

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

September 2025

A Publication of Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church



“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church

321 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323

Church Phone: 814-432-4162

Website: www.rockygrovepres.org

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Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Church Staff

Rhonda Rust, Secretary

Mike Burkhardt, Organist

Janet Bish, Assistant Organist

Kevin Songer, Custodian

Church Office Hours

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

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September Birthdays

8 Linda Zeller	26 Lillian Songer
11 Shana Sparling	26 Diana Sparling
14 Janet Bish	30 Susan Martin

Please remember our members and friends who cannot be as active as they once were. Send a card to let them know you are thinking of them. Birth dates are noted in parenthesis. If at all possible, a visit would be so much appreciated and you will be blessed as well.

The Caring Place, 103 N. 13th Street, Franklin, PA 16323

Betty Cornmesser – Room 6A (May 27th)

Joyce Riddle – Room 214 (October 13th)

Forestview Skilled Nursing, 2301 Edinboro Rd., Erie, PA 16509

Eleanore Moffitt – Room B2 (March 27th)

MEMBERS/FRIENDS CONFINED TO HOME

Rev. Rachel Johns (December 21st) – 814-807-1834
18360 Conneaut Lake Rd. – Apt. 202, Meadville, PA 16335

Phyllis Vogan (June 21st) – 814-346-0669
404 Rocky Grove Avenue, Franklin, PA 16323

Linda Zeller (September 8th) – 814-432-8658
1117 Mercer Road, Franklin, PA 16323

Servants for September

Recorders: Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

Pulpit Supply:

7	Rose Hilliard
14	Peggy Massung
21	Cindy Weber
28	Rev. Joseph Martin

Worship Leaders:

7	Lois Pierce
14	Rhonda Rust
21	Lois Pierce
28	Rhonda Rust



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.



Rocky Grove Ave. Presbyterian Church ~

Thank you for the generous scholarship! Your generous gift will help me achieve my Master's Degree in Cyber Security at Mercyhurst University this year! I'm sorry that I wasn't able to celebrate with you during August 10th service!! Thank you again!! Mallory Wetjen

Rocky Grove Ave. Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for the generous scholarship to help with my college expenses at Robert Morris University this year! I appreciate your generosity and prayers!! Thank you again! Aaron Wetjen

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for September

Week of September 7th

Fairview Presbyterian Church
Rev. Emily Zeig Lindsey, Pastor

Kane Presbyterian Church
Rev. Carol Sharp

Week of September 14th

Union City & Mill Village Presbyterian Churches
Rev. Robert Willert, Pastor

Rev. Mary Kathryn Crom (Honorably Retired)
Rev. Lee Beckes (Honorably Retired)

Week of September 21st

Rev. Victor Tulasi, UNP Synod Clerk & Saboba District Pastor
Rev. Nelson E. Sippitey, Chaplain, E.P. Senior High School, Saboba

Rev. Elisha Emmanuel Attu,
E.P. Church Ghana Ecumenical Program Director
Rev. Josh Heikkila, PCUSA Mission Worker

Week of September 28th

Fairview, Church of the Cross
Rev. Drew Himes, Pastor

Rev. Susan Speakman (Honorably Retired)
Rev. John Dyke (Honorably Retired)

ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION ~ July 9, 2025

1. Approved the minutes of the May 14, 2025, Session Meeting and the Congregational/Corporation Meeting of June 8, 2025.
2. Approved the financial reports for May and June 2025 as prepared by the Financial Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Approved participation on August 5, 2025, of “National Night Out” from 5-8 pm at Rocky Grove Volunteer Fire Hall.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION ~ July 16, 2025

1. Approved amendment of the Moorhead Scholarship application and guidelines.
2. Approved the following students to receive Moorhead Scholarships for the cost of tuition, books and student fees required by the institution for the 2025/2026 academic year and to be honored at the Sunday, August 10, 2025, service:
 - Lucas Hickey ~ \$5,000
 - Sarah Singleton ~ \$2,610
 - Arika Songer ~ \$5,000
 - Aaron Wetjen ~ \$5,000
 - Mallory Wetjen ~ \$5,000

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### **BACK TO SCHOOL JOKES:**

What is a snake’s favorite subject?  
*Hissstory*

Why does math class make students so sad?  
*It is full of problems*

What’s the best place to grow flowers in school?  
*In kindergarden*



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| SUNDAY                                                                       | MONDAY                                                                                                              | TUESDAY                                                | WEDNESDAY                       | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                                                                                                                               | SATURDAY                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                                              | <b>1</b><br><br>6:00 Trustees meet | <b>2</b>                                               | <b>3</b>                        | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>6</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous  |
| <b>7</b><br>9:30 Worship ~<br>Rose Hilliard<br><br><i>Grandparents' Day</i>  | <b>8</b>                                                                                                            | <b>9</b>                                               | <b>10</b><br>1:15 Session meets | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>13</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| <b>14</b><br>9:30 Worship ~<br>Peggy Massung                                 | <b>15</b>                                                                                                           | <b>16</b><br>2:00 Presbytery meeting ~<br>Warren First | <b>17</b>                       | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>20</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| <b>21</b><br>9:30 Worship ~<br>Cindy Weber<br><br><i>First Day of Autumn</i> | <b>22</b>                                                                                                           | <b>23</b>                                              | <b>24</b>                       | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b><br><br><i>October Sonshine Newsletter available:</i><br><a href="http://www.rockygrovepres.org">www.rockygrovepres.org</a> | <b>27</b><br>9:30 Overeaters Anonymous |
| <b>28</b><br>9:30 Worship ~<br>Rev. Joseph Martin                            | <b>29</b>                                                                                                           | <b>30</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.*