

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



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“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.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION

July 12, 2022

1. Approved the minutes of the May 10, 2022, Session Meeting and May 22, 2022, Special Session Meeting.
2. Approved the financial reports for May and June 2022 as prepared by the Financial Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Removed Helen Corinne Heckler, who passed away on July 3, 2022, from the membership of the Church.
4. Accepted Reverend Rachel Johns' proposal that she no longer receive compensation from the church effective July 1, 2022.
5. Approved changing the time of Sunday service from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. starting September 11, 2022



August Birthdays

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 Arnie Bish | 19 Christopher Hartman |
| 3 Rhonda Jolley | 28 Nancy Donaldson |
| 9 Zella McNany | 29 Diana Hickey |
| 12 Carol Rough | |



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.

Servants for August

- Recorders:** Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen
- Worship Leaders:** 7 Pastor Rachel Johns
14 Lois Pierce
21 Pastor Rachel Johns
28 Pastor Rachel Johns



Benevolence (Missions) Financial Report

Mid-year disbursements have been made as follows:

- \$228.00 each – Grace Learning Center
Mustard Seed Missions
United World Mission (Bruneau's)
- \$114.00 each – The Life Center
Child Evangelism Fellowship
Presbyterian World Mission (Heikkila)
Seneca Hills Bible Camp/Retreat Ctr.
Venango Youth for Christ
Undesignated (for unexpected needs)

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

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for August

Week of August 7th

North East Presbyterian Church ~ *Rev. Gregg Townsend*, Pastor

Coordinating Committee of the Presbytery of Lake Erie

Week of August 14th

Coudersport Presbyterian Church

Rev. Warren Cederholm & Elder Don Caskey, Preaching

Ministry of the Presbyterian Foundation & Ministry Relations Officer,

Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley

Week of August 21st

Edinboro Presbyterian Church

Rev. Greg Gillispie, Pastor

Children of Lake Erie Pastors

Rev. Craig Cashdollar (Honorably Retired)

Week of August 28th

Polk Presbyterian Church

Rev. Larry Myers, Temporary Supply Pastor

Sugar Grove Presbyterian Church

Patti Orton Kuna, Commissioned Pastor

Heroes Aren't Perfect

Heroes aren't perfect. In today's society, the media is constantly digging up the skeletons in the closet of those we admire most, but this does not make them any less of a hero. Look at the book of Judges filled with twelve heroes who freed Israel from its oppressors. But these twelve were far from perfect, among them was an assassin (Judges 3:20-24) and a sexually promiscuous man (Judges 16:1-2). Even with these faults, they (eventually) obeyed God and were used by Him to accomplish great things.

If you think you have strayed too far away from God to ever be used by Him, think again. God's door is always open and His mission for your life doesn't expire till your last breath. You can be a hero, even with your shortcomings. Sometimes it is our faults that finally point us in the right direction, to obey and trust God's plan, and be the hero He has called us to be.

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### *Some Sun-sational Summer Facts*

In the summer heat, the iron in France's Eiffel Tower expands, making the tower grow more than 6 inches.

In the United States, the top 5 most popular summer vacations are 1) beach/ocean (45%), 2) a famous city (42%), 3) national parks (21%), 4) a lake (17%), and 5) a resort (14%).

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans eat over 7 billion hot dogs.



# August 2022



| SUNDAY                                         | MONDAY                    | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                                                                                                                                 | SATURDAY                                  |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                                | <b>1</b><br>6:00 Trustees | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                               | <b>6</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous  |
| <b>7</b><br>9:00 Worship ~<br><i>Communion</i> | <b>8</b>                  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b>                                                                                                                              | <b>13</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous |
| <b>14</b><br>9:00 Worship                      | <b>15</b>                 | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b><br><b>NEWSLETTER<br/>DEADLINE</b>                                                                                            | <b>20</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous |
| <b>21</b><br>9:00 Worship                      | <b>22</b>                 | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br><i>September Sunshine<br/>Newsletter available:</i><br><a href="http://www.rockygrovepres.org">www.rockygrovepres.org</a> | <b>27</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous |
| <b>28</b><br>9:00 Worship                      | <b>29</b>                 | <b>30</b> | <b>31</b> |           |                                                                                                                                        |                                           |