

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

April 2019

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.

Church Staff

Rev. Rachel J. Johns, Pastor

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

Mike Burkhardt, Organist

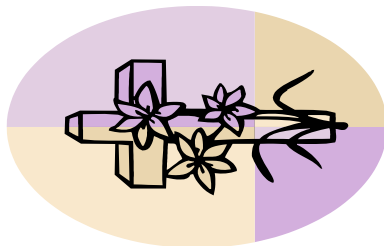
Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

Church Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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FROM THE SESSION

ACTIONS OF SESSION – *March 11, 2019:*

1. Approved the Session minutes for February, 2019.
2. Approved the financial reports for February, 2019.
3. Approved a donation of \$100 toward the Eagle Scout project of Gavin Weber, a member of the troop that meets at our Church, who is making improvements at Two Mile Run Park. Of the estimated \$1,300 necessary, he has already raised \$900.
4. Approved the request of the Church Secretary to attend the Presbytery Administrative Staff Day on April 9, 2019, to be counted as a work day and not as a vacation day, and pay her expenses.
5. Approved the request of the Church Secretary to take April 10, 2019 as a vacation day.
6. Approved continuing Bible Study in May, 2019 and consider reconvening in the fall, 2019.
7. Approved removing sufficient funds necessary from the Edward Jones account to meet current expenses.

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**The church office will no longer be contacting individuals to serve as greeters for Sunday morning worship. We are all capable of picking up our own bulletin and greeting any visitors before or after worship. Please feel free to voice your opinion on this decision; the office is open to suggestions! Thank you.**



**APRIL**  
**Birthdays**

15 Alysta Winder (2014)

30 Ray Aikins



**Servants for APRIL**

**Hospital Visitor(s):** Kennedy Hartman

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

**Recorders:** 7 Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen  
 14 Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller  
 21 Lois Pierce  
 28 Diane Whitman & Linda Zeller

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



If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, please contact Judy Ream (673-6492). You will want to advise Judy as to whether you will order your own flowers, how you want it listed in the bulletin and if you will be removing them after the service.

Flowers were provided for morning worship on March 24, 2019, by Jane Beach and family in memory of Linda Hartman on the occasion of her birthday, March 23rd.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC

Youthful Spirits

Men and women with *YOUTHFUL SPIRITS* gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month. Join in the fun **April 3, 2019, at Karma Coffee Co, 237 Seneca Street, Oil City.** Please inform Dorie Feather (437-5236) by April 1st if you plan to attend. Watch future bulletins for information on the next gathering.

Women's Prayer Breakfast - rescheduled

The Women's Prayer Breakfast will not meet **April 13th.** Consider joining the small group of women of RGAPC when they meet at Linda Lou's Restaurant, 1572 Mercer Road, at 8:30 a.m. on **May 11th.** Devotions are followed by good food and fellowship.

Answers to March Crossword:
 Across: DUBLIN, JIG, PINCH, SEVENTEENTH, SHAMROCK, GREEN, IRISH
 Down: MARCH, LUCK, BLARNEY, IRELAND, POTATO, LEPRECHAUN, CLOVER

MISSIONS CORNER:

One Great Hour of Sharing

We will be collecting money for One Great Hour of Sharing through Easter Sunday.

Your gift will improve the lives of people in challenging situations through disaster assistance, helping to correct the systemic causes of hunger while feeding the hungry and by responding to experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustices.

Please give generously.

Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center will have a *Spring Work Day* on Saturday, April 27th, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Jobs for every age. No skill required. For information call 814-432-3026

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Do you enjoy seeing performances at the Barrow-Civic Theater here in Franklin? Well, if you do and find it a hardship to afford tickets, here is what you can do! Contact Gary Barton at the theater (432-5196) between 10 am and 4 pm most days. He will give you information on volunteering; thus, you get to see all the performances at which you volunteer as a reward!

The Caring Place Auxiliary is seeking volunteers for the "Sunflower Shoppe" which is the gift shop; it is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Each shift is three (3) hours. If you or someone you know may be interested, contact Marie Leyda (437-3291) or Angela Prather (814-388-9482). Volunteering is a very rewarding experience.

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of April

Week of April 7th

Linesville and Rocky Grove Presbyterian Churches
 Rev. Rachel Johns, Temporary Supply Pastor

Rev. Lyta Seddig (Honorably Retired)

Week of April 14th

Endeavor Presbyterian Church
 Roger Snyder, Commissioned Pastor

Rev. Cindy Kohlmann & Elder Vilmarie Cintron-Olivieri
 Co-Moderators of 222nd General Assembly

Week of April 21st

Utica Presbyterian Church
 Tina Kaye, Commissioned Pastor

John Dietz, Teaching Elder,
 Moderator of the Coordinating Committee

Week of April 28th

Ripley Presbyterian Church
 Phil Johnson, Commissioned Pastor

Rev. Carl Hull (Honorably Retired)
 Rev. Joe Filer (Honorably Retired)

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**April Quotes:**

April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.  
 — William Shakespeare

Why are people so tired on April 1st? Because they just finished a 31-day March.  
 — Unknown

Deacons have made arrangements for memorial flowers on Easter Sunday. Payment must accompany orders and must be received by:

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**

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 – Deacons' Fund'

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Tulips -- \$7.25 each TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hyacinths -- \$7.25 each TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Daffodils -- \$7.25 each TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Easter Lilies -- \$7.25 each TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_ *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.*

***NOTE: We have been forced to change suppliers; thus, the color varieties available on the order form in the March Sunshine Newsletter are no longer available. The good news is that Easter Lilies are now available!***

**SAVE THE DATE:** Community Services of Venango County will offer the 8<sup>th</sup> annual **Empty Bowls** event at **Wanango Country Club** on **April 8, 2019**, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Guests enjoy a meal of soup and bread prepared and served by many local chefs. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$15 or at the door for \$20. Children 5 & under are free. Benefits Community Services Food Pantries. See poster on bulletin board for additional information.

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“Biblical Studies” with Rev. Joe “Joey” Martin have been held after worship from February 17, 2019 through March 31, 2019. Due to other commitments, Rev. Martin will not be available again until May 12th, at which time the sessions will resume through the end of the month before taking the summer off. Come to learn; leave inspired!

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**Venango County Older Adult Services Senior Volunteer Program** is looking for volunteers age 55 and older to volunteer in the following areas:

- **Out-of-County drivers** (transport individuals to medical appointments using a county provided vehicle and gas)
- **Ombudsman volunteers** (visit with and advocate for individuals residing in long-term care facilities)
- **APPRISE volunteers** (provide medical counseling after completing free required training)
- **Friendly visitors** (visit with individuals who are home bound)

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Jeff Schneider, SVO Coordinator, at 814-432-9711



# Easter Story

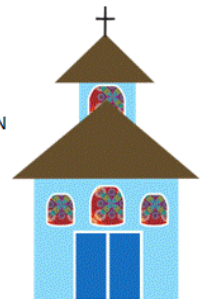
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# APRIL 2019



| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                       | MONDAY                   | TUESDAY                                                                         | WEDNESDAY                                                                                           | THURSDAY                                                                             | FRIDAY                                                                                                                       | SATURDAY                                                                                         |
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|                                                                                                                                                              | <b>1</b><br>2:00 CLAW    | <b>2</b><br>6:30 Sweet Adelines<br>7:00 Trustees                                | <b>3</b><br>Noon <i>Youthful Spirits</i> at Karma Coffee Co.<br>6:30 Boy Scout Merit Badge Training | <b>4</b>                                                                             | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>6</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                            |
| <b>7</b><br>9:00 Worship                                                                                                                                     | <b>8</b><br>6:15 Session | <b>9</b><br>6:30 Sweet Adelines                                                 | <b>10</b><br>6:30 Boy Scout Leaders meet                                                            | <b>11</b>                                                                            | <b>12</b>                                                                                                                    | <b>13</b><br><del>8:30 Women's</del><br><del>Prayer Breakfast</del><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| <b>14</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>5:30 Boy Scouts                                                                                                                 | <b>15</b>                | <b>16</b><br>6:30 Sweet Adelines                                                | <b>17</b><br>6:30 Boy Scout Merit Badge Training                                                    | <b>18</b><br><i>Maundy Thursday</i><br>6:00 Soup Dinner & Communion in Moorhead Hall | <b>19</b><br> Good Friday                 | <b>20</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                           |
| <b>21</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i><br><br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Easter Brunch | <b>22</b>                | <b>23</b><br><i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i><br>6:30 Sweet Adelines                  | <b>24</b><br>6:30 Missions                                                                          | <b>25</b>                                                                            | <b>26</b><br>May <i>Sonshine Newsletter</i> available:<br><a href="http://www.rockygrovepres.org">www.rockygrovepres.org</a> | <b>27</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous                                                           |
| <b>28</b><br>9:00 Worship<br>5:30 Boy Scouts                                                                                                                 | <b>29</b>                | <b>30</b><br>3:00 Presbytery Meeting at Titusville First<br>6:30 Sweet Adelines |                                                                                                     |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                  |