

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



# SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

April 2024

*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 – 9:30 a.m.**

### **Church Staff**

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

Mike Burkhardt, Organist

Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

Scott Donaldson, Custodian

### **Church Office Hours**

*Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.*



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

Week of April 7<sup>th</sup>

Cochranton Presbyterian Church  
*Donald Kellner*, Commissioned Pastor  
 Tidioute and Irvine Presbyterian Churches  
*Dennis Ledebur*, Commissioned Pastor

Week of April 14<sup>th</sup>

Endeavor Presbyterian Church  
*Roger Snyder*, Commissioned Pastor  
*Rev. Katherine Randall and RE Donna Cammarata*,  
 Moderator and Vice Moderator of the Presbytery

Week of April 21<sup>st</sup>

*Josh Botts*, Commissioned Pastor  
 Moderator of the Coordinating Commission  
 Utica Presbyterian Church  
*Tina Kaye*, Commissioned Pastor

Week of April 28<sup>th</sup>

Ripley (New York) Presbyterian Church  
*Phil Johnson*, Commissioned Pastor  
*Rev. Carl Hull* (Honorably Retired)  
*Rev. Walter Green* (Honorably Retired)



APRIL Birthdays

- 12 Connie Hickey
- 15 Alysta Winder (2014)
- 30 Ray Aikins

Servants for April

Recorders: Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

Pulpit Supply:  
 7 Rev. Joseph Martin  
 14 Rev. Ed Patterson  
 21 Rev. Becky Patterson  
 28 Rev. James Leichliter

Worship Leaders:  
 7 Rhonda Rust  
 14 Lois Pierce  
 21 Rhonda Rust  
 28 Lois Pierce

**ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION ~ March 13, 2024**

(meeting moderated by Rev. Barry Jenkins)

1. Approved the minutes of the January 15, 2024 Session meeting.
2. Approved the Financial Secretary’s reports and Treasurer’s reports of checking account activity for January and February 2024.
3. Approved a Harassment Policy.
4. Approved the Annual Reports for 2023. They will be presented to the congregation at a later date yet to be determined.

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**FUN FACTS ABOUT APRIL:**

1. In the Northern Hemisphere, April is a time for planting gardens and crops.
2. April is the only month where it’s socially acceptable to make a fool of someone.
3. April 26 is celebrated as National Pretzel Day in the United States.
4. The cherry blossom trees in Washington D.C. typically reach their peak bloom in early April.
5. April is National Grilled Cheese Month in the United States.
6. April showers bring May flowers, but they also bring mud and puddles.
7. The birth flower for April is the daisy, which symbolizes innocence and purity.

**COMPARING PEOPLE TO SHEEP**

“I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

A retired sheep rancher was telling about his adventures in earlier years. From time to time his wife added a comment or told a story of her own about the constant care the sheep required.

After a time, the rancher humorously summed up the stories by saying, “A sheep is an animal born looking for a place to die.”

The rancher’s comment about sheep helps us realize more of the significance of Jesus comparing himself to a good shepherd. He was willing to die that we, his sheep, might have abundant life. Yet our lives are too often anything but abundant.

Sheep are unaware of the care that they receive. They do not realize the price paid for their protection when they wander into dangerous places.

We, too, are frequently insensitive to God’s provision for us. We take his blessings for granted. We dash off on our own in pursuit of material blessings or worldly accomplishments, forgetting the basic values which Christ taught.

We resemble the sheep in another way. Sheep show little concern for one another. We may be conscious of the blessings that God has given to us. We may know that we have an abundant life. But we do not care that others are not enjoying that same abundance. We make little or no effort to share what is ours.

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**One Great Hour of Sharing** offering has been collected during Lent again this year. Your contributions help with disaster assistance, alleviating hunger as well as helping people learn how to help themselves towards a better life. Donations to OGHS offering accepted through Easter, March 31, 2024, will be forwarded to Office of Special Offerings in Louisville, KY. The total will be announced in bulletins and next month’s newsletter.



# APRIL 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>7</b> 9:30 Worship <i>Joe Martin</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 4:00 Mount Pleasant Cemetery Assn. meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>14</b> 9:30 Worship <i>Ed Patterson</i>	<b>15</b> 6:00 Trustees	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>21</b> 9:30 Worship <i>Becky Patterson</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Earth Day</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
<b>28</b> 9:30 Worship <i>Jim Lechliter</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</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.*