

SONSHINE NEWSLETTER

December 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 – 9:00 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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December Birthdays



6 Rhonda Rust
10 Duncan Hickey
29 Mike Burkhardt



Servants for DECEMBER

Counters:

Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

Pulpit Supply:

7 Rev. Joseph Martin
14 Rev. Joseph Martin
21 Rev. Joseph Martin
24 Rev. Joseph Martin
28 Robert J. Piel

Worship Leaders:

7 Rhonda Rust
14 Lois Pierce
21 Rhonda Rust
24 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.

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for December

Week of December 7th

Titusville Presbyterian Church
Rev. Vaughn Smith, Pastor

Rev. Michael R. Wilson,
Stated Clerk of Synod of the Trinity

Week of December 14th

Endeavor Presbyterian Church
Roger Snyder, Commissioned Pastor

Conneaut Lake Presbyterian Church
Sam Heagy, Commissioned Pastor

Week of December 21st

Missionaries of the PC(USA) throughout the world

Members of the Presbytery of Lake Erie Committees
Spouses of Lake Erie Pastors

Week of December 28th

Pastor Nominating Committee of North Warren Presbyterian Church

All those needing prayers into the New Year



With the change of UPMC's database, the church office is no longer able to obtain names of just patients who indicate connection with Rocky Grove Presbyterian. Therefore, the office is no longer calling UPMC/Northwest to inquire about admittances. If you are hospitalized and want the church to know about it, please call the church office ~ 814-432-4162.



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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*Merry
Christmas*

ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION ~ November 12, 2025




1. Approved the minutes of the September 10, 2025 session meeting.
2. Approved the financial reports for September and October 2025 as prepared by the Financial Secretary and Treasurer.
3. Approved to convert the money from the Moorhead Scholarship currently invested in American Cap Inc and Franklin Managed Income into Stewards Values Enhanced International. This is a five-star fund with long-term holding and is completely Faith Based with headquarters in Boston.
4. Approved the transfer of the CD coming to term from Bank of China New York City in the amount of \$25,000 to Stewards Values Enhanced International
5. Approved to have Joe Martin preach our Christmas Eve service with a time to be determined.
6. Disapproved the purchase of a new printer/copier even though the current one is dated and parts are hard to come by.
7. Approved the 2026 Budget.
8. Approved the following communion dates for 2026:
January 11, 2026 ~ Baptism of the Lord
February 15, 2026 ~ Transfiguration of the Lord
May 24, 2026 ~ Pentecost
October 4, 2026 ~ World Communion Sunday
November 22, 2026 ~ Christ the King Sunday





December 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:00 Trustees	2	3	4	5	6 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
7 9:00 Worship ~ <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> Rev. Joseph Martin	8	9	10	11	12	13 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
14 9:00 Worship ~ <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> Rev. Joseph Martin	15	16	17	18	19	20 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
21 9:00 Worship ~ <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> Rev. Joseph Martin	22	23	24 7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 	25 	26	27 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
28 9:00 Worship ~ Robert J. Piel	29	30	31			

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