

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

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**NOVEMBER 23, 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.



**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.*

**NURSERY (infants and toddlers) – Room 201 (Main Level)**  
**PATHWAYS TO WORSHIP (Ages 3 - Grade 1) – Room 200 (Main Level)**  
**FAITHWORKS (Grades 2 - 5) – Rainbow Room: Room 304 (Upper Level)**  
*(Children can be picked up after worship from Room 200)*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*Martha Andridge, Pianist*

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME**

Happy Thanksgiving Sunday!

**This is the day the Lord has made!**

We will rejoice and be glad in it!

**We give Jesus thanks for our family and friends!**

We give Jesus thanks for our church family!

**We love you Jesus!**

**GOD'S STORY: JESUS AND THE TEN LEPERS** *by Crossroads Kids' Club*

**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, children are invited to attend Sunday School.)*



## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**PRELUDE** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” - *arr. Lani Smith*  
*Pianist: Tammy Mott / Hymn text #263*

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Liturgist: Pam Johnson*

Come, let us gather before the Lord with grateful hearts.

**For every breath we draw, every kindness received,  
every moment sustained - we give thanks.**

May our worship today rise like a song of gratitude,  
and may our hearts remember that God’s faithfulness endures forever.

**Let us worship the Lord with praise and thanksgiving.**

#### **\*HYMN #664 “Morning Has Broken”**

#### **\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

##### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Gracious God, you have been generous beyond measure, yet we have too often complained instead of giving thanks. We have taken your goodness for granted and forgotten your faithfulness. Forgive us for our ungrateful hearts. Open our eyes to your mercy. And through the power of your Holy Spirit, transform our attitudes to gratitude. Amen.

#### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the Good News: God’s mercy is new every morning.

**God’s love endures forever.**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### **\*RESPONSE HYMN #625 “How Great Thou Art” (Chorus)**

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:*

*How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:*

*How great thou art! How great thou art!*



**SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 11:23-24 and Jonah 4:1-3**

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**SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY Philippians 4:6**

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

**SERMON “Attitude Check: What Kind of Follower Am I Becoming?”**

*Pastor Kellie Whitlock*

**ANTHEM**

**“O Give Thanks” by John Purifoy**

*O give thanks to the Lord, call on His name,  
make known His deeds among the peoples!*

*O sing praises to God, tell of His works and let your hearts be filled with joy!  
Seek the Lord in strength and in his presence rest.*

*Remember all the works that He has done, ye sons of Jacob, chosen ones,  
O give thanks!*

*He is the God of Israel, His mercy is everlasting.  
From age to age shall bless His name, for He is our strength and shield.*

*O give thanks to the Lord, His promises reign o'er all of the earth  
to all generations.*

*You shall go out in joy, O children of God.*

*Rejoice and be glad and sing to His name!*

*Seek the Lord in strength, and in His presence rest.*

*Remember all the works that He has done, ye sons of Jacob, chosen ones,  
O give thanks!*

*O give thanks to the Lord, O give thanks!*





## OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

### AN INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

**OFFERTORY**      **“Ringers’ Prayer”** by Judy Hunnicutt  
Chime Choir

*During the playing of our Offertory, 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 “Blessed Be Your Name”**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*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**      **“Now Thank We All Our God”** by Sigfrid Karg-Elert



# 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

### NOVEMBER — DECEMBER

|            |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov. 27/28 | Thanksgiving Holiday—Church Office is CLOSED                                                                                                                                 |
| Nov. 30    | First Sunday in Advent                                                                                                                                                       |
| Dec. 6     | The Light Before Christmas (10am, Fellowship Hall)                                                                                                                           |
| Dec. 7     | Second Sunday in Advent                                                                                                                                                      |
| Dec. 12    | Fa-La-La-La Lunch with Sandy (12pm, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)                                                                                                             |
| Dec. 14    | Third Sunday in Advent<br>Super Sunday<br>Great Cookie Caper Mission Event (12pm, Fellowship Hall)<br>Ford Motor & Schoolcraft Collegiate Christmas Concert (5pm, Sanctuary) |
| Dec. 19    | Chapel Friday (12pm, Library)                                                                                                                                                |
| Dec. 21    | Fourth Sunday in Advent<br>Baptism                                                                                                                                           |
| Dec. 24    | Church Office Closing Early (12pm)<br>Family Christmas Eve Service (4pm)<br>Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Service (10pm)                                               |
| Dec. 25/26 | Christmas Holiday—Church Office is CLOSED                                                                                                                                    |
| Dec. 28    | Pajama Sunday<br>Family Worship                                                                                                                                              |
| Dec. 31    | Church Office Closing Early (12pm)                                                                                                                                           |

## SERVING TODAY

**Sunday Secretary:** Alyson Donker  
**Ushers:** Doug Andridge & Jan Myers  
**Welcome Desk:** Beth Sequin  
**Online Greeter:** Janette Poe  
**Worship Arts:** Jack Brake & Jonathan Roos  
**Sound System:** Brad Bevak  
**Huddle:** Gretchen Hocking & Ryan Mott  
**Coffee Hour:** Worship & Music Committee  
**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 WHO ARE GRIEVING:** Peggy Calhoun on the passing of her sister, Carol; Ann Maier and Michelle Ward on the passing of their mother and former RGPC member, Marie Maier; The Steffe family on the passing of Alice Steffe.



**MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Dyche Anderson, Megan Barker, Abby Bennett, Linda Blumel, 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, Deirdre Hope, Joyce Jewell, Beverly Johnston, Judy Johnston, Mary Kennedy, Charlene Mazeppa, Margot McCormack, Donald McLean, Sadikifu Motiryo, Stafford Nelson, Karen Perry, Jan Prentice, Susan Rinke, Jenny Root, William Sather, Julie Seiter, Ken Stempien, Mason Taylor, Diane Trupiano, Ella Warrick, Macaylah 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.)*

- Barb, sister of Valerie Culler
- Jack Baucus, family of the Walrad/Kennedy family
- Michael Bingham, husband of Marilyn Bingham
- Harper, Shannon & Chris Diacono, friends of Beth Carlson
- Katie Dooley, neighbor & friend of Marty Blank
- Kerrie Eby, friend of Lisa Adams
- Nicholas Field, grandson of Marlene McGee
- Martha G., family of Lois Keefer
- Julie Holguin, friend of Marty Blank
- Jean Jones, sister of Janette Poe
- Allison K. & Linda W., friends of Mary Kennedy
- Kerry Kaplan—friend of the RGPC Disaster Assistance Team
- Kayla, family of Jim & Elaine Davis
- Ruth Ledford, aunt of Tracey Conrad
- Joyce MacLennan, friend of Bill & Judy Tomey
- Marcie & Bonnie, daughter & great granddaughter of Maggie Fleming
- Kevin & Lance McGee, sons of Marlene McGee
- Pastor Jeff Noble of Four Winds Church, friend of Dakota Roos
- Pat Raymo, friend of Robin Roos
- Tracy Rutter, friend of Robin Roos
- Ryan, Beth, Bev, Carolyn, Stephanie, & Zaven—friends & family of Shirley Lande
- Justin S., family of Mary Kennedy
- The Shaffer family, friends of the Roos family
- Ron Stempien, brother of Ken Stempien
- Mike Walter, friend of Kathy Bell
- Pamela White, friend of Catherine Barker
- 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: Roy Hughes

**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: *the Everson, Lubig, Vasko, & (Dan) Williams families.*



# RGPC FAMILIES!

## RGPC KIDS

### CHAPEL CHURCH FOR KIDS!

Don't miss this special worship experience and a chance to give God thanks for all he has provided in our lives. After Chapel Church we will head to our classrooms where we will honor all the blessings in our lives by blessing others. Come help us write prayer cards for our Pillow Project and special care cards for our RGPC V.I.P.'s and military friends. We will also practice for our JOY-FILLED Christmas Eve Worship Service! We can't wait to share this special morning with you!



### The Light Before Christmas



A Family  
Advent  
Celebration

Saturday  
December 6  
10:00 - 12:00



ALL are invited to The Light Before Christmas, a Family Advent Celebration.

Registration is OPEN!

Admission: A non-perishable food item (canned foods, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, etc...) for our Christmas Food Delivery Ministry.

Our event is Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM - 12 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Come for a morning of crafting! Make your own "Family Advent Wreath" (one per family) & create "Keep One-Share One" Christmas ornaments to be shared at our outdoor food pantry & Christmas food delivery.

Yummy cookies & holiday punch will be served. Come & prepare your heart for the Christmas season with us! Registration is required for this fun family event to ensure we have enough materials for everyone.

Scan the QR code to register!

**ATTENTION PARENTS** Please watch for an email with details about our annual family Advent event and our special Joy-Filled Christmas Eve service. Come share your holiday season with us and let's celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus together!



# RGPC FAMILIES!

## RGPC KIDS PILLOW PROJECT

Today is the last day for pillow donations! Please scan the QR code if you would like to support this project by donating.



## Sunday School Registration

A friendly reminder to register your child(ren) for the 2025-2026 Sunday school year.

You can grab a registration form from the table in the Narthex or scan the QR code to register!



## LOOKING FOR NURSERY STAFF...



Would you like to join our team? We are in need of 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.** Also, if you enjoy spending time with little ones and would like to volunteer in the nursery on a Sunday morning, please reach out. If you have questions, know someone, or are interested in joining our team, please contact Lisa Adams at [ladams@rosedalegardens.org](mailto:ladams@rosedalegardens.org).



## ATTENTION: ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH TEACHERS & 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.

# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

## RGPC Youth Ministry

FOR STUDENTS 6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### Sunday School

DECEMBER 7

Class meets @ 10:30  
in Youth Hall  
Led by Brad Avis &  
Pam Gunderson



HIS CALL. YOUR VOICE. THEIR INVITATION.

### SuperSunday

DECEMBER 14

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
SuperSundays begin in  
the Balcony for worship  
and include lunch, games  
service project and Bible Study!



## DONATIONS NEEDED for the Great Cookie Caper



150 Dozen Sugar or Gingerbread Cookies



75 Tubs of Vanilla Frosting (10 oz.)



Christmas Sprinkles

Please sign up in the church office for what you would like to donate!



# HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR 2026 PLEDGE YET?

If you need another form, more are available on the counter in the office, or, for your convenience, you can complete your pledge online by scanning the QR code. Thank you RGPC Family!



## **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](mailto:kelly2726@sbcglobal.net)) and/or Morgan Tressler ([officergpc@yahoo.com](mailto:officergpc@yahoo.com)). *#rgpcadventures***



### ***"SEAS" THE DAY!***

Ron Hughes is pictured in his RGPC T-shirt while watching the port in Aruba sail by from his cruise ship!



# Deacons Food Ministry

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE & SELECT THE DEACONS FUND WITH MEMO LINE "FOOD MINISTRY" TO DONATE DIRECTLY TO THE DEACON FOOD DRIVE. **WE ARE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE GROCERIES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED!**

Give Online



## DOES YOUR COMPANY MATCH?

Many companies will match your charitable giving. If your place of business does, please consider making an application on behalf of Rosedale!

## Preparing for Jesus!

Our good friend, Charon Barconey, has written a 25-day Advent Devotional. The CE Committee has purchased 10 copies and are available in the Church Office - free for the taking - or with a good-will donation. If you wish to purchase your own, or get a Kindle version, scan this QR Code!



## Advent Wreath Candle Lighters Needed!

WE ARE SEEKING COUPLES, INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP BY LIGHTING OUR ADVENT WREATH. ALL SUNDAYS AND BOTH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE! PLEASE CALL OR TEXT DENISE GERGER @ 734-748-7197 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!



# NOVEMBER NEWS

## MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

Interested in a potential Adult Mission Trip in 2026 to California to help build Tiny Homes? Please consider joining Pastor Kate in the Chapel on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> to learn more!



## Thanksgiving Dinner

NOVEMBER 27 | 2PM

Held at Newburg United Methodist Church  
36500 Ann Arbor Trail  
Between Newburg Rd. & Wayne Rd. in Livonia

You are invited!  
Free and Open to all who wish to attend!

A delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings will be served  
Catch the football game on the big screen!  
(Doors open at 12:30pm)

Please RSVP online at [newburgumc.org/events](https://newburgumc.org/events)  
or by calling the church office: 734-422-0149

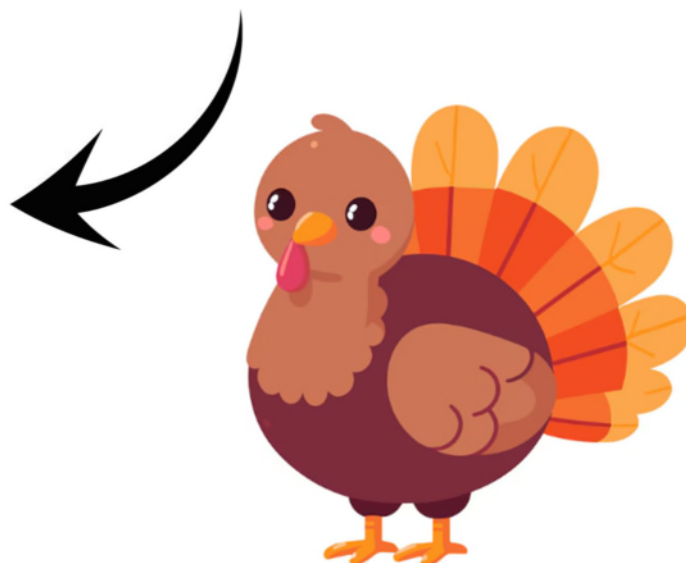


## Help Yourself!

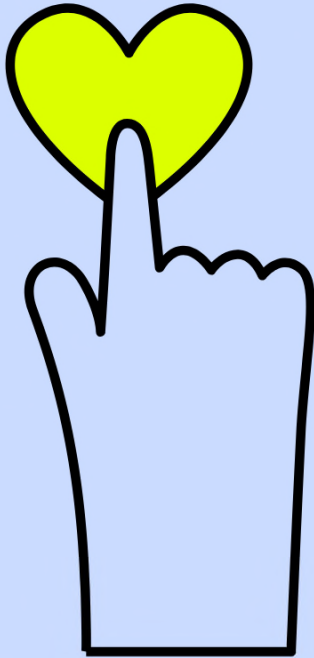


WE HAVE SOME FRESH ROSEMARY IN NEED  
OF FINDING ITS WAY INTO YOUR  
KITCHEN! PLEASE HELP YOURSELF TO AS  
MANY SPRIGS AS YOU WISH!  
THE PLANT IS IN THE GREENHOUSE!

**ARE YOU COOKING FOR  
THANKSGIVING? GRAB  
SOME ROSEMARY FOR  
YOUR TURKEY!**



# UPCOMING IN DECEMBER...



## RGPC'S CUP-FILLING GIVING TUESDAY DECEMBER 2

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS OF WONDERFUL ORGANIZATIONS  
WORTHY OF YOUR THOUGHTFUL GIFT:



Vets Returning  
Home



Tiny Pine  
Foundation



RGPC Food  
Ministries



Samaritas Family  
Center



Sleep in Heavenly  
Peace (Bunk Beds)



Presbyterian  
Disaster Assistance



Skyline Camp

DONATIONS FOR WHAT'S POSSIBLE



# UPCOMING IN DECEMBER...



Comfort & Joy  
*Service*

A Service of  
Hope & Healing  
During the  
Holidays

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM  
Online Only



Join us on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM for

**Fa-la-la-lunch  
with Sandy**  
& Special Guest Jim Stolt

A HOLIDAY LUNCH & CAROL SING

\$10 per person  
RSVP on the Events Bulletin Board  
by Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

## Our Fa-la-la Lunch Guest Musician is Jim Stolt

He is an accomplished pianist, tenor, and composer. He and his wife, Karyn, have two adult children and live in Plymouth where Jim is pastor of Praise Community Church. He is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute in Youth Ministry and Music Education and holds a Masters of Divinity degree from Moody Theological Seminary. It is my privilege to have been one of Jim's piano teachers. He studied voice in high school and college. He currently sings with the BeckRidge Chorale, Expression Music Academy Singers, and the praise team at his church. Come join your voices to ours for marvelous musical moments!



# UPCOMING IN DECEMBER...



Please consider joining Sergeant Major Dave Laycock on a trip out to Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly for the annual Wreath-Laying Event.

Contact Dave @ 734-765-5595 for more information -

Or sign up outside of the Church Office.

To learn more about Wreaths Across America, scan the QR Code.



For those attending, please arrive at RGPC at 8 AM. We will depart between 8:30 - 9 AM.



## The Great Cookie Caper Mission Event!



Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

Immediately following worship (12-2 PM)

Help us pack 150 Cookie Decorating Kits for students at Crossroads Farm Ministry in Hillsdale County!

Lunch & Christmas music included



## FORD MOTOR CHORUS & SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGIATE CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

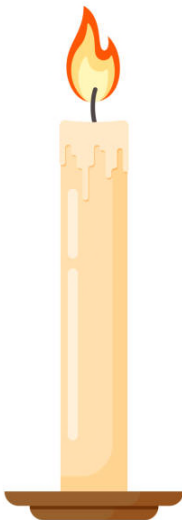
Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church

9601 Hubbard in Livonia



# UPCOMING IN DECEMBER...



Christmas Eve  
Communion & Candlelight  
Worship Service  
10 p.m.



## PAJAMAS

*& pop-tarts*

**FAMILY WORSHIP**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO WEAR THEIR FAVORITE  
PAIR OF WORSHIP-FRIENDLY PAJAMAS & SLIPPERS!





**UPCOMING IN 2026...**

# STAR Sunday

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**HOW WILL YOUR STAR BRING YOU  
CLOSER TO JESUS THIS YEAR?**



## **MEN'S CLUB CHILI COOK-OFF**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
6PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**COME AND VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE!**





# UPCOMING IN 2026...



A MONTHLY EVENING  
PRAYER SERVICE

COMING  
JANUARY 2026



**Like Rosedale?**

Then please go to "Google Reviews" and share your thoughts! The more reviews we have, the more likely people are to find us and come check us out! Scan this QR code to take you to our "Google Review" page!

SCAN ME!






**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

**THANKFUL FOR WHAT?**

OUR LAST EPISODE OF SEASON 1 DROPS AT MIDNIGHT 11-24-25 LISTEN HERE!




**YOGA CLASSES AT RGPC**

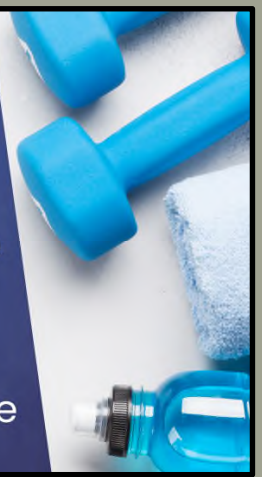
*Wednesday Evenings*  
5:30-6:30 - Room 109 (the Scout Room)

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






## JOIN US IN HONORING OUR VETERAN OF THE MONTH

We are recognizing Roy Hughes,  
Sergeant, U.S. Army, India, Burma, & China

Roy B. Hughes was born January 25, 1925, in the Village of Shelby, Michigan. His mother died when he was just seven years old, but she made him promise that he would graduate from high school - a promise that he kept. On June 18, 1943, 22 days after graduating from Pentwater High School, he entered the United States Army in Detroit, Michigan. He was trained as a military policeman and medical aid. His first assignment took him to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he guarded and escorted German prisoners of war to various camps throughout Oklahoma.

In spring of 1944, he was sent overseas to the Indo-China Theatre. He landed in India and made his way through Burma and eventually into China. The last assignment was in Shanghai, China, where he was assigned as a Military Policeman conducting roving city patrols, checking passes and credentials, assisting civilian police and quelling uprisings. In total, Sgt. Hughes served 15 months in India and China. He was awarded two battle stars for his service in Central Burma and the China Offensive. He was awarded the American Theatre Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

On July 14, 1946, he was separated from the Army at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He returned to Pentwater and an old friend and fellow veteran who was in the Navy talked him into working on the car ferries on Lake Michigan. He started his career on August 29, 1946 and ended his career on December 11, 1946. As he would say, "I survived Burma and China, not to die during a winter storm on Lake Michigan."

Roy met Maxine Tyler through his old Navy buddy (yes, the same one) and they married on November 7, 1947. Roy bounced around Muskegon working at various places until he got into the management program with F. W. Woolworth Company in late fall, 1949. For the next 39 years, he managed a number of stores throughout Indiana and Illinois with his last store being located in Decatur, Illinois. He retired in 1988.

During their marriage of almost 46 years, Roy and Maxine had three boys. Roy passed away on August 29, 1993. But Roy's legacy of public service continued through his sons. Ron went into education, Wayne served in the Air Force with a tour in Vietnam, and he and Ric, the youngest brother, ended up retiring from the Decatur Police Department. But, the legacy does not end there. Of the six grandchildren that Roy and Maxine had - Adam retired from Oak Park Public Safety; Don is a U. S. Deputy Marshal as well as a retired SFC, U.S. Army; and Sarah works as the Associate Director of Veteran Services at Kent State University. Rachel served in the United States Marine Corp and is a former Macon County, Illinois, Corrections Officer. She currently works for Macon County Veterans Service Center. Jessica and Laura work in health careers.

We at Rosedale Gardens would like to recognize and honor Roy Hughes' contribution to the safety and security of this great nation. We thank him for his dedicated and honorable service. Well done, good and faithful servant.



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, 11/23 THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

8:30 A.M. Chime Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
9:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary  
10:30 Sunday School – Room 200 & Room 304  
12:00 P.M. Stephen Ministry Super. Meeting – Library

### MONDAY, 11/24

7:00 P.M. Bible Study – Youth Hall

### TUESDAY, 11/25

8:00 A.M. AA – Youth Hall  
6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness with Dave – FB Live  
7:00 Boy Scouts #270 – Scout Room

### WEDNESDAY, 11/26

2:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness with Dave – Scout Room  
5:30 Yoga Class – Scout Room  
7:00 Faith & Fitness with Dave – Scout Room

### THURSDAY, 11/27 OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 A.M. AA – Youth Hall

### FRIDAY, 11/28 OFFICE CLOSED

*No Church Activities Scheduled*

### SATURDAY, 11/29

*No Church Activities Scheduled*

### SUNDAY, 11/30 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:30 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary  
10:30 Sunday School – Room 200 & Room 304  
12:00 P.M. Chime Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary

### MONDAY, 12/1

*No Church Activities Scheduled*



## CHAPEL FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 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.*



### 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 **Micki Huysken**, 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!





## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 23 Joseph Harrison, Tom Peterson
- 24 Kathy Anderson, Beth Sequin
- 26 Cathy Elstone, Dave Lumley
- 27 April Fitch
- 28 Debbie Fawkes, Tim Hartom
- 29 Rich Sitarski

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ann Maier
- 2 Jack Brake, Jeff Jackson, Bentley Leeds, Samantha Roffi
- 4 Mark Meade
- 8 Maggie Fleming, Vikki Sitarski
- 9 Bruce Walrad, Emma Weyer
- 10 Camryn Sather
- 12 Mark Coutts
- 13 Rachel Miller, Joe Roos, Susan Sather, Michelle Ward
- 15 Kristen Emerick
- 16 **Virginia Parent**
- 17 Austin Johnson, Chris Johnson
- 19 Sarajane Turney
- 20 Leslie Selden
- 21 **Roy Birmingham**, Patricia Martin, Tyler Turko
- 23 Ginna Williams
- 24 Valerie Culler, **William McIntyre**
- 25 Carol Johnson
- 26 Ian Kennedy, Joe Kosinski, Thomas Prentice
- 27 Dyche Anderson, Logan Sowerby
- 29 Cathy Karlson, James O'Connor
- 30 Jim Redick
- 31 Jan Afonso, Sandra Cruickshank, Nicole Kinville

\* **BOLDED text** indicates 90+ birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### 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  
Twitter and Instagram**



**Our Wireless Network!**

**RosedaleWifi**

**Password is Ourchurch**

(please note that it is a zero  
and not the letter "O")

CCLI# 1636329  
CVLI# 505452681

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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