

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church  
321 Rocky Grove Avenue  
Franklin, PA 16323



# ***SONSHINE NEWSLETTER***

## ***February 2020***

*A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church*



***“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”***

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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.*

## FROM THE SESSION

### ACTIONS OF SESSION – *January 20, 2020:*

1. Approved the minutes of the November 11, 2019 Session meeting.
2. Approved the Financial Secretary's Reports for the periods  
Ending November 30 and December 31, 2019, the checking account summaries for November and December, 2019, and the Treasurer's Reports for November and December, 2019.
3. Denied the request of Linda Zeller to move her membership  
to inactive status at this time.
4. Ratified the telephone vote of Session members taken in  
December, 2019 to financially assist a church family.
5. Approved the Christmas gifts to church employees.
6. Set the Communion dates for 2020.



## *FEBRUARY Birthdays*

4	Mallory Wetjen	11	Madeleine Rose Wielandt
5	Hanna Wielandt	13	Dick Norr
10	Kennedy Hartman	20	Doug Songer
		20	Marie Wendt



## *Servants for February*

### Hospital Visits:

Joyce Wetjen & Rhonda Rust

### Worship Leaders:

**2** Rhonda Rust  
**9** Lois Pierce  
**16** Pastor Rachel Johns  
**23** Lois Pierce

Answers to puzzle: 1.) FLOWER 2.) PARTY 3.) GIFT 4.) LOVE 5.) ANGEL  
6.) RED 7.) ROSE 8.) HEART 9.) GIVE 10.) PINK  
Special word: FRIENDSHIP

*Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 (673-6491). 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.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC**

### *Youthful Spirits*

Men and women usually gather for food and fellowship at noon the first Wednesday of each month; however, there will be no gathering in January or February. Join in the fun **March 4<sup>th</sup>** at a yet-to-be- disclosed location. Make your reservation with Rhonda Rust at 437-2831 by March 2, 2020. All are welcome!!

*We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Lorraine McCauley, who passed from this life into life eternal on December 29, 2019. Lorraine had been a member of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church since April 7, 1963, and was honored as a 50-year member in 2015.*

## **MISSIONS CORNER:**

A total of **\$142.00** was collected for the **2019 Christmas Joy Offering**, which is an increase over 2018's offering of \$111.00. Thank you for your giving.

### **YEAR-END DISBURSEMENTS OF 2018 MISSION FUNDS**

**\$350.00** each to:

Grace Learning Center  
Mustard Seed Missions  
United World Mission (Robert & Nina Bruneau)

*(Total per recipient for 2019 = \$1,024.00)*

**\$175.00** each to:

ABC Life Center  
Child Evangelism Fellowship  
Presbyterian World Mission (Josh Heikkila)  
Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center  
Venango Youth for Christ

*(Total per recipient for 2019 = \$512.00)*



### **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 at the end of the worship service on **February 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Every dollar donated will go to fight hunger locally through Community Services of Venango County.

## NOTE OF THANKS

Rocky Grove Church family,  
Thank you for including me on your list of shut ins. I enjoyed  
the gifts. God's blessings to you. *Dick Norr*

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. It is much appreciated.  
*Rhonda Rust*

Thank you for the Christmas card and gift. I've had a good  
time working with the church family, the special music, and the  
staff. I'm looking forward to a new year of praise, thanksgiving,  
prayer, and worship with all of you. *Mike B.*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas Gift. I  
really enjoy playing for church whenever I am needed  
and thank you for thinking of me at this special time  
of year! We are enjoying the great Florida weather and  
think of all of you often. Thanks again. *Janet*

### *Did you know?*

The word February has been derived from the word 'februa', which  
translates to purification and cleansing, adapted from the Roman  
'Festival of Purification', and muses pre-Spring rituals. 'Februo'  
literally means 'I purify by sacrifice.'

## Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of February

### Week of February 2<sup>nd</sup>

First Church of the Covenant, Erie  
*Rev. Chris Weichman, Pastor*

Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana

### Week of February 9<sup>th</sup>

Erie-Wayside Presbyterian Church  
*Rev. James Bernhardt, Pastor*

*Melinda Wingenbach*  
Administrative Assistant, Presbytery of Lake Erie

### Week of February 16<sup>th</sup>

Hartstown and Cochranon Presbyterian Churches  
*Hwa Sung Ryu, Pastor*

*Rev. Doug Portz*  
Board of Pensions, Regional Representative

### Week of February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Nickleville & Emlenton Presbyterian Churches  
*Rev. Darrell Knopp, Temporary Supply Pastor*

*Rev. Gary Larson (Honorably Retired)*  
*Rev. Jim Rimmer (Honorably Retired)*

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**2020 is LEAP YEAR**  
**February has 29 days!!!!!!!**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGHOUT** **LAKE ERIE PRESBYTERY**

**WHAT:** Shea Butter Workshops where you will learn how the raw shea butter is processed in Ghana and how to make a variety of shea butter products.

**BENEFIT:** The workshop will prepare you to plan a shea butter activity with a group of friends. There will be plenty of shea butter! Donations from the shea butter products support Maternal and Child healthcare provided by the E.P Church Wapuli Clinic in Northern Ghana.

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 29, 2020, 10am-12pm, at the Bethel Presbyterian Church, 8990 Crane Rd, Cranesville, PA 16410. Bring a bag lunch.

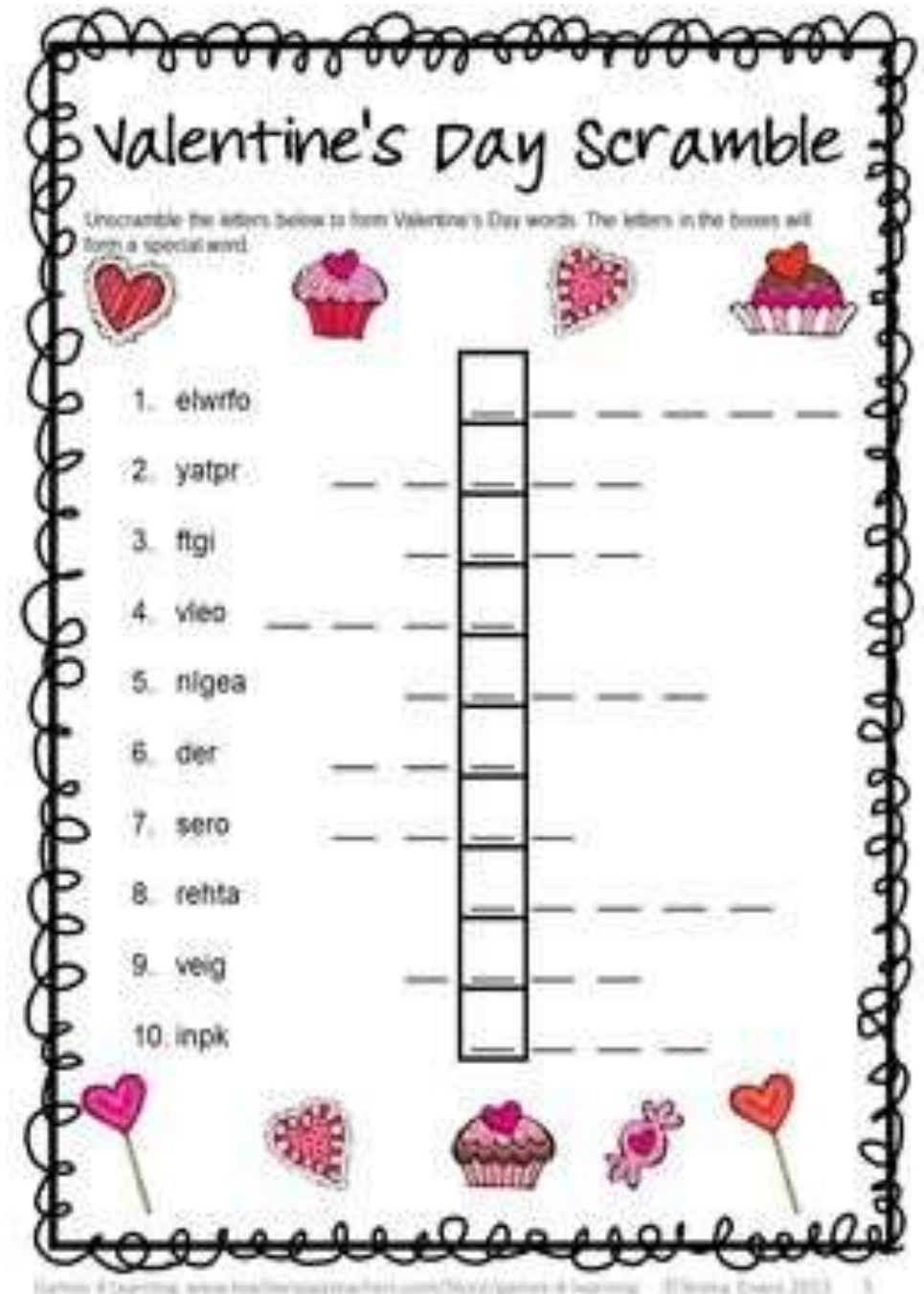
Contact Linda Bennett at [alincody@windstream.net](mailto:alincody@windstream.net) or call 814-273-0747 if you are interested in attending or have any questions.

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**WHAT:** *The Big Event 2020: "Where's the Light?"*

**WHEN:** March 28, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** *First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant*  
250 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Erie, PA 16501


This event brings together speakers from several denominations and ministries for a day filled with learning and worship. You will be encouraged, refreshed and more prepared for joyful service to our Lord. There are seven (7) workshops from which to choose. The price for the day of \$15 covers the noon meal. Brochures are available on the bulletin board on the sanctuary level.





# FEBRUARY 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>2</b> 9:00 Worship ~ <i>Souper Bowl of Caring &amp; Scout Sunday</i> 10:00 Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 1:30 CLAW 3:00 Trustees	<b>4</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines	<b>5</b> NO YOUTHFUL SPIRITS	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>9</b> 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines	<b>12</b> <i>Abraham Lincoln's Birthday</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Happy Valentine's Day 	<b>15</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>16</b> 9:00 Worship	<b>17</b> <i>Presidents' Day</i>	<b>18</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous <i>George Washington's Birthday</i>
<b>23</b> 9:00 Worship ~ <i>Communion</i>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines	<b>26</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>March</i> Sonshine Newsletter available: <a href="http://www.rockygrovepres.org">www.rockygrovepres.org</a>	<b>29</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous