

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



# *SONSHINE NEWSLETTER*

*May 2022*

*A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church*



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

## **Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church**

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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.*

Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.



Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self-educated and spent most of his adult life working as a teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a medical doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry and helping the poor.

Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father’s Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish, and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

The body was quickly buried in a stone grave, which was donated by Joseph of Arimathea, a loyal friend of the family. By order of Pontius Pilate, a boulder was rolled in front of the tomb. Roman soldiers were put on guard.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that everyone try to live as Jesus did. Donations may be sent to anyone in need.



## MAY Birthdays

- 4 Cody C. D. Sparling (1)
- 27 Betty Cornmesser



## Servants for May

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b><u>Recorders:</u></b>       | Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen |
| <b><u>Worship Leaders:</u></b> | 1 Lois Pierce              |
|                                | 8 Rhonda Rust              |
|                                | 15 Pastor Rachel Johns     |
|                                | 22 Lois Pierce             |
|                                | 29 Rhonda Rust             |



## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

A meeting of the congregation was held after worship on Sunday, April 24, 2022. The minutes of the April 25, 2021, meeting were approved. The financial reports for the fiscal year 2021 were presented. Connie Hickey was elected, ordained and installed as an elder. The subject of changing worship time from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 or 10:00 a.m. was addressed. Pastor Rachel Johns requested that all pray about it before any decision is made at a later time. She thanked Elissa Stuttler for her service as outgoing elder and clerk of session.

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of May

Week of May 1<sup>st</sup>

Watson Run & North Shenango Presbyterian Churches  
*Greg VanderVeen*, preaching

*Rev. Vincent Dagadu*, Moderator,  
Upper Northern Presbytery, Ghana

Week of May 8<sup>th</sup>

Girard Presbyterian Church  
*Rev. Nicola Vitiello*, Pastor

*Rev. David Fugate*, Validated Ministry  
Chaplain, Veterans Administration Hospital

Week of May 15<sup>th</sup>

Cranesville-Bethel Presbyterian Church  
*Mel Bendig* (UMC), preaching

*Rev. Josh Heikkila*  
PCUSA World Mission Co-Worker, Ghana

Week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Titusville Presbyterian Church  
*Rev. Vaughan Smith*, Pastor

*Rev. Keith Sundberg* (Honorably Retired)  
Moderator of Presbytery

Week of May 29<sup>th</sup>

Union City & Mill Village Presbyterian Churches  
*Rev. Robert Willert*, Pastor

*Rev. Mary Kathryn Crom* (Honorably Retired)  
*Rev. Rick Cepris* (Honorably Retired)

MISSIONS CORNER:

**One Great Hour of Sharing** offering collected during Lent received a total of \$375.00. Your contributions will help with disaster assistance, alleviating hunger as well as helping people learn how to help themselves toward a better life. Thanks to all who were able to give.



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

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**Spring Work Day** at Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center has been set for Saturday, May 7, 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There are jobs for every age; no skill required. For information, call 814-432-3026. The camp is located off Old Route 8 at the bottom of Pecan Hill (276 Damascus Road, Polk, PA).

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**Visiting Nurses of Venango County** is in search of volunteers for Hospice. Volunteer opportunities include patient companions, clerical, greeters, camps, hospice house and spiritual visits. An interview, orientation and background check will be required. For more information, call Jenn Horn (814) 437-0341 or contact via email [hornj3@upms.edu](mailto:hornj3@upms.edu).



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| SUNDAY                                          | MONDAY                                                                                           | TUESDAY                                    | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                                  | FRIDAY                                                                                                                        | SATURDAY                               |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br>9:00 Worship                        | <b>2</b><br>6:00 Trustees                                                                        | <b>3</b>                                   | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br><i>National Day of Prayer</i> | <b>6</b><br><i>May Friendship Day</i>                                                                                         | <b>7</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous  |
| <b>8</b><br>9:00 Worship<br><i>Mother's Day</i> | <b>9</b>                                                                                         | <b>10</b><br>1:15 Session                  | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b>                                 | <b>13</b>                                                                                                                     | <b>14</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| <b>15</b><br>9:00 Worship                       | <b>16</b>                                                                                        | <b>17</b>                                  | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                                 | <b>20</b><br><b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>                                                                                       | <b>21</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| <b>22</b><br>9:00 Worship                       | <b>23</b>                                                                                        | <b>24</b><br>5:30 Presbytery Meeting ~ TBA | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br><i>Ascension of the Lord</i> | <b>27</b><br><i>June Sunshine Newsletter available:</i><br><a href="http://www.rockygrovepres.org">www.rockygrovepres.org</a> | <b>28</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| <b>29</b><br>9:00 Worship                       | <b>30</b><br> | <b>31</b>                                  |           |                                           |                                                                                                                               |                                        |

*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.*