

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

December 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

Stephen West, Custodian

Church Office Hours

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

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December Birthdays



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



Servants for DECEMBER

Counters: Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

Pulpit Supply: 1 Rev. Joseph Martin
8 Rev. Joseph Martin
15 Rev. Joseph Martin
22 Rev. Joseph Martin
24 Rev. Joseph Martin
29 To Be Announced

Worship Leaders: 1 Rhonda Rust
8 Lois Pierce
15 Rhonda Rust
22 Lois Pierce
24 Rhonda Rust
29 Lois Pierce



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.

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for December

Week of December 1st

Eastminster Presbyterian Church (Erie)
Henry Rafferty, Commissioned Pastor

Rev. Emily Rodgers Bissett
Valid Minister, Presbyterian Church, Canada

Week of December 8th

First Presbyterian Church, Meadville
Rev. Dan Corll, Interim Pastor

Rev. Gary Larson (Honorably Retired)
Rev. Jim Rimmer (Honorably Retired)

Week of December 15th

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

Rev. Flag Officer G. Dotse & Rev. Captain C. Meteku
Chaplains in the Ghana Armed Forces, Tamale

Week of December 22nd

Missionaries of the PC(USA) throughout the world
Members of the Presbytery of Lake Erie Committees

Week of December 29th

Spouses of Lake Erie Pastors

All those needing prayers into the New Year



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 bulletins 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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The Congregational Life & Worship Committee has sent \$150.00 of Deacons’ Funds to Community Services of Venango County to assist with their “Adopt-A-Family for Christmas” program.  
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ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION ~ November 13, 2024

1. Approved the minutes of the July 10, 2024, and September 11, 2024 session meetings.
2. Approved the financial reports for September and October 2024 as prepared by the Financial Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Approved removal from membership of Zella McNany due to death on November 4, 2024.
4. Approved the Sexual Misconduct, Anti Racism and Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection policies.
5. Approved the transfer of funds of \$650 from the Memorial Fund designated for Brad Wetjen, \$617.37 from Camp Scholarship Fund, \$100 from Houser Camp Scholarship Fund in the checking account and \$806.91 from the Albright Endowment – a total of \$2,174.28 – to Building Repair & Improvement to cover the replacement cost of a new emergency exit.
6. Approved the increase by Ministry Works of quarterly tax preparation from \$37.50 to \$50.00.



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*The giving of gifts is not something humans invented. God started the giving spree when he gave a gift beyond words, the unspeakable gift of His Son.* - Robert Flatt



# December 2024



| SUNDAY                                                                                      | MONDAY                    | TUESDAY                                                                                                                                       | WEDNESDAY                                                                                         | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br>9:30 Worship ~<br><i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i><br>Rev. Joseph Martin  | <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<br>Anonymous  |
| <b>8</b><br>9:30 Worship ~<br><i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i><br>Rev. Joseph Martin  | <b>9</b>                  | <b>10</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>11</b>                                                                                         | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous |
| <b>15</b><br>9:30 Worship ~<br><i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i><br>Rev. Joseph Martin | <b>16</b>                 | <b>17</b>                                                                                                                                     | <b>18</b>                                                                                         | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous |
| <b>22</b><br>9:30 Worship ~<br><i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i><br>Rev. Joseph Martin | <b>23</b>                 | <b>24</b><br>7:00 Christmas Eve<br>Candlelight Service<br> | <b>25</b><br> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>9:30 Overeaters<br>Anonymous |
| <b>29</b><br>9:30 Worship ~<br>TO BE ANNOUNCED                                              | <b>30</b>                 | <b>31</b>                                                                                                                                     |               |           |           |                                           |

*Newsletter articles are due in the church office by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month or run risk of being omitted from next month's issue.*