

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

December 2023

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 – 9:30 a.m.

Church Staff

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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Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for for December

December Birthdays



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

Week of December 3rd

Conneaut Lake Presbyterian Church
Sam Heagy, Preaching

Rev. Jim McCormack (Honorably Retired)
C.P Tim Olsen (Honorably Retired)

Week of December 10th

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

Rev. Mark Tawiah-Tutu, District Pastor
10 Congregations of Chereponi District,
Upper Norther Presbytery (Ghana)

Week of December 17th

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

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

Week of December 24th

Missionaries of the PC(USA) throughout the world

Harmonsburg Church

Week of December 31st

Spouses of Lake Erie Pastors

All those needing prayers into the New Year



Servants for DECEMBER

Counters: Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

Pulpit Supply: Rev. Joe Martin

Worship Leaders:
3 Rhonda Rust
10 Lois Pierce
17 Rhonda Rust
24 Lois Pierce
31 Rhonda Rust



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.

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 through December 10, 2023, 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 or by mailing to the office prior to deadline.**

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Effective January 1, 2024, office hours will be 9:00 a.m. ‘til noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



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:

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Deadline to order is Sunday, December 3, 2023.

Attached is my check for \$_____ (**\$8.00 each**) payable to:

“RGAPC Deacons’ Fund”

Please mark color preferred:

_____Red _____White _____Pink

(Please print clearly.)

NAME(S) OF DONOR:

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

Poinsettias will be displayed in the church beginning December 10th.

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 Sunday Morning Service on December 24, 2023.



December 2023



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

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.