

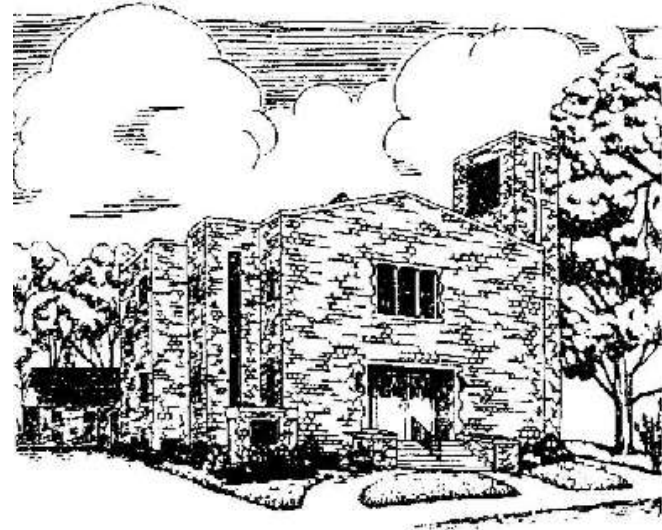
Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
321 Rocky Grove Avenue
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“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

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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.



MAY Birthdays

2	Gage Clark	16	Jonathan Pellow
8	Ed Whitling	23	Lisa Brannon
11	Jim Albright	26	Wayne Edmondson
12	Eli Moreland (2004)	27	Betty Cornmesser
15	Savannah Cook (2011)	30	Austin Clark (1999)



SERVANTS FOR MAY

Hospital Visitors: Margie Sheffer & Linda Zeller

Greeters: 7 Diane & Eric Whitman
14 Brad & Joyce Wetjen
21 Grace Gibbons & Rhonda Rust
28 Dorie Feather & Judy Ream

Worship Leaders: 7 Rhonda Rust
14 Lois Pierce
21 Diane Whitman
28 Rhonda Rust

Offering Recorders: 7 Linda Hartman & Lois Pierce
14 Joyce Wetjen & Linda Zeller
21 Linda Hartman & Joyce Wetjen
28 Jane Beach & Linda Zeller

Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20th of each month. **Please write out all of the information as you wish it to appear.** Be sure to provide a contact name and phone number for an event so your group can be contacted if needed. Thank you!

Missions Corner

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering, taken through Lent, allowed our congregation to send \$ 195.00 to assist with disaster assistance, hunger and self-development of people throughout the world. Thanks to all who helped us accomplish this feat.

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**ATTENTION BAKERS:** The Missions Team is asking you, once again, to bake lots of yummy items for our bake sale on **Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, at Northwest Savings Bank in Franklin. (If that date is not available we will plan on May 26<sup>th</sup>.) Last year's sale was a huge success. Let's try to do even better this year. Whole pies and individual slices are customer favorites. Cookies and fudge go fast. Actually, anything that is homemade will no doubt be a winner. We will let you know when to bring things to the church when we finalize our plans.

If you are not a baker, we also accept monetary donations. Make your check out to RGAPC and mark "Missions Bake Sale" on the memo line. Even if you have baked goodies for the sale, you may want to stop at the bank and take home someone else's. On the day of the sale, we will be there from 9:00 A.M. until sold out or the bank tells us it is time to go home.



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For our year-round Operation Christmas Child, a collection tote is in the Narthex. During **May**, you are asked to contribute **toys for boys; i.e. cars, yo-yos, small balls, marbles, coloring books & crayons. No toy guns please.**

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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.

## FROM THE SESSION

### ACTIONS OF SESSION – April 17, 2017

1. Approved minutes of March 13, 2017 Session meeting.
2. Approved Financial Secretary's Report ending March 31, 2017, checking account summary and Treasurer's Report for March, 2017.
3. Approved the Secretary's request for vacation on April 27, 2017.
4. Approved the purchase of one 2017-2018 Presbyterian Planning Calendar for the church secretary.
5. Approved a motion to renew the domain name and hosting for our website for one year at the cost of \$123.87.

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A Congregational Meeting was held after worship April 23rd for the purpose of reviewing the 2016 Annual Reports. No questions were asked regarding the figures.
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*We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Helen Grettler, a former organist/pianist of the church. Helen went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. An obituary from The News Herald can be found on the bulletins on the sanctuary level.*  
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*After Pearl Harbor, General Theodore Roosevelt was flying on a plane when seats were hard to come by. At a way stop, priority was served on a very young sailor. "I want to see Ma," the lad said plaintively. "There's a war on, you know," the girl at the ticket counter reminded him. General Roosevelt stepped up and said, "Give him my seat; I'll take a later plane." A friend said, "Teddy, nobody is going to believe this when I tell it. Aren't you in a hurry too?" To this, the General answered, "It's a matter of rank. I'm only a general. He's a son."*  
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UPCOMING EVENTS at RGAPC

Youthful Spirits

Men and women gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun on **May 3, 2017**, at **Northside Eatery**, 219 Seneca Street, Oil City. Dorie Feather is the hostess; please let her know by Monday, April 3rd, (436-5236) if you plan to attend. All are welcome! (If you wish to car pool, be at the church by 11:30 a.m.) **June 7th** will be the next outing.

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*Congregational Life & Worship is planning the **Mother-Daughter Dinner for Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** (day before Mothers' Day) at 6:00 p.m. in Moorhead Hall. Ham balls, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, roll, dessert & beverage will be provided for \$7.00 per plate. A reservation form can be found elsewhere in this newsletter*  
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Saturday, May 13th - 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. Come out and enjoy fellowship, devotions and good food too!
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### POINTS TO PONDER:

- A pint of example is worth a barrel full of advice.
- Love does not dominate; it cultivates.
- There are no traffic jams on the straight and narrow way.
- Remember the weekday – keep it holy too!
- Don't find fault with the way it bounces if you're the one who dropped the ball.
- Laughter is the world's great peacemaker.



*RGAPC's Mother-Daughter Banquet will be held in Moorhead Hall on May 13, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. The cost per person for the dinner of ham balls, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, roll, beverage and dessert is \$7.00 and must accompany your reservation. Please put your reservation in the offering plate, send to the office or give to Lois Pierce or Linda Zeller by May 7<sup>th</sup>. Make checks payable to RGAPC with Mother-Daughter in the memo line.*

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Number of Reservations:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Total Amount Enclosed:* \_\_\_\_\_

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### National Day of Prayer – May 4<sup>th</sup>!

There will be a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at the Cranberry Mall in the Center Court area (near Kreative Kuts). All are welcome to attend and lift prayers to our Lord on this National Day of Prayer. Prayer will focus on churches, businesses, media, families, military, education & government. Drop-in Prayer Time: Prayer stations will be available from Noon until 6:30 p.m. for personal prayer time for those wishing to participate in the National Day of Prayer during the daytime hours.

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CSP (Community Support Program) of Venango County is proud to host the 2nd Annual Suicide Prevention Rally – 2017. On Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Franklin Bandstand Park, there will be a free family-friendly event of live bands, speakers sharing stories of hope and survival, information tables, door prizes, candlelight vigil and children's activities. Delicious food will be available for purchase through vendors.

LET'S ALL BAND TOGETHER TO PREVENT SUICIDE!

FAMOUS & INFAMOUS PEOPLE IN JOB INTERVIEW:

- ❖ **Julius Caesar:** *My last job involved a lot of politics and backstabbing. I'd like to get away from all that.*
- ❖ **Hamlet:** *My previous position was eliminated in a hostile takeover.*
- ❖ **Jesse James:** *I can list among my skills: leadership, travel planning, logistical organization, an understanding of firearms and knowledge of security measures at banks.*
- ❖ **Pandora:** *I like discovering new things.*

The Prodigal Son

Where was the mother of the prodigal son
On that day so long ago?
What were her thoughts
And what were her fears
As she watched him turn to go?

How many times in the dark of night
Did the tears slide down her face?
Did she get out of bed
And fall on her knees
Just to pray that her boy was safe?

How were the days when she did not know
Was he alive? Was he warm? Was he well?
Who were his friends?
And where did he sleep?
Was there anyone there she could tell?

But oh, on that day
When she looked down the road
As she had looked since her son went away,
Did love unspeakable flood her soul?
Did she cry?
What did she say?

I think when the father had welcomed their son
And the boy had greeted his brother,
That the servants made a path
For him to enter the door
And the waiting arms of his mother.

*This poem is dedicated to all the mothers who have lost wayward children.
Don't lose your faith in God who can bring them back to the fold.*

UPCOMING EVENTS at AREA CHURCHES

Saturday, May 6th – Franklin's Choirs Sing – 7:00 p.m. at **First UM Church, 1102 Liberty Street, Franklin.** This event, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Franklin Christian Ministerium. Many area church choirs will be singing two selections each with a combined choir at the end. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Grace Learning Center.

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**Galloway United Methodist Church will be hosting a free viewing of the movie, *War Room*, on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. There will be child care for infants to 3-year olds. The church is located at 196 Seysler Road off of Route 417.**

### NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you for the Easter card (from the Deacons). It was very nice and much appreciated.

*Carol Rough*

### The Lighter Side of Life:

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The little lady went downtown shopping. She saw a dress in a store window she liked. She went into the store, found the last one in her size, then moved over to the saleslady and said, "I want this dress, and it's the last one in my size. I don't have an account with your store, so would you take my personal check?" The sales lady said, "Sure if you can identify yourself." The little old lady reached down in her purse, pulled out a little pocket mirror, looked at it, then said, "It's me, all right."

--Kirk Kirkpatrick



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:00 C.L.A.W. 7:00 Trustees	2 6:30 Sweet A's Practice	3 Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> at Northside Eatery, Oil City 6:30 Missions	4	5	6 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
7 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	8 6:15 Session – <i>Youth Room</i>	9 6:30 Sweet A's Practice	10	11	12	13 8:30 Prayer Breakfast @ <i>Linda Lou's</i> 9:30 OA 6:00 Mother-Daughter
14 <i>Mothers Day</i> 9:00 Worship with <i>Paul Sallade of</i> <i>Mustard Seed</i> <i>Missions at pulpit</i> 10:15 Sunday School	15 6:30 Christian Ed.	16 6:30 Sweet A's Practice	17	18	19	20 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
21 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	22 <i>JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	23 6:30 Sweet A's Practice	24 6:30 Missions	25	26	27 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
28 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	29	30 6:30 Sweet A's Practice	31			

