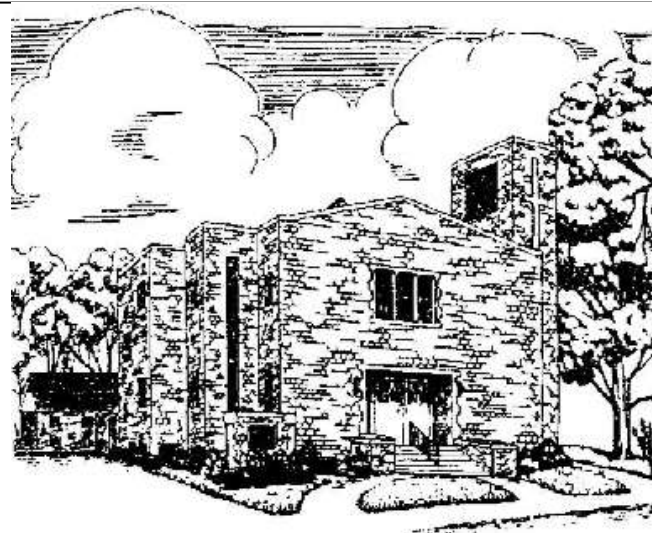


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A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



“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

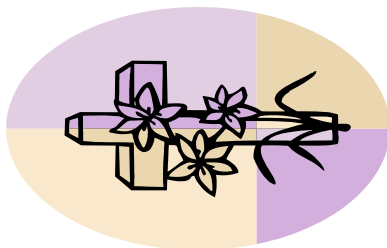
Mike Burkhardt, Organist

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.*

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
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APRIL Birthdays

- 12 Paisley Newton (2011)
- 15 Alysta Winder (2014)
- 18 Megan Yeager
- 20 Richard Vogan
- 22 Amie Wielandt
- 23 Avery Beightol (2015)
- 28 Ryan Sandok (2007)
- 29 Phyllis Wetzel
- 30 Ray Aikins



SERVANTS FOR APRIL

- Hospital Visitors:** Diane Whitman & a Deacon
- Greeters:**
 - 2 Margie & Gene Sheffer
 - 9 Lois Pierce
 - 16 Flo & Jim Albright
 - 23 Rhonda Rust
 - 30 Arnie & Janet Bish
- Worship Leaders:**
 - 2 Lois Pierce
 - 9 Diane Whitman
 - 16 Rhonda Rust
 - 23 Lois Pierce
 - 30 Diane Whitman
- Offering Recorders:**
 - 2 Joyce Wetjen & Diane Whitman
 - 9 Jane Beach & Joyce Wetjen
 - 16 Lois Pierce & Diane Whitman
 - 23 Linda Hartman & Lois Pierce
 - 30 Yet to be determined

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Where did my money go? I hope it goes into one of those One Great Hour of Sharing envelopes where it can do some real good. I can do without Oreos this week, and I'll never miss that change in the console of my car. And just maybe, if I give this more thought, I'll find some more "lost" money I can do without. Like the old adage: "There but for the grace of God, go I."

Envelopes for your giving can be found in the pews as well as in this newsletter. Please place envelopes in the offering plate or mail to the church. Thank you.

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For our year-round Operation Christmas Child, a collection tote is in the Narthex. During April, you are asked to contribute a bar of soap wrapped in a wash cloth and placed in a Ziploc bag.

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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.

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The Souper Bowl of Caring Offering taken on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, totaled \$98.50 and was sent to support Community Services of Venango County for Rocky Grove Food Pantry on Parker Avenue as has been done most often in recent years.

WHERE DID MY MONEY GO?

You stop for coffee on the way to work and put the change in your pocket or purse. You go to a restaurant or the drive-through for lunch, and you put the change in your pocket or purse. You stop at the store on the way home to pick up the necessary groceries and some unnecessary comfort food – you know, Oreos, ice cream, chocolate milk, snack cakes – and you put the change maybe into the console of your car this time. And who hasn't had the wonderful surprise of finding money in a jacket or coat pocket? But we forget about the small pittance, and if we never saw it again, we probably wouldn't miss it.

We've all heard about the good One Great Hour of Sharing provides worldwide – long-term disaster relief, water well projects in more than 20 foreign countries, empowerment projects to help parents provide for the welfare of their children. Here's another one that's not as well-known. One Great Hour of Sharing provides programs here in America. Most recently the focus has been on populations in the states of Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Jersey, North Carolina and Texas. The "hidden" populations of immigrants and refugees in these areas have been underserved due to trust issues with immigration officials and language barriers. With the natural disasters experienced by residents in these states lately, it was important to assist these groups to learn disaster preparedness for themselves and their children and long-term recovery strategies. One Great Hour of Sharing promotes communication between various civic groups and government agencies to provide education and assistance to these persons who are not aware of the resources available to them so that they can prepare and protect their families during disasters.

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FROM THE SESSION

*ACTIONS OF SESSION – March 13, 2017*

1. Approved minutes of February 13, 2017 Session meeting.
2. Approved Financial Secretary's Report ending February 28, 2017, checking account summary and Treasurer's Report for February 2017.
3. Approved the Annual Financial Reports for 2016 as amended.
4. Approved a Congregational Meeting be scheduled following morning worship on April 23, 2017 for the purpose of presenting the annual reports to the congregation.

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HOW DO I KNOW?

How do I know that Christ is risen?
What proof have I to give?
He touched my life one blessed day
And I began to live!

How do I know he left the tomb
That Easter long ago?
I met Him just this morning, and
My life is all aglow.

How do I know that endless life
He gained that day for me?
His life within is proof enough
Of immortality!

How do I know that Christ still lives
Rich blessings to impart?
I know it's true because He lives
And reigns within my heart!

-- Eugene M. Harrison

The Deacons have made arrangements for memorial flowers to be placed in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday.

Payment must accompany orders and should be received by Sunday, April 2nd, but must be received by Sunday, April 9th.

Please complete the form below and send to RGAPC, 321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323, or place in the offering plate. (Additional order forms are available in the narthex.)



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 \$8.50 each

TOTAL \$ _____

Total Paid \$ _____

Note: The florist will make a concerted effort to fill color choices.

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.

Orders preferred by Sunday, April 2, 2017.

All orders must be received by Sunday, April 9, 2017.

HOLY WEEK IS APRIL 9 – 16, 2017

Please be aware of these worship services and events and be sure to mention them to your friends and family. Don’t forget to offer a ride to those who don’t have reliable transportation or might be concerned about parking.

Thursday, April 13th Maundy Thursday – At 6:00 p.m., RGAPC and Franklin First Presbyterian Church will share a soup meal in Moorhead Hall followed by worship around the dinner table and celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Friday, April 14th Good Friday – Crosswalk downtown Franklin starting at 10:00 a.m. at the corner of Liberty & 10th Streets (St. Patrick Church). There will also be a crosswalk in Oil City starting at 10:30 a.m. proceeding from Main & Petroleum Streets.


Franklin First United Methodist Church, 1102 Liberty Street, will host a Youth & Family Community Rally with J. J. Jasper as Keynote Speaker. This is a free community event starting at 3:30 ‘til 5:00 p.m. See poster on bulletin board for additional information.

Sunday April 8th EASTER – Resurrection of the Lord
9:00 a.m. – Easter Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m. – Easter Brunch in Moorhead Hall – Breakfast casseroles, muffins, sweet rolls, fresh fruit, orange juice and coffee will be available.

Easter Word Search Puzzle

Circle the words that you find.



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| Alive | God | Resurrection |
| Angels | Holy Ghost | Sepulchre |
| Cross | Jesus | Tomb |
| Dead | Joanna |  |
| Disciples | John | |
| Easter | Mary | |
| Father | Peter | |
| Gardener | Rabboni | |

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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 **April 5, 2017**, at **Amazing Foods**, 1327 Elk Street. Judy Ream is the hostess; please let her know by Monday, April 3rd, (432-5287) if you plan to attend. All are welcome! The **May 3rd** outing will be hosted by Dorie Feather.

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**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 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:

- The value of Easter Sunday attendance can only be evaluated when attendance is taken on the following Sunday.
- Temper is what gets most of us into trouble; pride is what keeps us there.
- The best way to forget your own problems is to help someone else solve theirs.
- A person is about as big as the things that make him angry.
- Wouldn't it be nice to be as sure of anything as some people are of everything?
- The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example.
- Cooperation is doing with a smile what you have to do anyway.

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!



APRIL 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
2 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School <i>Deadline for Easter flower orders</i>	3 6:00 C.L.A.W. 7:00 Trustees	4 6:30 Sweet A's Practice	5 Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> (Amazing Foods)	6	7 Rocky Grove High School field trip (parking in lower lot)	8 8:30 Prayer Breakfast @ <i>Linda Lou's</i> 9:30 OA
9 Palm Sunday  9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	10	11	12	13 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6:00 Soup Dinner & Communion in Moorhead Hall	14 Good Friday 	15 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
16 Easter Sunday  9:00 Worship 10:00 Easter Brunch	17 6:15 Session – Youth Room <i>International Day of Farmers' Struggles</i>	18	19	20 4:00 Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Assn. meets in Youth Room <i>MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	21	22 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
23 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School	24	25 4:00 Presbytery Meeting (O.C. 1 st) 6:30 Sweet A's 6:30 Missions	26	27	28	29 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
30 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School						