

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

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A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

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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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February Birthdays



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)
13 Dick Norr	26 Malinda Lukers
14 Jeremy Dickey	

Don't forget! *Helen Grettler*, our long-time pianist and organ accompanist, turns 103 on February 21st. Let's shower her with birthday greetings! Her new address is: **Arcadia Acres – Room 238, 20017 State Route 93 South, Logan, OH 43138.**



Servants for FEBRUARY

<u>Hospital Visitors:</u>	Jane Beach & Rhonda Rust
<u>Greeters:</u>	5 Brad & Joyce Wetjen
	12 Diane & Eric Whitman
	19 Jessica & Kevin Songer
	26 Dorie Feather & Grace Gibbons
<u>Worship Leaders:</u>	5 Diane Whitman
	12 Lois Pierce
	19 Lois Pierce
	26 Diane Whitman
<u>Offering Recorders:</u>	5 Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen
	12 Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen
	19 Lois Pierce & Diane Whitman
	26 Diane Whitman & another elder



March Birthdays

1 Lorraine McCauley	23 Linda Hartman
4 Aaron Wetjen (11)	Bowen Ray Hill (1)
Molly Whitling	Karen Richards
6 Kevin Songer	26 Dave Christian
8 Bryce David Beightol (4)	27 Renee Feather
10 Rodney Zeller	Easton McIntosh (2)
13 Stephen Feather, II	Eleanore Moffitt
Brenda Holt	Ernest Pellow
19 Mabel Mong	30 John Dumbleton



Servants for MARCH

<u>Hospital Visitors:</u>	Elder & Deacon volunteers needed
<u>Greeters:</u>	5 Nancy & Scott Donaldson
	12 John & Mary Jo Dumbleton
	19 Judy Ream & Rhonda Rust
	26 Diane & Eric Whitman
<u>Worship Leaders:</u>	5 Lois Pierce
	12 Rhonda Rust
	19 Diane Whitman
	26 Rhonda Rust
<u>Offering Recorders:</u>	5 Linda Hartman & Linda Zeller
	12 Linda Hartman & Lois Pierce
	19 Lois Pierce & Linda Zeller
	26 to be announced

Missions Corner

A total of **\$125.00** was collected for the **2016 Christmas Joy Offering**. Thank you for your giving.

YEAR-END DISBURSEMENTS OF 2016 MISSION FUNDS

\$444.00 each to:

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

\$222.00 each to:

Child Evangelism Fellowship
Fishermen's Network
United World Mission (Robert & Nina Bruneau)
Venango Youth for Christ

\$3,406.19 was carried over to 2017, of which **\$3,250.03** is designated for work trips and **\$147.66 left of \$214** for outreach from Lake Erie Presbytery, leaving **\$8.50** actual Benevolence Fund carryover.



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 balls, jacks, coloring books and crayons**.

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.

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 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.



FROM THE SESSION

ACTIONS OF SESSION – January 9, 2017

1. Approved minutes of December 12, 2016 Session meeting.
2. Approved Financial Secretary's Report, checking account summary and Treasurer's Report for December, 2016.
3. Approved the Clerk's Annual Report for 2016.
4. Approved a motion to end the scheduling of acolytes and only have their services when they are available if they desire.
5. Approved a motion to collect the offering after the sermon and return it to the altar to be recorded after the morning worship.
6. Approved a motion to remove the invocation from worship service.
7. Approved the collection of pocket change to support the Presbyterian mission trip to Ghana.
8. Elected Diane Whitman as the Presbytery Representative/Elder Commissioner to the Presbytery for 2017.
9. Elected Elissa Stuttler as Clerk of Session for 2017.
10. Approved the request of the church secretary to print as many copies of the Sonshine News as she feels are needed.
11. Approved a motion to transfer Judy Ream's church key to Marge Sheffer.

Thank you!

Thank you for the Christmas gift of appreciation. It's been a pleasure working with the church family and the staff, and I'm looking forward to a new year of praise, prayer, and worship with all of you.

Mike Burkhardt

Thank you, Church Family, for the generous gift card for Christmas.

It is very much appreciated.

Scott Donaldson & family

During Lent, which begins March 1st, **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 will be in the pews and also in the printed April newsletter. Donations to this offering will be accepted through Easter – April 16, 2017.

COOK'S CORNER

The following are some of the treats that Lois Pierce provided for Youthful Spirits luncheon on January 4th. She was asked to share them with the group. We thought it would be nice to give them to the congregation. Try them and enjoy!

APPLE DUMPLINGS

2 containers of Crescent Rolls

2 large apples, pared and cut into 8 slices each

Put apple slices in crescent rolls, roll up & place in a 9x13 pan.

Melt 2 sticks butter & add:

1 ½ cups sugar

1 tsp. Cinnamon

1 – 12 oz. can Ginger Ale (1 2/3 cups)

Pour over apples and bake in a 350 degree oven for 45 minutes.

(I use a larger dish and 3 containers of crescent rolls, but use only one recipe of sauce, as very sweet otherwise.)

CRANBERRY SALAD

1 lg. or 2 sm. pkgs. Raspberry Jello

1 can whole cranberry sauce

2 cups boiling water

1 cup diced celery

1 cup cold water

½ cup chopped nuts

2 Tbsp. lemon juice

Mix together and put in a 9x13 dish.

WARREN QUILT SHOP COOKIES

1-14 oz. can condensed milk

1 cup chopped nuts

1 cup finely chopped dates

Ritz crackers

Cook milk and dates 20 to 25 minutes in double boiler, stirring often. Keep stirring, add nuts. Spread on the crackers & put them on a cookie sheet. Bake 8 minutes in a 350 degree oven. Let cool and frost. Makes 7 doz. and may be frozen.

FROSTING:

4 oz. cream cheese

½ tsp. vanilla

¼ cup oleo

2 cups confectioner sugar

Blend cream cheese with oleo, then add vanilla and sugar.

UPCOMING EVENTS at RGAPC

Saturday, March 11th - Women's Prayer Breakfast (8:30 a.m.)

Join the women of RGAPC for breakfast the second Saturday of the month at Linda Lou's Restaurant, 1572 Mercer Road. There was no breakfast in January and February, so come out and enjoy fellowship, devotions and good food too!

Saturday, March 11th – 6:00 p.m. -- ***“INDOOR PICNIC”*** – *Hot dogs, buns, condiments and drink will be provided. Attendees will be asked to bring a “picnic” dish. A sign-up sheet will be posted mid-February so we might have a variety of dishes of food!! Questions should be directed to Lois Pierce or Linda Zeller.*

Youthful Spirits

Men and women gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun on **February 1, 2017**. We will be traveling up the hill to **Primo Barone's**, 1564 Airport Road. Let Rhonda Rust know if you plan to attend. All are welcome! The **March 1st** outing will be at **Amazing Foods** and hosted by Grace Gibbons.

Installation of Officers was conducted Sunday, January 15, 2017. Kennedy Hartman was ordained and installed as a Deacon along with Rhonda Rust for a three-year term and Phyllis Vogan for a one-year term. Thanks for your willingness to serve. Welcome a “board”!

Gratitude is extended to those outgoing board members – Deacon Judy Ream and Trustees Rhonda Rust and Gene Sheffer.

Gratitude is extended to those board members consenting to serve at least another year – Deacons Dorie Feather and Phyllis Vogan and Elders Lois Pierce and Diane Whitman.



FEBRUARY 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> (Primo Barone's)	2	3	4 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
5 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	6 6:00 C.L.A.W. 7:00 Trustees	7 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice	8	9	10	11 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
12 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	13 6:15 Session – <i>Youth Room</i>	14 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice 	15	16	17	18 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
19 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	20 6:30 Christian Ed.	21 Secretary vacation	22 1:00 Deacons 6:30 Missions Secretary vacation	23 Secretary vacation	24	25 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
26 9:00 Worship – <i>Communion</i> 10:15 Sunday School	27	28 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice Secretary vacation				



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12 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School <i>Daylight Savings Time begins - Spring ahead 1 hour</i>	13 6:15 Session – <i>Youth Room</i>	14 6:30 Sweet Adelines Practice	15	16	17	18 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
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