road. Let the church office know by February 29th if you plan to attend.

Saturday, March 12, 2016 – 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.

HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY

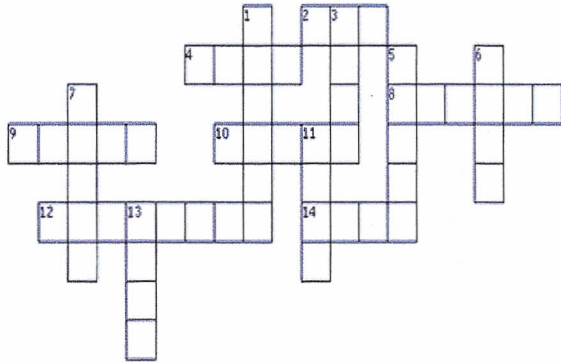
Saturday, March 5th – Chicken Breast 'n Stuffing Dinner, 4-6pm;
Grace UMC of Rocky Grove, 350 Front Street, Franklin. Menu includes: Chicken breast, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, vegetable, applesauce, roll & butter, drink & dessert. Price is by donation, take outs available. Proceeds benefit annual work mission trip to Oak Hill, WV.

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 will be available soon through our church office for \$10.00 each. Proceeds will benefit Oakwood Heights (formerly Presbyterian Home) in Oil City.

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.

He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. To shed tears
- 4. The opposite of alive
- 8. A heavenly being
- 9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb
- 10. The color that is the opposite of black
- 12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
- 14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

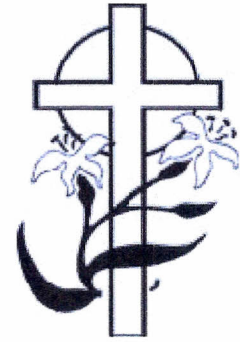
DOWN

- 1. The male parent
- 3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
- 5. The opposite of late
- 6. A period of seven days
- 7. An adult female person
- 11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
- 13. The opposite of light

Words Used

early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	

The Deacons have made arrangements for memorial flowers on Easter Sunday. Payment must accompany orders and must be received by Sunday, March 13th. Please complete the form below and send to RGAPC, 321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323, or place in the offering plate.



Please include your check payable to 'RGAPC - Deacon's Fund'

In memory of _____

Given by _____

In honor of _____

Given by _____

Tulips are \$7.00 each:

___ White ___ Purple ___ Yellow ___ Pink ___ Red ___ Orange

TOTAL \$ _____

Hyacinths are \$7.00 each:

___ Pink ___ White ___ Blue ___ Mixed

TOTAL \$ _____

___ Daffodils are \$7.00 each

TOTAL \$ _____

___ Easter Lilies are \$8.00 each

TOTAL \$ _____

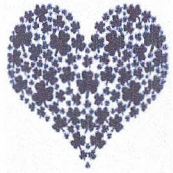
Total Paid \$ _____

Note: The florist will make a concerted effort to fill color choices of tulips and hyacinths.

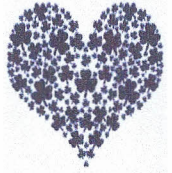
_____ I do not wish to pick up my flower(s) on Easter Sunday and would like it/them to be given to a shut-in.



_____ I will pick up my flowers.

**All orders must be received by Sunday, March 13, 2016.
NO EXCEPTIONS!**



MARCH 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	2 NOON <i>Youthful Spirits</i> @ Primo Barone's	3	4	5 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
6 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	7 6:00 CLAW meeting 7:00 Trustees meeting	8 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	9	10	11	12 8:30 Women's breakfast @ Linda Lou's 9:30 OA
13 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship <i>Daylight Saving Time begins</i>	14 6:00 CE meeting	15	16	17	18	19 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
20 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship –  PALM SUNDAY	21 6:15 Session APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	23	24	25	26 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
27 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship  EASTER	28	29 6:30 Sweet Adelines practice	30 6:30 Missions	31		