

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

February 2024

A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323

Church Phone: 814-432-4162

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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.

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





FEBRUARY Birthdays

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|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 4 Mallory Wetjen | 11 Madeleine Rose Wielandt |
| 5 Hanna Wielandt | 20 Doug Songer |
| 10 Kennedy Hartman | |

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## Servants for FEBRUARY

- Pulpit Supply:**
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| 4 Rev. Ed Patterson     |
| 11 Rose Hilliard        |
| 18 Rev. Becky Patterson |
| 25 Randy Kightlinger    |

- Worship Leaders:**
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| 4 Lois Pierce  |
| 11 Rhonda Rust |
| 18 Lois Pierce |
| 25 Rhonda Rust |

- Recorders:** Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

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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 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:

2023 Benevolence (Missions) Funds were disbursed at mid-year and again at year's end. A total of \$2,442.00 was given to support the ministries of:

- Child Evangelism Fellowship ~ \$222
- Grace Learning Center ~ \$444
- The Life Center ~ \$222
- Mustard Seed Missions ~ \$444
- Presbyterian World Mission (Josh Heikkila) ~ \$222
- Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center ~ \$222
- United World Mission (Robert & Nina Bruneau) ~ \$444
- Venango Youth for Christ ~ \$222

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### **Help Fight Hunger through the Souper Bowl of Caring!**

In 1990 Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: *“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl Football Game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”*

This offering will be collected at the end of the worship service on **February 11th**. Every dollar donated will go to fight hunger locally through Community Services of Venango County.

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Dear Session & Members of Rocky Grove Ave.,

With the need for Rev. Rachel Johns to retire as your pastor, I realize that this has been a particularly challenging year for you as a congregation. It makes me even more grateful that you have continued to faithfully support the Presbytery of Lake Erie through your per capita gifts. Through those funds, your ministry has expanded beyond Franklin to enable presbytery-wide youth events, a 5-week preaching seminar in March/April, sending relief aid to Ukraine & Turkey, and a number of leadership development workshops – to name a few. **Thank you** for your partnership in ministry!

Rev. Anita Bernhardt,
General Presbyter



Thank you, church family, for the Christmas gift. I am blessed to be in the company of such wonderful people as I serve the Lord. May you all enjoy a prosperous new year. *Rhonda Rust*

Thank you to the church family for the generous Christmas Gift. I do enjoy filling in for Mike when he can't be there. Thinking of everyone from sunny Florida (well most of the time)!!! Thanks again. *Janet*

Thanks, RGAPC, for the Christmas gift and cards. I'm looking forward to another year of serving the Lord with the Church Staff, the Special Music, and all of you. *Mike B.*

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**ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION ~ January 15, 2024**

1. Approved the minutes of the November 8, 2023 Session Meeting.
2. Approved the financial reports for November and December 2023 as prepared by the Financial Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Approved a \$100 donation from the camp fund to Camp Lambec.
4. Approved a congregational meeting on January 28, 2024, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of January 22, 2023, accept renewal of officers for 2024, present the budget for 2024 and discuss any further business of the church to come before the congregation.
5. Approved the discontinuation of the church website and creation of a Facebook page.

**Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of February**

**Week of February 4<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*

**Week of February 11<sup>th</sup>**

Evangelical Presbyterian Church (Ghana)  
Pleasantville Presbyterian Church

*Melinda Wingenbach*  
Administrative Assistant, Presbytery of Lake Erie

**Week of February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Oil City First Presbyterian Church  
*Josh Botts, Commissioned Pastor*

*Rev. Emily Chudy*  
Board of Pensions, Regional Representative

**Week of February 25<sup>th</sup>**


*Rev. Anita Bernhardt, General Presbyter*  
Presbytery of Lake Erie

Hartstown, Adamsville and Kinsman, OH  
Joint PNC conversations on sharing a pastor



# FEBRUARY 2024



| SUNDAY                                                                               | MONDAY                       | TUESDAY                                      | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                   | THURSDAY | FRIDAY                    | SATURDAY                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                                                                      |                              |                                              |                                                                                                                                             | 1        | 2<br><i>Groundhog Day</i> | 3<br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous  |
| 4<br>9:30 Worship ~<br><i>Rev. Ed Patterson</i>                                      | 5<br>6:00 Trustees           | 6                                            | 7                                                                                                                                           | 8        | 9                         | 10<br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous |
| 11<br>9:30 Worship ~<br>Communion ~<br>Rose Hilliard<br><i>Souper Bowl of Caring</i> | 12                           | 13<br>2:00 Presbytery<br>Meeting via<br>Zoom | 14<br><i>Ash Wednesday</i><br><i>Valentine's Day</i><br> | 15       | 16                        | 17<br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous |
| 18<br>9:30 Worship ~<br><i>Rev. Becky Patterson</i>                                  | 19<br><i>Presidents' Day</i> | 20                                           | 21                                                                                                                                          | 22       | 23                        | 24<br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous |
| 25<br>9:30 Worship ~<br><i>Randy Kightlinger</i>                                     | 26                           | 27                                           | 28                                                                                                                                          | 29       |                           |                                    |

*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.*