

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

May 2025

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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MAY Birthdays

27 Betty Cornmesser

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of May

Week of May 4th

Watson Run and North Shenango Presbyterian Churches
Greg VanderVeen, preaching

Rev. Sylvester Gawuga, Wa District Pastor (Ghana)
Rev. Seth S. Nipani, Bimbilla District Pastor (Ghana)

Servants for May

Recorders: Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

Pulpit Supply: 4 Rev. Rebecca Patterson
11 Rev. Joseph Martin
18 Rev. Edward Patterson
25 Rev. Joseph Martin

Worship Leaders: 4 Lois Pierce
11 Rhonda Rust
18 Lois Pierce
25 Rhonda Rust

Week of May 11th

Rev. Hal Kelley (Honorably Retired)
Rev. Nelson "Bud" Horne (Honorably Retired)

Rev. Emily Chudy, Regional Representative
Board of Pensions

Week of May 18th

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

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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 1, 2025, 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)

Week of May 25th

Rev. Rachel Johns
Rev. George Espy (Honorably Retired)

Rev. Jihyun Oh,
Acting Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

Answers to Word Scramble: INSPIRING, CELEBRATE, SUPPORTIVE, GIVING,
MAY, MOTHER, CARDS, FLOWERS, APPRECIATION, LOVING, MUM, FAMILY ROLE
MODEL, HUGS, CARING, MOM, THOUGHTFUL, MEMORIES, SUNDAY, LOVE

MISSIONS CORNER:

One Great Hour of Sharing offering collected during Lent amounted to a total of \$100.00. 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.



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.



The Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association is asking for volunteers to help at their annual Cleanup Day on Tuesday, May 20, 6:00 p.m. at the cemetery located off of Route 965 in Mineral Township, Venango County. All of the Presbyterian churches in Venango County have been asked to help in maintaining this cemetery. If you can help or have questions, please call Dale Hastings 814-432-4794.



A seminar by Pastor Randy Powell, **Torah in its Ancient Israelite Context**, derived from *“The Lost World of the Torah”* by Dr. John Walton and Harvey Walton, will be offered Tuesdays, May 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th and June 3rd.

**Where & When: 1st Baptist Church, 1041 Liberty Street
6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Livestream: facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchOfFranklinPA

MOTHER'S DAY
word scramble

- NIPSIGNIR _____
- BEECTALER _____
- VIPOSUTERP _____
- GNIVGI _____
- YMA _____
- REMOHT _____
- DASCR _____
- WOSFERL _____
- PCIPAETOANIR _____
- OGIVLN _____
- UMM _____
- MAFIYL _____
- EOLR OMDLE _____
- SGUH _____
- AGRINC _____
- MMO _____
- HLUHTGOUFT _____
- EROMIMSE _____
- DUYANS _____
- VELO _____

Word Bank

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|--------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| APPRECIATION | FLOWERS | LOVING | MUM |
| CARDS | GIVING | MAY | SUNDAY |
| CARING | HUGS | MEMORIES | SUPPORTIVE |
| CELEBRATE | INSPIRING | MOM | ROLE MODEL |
| FAMILY | LOVE | MOTHER | THOUGHTFUL |

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | | 1 <i>National Day of Prayer</i> | 2 <i>May Friendship Day</i> | 3 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| 4 9:30 Worship <i>Becky Patterson</i> | 5 6:00 Trustees | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| 11 9:30 Worship <i>Joe Martin</i> <i>Mother's Day</i> | 12 | 13 | 14 1:15 Session | 15 | 16 | 17 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| 18 9:30 Worship <i>Ed Patterson</i> | 19 | 20 2:00 Presbytery Meeting ~ TBA | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| 25 9:30 Worship <i>Joe Martin</i> | 26 <i>Memorial Day</i> | 27 | 28 | 29 <i>Ascension of the Lord</i> | 30 | 31 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |

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