

ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

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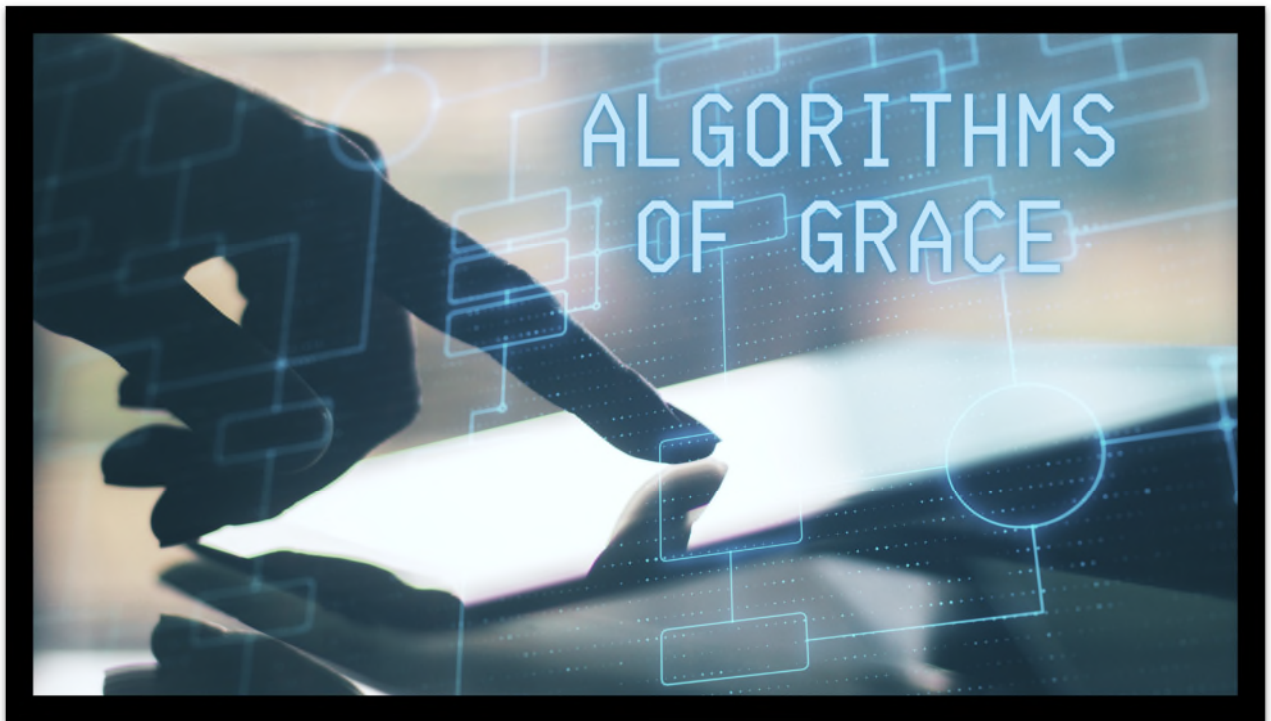
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AUGUST 3, 2025



By the loving grace of Jesus Christ working in us, we are a people who practice welcoming relationships and caring service to the glory of God.

INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT:

At Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, we strive to be a Christ-like, faithful and inclusive church family. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, age, gender, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation. We commit ourselves to following Jesus by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

RGPC: The Mission Station

*** = CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND, as able**

Large print bulletins and hearing assist devices are available – please see an usher.

Please sign the Friendship Pad as it is passed to you, noting the names of those who are worshipping around you so you may greet them when the Service has ended.

PLEASE TURN OFF all cell phones and use this time to quietly prepare for Worship.

Hymns will be lead this week by John Niemisto.

NURSERY (infants and toddlers) – Room 201 (Main Level)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL (Ages 3 - Grade 5) – Room 200 (Main Level)

(Parents, after the Children's Worship Time, all children will be together for Summer Sunday School in Pathways to Worship (Room 200) and may be picked up from there after Worship.)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

God is good!

All the time!

And all the time,

God is good!

Let us worship God!

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT *by LifeKids*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

(At this time the children are invited to go to Summer Sunday School.)

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**



PRELUDE

“Here I Am to Worship” - by Tim Hughes

Summer Ensemble

*Light of the world You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.*

*CHORUS: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God*

You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.

CHORUS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Heather Hammerstrom

We gather together in the name of our God,

the Maker of heaven and earth,

who calls us away from the customs and attitudes of the world around us,

and invites us instead into a transforming relationship with Him

and with one another.

Let's worship God together!

***PRAISE SONG “Shout to the Lord”**

***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess how easy it is for us to begin to adopt the attitudes and actions of the world around us; to let our lives be shaped by contemporary culture rather than by Your call. We confess that we have not always treated one another as valued members of Your Body, the Church; that we have allowed intolerance and resentment to tear us apart. We confess that we do not always acknowledge You as Lord, trusting in our own abilities and following our own goals rather than submitting ourselves to Your will and Your call.

Through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform us. Change us from the inside out, so that our words and our lives would bring honor and glory to You, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

It's not money, but our generosity with it;
it is not power, but our willingness to humble ourselves;
it is not our efforts, but Christ's gift,
which transforms us into God's children.

It is more than just how we think.

**In mercy and grace, our hearts, our lives, our spirits
are transformed and made new.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PRAYER RESPONSE (Hymn #743) “Step by Step”**

O God, you are my God – and I will ever praise you.

O God, you are my God – and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning and I will learn to walk in your ways.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:1-13

HABITS *by Freebridge Media*

SCRIPTURE READING Titus 2:11-15

SERMON “The Algorithms of Grace” Pastor Kate Mackie

SPECIAL MUSIC “Grant Us Your Peace” (Donna Nobis Pacem)
arr. Sharon Wilson / Flutists: Tracey Conrad and Tammy Mott (hymn #752)

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS AN INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

*During the Invitation to Generosity, if you wish to make an offering to the church,
you may give electronically by texting "rgpc" to 833-245-5153 or using the QR Code
on the back page of the bulletin, or by placing your offering in the black Offering Box
located in the Narthex or outside the Chapel.*



***DOXOLOGY (Hymn #606)**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise God, and Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***PRAISE SONG “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”**

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING RESPONSE**

*Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me!*

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
*The congregation is now invited to share
signs of Christ’s peace as worship concludes.*

***POSTLUDE “Better Is One Day” — arr. Larry Shackley**

*How lovely is Your dwelling place O Lord, almighty,
For my soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence,
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house.
Better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.*

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
on Sunday, August 17, 2025 at the close of Worship to present changes and
updates to our RGPC Endowment Policy.

WE ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

SERVING AND GROWING TOGETHER

WELCOME – PLEASE FEEL AT HOME HERE! We're glad you've chosen to set aside this hour to praise God in worship, and are delighted to have you at **Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church!**

It is our hope that you will be uplifted spiritually by our worship and that you will join us often.

Please stop by the Welcome Center located in the foyer to receive a Welcome Gift. Ushers and greeters are available for information, large print bulletins or assistance. If you need a hearing assistance device, please go to the Welcome Center. If you are a member of another congregation, please offer our greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ when you return. If you are not currently part of another church congregation, we hope you will consider making **Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church** your church home, simply speak with our pastoral staff.

UPCOMING DATES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

AUGUST — SEPTEMBER

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| Aug. 5 | Red Cross Blood Drive (1:00-7:00pm, Youth Hall)
Blood Drive Sign Up QR Code: pg. 16 |
| Aug. 10 | Worship in the Park (10:30am, Mies Park) |
| Aug. 12 | Pastor Kellie's Self Compassion Class #3 (6:30-8:30pm, Fellowship Hall) |
| Aug. 24 | "Come To Jesus" — Summer Sermon Series #4 |
| Aug. 31 | Labor Day / Family Worship
"Come To Jesus" — Summer Sermon Series #5 |
| Sept. 7 | Rally Sunday
Student Sunday School |
| Sept. 21 | Baptism / Ordination & Installation of Officers
Relay for Hope (noon-3pm, Mies Park) |
| Sept. 28 | Super Sunday |

SERVING TODAY

Sunday Secretary: Alyson Donker
Ushers: Doug Andridge & Denise Gerger
Welcome Desk: Kelly Bruce
Online Greeter: Janette Poe
Worship Arts: Jim Davis & Jonathan Roos
Sound System: John Mazeppa
Huddle: Gretchen Hocking & Rick Hannah
Coffee Hour: Worship & Music
Rosie Drivers: Rick Porteous & David Gerger

**We're Looking for Volunteers to
be Sunday Morning Greeters!**

Please sign up to join the
team with this QR Code:



MEMBERS IN HOSPICE CARE: Scott Yamazaki



MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYER: Dyche Anderson, Megan Barker, Becky Benton, Abby Bennett, Linda Blumel, Peggy Calhoun, Laurie Carse, Susan Cohl, Judy Coleman, Lois Cummings, Larry Dye, Katherine Dyer, Rose Eickhoff, Mary Ann Falardeau, Debbie Fawkes, Dave Garcia, Jerry Gibbons, Anne Hartsell, Ian Holtzman, Deirdre Hope, Joyce Jewell, Beverly Johnston, Judy Johnston, Mary Kennedy, Dave Lumley, Charlene Mazeppa, Margot McCormack, Donald McLean, Sadikifu Motiryo, Stafford Nelson, Karen Perry, Jan Prentice, Jenny Root, William Sather, Julie Seiter, Alice Steffe, Mason Taylor, Diane Trupiano, Ella Warrick, Emma Weyer, Kellie Whitlock, Macaylah Whitlock, Marc Whitlock, Vicki Wonnacott, Barb Yamazaki, Ed Yopek.

OUR EXTENDED CIRCLE OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS: *(This listing will be cleared and renewed on the first Sunday of each month. Names can be added at any time, but if you wish to have someone continued into the following month, please contact the Church Office.)*

- Michael Bingham, husband of Marilyn Bingham
- Ken Janis, friends of Diane & Guy Trupiano
- Mike Kalasz, friend of Tracey Conrad
- Bill Kuykendall, brother of Jim Kuykendall
- Friends & family of Shirley Lande: Ryan, Zaven, Elaine & Bob, Carolyn, Dorothy & her mom
- Family of Carol Landry, cousin of Marty & Veronica Blank
- Marie Maier - Mom of Ann Maier & Michelle Ward
- Larry & Karin McGivern, parents of Pastor Kellie Whitlock
- Tracy Rutter, friend of Robin Roos
- Family of Bruce Sanders, former RGPC member
- Sharon Schulte, friend of Vicki Szaal
- Justin Sholtz & Linda Waller, friends of Mary Kennedy
- Gordon Yamazaki, son of Barb & Scott Yamazaki
- Rev. Chang, PC(USA) missionary to the people of the Philippines
- Those Serving/Who Have Served Our Country in the Military and as First Responders
- Rosedale Military/First Responder/Serviceperson of the Month: Matt Wannacott

EACH WEEK WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER church member families, thanking God for them, and asking God to bless and guide them. We invite you to keep in your prayers: *for 8/3 (Michelle) Kinville, Manning, Mathis, & Walker families, and for 8/10 Banks, Myers, Paffenroth, & Trisch families.*



RGPC FAMILIES!

RGPC KIDS

Let's have some "Fruity Fun!" Come and learn TWO more Fruits of the Spirit! Today is all about Patience and Kindness! Come and see how our helper, the Holy Spirit, can show us how to spread *Life Fruit* into the world!



Coming Soon - Plan Ahead!

Sunday, August 10th is Family Worship in the Park! Join us as we worship God together outdoors in His amazing creation! Bring a blanket and/or chairs. The service begins at 10:15 at Mies Park. (There will not be Sunday school or Nursery care available this week).

Attention Parents!

It is time to register your FaithWorks & Pathway to Worship children for Sunday School! Please grab a registration form from the table in the Narthex or scan the QR code to register! Fall Sunday School starts **September 7th!**



Safe Gorilla Program: We will continue to collect old/used small electronic devices through **August 31st**. Please donate any items and help our VBS kids spread God's goodness by supporting gorilla conservation efforts in Africa.





LOOKING AHEAD FOR FALL NURSERY STAFF...

Would you like to join our team? As the school year comes to an end, we will be searching for a new caregiver to help lead our nursery ministry. This is a perfect opportunity for a high school student (junior or senior), or anyone who

loves to share time with infants and toddlers. This paid position requires a 2-hour Sunday morning commitment. It's a perfect opportunity to develop important job skills and responsibility.

If you know someone or are interested in joining our team, please contact Lisa Adams at ladams@rosedalegardens.org



Would you like to share your love for Jesus with children?

We are currently looking for faithful people who would like to join our Sunday Morning Teaching Team. Teachers and assistants are needed for the **2025-2026** school year. (*We schedule 2 teachers in each classroom each week.*)

The amount of time you share is up to you. (*Every week, every other week, once a month or once in a while.*) Classroom set-up and lesson plans are provided. Simply read the lesson and then share it with students.

Sharing your time is a wonderful way to build relationships and help children form their foundation for spiritual growth and learning.

Would you like to learn more about **Pathways to Worship or FaithWorks**? Please contact Lisa Adams at ladams@rosedalegardens.org.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Bonfire & Bible

Coming this
Summer for all
students at
Pastor Kate's!



7-10 p.m.
August 6
August 18

STUDENTS!



FOR FALL!

SUNDAY SCHOOL!



September 7
October 5
November 2
December 7
10:30 a.m. in Youth Hall!

RELAY FOR HOPE!

Sunday, September 21st
After worship in Mies Park

SUPER SUNDAYS!



September 28
October 19
November 9
December TBD
10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

*All student activities are open for 6th - 12th graders.
See Pastor Kate or Brad Avis for more information!*

RGPC... Where Have You Been Lately?

Heading out on an awesome adventure? Don't forget to pack your RGPC shirts in your bags! We'd love to see where you've been!

Whether you're exploring near or far, capture the moment and share it with us by sending it to Kelly Bruce (kelly2726@sbcglobal.net) and/or Morgan Tressler (officergpc@yahoo.com). #rgpcadventures



FUN IN THE SUN!

Dave and Karen Laycock (*top middle and right*) were seen wearing their RGPC shirts with their dog Raven while camping in Frankfort.

Rich and Ann Oke (*bottom right*) enjoy a beautiful day at the Toledo Mud Hens game.

Many thanks to Men's Club President, Ken Stempien (*bottom left*), for organizing a great outing!



WELCOME HOME! ELECTRONIC FRIENDSHIP PAD OPTION!

HELLO!

We are so glad you are here today!
Whether this is your first time visiting
of you have been here your whole life,
we'd love to connect with you! Simply
scan the QR code and "Talk to Us!"



Chapel Friday

*We will now hold Chapel Friday on
the 3rd Friday of each month.*

We hope you will join us!

WELCOME
back **ROSIE, THE BUS!**



ROSIE IS NOW RUNNING ON SUNDAYS!
Please call Morgan in the Office at (734) 422-0494
if you need a ride!

OFF THE RAILS PODCAST

CHASING FAITH IN A
POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE



SCAN HERE
TO LISTEN!



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS



·When: Thursday, September 4

.....6-9 p.m.

Where: Kathy and Dyche Anderson's

.....46520 Strathmore Court

.....Plymouth 48170

What to bring: lawn chair(s), a dish to pass, your preferred beverage.



**HELP KEEP THE
SUPPLY AFLOAT.**

Give Blood.

Blood Drive

Rosedale Garden Presbyterian

Youth Hall
9601 Hubbard
Livonia, MI 48150

**Tuesday, August 5, 2025
1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

For an appointment, log onto RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code: livoniaunited152) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to be directed to
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**Give Aug 1 to 28 for \$15 e gift card & successful
donations get A1C testing. Terms: rcblood.org/Test**



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

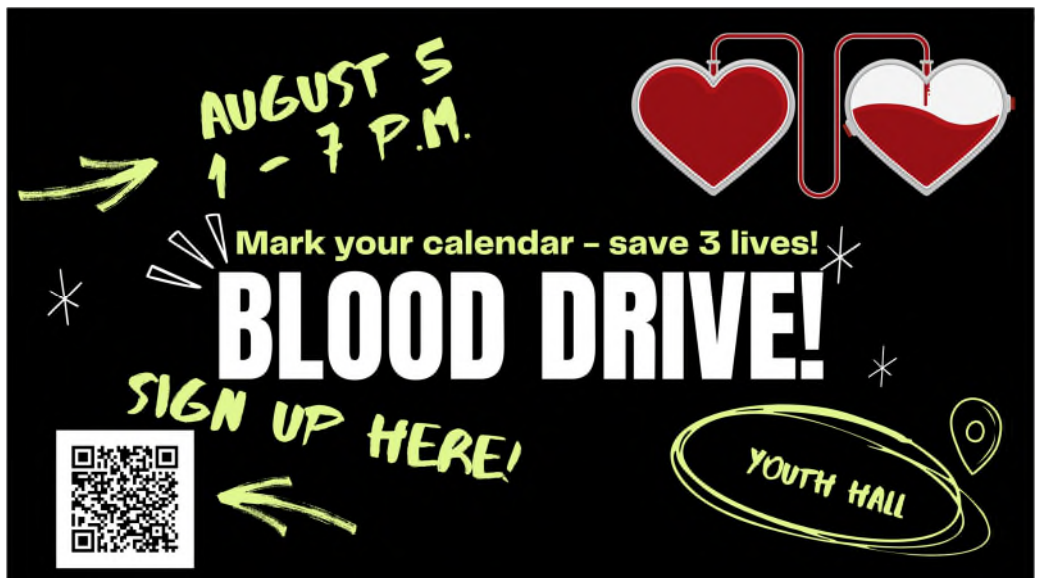


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SUMMER FUN AT RGPC!



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP IN THE PARK!

The combined congregations of RGPC, St. Tim's & St. Paul's will join together for a morning of worship in the open air.



A MUSIC-FILLED EVENING IN LIVONIA

Join us on the steps of City Hall for an evening of Music from the Heart. Bring your own chair, snacks, and drinks and spend the evening listening to music under the stars with your RGPC family!

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP: AUGUST 24TH

For those who missed the chance to participate in this inspiring class last spring, a second Spiritual Gifts class is being offered on Monday nights during the month of September.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to discover your unique spiritual gifts. The results may surprise you! Sign up on the Activities bulletin board in the Office hallway.



Spiritual Gifts

A Class of Discovery

Monday Evenings - September 8, 15, 22, 29
6:30-9:00 p.m.

\$15 per person for materials

Sign up on the Activities Board in the main hall



YOGA CLASSES AT RGPC

Wednesday Evenings
5:30-6:30 - Room 109
(the Scout Room)

OUR FOCUS WILL BE ON CHAIR YOGA, BUT YOU MAY BRING BLOCKS AND MATS IF DESIRED
SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED FOR ALL ABILITIES



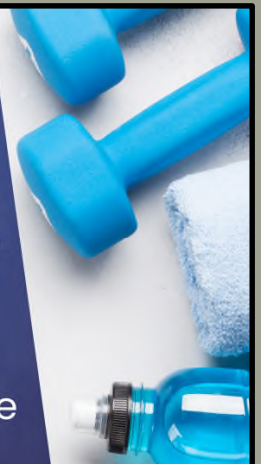
JOIN OUR EXERCISE CLASSES!

Tuesdays: 6pm on FB Live

Wednesdays at RGPC:

2pm - Exercise for Seniors

7pm - Exercise for Everyone





PASTOR KELLIE'S 2025 SUMMER WORKSHOP

WHEN THE HARDEST PERSON ON YOU IS YOU: A SELF-COMPASSION WORKSHOP

You are not alone. How many times have we said to ourselves, "Why am I my own worst enemy?" Frequently we ponder why it is that we can extend so much love & grace to others but leave little to none for ourselves. We become our own worse critic. Scripture reminds us that God is "compassionate and gracious, slow to anger & abounding in love." (Psalm 103:8). If God can be that way with us, how can we begin to treat ourselves with that same compassion and kindness?

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness & patience." - Colossians 3:12

Join Pastor Kellie on the journey to Self-Compassion to experience the love and peace of mind Jesus has in store for you. Drawing on Scripture and application resources from psychology, we can learn how to treat ourselves with Self-Compassion.

TUESDAYS THIS SUMMER — 6:30-8:30pm in Youth Hall

Dates & topics for each Workshop are listed below.

Refreshments will be provided.

AUGUST 12TH PRACTICAL APPLICATION TOOLS & A CLOSING SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine." ~ Isaiah 43:1

- Change Your Inner Critic, Change Your Life
- Self-Reflection & The Perspective of Jesus' Compassion
- Jesus' Hope & Peace for Your Life
- A Closing Service of Wholeness



Register with this
Code or add your
name to the list on
the **Activities**
Bulletin Board in the
Office Hallway

WANTED: One person to support a volunteer Coffee Hour team on either (or both) **Oct 19th and Dec. 7th**. Teams set out/clean up the coffee urns, supplies and snacks. Let Pastor Kellie know if you are available to help on one (or both) dates.

— SUMMER SERMON SERIES —

“COME TO JESUS” *WITH PASTOR KELLIE*



In life's most overwhelming moments, there's an invitation that never changes: *Come to Jesus*. Faith. Fear. Doubt.

Emotional struggle. Life doesn't always make sense – and faith can feel hard to hold on to. This sermon series is a journey for all who come to Jesus when we are weary, confused, broken hearted, and long to make a real connection between Jesus and our mental and emotional health.

Whether you're wrestling with stress, tired from holding everything together, or wanting to strengthen your faith, Jesus still invites you to come—just as you are.

Join us for worship at 10:30am, when we'll explore how Jesus meets us in the mess and brings healing to both our hearts and minds. On the following Sundays, we will focus on:

Aug 24: Finding Peace Through Doubt – Doubt isn't the end of faith—it can be the beginning of a deeper trust. See how Jesus meets us in our questioning with peace that surpasses understanding.

Aug 31: Forgiving What You Can't Forget – True freedom often starts with forgiveness. Discover the healing Jesus offers when the wounds still hurt and the memories still linger.

Jesus doesn't ignore our pain—He steps into it with us. If you're longing for hope, healing, and peace in the middle of life's struggles, this series is for you.

Come to Jesus. There's grace for your mind, rest for your soul, and strength for your journey.

ATTENTION:

ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH TEACHERS AND LEADERS!

A new background check is needed for all volunteers working with our children and youth. Please check your email for an invitation from “Universal Background” to complete this process. An email was sent with detailed information on how to complete the screening. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Adams or Adam Hughes.

**FIND****Your
Mission****IGNITE****Your
Passion****BUILD****Your
Community****THE SOAP PROJECT**
SAVE OUR ADOLESCENTS FROM PROSTITUTION

SOAP UP

THE WOODWARD DREAM CRUISE

SATURDAY, AUG 9, 2025 • 9:30AM - 12:00PM**Rosedale Garden Presbyterian Church • 9601 Hubbard St • Livonia, MI**

Human trafficking is the second leading criminal industry in the United States. Join us to educate hotels on how to spot signs of human trafficking and hand out bars of soap with the national human trafficking hotline number along with missing children posters.

Please join the us at to learn about the signs of human trafficking in our community. We will label hotel bar soaps to deliver to select area hotels and deliver critical information and missing children's posters to hotel staff.



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER, OR SIGN UP ON THE
ACTIVITIES BOARD IN THE OFFICE HALLWAY.**

Can't make it? Please consider donating at soapproject.org!

**FIND****Your
Mission****IGNITE****Your
Passion****BUILD****Your
Community**

RGPC is well-known in the City of Livonia as a faith community that reaches out to those in need. And last weekend, an event occurred that has rocked a family and our community. Please read the information below and help financially and/or prayerfully, as you feel called.

From the Office of Livonia's Mayor:

There's no doubt that, by now, you've heard of the tragic event that took place Sunday evening. Tia Robinson, mother of 3-year-old twins Khalil and Khloe, were pedestrians struck by a car on June 29th. Tragically, Khalil died, and Tia and Khloe are in critical condition. Our community is heartbroken for the family and, as is always the case in Livonia, we're ready to help.

As we've done in the past, the Livonia First Responder Foundation has offered to help to be a "go-between" for all funds supporting the family. Please direct any requests to help the family to the LFRF. The LFRF will accept donations and has offered to pay the expense of any credit card fees assessed, ensuring every dollar gets to the family.

Please consider supporting the Robinson Family. 100% of the funds donated are forwarded to the Robinson Family to assist with medical and funeral expenses. To make a donation, please use the QR Code, then click the "Donate Now" button.

**Robb Drzewicki**

Director

Government Affairs & Community Outreach
City of Livonia | Mayor's Office

ROSEDALE ROCKERS

A MINISTRY OF THE RGPC YOUTH MISSION TEAM



The RGPC Youth Mission Team is on a mission to raise enough funds to supply 2 new rocking chairs to every tiny home built and dedicated by the Tiny Pine Foundation of Oroville, California.

Each chair costs approximately \$150.

So far we have blessed 4 homes of wildfire survivors in California!

Donate today!



Give Online



See the sample rocker
in the Narthex



Grant Us Your Peace

I remember Miss Barbarossa, my second-grade teacher at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, Park Ridge, IL. We made balloon paper mâché turkeys, props for a play we performed for our parents. (Ask John about ‘Kevin’, the church-appropriate version.) I remember Miss Rolf teaching us a poem entirely of prepositions so we could identify prepositional phrases while diagramming sentences. (I can still recite it!) I remember the first music round I learned: *Dona Nobis Pacem*, Latin for ‘grant us peace’.

The *Dona Nobis Pacem* text is usually listed as a traditional liturgical text, as notated in our Glory to God hymnal, #752. It originates from the Agnus Dei section of the Latin mass, where it is used as an invocation to the Lamb of God to have mercy on and grant peace to the worshipers. Believed to have been introduced into the Mass by Pope Sergius I in 687, the last phrases of the Latin form are *Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis . . . dona nobis pacem* (Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us . . . grant us peace).

In preparing this edition of *Music Corner*, I discovered Ralph Vaughan Williams’ cantata, *Dona Nobis Pacem*, written in response to the possibility of a second European conflict and reflects on the theme of peace. The work includes poems by Walt Whitman, passages from the Old Testament, concluding with text from the Gospel of Luke: *Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace, good will towards men*.

Most Sundays we conclude our worship singing, ‘Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me,’ reminding us of our 2025 congregational challenge and commitment to invoke, embody, and share the peace of Christ.

It gives me joy to share a childhood melody and text to which I have returned repeatedly for moments of calm reflection. Thank you, Tracey Conrad and Tammy Mott, for gifting us with a lovely flute setting of *Dona Nobis Pacem*, a tune beautiful in its simplicity and its petitioning text.

For a musical transport to a moment of peace, check out this YouTube recording: ([146](#)) [Dona Nobis Pacem | Canon \(SSAA\) | Choir with Lyrics and Piano | Sunday 7pm Choir - YouTube](#)

Sources: www.classichistory.net/archives/dona-nobis-pacem
www.interculturaldialogueandeducation.org
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dona_nobis_pacem

**JOIN US IN HONORING OUR
FIRST RESPONDER OF THE MONTH**
We are recognizing Matthew Wonnacott,
Lieutenant, Dearborn Fire Department.



Matthew Wonnacott was born in 1980 and lived with his parents, Dave and Vicki Wonnacott, in Livonia. His younger brother Andrew came along five years later. The family moved to Northville when Matthew was ten, where he spent the remaining years growing up. He graduated from Northville High and attended Central Michigan University, graduating with a business degree.

After graduation, Matthew spent a few years working for a large construction company but did not feel he was fulfilling what he wanted to accomplish. In 2008, Matt decided to join the Fire Academy at Schoolcraft College. He graduated with honors and then went on for two years of Paramedic training. Matthew joined the Northville Fire Department in 2008 as a “paid on call” firefighter. He was then hired in Novi as a full-time firefighter for two years, then was offered a position in Plymouth Township. After two years, he and others were laid off due to budget cuts.

The next two years were difficult, but he was then hired by Dearborn Fire in 2011. Dearborn Fire is considered one of the best departments in the state. Over the next fourteen years, Matthew served as Fire Fighter, then promoted to Fire Fighter 2, then to Fire Engineer, and was recently promoted to Lieutenant.

Matthew and his brother are owners of an Airbnb in Houghton Lake. He also has a second job on his days off for a medical supply company, supplying and training patients in their home or hospital with heart monitor vests.

Married 2 1/2 years to his wife Zeinab, they are parents to a very busy 18 month old son named Eli. Their family, as well as his brother Andrew, all live within a few blocks of Dave and Vicki (great for babysitting purposes).

Matthew continues to proudly serve the Dearborn community. We at Rosedale Gardens would like to recognize and honor Matthew’s contribution to the safety and security of this community. On behalf of the citizens of Dearborn, we thank Matthew for his dedicated and honorable service. Well done, good and faithful servant.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 08/03

10:30 A.M. **Worship Service / Summer Sunday School**

MONDAY, 08/04

No Church Activities Scheduled

TUESDAY, 08/05

8:00 A.M. **AA – Mies Park**

10:00 **Staff Meeting - Library**

1-7 P.M. **Red Cross Blood Drive - Youth Hall**

6:00 **Faith & Fitness with Dave – FB Live**

7:00 **Boy Scouts #270 – Scout Room**

WEDNESDAY, 08/06

10:00 AM **Prayer Group - Library**

2:00 P.M. **Faith & Fitness with Dave– Scout Room**

5:30 **Yoga Class – Scout Room**

7:00 **Faith & Fitness with Dave – Scout Room**

7:00 **Bonfire & Bible - Kate's House**

THURSDAY, 08/07

8:00 A.M. **AA – Mies Park**

FRIDAY, 08/08

No Church Activities Scheduled

SATURDAY, 08/09

8 -1 P.M. **SOAP Work Day – Fellowship Hall**

SUNDAY, 08/10

10:15 A.M. **Worship In The Park**
(NO Sunday School or Nursery)

12:00 P.M. **Stephen Ministry Super. Meeting - Library**

MONDAY, 08/11

No Church Activities Scheduled



CHAPEL FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Every 3rd Friday of the month, we will hold Chapel Friday in the LIBRARY from 12-1:00 p.m. Join us for a service of prayer, scripture, communion, and reflection. All are welcome!

CELEBRATING A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

Please let the office know! We would like to acknowledge those who have been married 50 years or longer.

*Congratulations to
Richard & Ann Oke
as they celebrate their
60th wedding anniversary on
Thursday, August 7th!*



ARE YOU CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH?

Please prayerfully consider supporting our Endowment Fund by giving one dollar for each year of your age as a celebration of your life and “giving back” for the blessing of life. This week, we would like to acknowledge **John & Charlene Mazeppa**, whose love for this congregation was expressed through a gift to The RGPC Endowment Fund. The generosity of these individuals has left a permanent gift to us that will continue to grow and bear the fruit of their faith not only now, but forevermore!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Nora Avis, Saylor Bessolo
- 3 Liam Avis, John Mazeppa, Ella Vasko
- 6 Vinh Johnson, Andrea Meade, Emmitt Vasko
- 7 Everlee Grace Timmerman
- 8 Ron Bruce, Brad Squire
- 10 Lee Ann Dye, Kimberly Marion
- 11 Audrey Johnson, Sawyer Roos, Dennis Standiford
- 12 Harper Belsky
- 13 Cory Beadle, Sydney Fitch, Susannah Kennedy
- 15 Kathryn Clark
- 16 **Barbara Birmingham**, Wesley Hughes, Andre Rzepka
- 18 Wyatt Angevine, Joseph Brake, Melanie Watts
- 19 Sawyer Hartom, Brian Walrad
- 20 Amy LeFevre, Karen Perry
- 21 Bethe Warrick
- 22 Stephanie Belcher, Dean Lande
- 23 James Casey
- 24 Don Calhoun, Dale Frey,
- 25 Rebecca Benton, Ken Spicer
- 26 Stafford Nelson, Josh Sowerby
- 27 Zachary Bennett, Jason King, Michelle Kinville, Marlene McGee
- 28 Tim Baden
- 29 Jason Bowes
- 30 Logan Belsky, Scott Benton, Katherine Brake, Kenneth Stempien
- 31 Diane Frey



* **BOLDED** text indicates 90+ birthdays

Mark Your Calendars!

UPCOMING SPECIAL
WORSHIP SERVICES:

Worship in the Park
AUGUST 10

Rally Sunday
SEPTEMBER 7

Ordination & Installation of Officers
SEPTEMBER 21

JOIN OUR MANY FACEBOOK GROUPS!

Go to the Rosedale Facebook page,
under "more," click on "groups"
and request to join!

"FAITH & FITNESS
WITH DAVE"

"BETTER TOGETHER"

"PRAYERS FOR POSSIBLE"

"MILITARY, FIRST
RESPONDERS AND FAMILIES"

"SELF LOVE, SELF CARE"

"GET ROOTED WITH RGPC"

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and Follow Us on
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Password is Ourchurch
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and not the letter "O")

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INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT:

At Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, we strive to be a Christ-like, faithful and inclusive church family. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, age, gender, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation. We commit ourselves to following Jesus by cultivating mission, inclusion and community