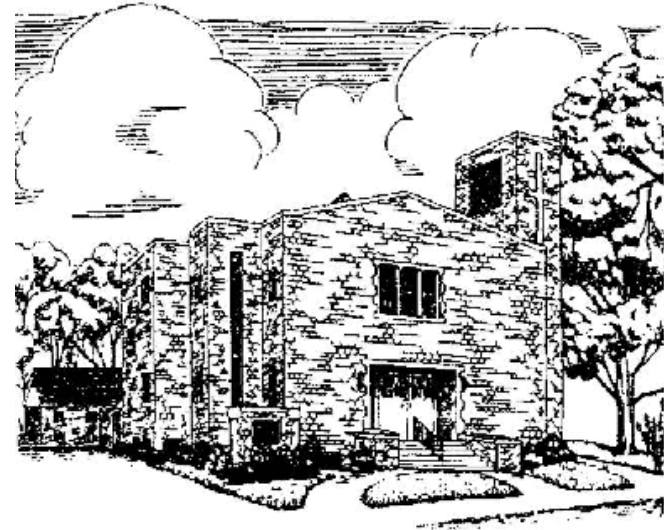


SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

January 2017

A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323

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Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:15 a.m.

Rev. Rachel J. Johns, Pastor

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.

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FROM THE SESSION

ACTIONS OF SESSION – December 12, 2016

1. Approved minutes of November 14, 2016 Session meeting.
2. Approved Financial Secretary’s Report ending November 30, 2016, checking account summary and Treasurer’s Report for November, 2016.
3. Approved Treasurer’s request to transfer all but \$500 of cash fund available from Edward Jones to First National Bank checking account to apply toward benevolence, insurance and per capita.
4. Approved withdrawals from Miscellaneous and Administrative Expenses accounts as budgeted to fund Christmas gifts for staff.
5. Approved the proposed Communion schedule for 2017.
6. Approved a motion to elect the Financial Secretary, Assistant Financial Secretary and the Treasurer.

February Birthdays



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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4 Yolanda Clark | 15 Flo Albright |
| Mallory Wetjen (14) | 17 Cameron Whitling (7) |
| 5 Nancy Weltner | 20 Linda Christian |
| Hanna Wielandt (15) | Doug Songer (15) |
| 10 Kennedy Hartman | Marie Wendt |
| 11 Madeleine Rose Wielandt (13) | 21 Helen Grettler (103) |
| 14 Jeremy Dickey | 26 Malinda Lukers |

(February birthdays have been included in this issue for your convenience and will also be published in the February/March issue.)



Servants for JANUARY

Hospital Visitors: Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen

Greeters:
 1 Grace Gibbons & Rhonda Rust
 8 Doris Feather & Judy Ream
 15 Lois Pierce
 22 Gene & Margie Sheffer
 29 John & Mary Jo Dumbleton

Worship Leaders:
 1 Lois Pierce
 8 Rhonda Rust
 15 Diane Whitman
 22 Lois Pierce
 29 Rhonda Rust

Counters:
 1 Linda Zeller & Joyce Wetjen
 8 Jane Beach & Lois Pierce
 15 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen
 22 Diane Whitman & **another elder**
 29 Joyce Wetjen & Diane Whitman



JANUARY Birthdays

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Sierra Cook (12) | 20 Lois Pierce |
| 4 Judy Sandok | 20 Konner Hartman (18) |
| 5 Elissa Stuttler | 24 Brooke Brannon |
| 11 Aaron Weltner (18) | 26 Mike Hartman |
| 11 Jessica Songer | 27 Anden Hill (3) |
| 13 Alisha Newton | 29 Joshua Kirwin (18) |

Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th of each month or risk being omitted from next month’s issue.

MISSIONS CORNER

The Christmas Joy Offering, which was collected during Advent, has been a cherished tradition of Presbyterians for decades. The money received is divided equally between the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and providing assistance in the continued ministry of educating and forming Christian leaders.

The Board of Pensions provides help not only to our retired leaders and family members, but also to the church's current workers and their families when needed. The financial assistance to those who have made a life decision to serve the church, makes it possible for more racial ethnic students, who would otherwise not be able to afford an education, to get the necessary schooling (high school and/or college) that they need.

These church leaders have had a profound impact on many of our lives. They are gifts to us, just as Jesus Christ was God's greatest gift to us all. The Joy Offering provides us with a way to offer a gift in response.

Our offering for 2016 is \$125.00. Thanks to all who contributed!

Your Missions & Outreach Ministry Team,

Diane Whitman, Moderator

Elissa Stuttler, Elder

Rhonda Rust

Joyce Wetjen

Linda Zeller



We will again be participating in Samaritan's Purse's "Operation Christmas Child" year-round giving in 2017. However, for January, we would be collecting small stuffed toys. Since we have so many bears and such donated by Lorraine McCauley, we will wait to begin in February, at which time we will be collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes. This will give you an extra month to get ready, set, GO!

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 2017, please advise a member of the Missions & Outreach Ministry Team.

UPCOMING EVENTS at RGAPC

Wednesday, January 4th – *Youthful Spirits*

Men and women gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun at **RGAPC in the Youth Room**. Lois Pierce will be providing the entire luncheon which includes two kinds of soup, a salad, a dessert and beverage. Donations will be accepted to help cover costs. Make your reservation with Lois at 437-3658 by January 2nd. All are welcome!!

Saturday, January 7th – 10:00 a.m. -- *"Unhanging of the Greens"* -- *MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK*

Sunday, January 8th – *Baptism of the Lord – Communion*

Sunday, January 15th – **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

DEACONS - Rhonda Rust & Phyllis Vogan

Kennedy Hartman (ordained & installed)

Saturday, March 11th - *Women's Prayer Breakfast*

Join the women of RGAPC for breakfast the second Saturday of the month at Linda Lou's Restaurant, 1572 Mercer Road at 8:30 a.m. Devotions, prayer and fellowship abound. **It has been decided by the group to cancel January and February meets.**

Thank you!

Thank you so much for the gift card I received from the church family. It really means so much to me that you remember me at Christmas. I really enjoy playing for church when I am at home and hope that I can continue to play whenever needed. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness. Hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone in the spring.

Janet Bish

JANUARY

acid-free stickers
for memory books and
other creative projects

TIMELESS MOMENTS

journaling snippets of headlines, facts and fun
this package contains one 6 x 12 sticker by it takes two

JANUARY

January is named after Janus, the Roman god of doorways and of beginnings and endings. He is represented with a two-sided head, one looking ahead and the other always looking behind.

birthstone: garnet
flower: carnation
trait: constancy



SPECIAL DAYS:
New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Did you know . . .

- January is Blood Donor Month and Stamp Collector Month.
- Rock & Roll Day is Jan 8, Elvis Presley's birthday.
- January 12 is Secret Pal Day.
- The Today Show premiered on NBC on Jan. 14, 1952.
- Inauguration Day is Jan. 20, unless it falls on a Sunday.
- National Pie Day is Jan. 23.
- Beer was first sold in cans on Jan. 24, 1935.



Snowfall Record:
1140 inches at
Mount Baker,
Washington, during
the 1998-99 snowfall
season.



*A New Year's resolution
is something that goes in
one year and out the other.*

- Anonymous

January

WINTER WORD SEARCH



Created by
Sue Lindlauf
Grand Forks Herald
2010

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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. Snow | 5. Shovel | 9. Slippery | 13. Scarf |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold | 10. Slide | 14. Hat |
| 3. Winter | 7. Freezing | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating | 16. Mittens |



Help Fight Hunger through 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 5th**. Every dollar donated will go to fight hunger in our community (typically our donation goes to Community Services Food Pantry).

Used cell phones (working or not) are still being collected 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.

Thank you!

I want to thank all who sent Get Well cards, Christmas cards and flowers as well as those who prayed for my recovery after my fall. Your thoughtfulness and kindness are much appreciated. *Betty Commesser*

To: Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church (Deacons)
I want to thank you for the thoughtful gifts. I never have these thoughtful gifts on hand. Sincerely, *Joyce Riddle*

I wish to thank the Deacons for the Christmas bag of wonderful, useful gifts. Your generosity is much appreciated. *Carol Rough*

I wish to thank the church for the generous Christmas gift. Working for the Lord is rewarding enough, but it's nice to be appreciated. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. *Rhonda Rust*

A photo Christmas card from The Bausman Family is posted on the bulletin board outside the narthex per their special request.

A NOTE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

If you have not yet picked up your 2017 offering envelopes, they can be found on the window ledge by the chair lift outside the narthex.

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
- Camp Scholarship Fund
- Houser Memorial Trust Fund for Camp Scholarships
- Building Repairs & Improvements
- Moorhead Scholarship 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 \$30.00 Per Capita** (General Assembly - \$7.50, Synod - \$2.30, and Presbytery - \$20.20).

If you have any questions, please call Joyce Wetjen (Financial Secretary) at 432-8545. Blessings to you for a Happy and Healthy 2017!

Helen Grettler, our long-time pianist and organ accompanist, moved recently. Her new address is: **Arcadia Acres – Room 238, 20017 State Route 93 South, Logan, OH 43138**. She is 102 years young (birthday February 21st) and so enjoys receiving cards.



JANUARY 2017



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---|---|----------|--|--|
| 1 9:00 Worship | 2 6:00 C.L.A.W. 7:00 Trustees | 3 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice | 4 NOON <i>YOUTHFUL SPIRITS</i> - Youth Room 1:00 Deacons | | | 7 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 “Unhanging of the Greens” |
| 8 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> 9:00 Worship – <i>Communion</i> 10:15 Sunday School | 9 6:15 Session – <i>Ladies Parlor</i> | 10 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice | | | | 14 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| 15 9:00 Worship – <i>Installation of Officers</i> 10:15 Sunday School | 16 6:30 Christian Ed. | 17 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice | | | 20 <i>FEBRUARY/MARCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i> | 21 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| 22 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School | | | 25 6:30 Missions | | | 28 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| 29 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School | | 31 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice | | | | |

The next issue of the Sonshine Newsletter will include information for February and March. Please adhere to the deadline of January 20th for March information as well as February. Thank you.