

Rocky Grove Avenue Presbyterian Church
321 Rocky Grove Avenue
Franklin, PA 16323



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“Sharing, Preparing and Caring in Jesus’ Name”

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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.



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.

Lake Erie Presbytery Prayer List for month of April

Week of April 5th

Cochranton Presbyterian Church
Donald Kellner, Commissioned Pastor
 Tidioute and Irvine Presbyterian Churches

Week of April 12th

Cranesville-Bethel Presbyterian Church
Mel Bendig (UMC), preaching
 Oil City First Presbyterian Church
Josh Botts, Commissioned Pastor

Week of April 19th

Utica Presbyterian Church
Tina Kaye, Commissioned Pastor
 Watson Run and North Shenango Presbyterian Churches
Greg VanderVeen, preaching

Week of April 26th

Ripley (New York) Presbyterian Church
Phil Johnson, Commissioned Pastor
 Spouses of Lake Erie Pastors
Rev. Walter Green (Honorably Retired)



APRIL Birthdays

12 Connie Hickey
 30 Ray Aikins

Servants for April

Recorders: Lois Pierce & Joyce Wetjen

Pulpit Supply:
 5 Rev. Joseph P. Martin
 12 Robert J. Piel
 19 Rev. Joseph P. Martin
 26 Robert J. Piel

Worship Leaders:
 5 Lois Pierce
 12 Rhonda Rust
 19 Lois Pierce
 26 Rhonda Rust

Answers to Crossword Puzzle:

Across: 2) Cry 4) Dead 8) Angels 9) Stone 10) White 12) Gardener 14) Mary
Down: 1) Father 3) Rise 5) Early 6) Week 7) Woman 11) Tomb 13) Dark

ACTIONS TAKEN BY SESSION ~ March 11, 2026

1. Approved the minutes of the January 14, 2026 Session meeting, January 24, 2026 telephone vote, February 2, 2026 special session meeting and February 23, 2026 email vote.
2. Approved the Financial Secretary's reports and Treasurer's reports of checking account activity for January and February 2026.
3. Approved the high school's use of the parking lot on March 12, 2026, for Career Day.
4. Approved the removal from membership of Joyce M. Riddle, Member # 1921, due to her death on January 13, 2026.
5. Approved \$25,000 of \$31,250.60 of Albright Charitable Fund grant to be invested with Edward Jones into the Timothy Large MC Cap Growth which is faith based.
6. Approved an outside door key be issued to postal carrier Justin Taylor, who services areas of Rocky Grove, including our church, on Wednesdays.

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**One Great Hour of Sharing** offering has been collected during Lent again this year. Your contributions help with disaster assistance, alleviating hunger as well as helping people learn how to help themselves towards a better life. Donations to OGHS offering accepted through Easter, April 5, 2026, will be forwarded to Office of Special Offerings in Louisville, KY. The total will be announced in bulletins and next month's newsletter.  
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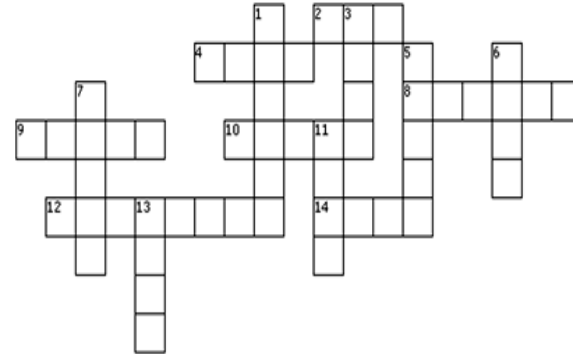
Congregation/Corporation Meeting – March 1, 2026

A Congregational meeting was held after worship on March 1, 2026. The minutes of the June 8, 2025, meeting were approved. The 2026 budget was presented. It was approved that officers will remain the same for 2026. Raymond Aikins was added as a Trustee. Also, Joyce Wetjen will remain as Financial Secretary, Lois Pierce as Assistant Financial Secretary and Rhonda Rust as Treasurer.

A Corporation Meeting was held immediately following the congregational meeting with John Dumbleton giving a report of work done in 2025, which included repair of riding mower, donation by Lois Pierce of a Troybilt push mower, seal coating of parking lot, replacement of water meter and other minor improvements to the building.

He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. To shed tears
4. The opposite of alive
8. A heavenly being
9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus'tomb
10. The color that is the opposite of black
12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

DOWN

1. The male parent
3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
5. The opposite of late
6. A period of seven days
7. An adult female person
11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
13. The opposite of light

Words Used

early	angels	gardener	rise
week	white	Mary	dead
dark	woman	tomb	
stone	cry	father	



APRIL 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 	3 <i>Good Friday</i> 	4 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
5 9:00 Worship <i>Rev. Joe Martin</i>  <i>Easter Sunday</i>	6 6:00 Trustees	7	8	9	10	11 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
12 9:00 Worship <i>Bob Piel</i>	13	14	15	16	17	18 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
19 9:00 Worship <i>Rev. Joe Martin</i>	20	21	22 <i>Earth Day</i>	23 4:00 Mount Pleasant Cemetery Assn. meeting	24	25 9:30 Overeaters Anonymous
26 9:00 Worship <i>Bob Piel</i>	27	28	29	30		

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