

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



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“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

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Worship – 9:30 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.

JANUARY Birthdays



5 Elissa Stuttler
11 Jessica Songer
20 Lois Pierce
20 Konner Hartman
26 Mike Hartman
28 David Sparling

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## Servants for January

**Counters:** Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

**Worship Leaders:**  
1 Pastor Rachel Johns  
8 Lois Pierce  
15 Pastor Rachel Johns  
22 Pastor Rachel Johns  
29 Lois Pierce

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PER CAPITA

Per Capita payments make a difference as the Presbytery of Lake Erie seeks to work together to build the Kingdom of God. The 2023 per capita is \$33.00 and may be paid any time during 2023. (\$20.75 to Presbytery of Lake Erie, \$2.40 to Synod and \$9.85 to General Assembly).

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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.

## Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of January

### Week of January 1<sup>st</sup>

Harborcreek Presbyterian Church

*Rev. Mike Wilson, Pastor*

*Rev. Keith Sundberg* (Honorably Retired)

Resource Consultant, Presbytery of Lake Erie

### Week of January 8<sup>th</sup>

*Rev. Wayne A. Yost*, Temporary State Clerk,  
Presbytery of Lake Erie

*Shavon Starling-Louis and Ruth Santana-Grace*  
Moderators of the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

### Week of January 15<sup>th</sup>

New Hope Presbyterian Church  
*Clay Woodring*, Preaching

*Rev. Charlie McClung* (Honorably Retired)

*Rev. John Dietz* (Honorably Retired)

### Week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Westminster Presbyterian Church (Erie)

*Darin Alvis*, Preaching

*Rev. Emily Rodgers Bissett*

Validated Ministry, Presbyterian Church, Canada

### Week of January 29<sup>th</sup>

First Church of the Covenant (Erie)

*Rev. Chris Weichman*, Pastor

*Rev. Britney Knight*, Associate Pastor

Wayside Presbyterian Church (Erie)

*Rev. James Bernhardt*, Pastor

*Rev. Nathan Royster*, Associate Pastor

## MISSIONS CORNER:

Thank you for your contributions to the “Adopt-a-Family for Christmas” Offering. We collected a total of \$190.00, which was sent to Community Services of Venango County.

The *Christmas Joy Offering* was collected throughout Advent in November and December 2022. As a result, RGAPC was able to send \$65.00 to support current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs as well as to make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The monies are distributed equally to both causes.

2022 Benevolence (Missions) Funds were disbursed at mid-year in July and again at year’s end. A total of \$2,794.00 was given to support the ministries of:

Child Evangelism Fellowship ~ \$254  
Grace Learning Center ~ \$508  
The Life Center ~ \$254  
Mustard Seed Missions ~ \$508  
Presbyterian World Mission (Josh Heikkila) ~ \$254  
Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center ~ \$254  
United World Mission (Robert & Nina Bruneau) ~ \$508  
Venango Youth for Christ ~ \$254

We would like to thank you for your support of the Missions projects that have been presented this year. We are truly blessed at RGAPC to have a loving church family that answers the call to “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” We pray that you will have a wonderful 2023.

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Your Missions & Outreach Ministry Team
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## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT RGAPC**

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. -- *“Unhanging of the Greens”* -- MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

## January Holidays Word Search

WNGOEFVKYVGYZONSUIH  
TRDWTRVXIDNKREEEZSWD  
REOILEIPZYXDWKNPSHHT  
ULDNBEMPCHPAZWKKSTL  
KIUDRDBEBKVTAZGRACRI  
GGCEOOLNSQVBKBRITAIN  
PIFPBMMIRLEOAHELUGVX  
TOWEBSWAUSTRALIAWZIG  
CUKNIAORTHODOXDDBAZ  
ESQDEICSTEPHENFOSTER  
PEYEBZRHECIBWVCDFGVZ  
INSNUWNQOAHRAQAQOTST  
PELCRNSUPCZRXCTEFCFK  
HWOENJKEOFXBIVKZHPDA  
AYNMSVZKURTMBS SWKBPN  
NEKQFCHDAEGCKHTVAWVS  
YACIVILRIGHTSHNMC RQA  
GRLMCVQXPSYFDTWEAUDS  
ZSQSKBGVXKNJJQXAXSES  
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| STEPHEN FOSTER | INDEPENDENCE | ROBBIE BURNS | CHRISTMAS |
| CIVIL RIGHTS   | AUSTRALIA    | BACKWARDS    | EPIPHANY  |
| NEW YEARS      | BRITAIN      | ORTHODOX     | FREEDOM   |
| DR KING        | RELIGIOUS    | TRIVIA       | KANSAS    |



# JANUARY 2023



| SUNDAY                                                                       | MONDAY                                          | TUESDAY                   | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                                                                                                                            | SATURDAY                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br>9:30 Worship<br><i>Happy New Year</i>                            | <b>2</b><br>6:00 Trustees                       | <b>3</b>                  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>                                                                                                                          | <b>7</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous<br>10:00 <i>Unhanging of the Greens</i>          |
| <b>8</b><br>9:30 Worship ~<br><i>Baptism of the Lord</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<br>3 – 6 <i>Songer Party</i><br>(Moorhead Hall) |
| <b>15</b><br>9:30 Worship ~<br><i>Communion</i>                              | <b>16</b><br><i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i> | <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>9:30 Worship<br><br><i>Congregational meeting after worship</i> | <b>23</b>                                       | <b>24</b>                 | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br><i>February 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>9:30 Worship                                                    | <b>30</b>                                       | <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.*