

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

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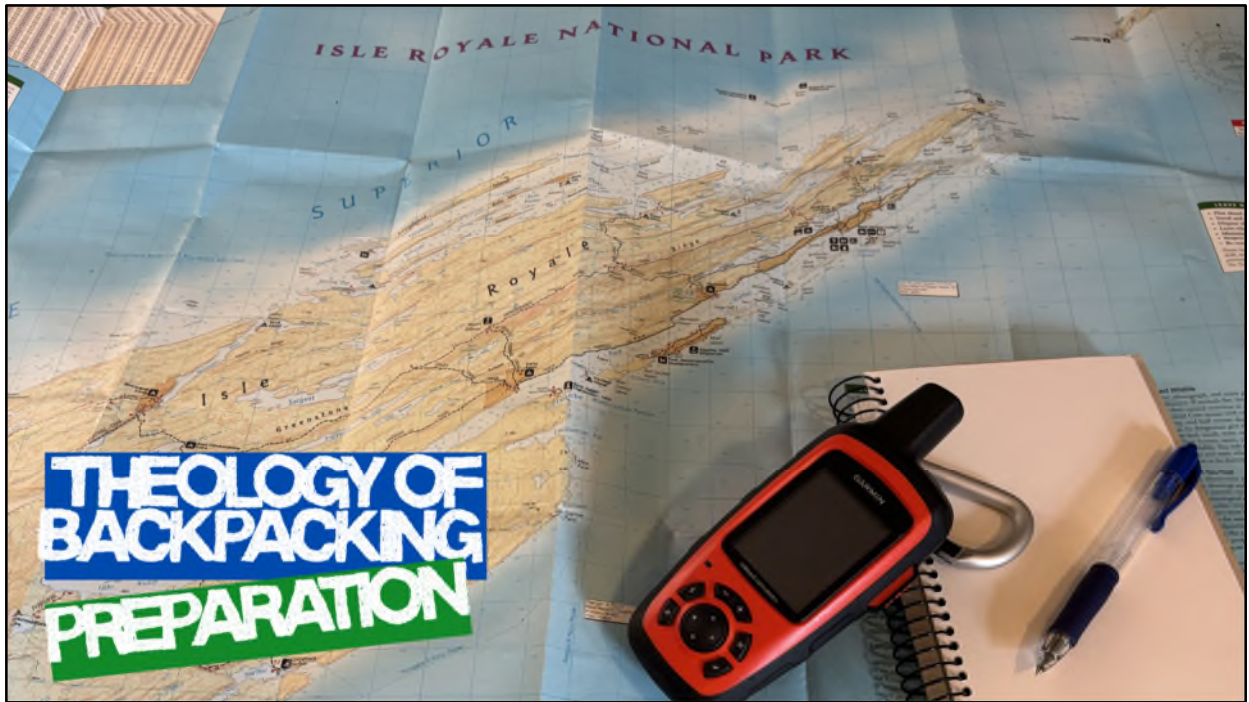
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AUGUST 16, 2026 COMMUNION



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)

BIBLE BEACH CLUB (Ages 3 - Grade 5) – Room 200 (Main Level)

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

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

Good morning, everyone!

Wake up to this new day Jesus has made!

Jesus is the light of the world!

May the brightness of his love shine through us.

STORIES OF THE BIBLE: THE ARMOR OF GOD by *Saddleback Kids*

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 go to Sunday School.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRELUDE “Glorify Thy Name with When Morning Gilds the Skies”

arr. Tom Fettke

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you. Glorify Your name in all the earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.

*When morning gilds the skies my heart, awakening cries,
may Jesus Christ be praised.*

Alike at work or prayer, to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you. Glorify Your name in all the earth.

Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Jason Elstone

The Lord calls us to gather, to listen, and to follow.

We come to worship the God who sets before us the path of life.

Jesus says to us, "Which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost?"

We consider the cost of discipleship, knowing that following Christ requires our all.

To follow Him is to lay down our pride, our self-reliance, and our desires for control.

Christ gives us everything; He asks us to give everything in return.

Come, let us offer our hearts, our lives, and our worship to the King of kings.

Let us worship God with open hands and full devotion!

***HYMN #269 "Lead On, O King Eternal!"**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and Holy God, You call us to follow Jesus with all that we are and all that we have. Yet, we confess that we often hesitate to sit down and truly count the cost of discipleship. We confess that we prefer comfort over commitment. We build our own plans without seeking Your wisdom, and we want the rewards of Your kingdom without laying down our pride, our self-reliance, or our desires for control.

Merciful God, reset our priorities and strengthen our resolve. Forgive our lack of preparation and our divided focus. Teach us to surrender everything into Your hands, knowing that whatever we lose for Your sake is nothing compared to what we gain in Christ.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The God who calls us is the God who created us;
the God who formed us is the God who forgives us.
This is the Good News—we are God's new creation.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***PRAYER RESPONSE**

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving I'll be a living

Sanctuary for you.

(REPEAT)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:25, 28-33

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 6:10-18

SERMON

“The Theology of Backpacking: Preparation”

Pastor Kate Mackie

SPECIAL MUSIC “Still I Will Praise You” - arr. Cliff Daren

Vocalists: Heather Hammerstrom and Kate Walrad

*When the cares of life are just too much and I have to drink a bitter cup;
When I come to You with desperate cries, but it's only silence that replies.
When the wilderness becomes Your plan and I reach but I don't feel Your hand;
When I think this night will never end and the darkness is my only friend.*

CHORUS: *Still I will praise You. Still I will praise You.*

Still my trust in You remains.

Still You are sov'reign. Still You are faithful. Still I will praise Your name.

*When my heart would choose a path of ease and a soul a joyful song to sing;
But You lead me into suffering where my tears become an offering.*

CHORUS

*When the days that You've ordained are past and when I have lived them all at last,
When Heaven's waiting just ahead and this body takes its final breath. . .*

CHORUS

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

AN INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” by Marilyn Thompson

Hymn text #12

*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**

THIS TABLE *by Playback Media*

**THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*When an usher directs you, please come down the center aisle to the Chancel.
Return to your pew by the side aisle. An usher is also available to bring
Communion to you. The bread is gluten and dairy free.*

COMMUNION MUSIC “Interlude No. 3 and Eucharistic Suite” *by Paul Tate*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Dear Jesus,
thank you for giving us a place at your table;
to serve us bread & juice
as a reminder of your love for each one of us.
A love that took you to the cross to pay for our sins
and gives us the gift of eternal life.
As we now prepare to go from this table
into the day you have made,
we thank you, Lord, for your love,
blessings and church!
We praise your holy name! Amen.

***SENDING HYMN #370 “This Is My Father’s World”**

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING RESPONSE #192 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

*Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father’s glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send for your word, Lord, and let there be light.*

***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** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” - *arr. Larry Shackley*
Hymn text #32

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.

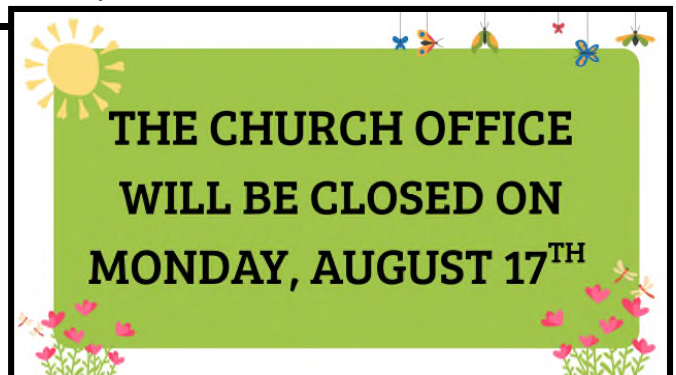
UPCOMING DATES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

AUGUST — OCTOBER

August 20	Bonfire & Bible (6:30pm, Kate's House)
August 21	Chapel Friday (12pm, Library)
Sep. 6	Labor Day Sunday
Sep. 7	OFFICE CLOSED—Labor Day
Sep. 10	Music Makers Picnic (6pm, Mies Park)
Sep. 13	Rally Sunday, Communion, Blessing of the Backpacks
Sep. 16	Session Meeting (7pm, Youth Hall)
Sep. 18	Chapel Friday (12pm, Library)
Sep. 19	Leadership Retreat (9am, Youth Hall)
Sep. 20	Installation & Ordination of Officers
Sep. 26	Stephen Minister Training (9am, Library)
Sep. 27	New Member Class (11:45am, Library)
Oct. 3	Stephen Minister Training (9am, Library)
Oct. 3	Music Bingo Night (6pm, Fellowship Hall)
Oct. 4	World Communion Sunday, Communion, Session New Member Luncheon (11:45am, Youth Hall)
Oct. 10	Stephen Minister Training (9am, Library)
Oct. 16	Chapel Friday (12pm, Library)
Oct. 21	Session Meeting (7pm, Youth Hall)
Oct. 24	Stephen Minister Training (9am, Library)
Oct. 25	Reformation Sunday
Oct. 31	Stephen Minister Training (9am, Library)

SERVING TODAY

Sunday Secretary: Anne Hartsell
Ushers: Doug Andridge & Jan Myers
Welcome Desk: Gretchen Hocking
Online Greeter: Janette Poe
Worship Arts: Sean Olson & Jonathan Roos
Sound System: Brad Bevak
Huddle: Lois Keefer & Adrienne Floyd
Coffee Hour: Christian Education Committee
Rosie Drivers: Roy Sequin & Ryan Mott
Worship Leader: John Niemisto



MEMBERS IN HOSPICE CARE: Jenny Root.



MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYER: Megan Barker, Abby Bennett, Gene Bevak, Linda Blumel, Beth Carlson, Laurie Carse, Susan Cohl, Judy Coleman, Lois Cummings, Rose Eickhoff, Mary Ann Falardeau, Sheila Folsom, Dave Garcia, Anne Hartsell, Ian Holtzman, Deirdre Hope, Joyce Jewell, Beverly Johnston, Mary Kennedy, Shirley Lande, Charlene Mazeppa, Margot McCormack, Donald McLean, Rachel Miller, Sadikifu Motiryo, Stafford Nelson, Karen Perry, Al Prentice, Jan Prentice, Kayla Rougeau, William Sather, Mason Taylor, Diane Trupiano, Macaylah Whitlock, Jamie Williamson, Vicki Wonnacott, 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.)*

- Angela Grabowski, friend of Alyson Donker
- Lauren Gunner, friend of Tracey Conrad
- Autumn Horner, family of Robin Roos
- Julia & John, neighbors of Robin Roos
- Leslie Jones, friend of Jen Hartom & Vikki Sitarski
- Kevin McGee, son of Marlene McGee
- Frank Oliverio, stepfather of Heather Hammerstrom
- Lance Riendl, grandson of Marlene McGee
- Rev. Chung, PC(USA) missionary to the people of Tajikistan
- Those Serving/Who Have Served Our Country in the Military and as First Responders
- Rosedale Military/First Responder/Serviceperson of the Month: Tim Stefanson

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 Birmingham, (Mark & Nancy) Bowlby, Canham, Cummings, Main, Marion, Roffi, & Rosati families.*



RGPC FAMILIES!

RGPC KIDS

Come and learn with us! What happens when Jesus takes a nap? How will his disciples react during a bad storm? What can Jesus do to help them? *Let's find out together!* **See you at our Bible Beach Club!**



Save the Date: Sunday, September 13, 2026



Our RGPC KIDS' Fall Sunday morning program begins! Boys and girls are invited to join us for **Kids and Christ - We Go Together!** A morning of friendship and team building FUN! Games, activities and a yummy snack are planned to promote working together and being a part of a Jesus-filled team! More details coming soon!

Sunday School 2026-2027 School Year



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 RGPC Kids' Teaching Team. *Teachers and assistants are needed for the upcoming school year.* **So, are you thinking about it?** The amount of time you share is up to you. (Every week, every other week, once a month or once in a while.) Weekly lessons are emailed ahead of time. Classroom setup and all materials needed are provided. Sharing your time with our children is a

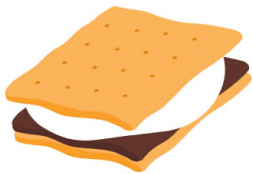
wonderful way to build relationships and help students form a foundation for their faith to grow! Your connection with them will make a meaningful difference in their lives. **Would you like to learn more about our Sunday school program and take a tour of our classrooms?** Please contact Lisa Adams at ladams@rosedalegardens.org - I'd love to share more about our Children's Ministry with you!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Bonfire & Bible

*This Summer for
all students at
Pastor Kate's!*

*All Dates from
6:30 - 9 p.m.
Thursday, August 20*



CONFIRMATION CLASS PARENT MEETING

Sunday, September 13th

11:45 a.m. - Youth Hall

For all students 7th grade and up

Classes Begin Sunday, October 4th

Mental Health Matters



August is Grief Awareness Month



Grief Awareness Month is dedicated to understanding and honoring the complex, personal, universal, and often misunderstood process of the human emotion of grieving. Bereavement is a period of grief and mourning after a loss, while grief itself is a person's emotional response to a loss. Grief is a natural and healthy human response to loss — whether it's the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, or significant life changes and is experienced in your own personal way. It is a process that is not linear and shouldn't be ignored or pushed aside. Grieving impacts the emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual self and has no boundaries in time.

Many can navigate grief with the support of those who are already in their lives, but others may need more help. The type of support required can be influenced by the nature or timing of the loss, the specific resources available, and many other factors. It also requires self-care. Grief is a process best shared with others, not in isolation.

Grief can be expressed through:

Sadness, Anger, Guilt, Confusion,
Relief, Anxiety, Numbness,
Helplessness, Fatigue, Loss of
Appetite, and Sleep Disturbances

Strategies for coping with grief and loss:

- Support from friends, family, and/or other known community members
- Cultural, social, religious, faith, or other beliefs or rituals
- Local or virtual grief support groups
- Grief peer support services or other community-based counseling services
- Artistic expression
- Physical movement and exercise
- Outreach to a mental health professional



STEPHEN MINISTRY LUNCH & LEARN



What if no one had to walk through life's hardest moments alone?

Join us for a Lunch & Learn about Stephen Ministry, a ministry that equips trained members of our congregation to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to those facing difficult times.

Whether you are looking for support, curious about the ministry, or feeling called to care for others, this gathering is for you.

JOIN US TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH FROM 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM IN THE LIBRARY.

Lunch will be served. Come and see how caring presence can change lives—both for those who receive it and those who give it.

A SIGN UP SHEET IS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.

**JOIN US FOR
A STEPHEN
MINISTRY
LUNCH &
LEARN
TODAY AT
11:45 A.M. IN
THE
LIBRARY!**



STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING BEGINS SEPTEMBER 28TH



Are you a good listener? Do people tell you things in the grocery store line?
You might already have the heart for Stephen Ministry.

On September 28th, we're beginning a new training class through Stephen Ministry to equip caring people to provide confidential, one-to-one support during difficult seasons of life. Training is provided—no counseling degree required.

Register with Lorraine Paffenroth by Sunday, August 30th.
The cost is \$55.00 for materials.

Have questions? Attend the Lunch and Learn on August 16th.
Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Pastor Kellie's SABBATICAL

As encouraged by the PC(USA), granted by the Board of Session, and because of 25 years of faithful service, Pastor Kellie has earned a 6-month Sabbatical. Her Sabbatical began in early June and will conclude in time for the Advent & Christmas Season.

During this time if you have any pastoral care needs please be sure to contact Pastor Kate or our Co-Directors of Congregational Care, Pam Johnson or Doug Propst.

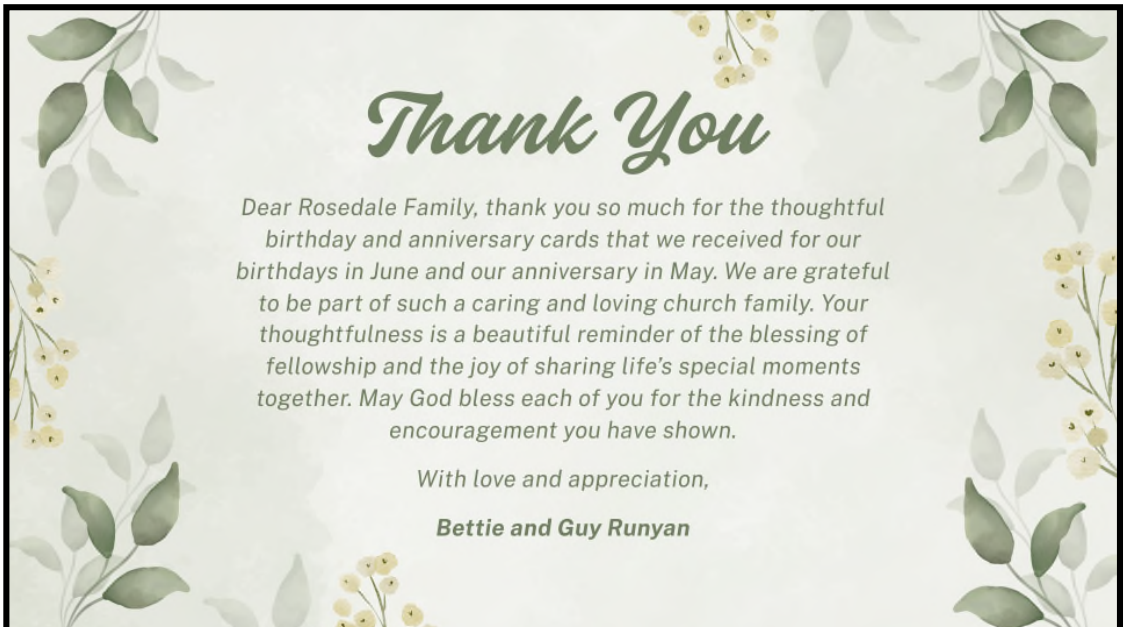


Thank You

Dear Rosedale Family, thank you so much for the thoughtful birthday and anniversary cards that we received for our birthdays in June and our anniversary in May. We are grateful to be part of such a caring and loving church family. Your thoughtfulness is a beautiful reminder of the blessing of fellowship and the joy of sharing life's special moments together. May God bless each of you for the kindness and encouragement you have shown.

With love and appreciation,

Bettie and Guy Runyan



RGPC

Giving
Garden



**24.29 POUNDS
OF PRODUCE
PROVIDED TO
THE RGPC
FOOD PANTRY**



NOTES FROM A&F

Financial Snapshot as of June 30, 2026

This is a financial snapshot of how our operating budget is trending as of 6/30/26. We seem to be on track for right now. However, we are anticipating some higher expenses later in the year (insurance, utilities, snow removal, etc.). Please check to see if your financial giving is up to date!

Thank you for your continued support!

Income:

Regular Income expected through	6/30/2026	\$	294,650
Regular Income received through	6/30/2026		296,145
		\$	<u>1,495</u>

Expenses:

Exp / Accruals expected through	6/30/2026	\$	311,700
Exp / Accruals incurred through	6/30/2026		299,903
		\$	<u>11,797</u>

Boiler Fund as of June 30, 2026

Boiler Project Receipts:

Receipts through 6/30/2026	\$	445,376
Remaining Pledge—2026		36,206
Total Commitment	\$	<u>481,582</u>

Boiler Project Costs:

Engineering	\$	36,196
Contract Cost		446,769
Other Costs		9,545
Total Project Costs	\$	<u>492,510</u>

<u>Amount still needed to fund project</u>	\$	<u>10,928</u>
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Maximize Your Support for RGPC

Thank you for your faithful generosity and support of RGPC's ministry. If you're thinking about your giving, here are a few simple, tax-wise ways to make your gifts go a little further:

- **Charitable Gifts for Non-Itemizers:** Beginning in 2026, even if you take the standard deduction (don't itemize), you may still be able to claim a charitable deduction for qualifying cash gifts—up to \$1,000 for single filers or \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly.
- **IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions:** If you are age 70½ or older, you may be able to give up to \$111,000 in 2026 directly from your IRA to the church as a tax-free Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This can also count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD), if you have one. Please note: gifts given through a QCD are not also deductible as charitable contributions.
- **Employer Matching Gifts:** Check with your employer to see whether they offer a matching gift program. It can be an easy way to increase the impact of your giving to RGPC.

As always, please consult a tax professional regarding your personal situation.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, AUG. 23

A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held during the service on Sunday, August 23rd for the following purpose:

1. To approve the procurement of a loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program to fund a fire and smoke safety system for the building.

We ask that all members plan to attend this meeting. Thank you!



THE THEOLOGY OF BACKPACKING

A SERMON SERIES BY PASTOR KATE

AUGUST 16, 23 & SEPTEMBER 6



Verna Brown Scholarship Applications Are Now Being Accepted



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women are accepting applications for the **2026 Verna Brown Scholarship Program**. Verna was a very active member of our PW for many years. Upon her death, PW was given an endowment from her estate with the stipulation that the money be used to help post-collegiate women in our congregation. The scholarship may be used for training in a new career or for furthering professional development. Application forms are available in the PW mailbox in the church office or by emailing Peggy Calhoun at pjcal1973@gmail.com.

Please submit applications to the PW mailbox by Sunday, August 30th.



Music Makers Picnic

Calling all those who have participated in the Music Ministry:
Chancel Choir, Chime Choir, Campanelle Bells, Special Music, and more!

Please join us for our Music Makers Picnic on
Thursday, September 10th from 6:00 - 9:30 P.M. at Mies Park.

Please bring your lawn chairs, a dish to share, your preferred beverage,
and a plus one if you wish. We hope to see you there!



YOU ARE INVITED YOU TO THE 2026 9-11 CEREMONY

Friday, September 11th at the American Legion Post 32,
located at 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person & include:

Police Officer & **Firefighter** of the Year Presentation,
Honor Guard Presentation, Guest Speakers, & Dinner.
Cash Bar Opens at 5:00 PM, Ceremony at 6:00 PM.

Dinner to follow.

Contact Dave Laycock at
delaycock@yahoo.com

or 734-765-5595

with any question or for tickets.



Sunday, September 13!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

For all Students!

Bring your backpacks
to worship!



SEPTEMBER'S ENCOUNTER PREACHING SERIES:

The People in the Bible We Almost Missed

SEPTEMBER 13, 20 & 27



LEADERSHIP RETREAT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Youth Hall

REQUIRED
of all serving Elders & Deacons
beginning in the Fall of 2026

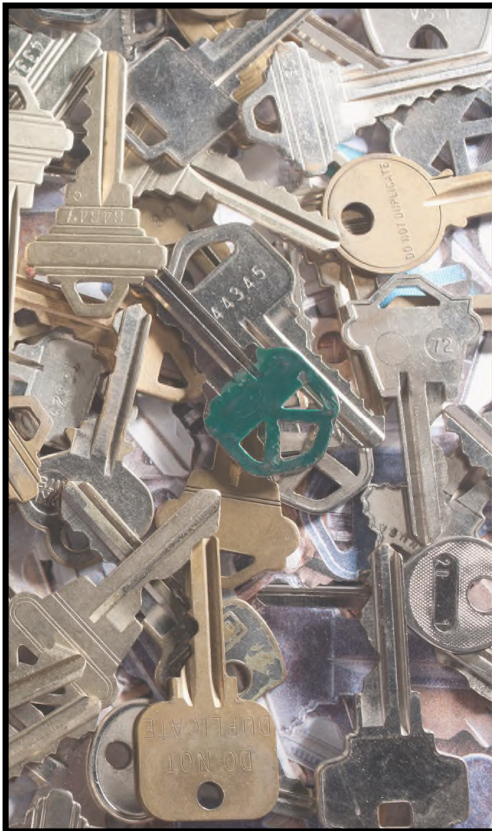


Ordination & Installation Sunday

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
10:30 A.M.

FOR ALL NEWLY-ORDAINED AND NEWLY
INSTALLED ELDERS & DEACONS!





WE ARE LOOKING FOR OLD KEYS, PLEASE!

Do you have a junk drawer full of old keys that you have no use for anymore? We will take them off your hands for you!

Please bring your keys into the church office by September 20th.

Please note: your keys will not be returned to you.

Thank you RGPC Fam!



Welcome to RGPC

JOIN OUR NEXT NEW MEMBER CLASS!

New Member Class:

Sunday, September 27th at 11:45 A.M. in the Library

Session New Member Luncheon:

Sunday, October 4th at 11:45 A.M. in Youth Hall

New Members Welcomed During Worship:

Sunday, October 11th at 10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary



Sign up on the bulletin board in the office hallway or by scanning the QR code!



Join us for an evening of:
MUSIC BINGO!

Saturday, October 3 - 6-8 p.m.
\$25/person suggested donation.

Kids are FREE!

This is a family-friendly event!

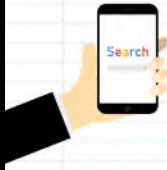
Pizza will be served!



Presbyterian Women Honorary Members



The Presbyterian Women are pleased to announce that this year's recipients of Honorary Membership in the National Presbyterian Women Association are Rebecca Benton (*left*) and Tracey Conrad (*right*). Please join us in offering congratulations and appreciation to Rebecca and Tracey for the many ways they contribute to the life and ministry of our church. The official presentation will be held during service in October.



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

Co-Directors of Congregational Care Pam Johnson & Doug Propst invite you to Chapel Friday in the Library on the third Friday of each month!

Friday, August 21st
 Friday, September 18th
 Friday, October 16th
 Friday, November 20th

Pastor Kellie will host a Chapel Friday Luncheon on Friday, December 11th.

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!



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



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 FIRST RESPONDER OF THE MONTH

*We are recognizing Tim Stefanson
Firefighter, Livonia Fire Department*

Tim Stefanson is a current Livonia Fire Department employee, living in and serving our very own community. He was born June 30, 1983 to Carol and Charles Stefanson, grandson to the late Beverly and William Penn. Tim grew up as a “Rosedale Kid” spending many Sundays running around Fellowship Hall with friends from Sunday School. He became a full member of the Church and was sponsored by the late Lowel Everson. After graduating high school in the summer of 2001, Tim was witness to the tragedy that unfolded on September 11, 2001. The countless acts of bravery displayed that day and the weeks following began to mold his path into becoming a first responder.

Tim attended Schoolcraft College’s Fire Academy in the fall of 2004 and obtained his EMT certification in the spring of 2005. He was hired into the Farmington Hills Fire Department as a paid-on-call firefighter in January 2006. During his time with FHFD, he also worked for Community Ambulance and obtained his Paramedic licensure in 2009. Here Tim worked alongside his future brother-in-law, Nick Belsky.

Tim was hired to his first full-time position with the City of Fairfax in Fairfax, Virginia in the fall of 2010. Tim, his wife Jessica, and their daughter Molly packed up and moved South to begin a new chapter. Tim worked for Fairfax City for 12 years, attaining the rank of Lieutenant after 6 years on the job. During their 12 years in Northern Virginia, Tim and Jessica added two more children to their family, Lucas, born in 2014, and Margaret, born in 2019. Being far from home weighed on both Tim and Jessica, the distance and isolation felt during the COVID pandemic was magnified, laying the groundwork for an eventual return home back to Michigan. Tim was hired in March of 2022 by the Livonia Fire Department. He purchased a home in Livonia where his children will eventually attend Churchill High School.

Tim is described as a “mass of a human” with a kind heart and love for the job. During almost 20 years in the field, Tim has been credited with multiple life saves, unit citations, and commendations for actions at emergency scenes. More recently, Tim and his crew removed an elderly Livonia resident from an active house fire. Following the removal, he and his crew rendered aid and eventually transported the woman to the hospital. He is currently stationed at Fire Station 4, located at the Southeast end of the city, and works closely with his training officer for “Live Burn” events for department members throughout the year.

We at Rosedale Gardens would like to recognize and honor Tim’s contribution to the safety of all those in the Livonia community. We thank him for his dedicated and honorable service. Well done, good and faithful servant.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 8/16 COMMUNION

10:30 A.M. Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:30 Summer Sunday School – Rooms 200 & 201
11:45 Stephen Ministry Lunch & Learn – Library

MONDAY, 8/17 OFFICE CLOSED

No Church Activities Scheduled

TUESDAY, 8/18

8:00 A.M. AA – Mies Park
10:00 Staff Meeting – Library

WEDNESDAY, 8/19

10:00 A.M. Prayer Group – Library

THURSDAY, 8/20

8:00 A.M. AA – Mies Park
6:30 P.M. Bonfire & Bible – Pastor Kate's House

FRIDAY, 8/21

12:00 P.M. Chapel Friday – Library

SATURDAY, 8/22

No Church Activities Scheduled

SUNDAY, 8/23

10:30 A.M. Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:30 Summer Sunday School – Rooms 200 & 201
12:00 P.M. Stephen Ministry Super. Meeting – Library

MONDAY, 8/24

No Church Activities Scheduled



CHAPEL FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Friday, August 21st we will hold Chapel Friday in the Library from 12-1 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
C & Kathy Benton
Who celebrated their
60th wedding anniversary on
Thursday, August 13th!*



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 **Mrs. Cherie Lessig**, 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
- 4 Amanda Peters
- 6 Vinh Elliot Johnson, Andrea Meade, Emmitt Vasko
- 7 Everlee Timmerman
- 8 Ron Bruce, Brad Squire
- 10 Lee Ann Dye, Kimberly Marion
- 11 Sawyer Roos
- 12 Harper Belsky
- 13 Cory Beadle, Sydney Fitch, Audrey Johnson, 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 Scott Benton, Katherine Brake, Kenneth Stempien
- 31 Logan Belsky, Diane Frey

* **BOLDED text** indicates 90+ birthdays



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

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"PRAYERS FOR POSSIBLE"

"MILITARY, FIRST RESPONDERS AND FAMILIES"

"SELF LOVE, SELF CARE"

"GET ROOTED WITH RGPC"

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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