

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

February 2025

A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323

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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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FEBRUARY Birthdays

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| 4 Mallory Wetjen | 10 Kennedy Hartman |
| 5 Hanna Wielandt | 20 Doug Songer |



Servants for FEBRUARY

- Pulpit Supply:**
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| 2 Randy Kightlinger |
| 9 Rev. Joseph Martin |
| 16 Rev. Joseph Martin |
| 23 Ed Patterson |

- Worship Leaders:**
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| 2 Rhonda Rust |
| 9 Lois Pierce |
| 16 Rhonda Rust |
| 23 Lois Pierce |

- Recorders:** Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen



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:

2024 Benevolence (Missions) Funds were distributed at mid-year and again at year's end. A total of \$6,083.00 was given to support the ministries of:

- Child Evangelism Fellowship ~ \$100 & \$453 = \$553
- Grace Learning Center ~ \$200 & \$906 = \$1,106
- The Life Center ~ \$100 & \$453 = \$553
- Mesa Global (Robert & Nina Bruneau) ~ \$200 & \$906 = \$1,106
- Mustard Seed Missions ~ \$200 & \$906 = \$1,106
- Presbyterian World Mission (Josh Heikkila) ~ \$100 & \$453 = \$553
- Seneca Hills Bible Camp & Retreat Center ~ \$100 & \$453 = \$553
- Venango Youth for Christ ~ \$100 & \$453 = \$553

We were able to give more at year's end due to Session voting to roll Work Trip Fund of \$3683 to Benevolence/Missions Fund and close Work Trip Fund account.



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 9th**. Every dollar donated will go to fight hunger locally through Community Services of Venango County.





Thanks, people of RGAPC, for the Christmas cards and gifts. I'm thankful for your encouragement, generosity, and support. *Mike B.*

Thank you very much to all the church family for my Christmas gift. It is very much appreciated. *Janet*

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**ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION ~ January 15, 2025**

1. Approved the minutes of the November 13, 2024 Session Meeting.
2. Approved the financial reports for November and December 2024 as prepared by the Financial Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Approved a payment of \$125 to register on dos.pa.gov the name of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church as it is presumed not previously registered.

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**FIRE OUTBREAK AT E. P. SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SABOBA
(Upper Northern Ghana)**

This tragic incident occurred between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 PM on Wednesday January 22, 2025, and claimed the life of a female student who was sick and resting in the dormitory. The fire destroyed everything, leaving the students with nothing except the uniforms which they were wearing. Let's continue to remember the school and the family of the deceased student in prayer. Contributions towards a rebuilding fund may be sent to the Presbytery of Lake Erie, Ghana Partnership Fund.

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of February

Week of February 2nd

Girard Presbyterian Church
Rev. Nicola Vitiello, Pastor

Marsha MacKinnon,
Presbytery Webmaster, Presbytery of Lake Erie

Week of February 9th

Warren First Presbyterian Church
Rev. Tara Eastman, (ELCA)

Edinboro Pastor Nominating Committee
Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana

Week of February 16th

Oil City First Presbyterian Church
Josh Botts, Commissioned Pastor

Participants of Presbytery of Lake Erie's Bubble Up
Children of Lake Erie Pastors

Week of February 23rd

Waterford Presbyterian Church
Rev. Robin Sharp, Pastor

Rev. Katherine Randall,
Moderator of the Coordinating Commission



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
2 9:30 Worship ~ Rev. Randy Kightlinger <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3 6:00 Trustees	4	5	6	7	8 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
9 9:30 Worship ~ Rev. Joseph Martin <i>Souper Bowl of Caring</i>	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 	15 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
16 9:30 Worship ~ Rev. Joseph Martin	17 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	18 6:30 Presbytery Meeting via Zoom	19	20	21	22 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
23 9:30 Worship ~ Rev. Ed Patterson	24	25	26	27	28 <i>March Sonshine Newsletter available:</i> www.rockygrovepres.org	

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