

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

May 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.

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MAY Birthdays

- 4 Cody C. D. Sparling (3)
- 27 Betty Cornmesser

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## Servants for May

**Recorders:** Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

**Pulpit Supply:**

- 5 Lisa Meier
- 12 Bob Piel
- 19 Rose Hilliard ~ *Communion*
- 26 Cindy Weber

**Worship Leaders:**

- 5 Rhonda Rust
- 12 Lois Pierce
- 19 Rhonda Rust
- 26 Lois Pierce

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 2, 2024, Noon & 6:00 p.m.,
Venango County Courthouse steps
1168 Liberty Street, Franklin, PA

Rain or Shine

(bring lawn chair if desired)

(Sponsored by Venango County Prayer Ladies ~
Robin, Peggy, Susan and Alice Jean)

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of May

Week of May 5th

Watson Run and North Shenango Presbyterian Churches
Greg VanderVeen, preaching

Rev. Samuel Yao Amafu-Dey, Synod Moderator
Upper Northern Presbytery (Ghana)

Week of May 12th

Girard Presbyterian Church
Rev. Nicola Vitiello, Pastor

Rev. David Fugate, Validated Ministry
Chaplain, Springhill Senior Living

Week of May 19th

Cranesville-Bethel Presbyterian Church
Mel Bendig (UMC), preaching

Rev. Josh Heikkila
PCUSA World Mission Co-Worker, Ghana

Week of May 26th

Titusville Presbyterian Church
Rev. Vaughan Smith, Pastor

Rev. Bronwen Boswell,
Acting Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

MOTHER'S DAY FACTS

(according to Parade Magazine):

1. Mother's Day became an official U.S. holiday in 1914, signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson.
2. Mother's Day is celebrated in the U.S. on the second Sunday of May, every year. In 2024, Mother's Day falls on May 12th.
3. There are more than 100 countries around the world that celebrate or recognize Mother's Day on their respective dates.
4. Americans spend more than \$3 billion on flowers and plants alone for Mother's Day.
5. More phone calls are made on Mother's Day than on any other day of the year, with approximately 122 million phone calls being made.
6. Anna Jarvis founded Mother's Day in 1908 before it was officially signed into law.
7. Anna Jarvis, the original founder of Mother's Day, Came to dislike what Mother's Day became in the U.S. – commercialized. She publicly denounced it and organized lawsuits, boycotts and walkouts.
8. Americans buy \$113 million worth of cards for Mother's Day.
9. In the U.S., Mother's Day is one of the most popular days for both church services and dining in restaurants.

MISSIONS CORNER:

One Great Hour of Sharing offering collected during Lent amounted to a total of \$125.00. Your contributions will help with disaster assistance, alleviating hunger as well as helping people learn how to help themselves toward a better life. Thanks to all who were able to give.



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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.  
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Spring Work Day at Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center has been set for Saturday, May 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. There are jobs for every age; no skill required. For information, call 814-432-3026 or visit senecahills.org. The camp is located off Old Route 8 at the bottom of Pecan Hill (276 Damascus Road, Polk, PA).
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*We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Brad Wetjen, who was called home on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Brad had been a member of RGAPC since April 11, 1956, and had served as an Elder, Deacon and Trustee for numerous terms.*



# MAY 2024



| SUNDAY                                                                                 | MONDAY                                                                                    | TUESDAY                                        | WEDNESDAY         | THURSDAY                           | FRIDAY                         | SATURDAY                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                                                        |                                                                                           |                                                | 1                 | 2<br><i>National Day of Prayer</i> | 3<br><i>May Friendship Day</i> | 4<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous  |
| 5<br>9:30 Worship<br><i>Lisa Meier</i>                                                 | 6<br>6:00 Trustees                                                                        | 7                                              | 8<br>1:15 Session | 9<br><i>Ascension of the Lord</i>  | 10                             | 11<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| 12<br>9:30 Worship<br><i>Bob Piel</i><br><br><i>Mother's Day</i>                       | 13                                                                                        | 14                                             | 15                | 16                                 | 17                             | 18<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| 19<br>9:30 Worship<br><i>Rose Hilliard</i><br><br><i>Pentecost</i><br><i>Communion</i> | 20                                                                                        | 21<br>2:00 Presbytery Meeting ~<br>Camp Lambec | 22                | 23                                 | 24                             | 25<br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| 26<br>9:30 Worship<br><i>Cindy Weber</i>                                               | 27<br> | 28                                             | 29                | 30                                 | 31                             |                                 |

*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.*