

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



# SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

November 2021

*A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church*



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

## **Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church**

321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323

Church Phone: 814-432-4162

Website: [www.rockygrovepres.org](http://www.rockygrovepres.org)

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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 1:00 p.m.*

**ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION**

**October 12, 2021**

1. Approved the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Session meeting.
2. Approved the August and September, 2021 Financial Secretary's Reports, checking account summaries, and Treasurer's Reports.
3. Ratified the Session email vote of August 29, 2021, to offer our sanctuary for worship services to the Reverend Mr. Eric Phillips of the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh which is forming a new congregation in our area. NOTE: That congregation had already found another place of worship.
4. Ratified a Session phone vote of August 19, 2021, to place an ad in the 2022 Oil Region Visitor Guide. This will be a four-line ad listing the name, address, phone number and website at the cost of \$50.
5. Voted to invite Robert and Nina Bruneau, missionaries whom we support, to our church. Robert has offered to give the sermon on December 12, 2021.



*November Birthdays*

1	Ellen Gierlach	23	Oliver Feather (2011)
9	Gene Sheffer	23	Arika Songer
10	Margaret Wielandt	26	Todd Wetjen
11	Joan Partridge	27	Joyce Wetjen



**SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER**

<b><u>Recorders:</u></b>	Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen
<b><u>Worship Leaders:</u></b>	7 Pastor Rachel Johns
	14 Lois Pierce
	21 Rhonda Rust
	28 Pastor Rachel Johns



If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, please contact the church office (814-432-4162). You will want to advise the office 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.

**REMINDER: 2021 per capita** amount is **\$32.00** per RGAPC member, of which \$20.62 is designated for Lake Erie Presbytery, \$2.40 for Synod and \$8.98 for General Assembly. Each member is encouraged to pay their portion. Please use the envelope that came with the offering envelopes or clearly mark your check as "2021 PER CAPITA" and place it in the offering plate.

*Don't forget!  
Turn your clocks back  
Saturday night, November 6<sup>th</sup>!*

**Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for November**

**Week of November 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Rev. Lee Beckes* (Honorably Retired)  
*Rev. Hal Kelley* (Honorably Retired)

**Week of November 14<sup>th</sup>**

Corry Presbyterian Church

*Rev. David Lee* (Honorably Retired)  
*Rev. Steve Morse* (Honorably Retired)

**Week of November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Cooperstown Presbyterian Church  
*Diane Whitman*, Commissioned Pastor

*Ruling Elder Beth Mather*  
Moderator of the Coordinating Committee

**Week of November 28<sup>th</sup>**

Eastminster Presbyterian Church (Erie)  
*Henry Rafferty*, Commissioned Pastor

*Rev. Emily Rodgers Bissett*  
Valid Minister, Presbyterian Church, Canada



*If you desire to place a memorial poinsettia in the church for Christmas, order forms will be available later in November. As is typical in years past payment will need to accompany the order and be submitted by Sunday, December 5, 2021. Watch future bulletins for additional information.*

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**MISSIONS CORNER:**

A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). By giving to the Christ Joy Offering, we honor God’s gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

Special Christmas Joy Offering envelopes will be in the pews during Advent. If you are writing a check, **please mark “Christmas Joy” on the memo line.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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**A special offering will be received during November for the purpose of contributing to Community Services of Venango County’s “Adopt-a-Family for Christmas” campaign. Donations may be placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked for this purpose or by noting same on memo line of a check.**

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**Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> - *Hangings of the Greens***

Join in the fun of decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. It all starts at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. The more the merrier!

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# November 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>ELECTION DAY</i> 6:30 Sweet Adelines	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous <i>Turn back clocks 1 hour!</i>
<b>7</b> 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>14</b> 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 Presbytery Meeting
<b>21</b> 9:00 Worship ~ Communion 5:30 Boy Scouts 6:00 Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <i>OFFICE CLOSED</i>	<b>26</b> <i>December Sunshine Newsletter available:</i> <a href="http://www.rockygrovepres.org">www.rockygrovepres.org</a>	<b>27</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous 10:00 <i>Hanging of the Greens</i> 
<b>28</b> 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:30 Sweet Adelines				

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