

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

December 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

Email Address: rgapc@verizon.net

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.

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## December Birthdays



6 Rhonda Rust                      21 Pastor Rachel Johns  
10 Duncan Hickey                29 Mike Burkhardt

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Servants for DECEMBER

Counters: Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

Worship Leaders: 5 Lois Pierce
 12 Rhonda Rust
 19 Pastor Rachel Johns
 26 Lois Pierce

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If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, please contact the church office (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.

## Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for for December

### Week of December 5<sup>th</sup>

First Presbyterian Church, Meadville  
*Rev. Brian Jensen*, Pastor  
*Rev. Dan Corll*, Pastor of Visitation

29 Congregations of Yendi District,  
Upper Northern Presbytery (Ghana)

### Week of December 12<sup>th</sup>

Conneaut Lake Presbyterian Church  
*Sam Heagy*, Preaching

*Rev. Jim McCormack* (Honorably Retired)

### Week of December 19<sup>th</sup>

First Presbyterian Church, Bradford  
*Rev. Katherine Randall & Rev. Rob Kluow*, Co-Pastors

*Rev. Christopher Fujii* (Honorably Retired)  
Commissioned Pastor *Dan McEldowney* (Retired)

### Week of December 26<sup>th</sup>

Coudersport Presbyterian Church  
*Rev. Warren Cederholm & Elder Don Caskey*, Preaching  
Missionaries of the PC(USA) throughout the world

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***“May your hearth be warm, your holidays grand,
and your heart held gently in the good Lord’s hand.”***
— Unknown

“Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive her King.”

MISSIONS CORNER:

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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 was received during October and November for the purpose of contributing to Community Services of Venango County's "Adopt-a-Family for Christmas" campaign. Donations collected will go to, hopefully, make some family's Christmas more meaningful.



If you desire to place a memorial poinsettia in the church for Christmas, please place this form with payment in the offering plate or send to the church office:

Rocky Grove Presbyterian Church
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Deadline to order is Sunday, December 5, 2021.

Attached is my check for \$_____ (**\$8.50 each**) payable to:

"Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church Deacons' Fund"

Please mark color preferred:

____Red ____White ____Pink ____Marble

(Please print clearly.)

NAME(S) OF DONOR:

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

Poinsettias will be displayed in the church beginning December 12th.

☐ Please check if you would like your flower(s) to go to a shut-in.

***If at all possible, please do not pick up your flower(s) until
AFTER our Candlelight Service on December 24, 2021.***



December 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
5 9:00 Worship 5:30 Boy Scouts	6 6:00 Trustees	7 6:30 Sweet Adelines	8	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10	11 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
12 9:00 Worship	13	14 1:00 Session 6:30 Sweet Adelines	15	16	17	18 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
19 9:00 Worship	20	21 6:30 Sweet Adelines <i>January NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</i>	22	23	24  6:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 
26 9:00 Worship	27	28 6:30 Sweet Adelines	29	30	31 January Sonshine Newsletter available: www.rockygrovepres.org	

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