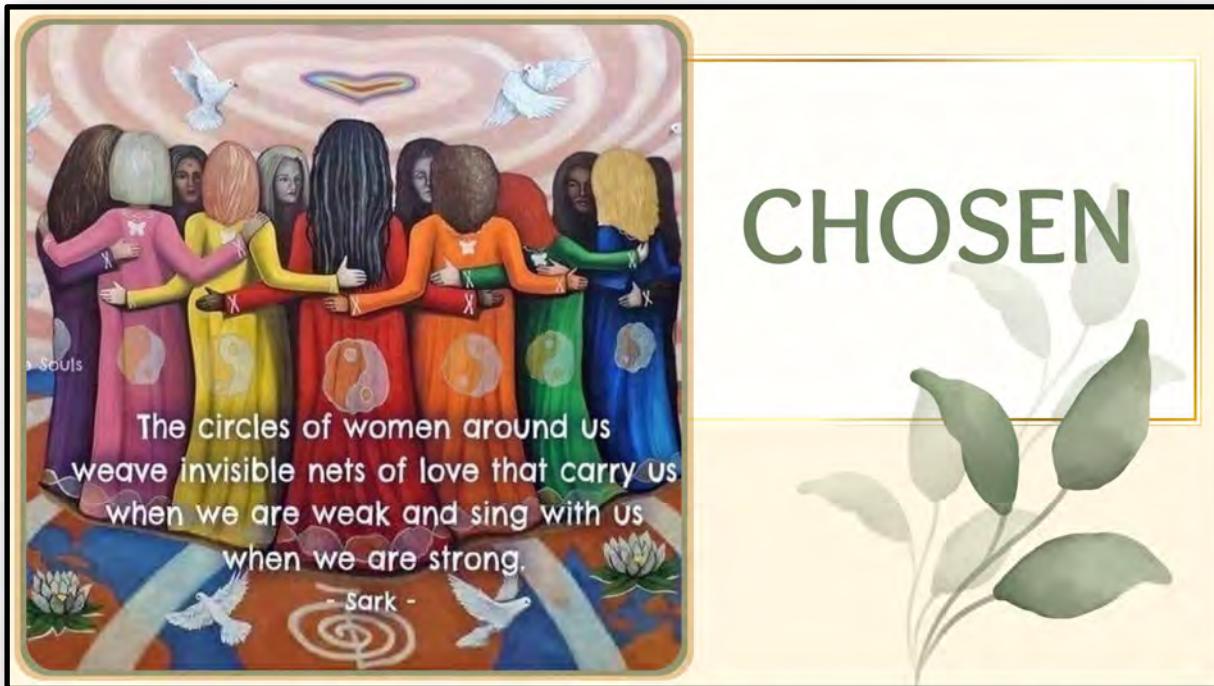


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**MAY 11, 2025
MOTHER'S DAY**



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

May 11, 2025 Mother's Day & Adult Mission Trip Commissioning 10:30 a.m.

* = 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.

Today's American Sign Language Interpreter: Samantha Christopher

NURSERY (infants and toddlers) – Room 201 (Main Level)
Today, our service is Family Worship – Children will return to their families following the Children's Worship Time.

Worship boards, books, and children's Bibles are available for children to use during the service. These are in the Children's Welcome Center.

A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for the purpose of electing officers
Presented by the Nominating Committee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today, we come to worship!

BECAUSE WE LOVE YOU, JESUS!

Today, we come to sing praises!

BECAUSE WE LOVE YOU, JESUS!

God is good!

ALL THE TIME!

And all the time,

GOD IS GOOD!

SUPERMOM: THE EVERYDAY HERO by The Skit Guys

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 return to sit with their families.)



PRAISE SONG*“This Little Light of Mine”**

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION****PRELUDE “For the Beauty of the Earth (Voluntary on Dix)”**

arr. David Kidwell (Hymn text #14)

***THE CALL TO CONFESSiON**

Paul Lumley, Liturgist

Today we have come to pray and ask Jesus to forgive us.

We know that everyone makes mistakes.

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSiON**

Dear Jesus, you are awesome! We love you so much. We know you understand what families are like. Even on days like today, when we honor our mothers, we sometimes take their support for granted. At one time or another we have insisted on our own way and ignored the needs of family members. Forgive us for the ways we have contributed to family tension. We're sorry when we forget that we are not alone and that you are always there to help us. Please forgive us. Help us to remember that our hope is in you Jesus and because it is, we have all the power we need! Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the Good News!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***RESPONSE (Hymn #591) “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

*Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!
Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah!
Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah!*

CHILDREN’S CHAT *with special guest Ms. Charlie, the service dog*

COMMISSIONED TO SERVE:

Commissioning of those attending the Adult Work Weekend Retreat

THE LITANY OF COMMISSIONING

God calls to us, inviting us to faithfully follow.

Congregation: We follow through our words and through our work. We follow by what we say and by what we do. We follow by the way in which we live our entire lives.

Will those participating in the 2024 Work Weekend Retreat please stand in your pews or wherever you may be at home and remain standing. This day is a unique one, for it is the day when we commission you, our brothers and sisters, to go out from this place as representatives of this congregation and ambassadors for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mission Team: We welcome the opportunity to share our talents and interests in this way, and we are proud to represent this congregation with our labors during this mission experience.

We hereby commission you as workers in this mission effort in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mission Team: We gratefully accept this commission and joyfully anticipate the work we will be challenged to do, the fellowship in which we will share, and the spiritual growth we trust God to bring about.

We ask God to bless this trip and to be with you. We are thankful we can sponsor ministries and mission such as this, as they grow out of this congregation's caring service to the glory of God.

Congregation: On this day and on all days, may God teach us what it means to work and to live in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

***PRAISE SONG (Hymn #300) “We Are One in the Spirit”**

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

(OT pg. 163)

TO EVERY MOM *by Freebridge Media*



SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY (unison) John 15:16a

(NT pg. 109)

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you...”

SERMON

“CHOSEN”

Pastor Kellie Whitlock

Reference Passages

RUTH: “But Ruth said, 'Do not press me to leave you or to return from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.'" (Ruth 1:16—OT pg. 241)

SARAH: "Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." (Genesis 18:14—OT pg. 14)

DEBORAH: "The peasantry prospered in Israel, they grew fat on plunder, because you arose, Deborah, arose as a mother in Israel." (Judges 5:7—OT pg. 221)

ESTHER: "For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance for the Jews will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." (Esther 4:14—OT pg. 447)

MARY (THE MOTHER OF JESUS): "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior..." (Luke 1:46-47—NT pg. 57)

MARY MAGDALENE: "Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher)." (John 20:16—NT pg. 115)

PRAISE TO THE WOMEN ON MY JOURNEY (unison)

*To the women on my journey
who showed me the ways to go and ways not to go,
whose strength and compassion
held up a torch of light and beckoned me to follow.*

*To the women on my journey
who showed me how to live and not to live,
whose grace, success and gratitude
lifted me in to the future of surrender to God.*

*To the women on my journey
who showed me what I am and what I am not,
whose love, encouragement and confidence
held me tenderly and nudged me gently.*

*To those women, I say bless you and thank you
from the depths of my heart,
for I have been healed and set free
through your joy and through your sacrifice.*



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 with PushPay 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.

***VBS DOXOLOGY** *by Lifetree Kids (Lyrics on Pg. 8)*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #192 “Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining”**

***THE BENEDICTION**

***SENDING RESPONSE “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

*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 OF 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 “March in D Major” – by Robert J. Powell**



CLASS OF 2028

ELDERS: Bruce Johnson (House), Dyche Anderson (A&F),
Denise Gerger (W&M), Melanie Watts (CE),
Lloni Schultz (Special Projects)

Elder at Large: *John Niemisto

Youth Elder: *Tabetha Narvaez

DEACONS: Mary Ann Falardeau, Ryan Mott, James Bowlby
(Moderator), Matthew Strzalkowski, Barb Mikulski,
*Maggie Fleming

Deacon at Large: *Brenda Sowerby

Youth Deacon: *Joey Brake

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Committee Membership Additions (2025-2026)

A&F: Bobbi Palmer

Christian Education: ... Kim Kosinski, Vikki Sitarski

Church & Society: Katherine Brake, Sheila Folsom, Beverly Hertenstein

House: Don Hughes

Membership: Karen Laycock, Doug Andridge, Sue Cohl, Dave Pierson,
**Dennis Standiford, **Samantha Hughes,
**Lee Ann Dye

Worship & Music: Paul Stevenson, Monica Conrad

Nominating: *Barb Arnold, *Brittany Belsky, *Kelly Herrick,
*Chris Johnson

* denotes 1 year term

** denotes 2 year term





VBS DOXOLOGY

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Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

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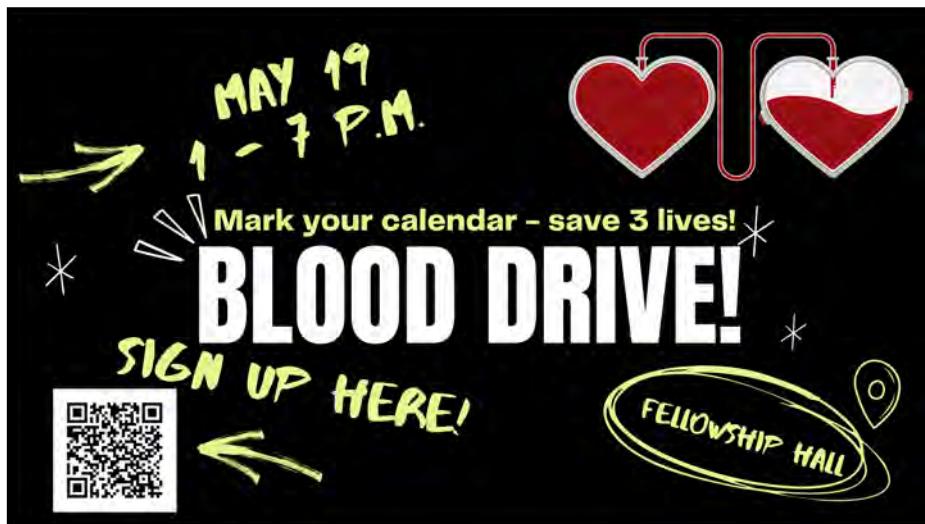
IT'S TIME TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS!

ACCEPTING HONORARY MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS **— PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN —**

Presbyterian Women are pleased to continue our tradition of recognizing women in our congregation for their unique gifts and contributions to the life and ministry of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church by awarding them with Honorary Memberships in the national organization of the Presbyterian Women.



We are asking the congregation to help in the selection process. Nomination forms may be found in the PW mailbox in the church office. Completed recommendations should be returned to **the PW box in the church office by May 31st**. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and recommendations.



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

MAY — JULY

TODAY!	Mother's Day / Family Worship / Commissioning of Adult Mission Trip Congregational Meeting for election of Officers
May 14	Y'All Come Dinner (Stefan's Banquets @ St. Michael's Cultural Center)
May 15-18	Adult Work Weekend (Camp Skyline)
May 18	Communion
	Caravan Mission Trip Team Building (10:30am-3:30pm)
May 19	Deacons' Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)
May 25	Memorial Day Worship Service
June 1	Music Sunday
June 8	Baccalaureate Sunday / Commissioning of Youth Mission Trip Teacher Appreciation Reception (9:30am, Room 202)
June 14-21	Youth Mission Trip
June 15	Father's Day
July 4	Church Office is CLOSED
July 6	Patriotic Sunday / Baptism Sunday / Family Worship
July 7	Church Office is CLOSED
July 20	Caravan Mission Trip Sunday / VBS Commissioning
July 22-24	VBS ROAR! (9:30-noon)
July 27	VBS Sunday / Family Worship & Detroit Zoo VBS Family Day (Meet us at 2pm at the Lion Enclosure for a zookeeper presentation!)

SERVING TODAY

Sunday Secretary: Kay Propst

Ushers: Men's Club

Welcome Desk: Debby Fawkes

Online Greeter: Janette Poe

Worship Arts: Sam Beney & Jack Brake

Sound System: John Mazeppa

Huddle: Lois Keefer & Brad Beney

Coffee Hour: Deacons

Rosie Drivers: Brad Beney, Roy Sequin, & Ryan Mott

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

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



FAMILIES WHO ARE GRIEVING: The Beney family on the passing of Linda's father, Robert VanLue; Barbara Malburg and family on the passing of Bernie Malburg.



MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYER: Megan Barker, Abby

Bennett, Marilyn Bingham, Linda Blumel, Peggy Calhoun, Laurie Carse, Susan Cohl, Judy Coleman, Glenn Cruickshank, Lois Cummings, Katherine Dyer, Rose Eickhoff, Mary Ann Falardeau, Dave Garcia, Jerry Gibbons, Anne Hartsell, Deirdre Hope, Joyce Jewell, Beverly Johnston, Judy Johnston, Mary Kennedy, Ingrid Kord-Kroeger, Jim Kuykendall, Dean Lande, Barb Malburg, Charlene Mazeppa, Margot McCormack, Donald McLean, Sadikifu Motiryo, Stafford Nelson, Karen Perry, Jan Prentice, Jenny Root, William Sather, Dennis Standiford, Alice Steffe, Mason Taylor, Diane Trupiano, Ella Warrick, Kellie Whitlock, Macaylah Whitlock, Marc Whitlock, Vicki Wonnacott, Barb Yamazaki, Scott 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.*)

- Mike Andridge, son of Martha & Doug Andridge
- Jack Baucus, father of Katie Walrad/grandfather of Mary Kennedy
- Colton Baucus, nephew of Katie Walrad
- Barbara Beale, friend of Bill & Judy Tomey
- Matt Bilpo, stepfather of Tim Hartom
- Michael Bingham, husband of Marilyn Bingham
- Sarah Hughes Helmick
- Ken Janis, friends of Diane & Guy Trupiano
- Matt Collins, cousin of Marty Blank
- Richard Dunn, brother of Kelly Bruce / uncle of Dakota Roos
- Jack Gambotto, cousin and Christine Smades, daughter of Diane Frey
- Lauren Kaiser, cousin of Kathy Marzolf
- Edward and Virginia Koster, and David Koster, parents and brother of Adrienne Floyd
- Bill Kushner, partner of Carol Briner
- Bill Kuykendall, brother of Jim Kuykendall
- Friends and family of Shirley Lande: Ryan, Zaven, Elaine, and Carolyn
- Kevin McGee, son of Marlene McGee
- Larry & Karin McGivern, parents of Pastor Kellie Whitlock
- Patti Noll, neighbor of John & Linda Lovasz
- Janice Ritter, friend of Vicki Szaal
- Tracy Rutter, friend of Robin Roos
- Bruce Sanders, former RGPC member
- Sharon Schulte, friend of Vicki Szaal
- Justin Sholtz and Linda Waller, friends of Mary Kennedy
- Jeffrey Thompson, nephew of Barb Malburg
- Drew Wildenhous, nephew of Katie Walrad/cousin 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: Ed Yopek

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 Fleming, Narvaez, Stefanson, and Timmerman families.*



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.

3 TUESDAYS THIS SUMMER — 6:30-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Dates & topics for each Workshop are listed below.

Refreshments will be provided.

JULY 8TH INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS "SELF-COMPASSION?"

Jesus says to us, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest..."

For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30

- Self-Care VS Self-Compassion: What is the difference?
- Identifying Our Self Judgement Voice
- Understanding Our Inner Critic
- What is my inner critic saying to me lately?
- How Does My Faith Help Me?

JULY 29TH THE THREE ELEMENTS OF SELF-COMPASSION (KRISTIN NEFF'S MODEL)

"Love your neighbor as yourself." - Mark 12:31

- Self-Kindness vs Self-Judgement
- Common Humanity vs. Isolation
- Mindfulness vs. Over-Identification
- Jesus: How do his words, actions and life model Self-Compassion?



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

**Join us for a
5-week study
on:**

***“If You Want
to Walk on
Water,
You’ve Got to
Get Out of
the Boat”***

By John Ortberg



Spring Bible Study

What: A 5-week Monday Night Bible Study

When: April 21 - May 19

Where: Youth Hall

Time: 7:00pm

A sign up sheet is on the Activities bulletin board in the Office Hallway



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

**Call each
week by
the end of
the day on
Thursday
to add your
name to the
list for the
Sunday
pick up!**



OFF THE RAILS PODCAST
CHASING FAITH IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE

SCAN HERE
TO LISTEN!



RGPC FAMILIES!

RGPC Kids — Let's Worship Together!

Join us for a special service honoring the amazing women and mothers in our lives. Children will join their families in the Sanctuary after the Children's Worship Time. Look for worship boards and other special activities in the Narthex for children to explore during the service.

RGPC Kids - I spy with my little eye... 10 Flowers!!
Look around our Sanctuary and see... How many flowers can you find?



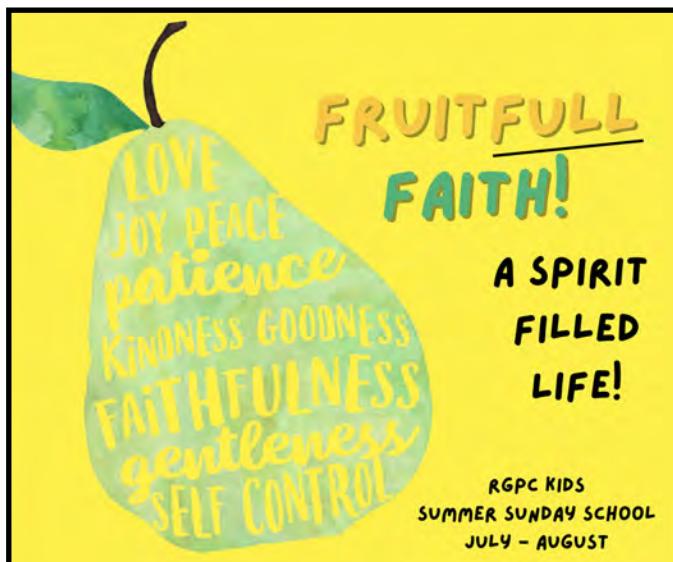
RGPC FAMILIES! EARLY REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025 ROAR!

JULY 22, 23, & 24, 2025
9:30-NOON

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
for ALL families with children ages 3 - Grade 5 (Fall 2025).

Mark Your Calendars for Some Upcoming Events:

- June 8th: Christian Education Leader Appreciation Reception (Room 202)
- July 13th: Summer Sunday School begins. See details (below).



Summer Sunday School

RGPC Kids, let's find out how to have A Spirit-Filled Life! Join us for... **FaithFULL Fruit!** We will discover the 9 characteristics produced inside us when we allow the Holy Spirit into our hearts. **This exciting class begins: July 13th.**

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

SUMMER YOUTH CARAVAN MISSION TRIP



SUNDAY, MAY 18TH - 10:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.



CLASS OF
2025
CONGRATULATIONS!

Baccalaureate Sunday!

June 8, 2025

*Join us for a special worship service
as we give God thanks for the
Class of 2025!*

*All members graduating this year
are asked to submit your information
to Pastor Kate by June 1.
kmackie@iosedalegaidens.org*



CAN YOU HELP?

We have a **WILD** amount of needs to help prepare for **ROAR** Vacation Bible School. This year, we will bring 12 CREWS of children on an African Adventure! **Our mission:** To share God's goodness and love as we discover that **LIFE is WILD - GOD Is GOOD!**

If you are able to offer support, please visit our **VBS display** in the Narthex for a donation request card or visit our **Amazon Wish List** with the **QR Code**.

A simple way to support our VBS program is with gift cards. Amazon, Kroger, and Target cards provide us with the opportunity to get specific items needed for crafts, games and daily snacks.

Please drop donations off by July 10th.

On behalf of the CE Committee, your support is greatly appreciated and will help us offer a ROARING successful VBS! THANK YOU!



VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

(Grade 6 - Adult)



If you are wondering what it is like to share your love for Jesus with children while also helping to provide an exciting, faith-filled experience for them, then **WE NEED TO TALK!**

CREW LEADERS & VBS HELPERS are needed for this summer's Vacation Bible School Program!

WHAT'S A CREW LEADER? Find out more about how you can be a part of our amazing VBS TEAM! Please contact Lisa Adams at 734-422-0494 or ladams@rosedalegardens.org for more information about how you can help!

WHAT'S A VBS HELPER? VBS Helpers are students 6th grade and above. We have a lot of jobs for you! Community service hours are available for honors requirements, school programs, and/or scouts.

To register to help with VBS, scan the QR code at right.

Questions? Contact Lisa Adams at ladams@rosedalegardens.org





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



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 us every Wednesday at 5:30pm in the Scout Room!



JOIN OUR EXERCISE CLASSES!

Tuesdays: 6pm on FB Live

Wednesdays at RGPC:

2pm - Exercise for Seniors

7pm - Exercise for Everyone





MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE

Y'all Come Dinner!

HOSTED BY THE RGPC MEN'S CLUB

Join us for **Dinner with Entertainment** by MG Dueling Pianos
Wednesday, May 14, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Stefan's Banquets at St. Michael's Cultural Center
26355 W Chicago, Redford

TICKETS: \$35/PERSON
(SEE KEN ELSTONE, KEN STEMPIEN OR MARK LESSIG.)

**TODAY IS
THE LAST
DAY TO
PURCHASE
TICKETS!**

*Don't miss
out... get your
tickets today!*

RGPC... Where Have You Been Lately?

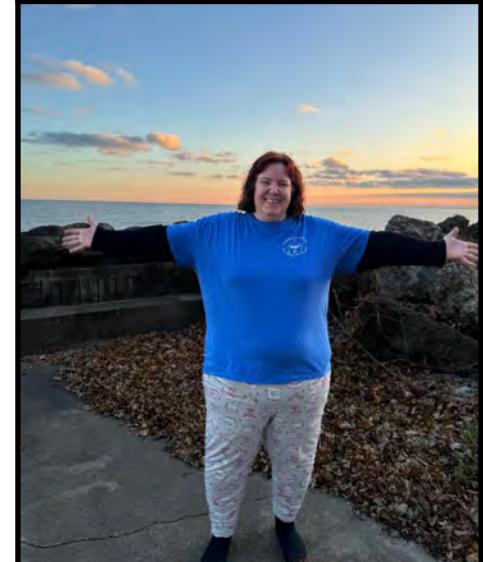
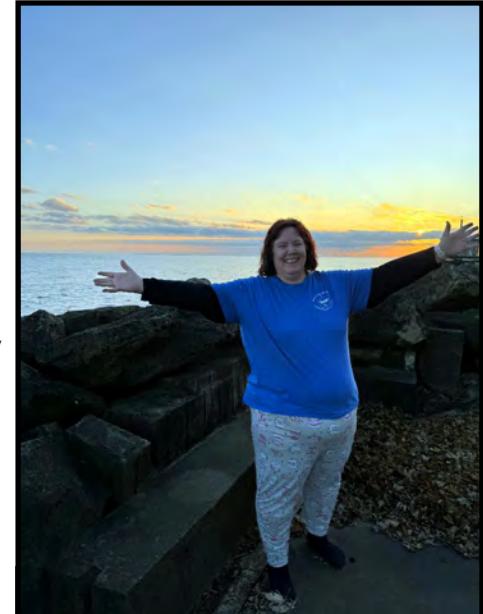
**Heading out on an awesome adventure? Don't
forget to pack your RGPC shirts in your bags!
We'd love to see where you've been!**

**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 Susan
Underhill (officergpc@yahoo.com).**

#rgpcadventures

Friendsgiving on the Shores of Lake Erie!

Heather Hammerstrom wore her RGPC t-shirt while attended a Friendsgiving weekend with the SOAP 'Second Wind' support group in Oak Harbor, Ohio, on the shores of Lake Erie. The group enjoyed an early potluck Thanksgiving meal, worked on the Soul Reflectors that they would be selling, and enjoyed one another's company. Several of the sisters, including Heather, even got together to enjoy the beautiful sunrise! Everyone attending this faith-based non profit organization and support group event found this time to be very rejuvenating to their faith.





FIND Your Mission

IGNITE Your Passion

BUILD Your Community



RGPC's Meal Ministry

DO YOU ENJOY COOKING?

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to cook a meal here and there when a need arises within the congregation. A home-cooked meal goes a long way for those who may be recovering from an illness or those going through an unusually difficult time.

If you are interested in being "on the list" please contact the Church Office or Pastor Kate.

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!



See the sample rocker in the Narthex

JOIN US IN HONORING OUR
VETERAN OF THE MONTH
We are recognizing Edward James Yopek,
US Army - WWII, as our Veteran of the Month for May.



Edward (Ed) Yopek was born on May 1st, 1923, and we are honoring him for the month of May in celebration of his 102nd birthday!

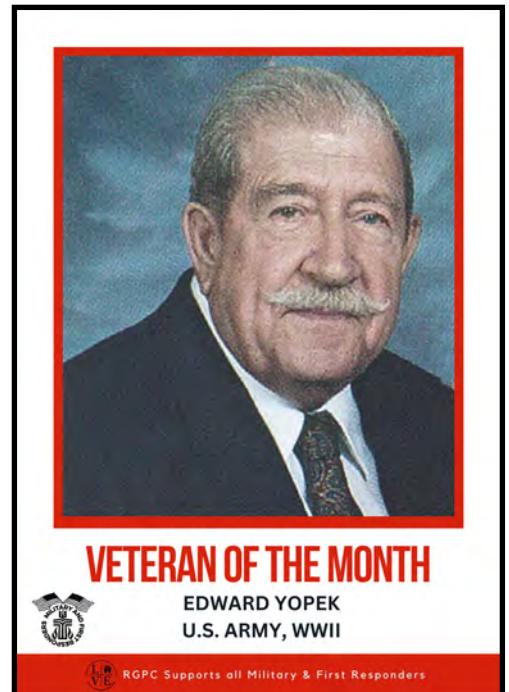
Ed joined the U.S. Army on June 30, 1942 during World War II. During his training and service, Ed spent time in many places, beginning with Boot Camp in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, then moving to Maryland, to Camp Pickett in Virginia, and then to Fort Lewis in Washington state. From there, he was stationed in California, Hawaii, the Marshall Islands, Guam, the Philippines, and Okinawa, Japan. During this time, Ed served as a Surgical Technician in the 36th Field Hospital of the 77th Infantry Division from 1943 until the war ended. He was honorably discharged on Dec. 31, 1945.

In recognition of his service, Ed received the Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon with 2 Bronze Service Stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with 2 Bronze Service Stars, the Good Conduct Medal, the Meritorious Unit Award, and the WWII Victory Medal.

Ed and his first wife, Margaret, had their son, Rick, who was born in 1947. Ed and Margaret joined RGPC as members in 1968, both formerly belonging to the Catholic faith. At that time, Ed was employed as a customer service manager at Wolverine Fabricating and Manufacturing in Inkster, MI. During this time, Ed served on the Stewardship Committee and as a Deacon. Ed also was a member of the House Committee. Margaret passed away in 1976, and Ed was remarried to Joan in 1978. In his later years at RGPC, Ed often ended conversations with the statement: "Faith, family, friends" - the wording from the original RGPC circle logo.

Sadly, Ed's son Rick passed away in 1996, while Joan passed away in 2022 at the age of 91. Not long after, Ed moved to be near his family in Illinois, residing today in Libertyville, IL, but he still maintains close ties with his RGPC family.

Ed, a man who dearly loved his country, is an example of the true embodiment of a life of service to God and country and we thank God for him. Well done, good and faithful servant.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 05/11 MOTHER'S DAY/CONGR. MTG/ FAMILY WORSHIP/ADULT MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

9:30 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*
10:30 Family Worship Service (NO Sun. School)
12:00 P.M. Chime Choir Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*

MONDAY, 05/12

7:00 'Get Out of the Boat' Bible Study – *YH*

TUESDAY, 05/13

8:00 A.M. AA – *Youth Hall*
10:00 Staff Meeting – *Library*
6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness with Dave – *FB Live*
7:00 A&F Meeting – *Library*
7:00 Membership Meeting – *Room 202*
(*Bumblebee Room*)
7:00 Boy Scouts #270 – *Scout Room*

WEDNESDAY, 05/14

10:00 A.M. Prayer Group – *Library*
2:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness with Dave – *Scout Room*
5:30 Yoga Class – *Scout Room*
6:00 Men's Club Y'All Come Dinner
Stephan's Banquet Center, Redford

THURSDAY, 05/15 ADULT MISSION TRIP-ARRIVE

8:00 A.M. AA – *Youth Hall*
6:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*
6:00 Cub Scouts #270 – *Scout Room*
7:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*

FRIDAY, 05/16 ADULT MISSION TRIP-DAY 1

12:00 P.M. Chapel Friday – *Library*
5:30-11:00 LCT Performance – *Fellowship Hall*

SATURDAY, 05/17 ADULT MISSION TRIP-DAY 2

5:30-11:00 LCT Performance – *Fellowship Hall*

SUNDAY, 05/18 COMMUNION/MISSION TRIP-DAY 3

10:30 Worship Service & Sunday School
10:30-3:30 Caravan Mission Trip Team Building –
Balcony / Youth Hall

MONDAY, 05/19 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

11:00 A.M. Blood Drive Set Up – *Fellowship Hall*
1-7:00 P.M. Blood Drive – *Fellowship Hall*
7:00 'Get Out of the Boat' Bible Study – *YH*
7:00-9:00 Blood Drive Tear Down – *Fellowship Hall*



CHAPEL FRIDAY IN THE LIBRARY



Every Friday, we 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 **Kate Mackey**, 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!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Don Hughes, Alex Roffi, **Ed Yopek**
- 2 Carolyn Lamphere
- 3 Katherine Dyer, Susan Walker
- 4 Skip Hartom, Mary C. Kennedy, Ann Oke
- 5 David Garcia, Mike Shaver, Barbara Yamazaki
- 6 Paige Futrell
- 8 Jim Williamson
- 10 Guy Trupiano
- 12 Brad Avis, Pam Johnson, Megan Ward
- 13 Judy Bevak, Denise Kaminski, Cheryl Kasperek
- 14 Susan Cohl, Mason Taylor, Jennifer Turko
- 15 Ed Forry, Diane Olson, Babs Pearson, Janette Poe
- 16 Justin Adams, Evie Belcher, **Caroline Dunphy**
- 17 James Casey, Ryan Mott
- 19 Denise Woods DiBiase
- 20 Joyce Gunderson, Sarah Kosinski
- 21 Leo Ouellette, Kristine Yurek
- 22 Dick Folsom, Gordon Johnson, Judie Parnell
- 23 Jenifer Hartom
- 24 Emily Coxon, Adrienne Floyd
- 25 Bradley Beney, Cheryl Butkovich, Vicky Opie, Joan Tryon
- 27 Beth Carlson
- 29 Ron Hughes, Danny Kruppa
- 30 Daniel Bowes, Grant Yoder
- 31 Clay Cleland, Mackenzie Hughes, Bobbie Sandberg, Lisa Stage

* *BOLDED* text indicates 90+ birthdays



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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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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

SAVE THE DATE: MEMORIAL SUNDAY WORSHIP

Serving Those Who Serve

There are two special opportunities to commemorate the men and women who died in military service for the United States.

Pastor Kellie Whitlock will MC the annual Livonia Memorial Day Ceremony on **Saturday, May 24th at 9:00 a.m.** at Veteran's Memorial Plaza on the corner of Five Mile and Farmington Roads (15218 Farmington Rd, Livonia). This event will include military salutes, a wreath-placing ceremony, special guests, and music. Afterwards, visit the Memorial Wall etched with the names of Livonia veterans who were killed in action, missing in action, wounded in action, or held as prisoners of war. We invite you to attend this moving ceremony.

Then, join us for worship on **Sunday, May 25th at 10:30 a.m.** All active duty, retired, and veteran military, first responders and their families are invited. A quilt will be presented to Todd and Susan Underhill and family in honor of Todd's father, veteran Ronald Underhill, U.S. Navy-Korea.

23 crosses will be reverently placed on our lawn along West Chicago all week. Why 23 crosses? It is a staggering statistic that in the United States, 22 veterans and 1 first responder daily take their own lives. Above the crosses will be a tribute sign that reads, "We Remember..." in honor of ALL those who have served our country in the Military and in the First Responder Community.

As an act of community, let us give God thanks for those who have entered the church triumphant and to pray for comfort and peace of Christ to be upon their families and friends.

Attendees are encouraged to bring photos of their friends and loved ones who have served and a prayer will be offered on their behalf.

