

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

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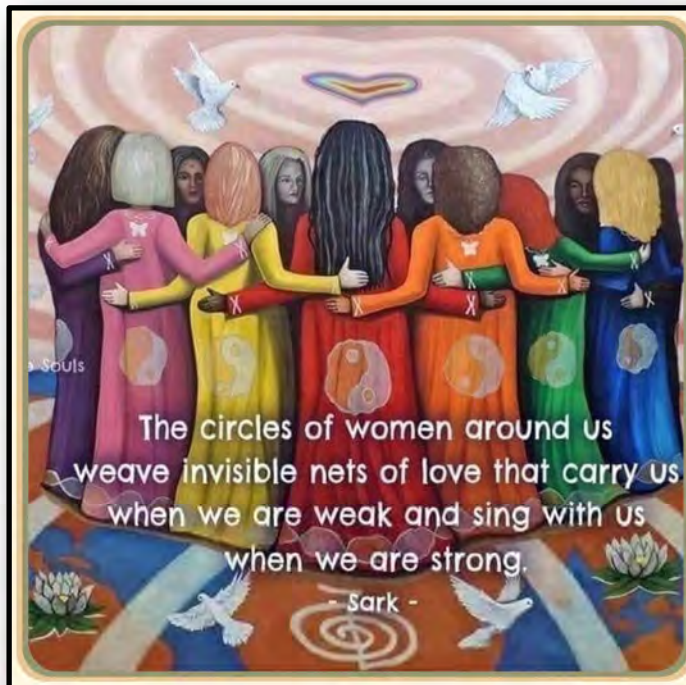
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**MAY 11, 2025**  
**MOTHER'S DAY**



# CHOSEN

*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),  
Lonni 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

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

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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*Chorus: Praise to the Father, Praise to the Son  
Praise to our God, who shines down his love.  
Praise God, Praise God,  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*

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Praise to our God, who shines down his love.  
Praise God, Praise God,  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.*





# 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.



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 31<sup>st</sup>**. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and recommendations.

**MAY 19**  
**1 - 3 P.M.**

Mark your calendar - save 3 lives!

# BLOOD DRIVE!

**SIGN UP HERE!**



**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

*Mark Your Calendars!*

### UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES:

- Memorial Day Worship  
MAY 25
- Music Sunday  
JUNE 1
- Baccalaureate Sunday  
JUNE 8

# Life is a Picnic

With AMAZING Teachers  
Like YOU!

Join us for a Teacher Appreciation Reception  
Sunday June 8, 2025  
9:30 A.M.  
Room 202



## 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*

<b>TODAY!</b>	<b>Mother's Day / Family Worship / Commissioning of Adult Mission Trip</b> <b>Congregational Meeting</b> for election of Officers
<b>May 14</b>	<b>Y'All Come Dinner</b> (Stefan's Banquets @ St. Michael's Cultural Center)
<b>May 15-18</b>	<b>Adult Work Weekend</b> (Camp Skyline)
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Communion</b> <b>Caravan Mission Trip Team Building</b> (10:30am-3:30pm)
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Deacons' Blood Drive</b> (Fellowship Hall)
<b>May 25</b>	<b>Memorial Day Worship Service</b>
<b>June 1</b>	<b>Music Sunday</b>
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Baccalaureate Sunday / Commissioning of Youth Mission Trip</b> <b>Teacher Appreciation Reception</b> (9:30am, Room 202)
<b>June 14-21</b>	<b>Youth Mission Trip</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Father's Day</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>Church Office is CLOSED</b>
<b>July 6</b>	<b>Patriotic Sunday / Baptism Sunday / Family Worship</b>
<b>July 7</b>	<b>Church Office is CLOSED</b>
<b>July 20</b>	<b>Caravan Mission Trip Sunday / VBS Commissioning</b>
<b>July 22-24</b>	<b>VBS ROAR!</b> (9:30-noon)
<b>July 27</b>	<b>VBS Sunday / Family Worship &amp; Detroit Zoo VBS Family Day</b> (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 8<sup>TH</sup> 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 29<sup>TH</sup> 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 12<sup>TH</sup> 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**

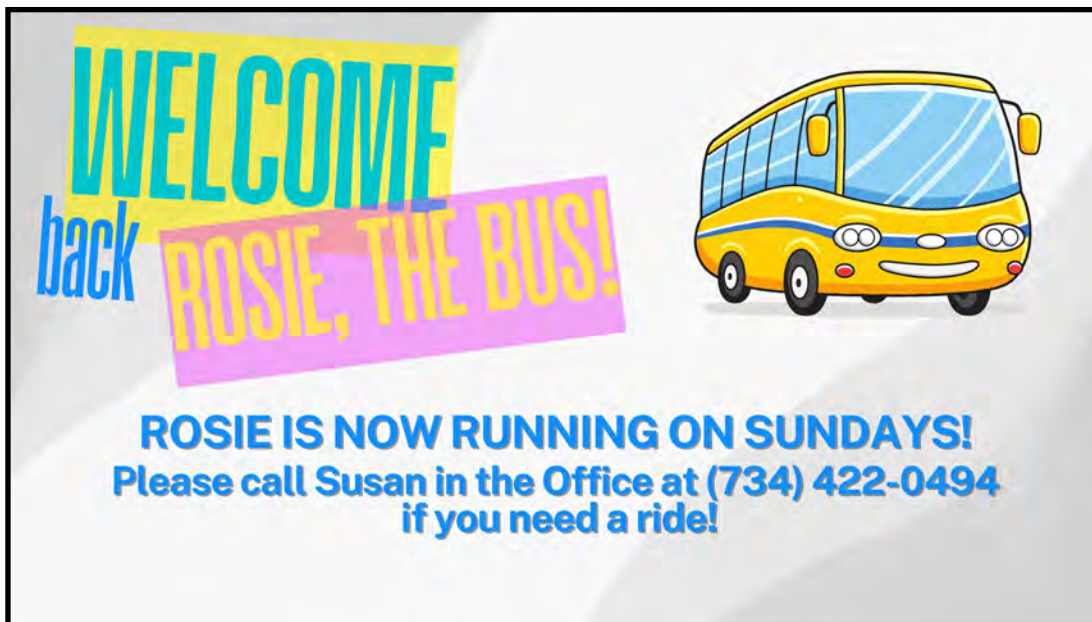


**Spring Bible Study**

**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

The poster features a book cover for "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat" by John Ortberg, set against a background of blue water with ripples.



**WELCOME  
back ROSIE, THE BUS!**

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

The advertisement features a cartoon yellow bus with a smiling face, set against a background of a light blue sky and white clouds.

**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!**

**OTR**  
A PODCAST WITH REBECCA  
DAVE & KELLY

The advertisement features a black and white photo of two women standing in front of a train, with a QR code and a logo for the podcast.



# 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?

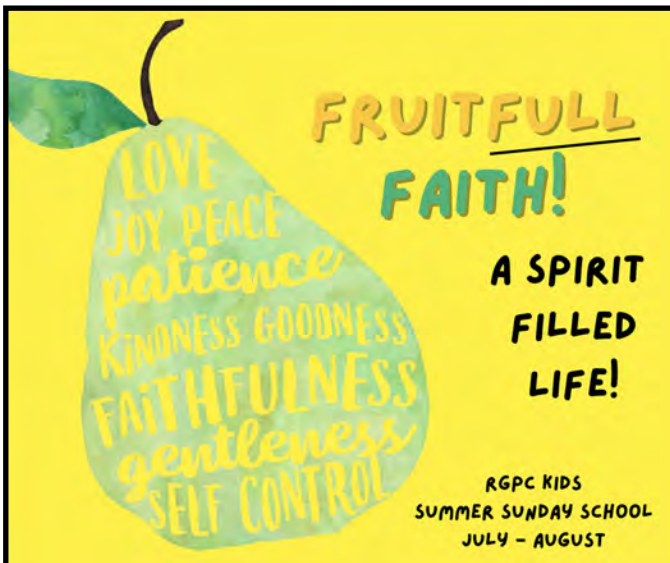


**RGPC FAMILIES!**  
**EARLY REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025**  
**ROAR!**  
**JULY 22, 23, & 24, 2025**  
**9:30-NOON**

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

### Mark Your Calendars for Some Upcoming Events:

- June 8<sup>th</sup>: Christian Education Leader Appreciation Reception (Room 202)
- July 13<sup>th</sup>: 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 13<sup>th</sup>.**

# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

## SUMMER YOUTH CARAVAN MISSION TRIP



**SUNDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> - 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@rosedalegardens.org](mailto:kmackie@rosedalegardens.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 10<sup>th</sup>.**

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)

# ROAR!

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](mailto:ladams@rosedalegardens.org) for more information about how you can help!

**WHAT'S A VBS HELPER?** VBS Helpers are students 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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







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

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

## RGPC...

### Where Have You Been Lately?

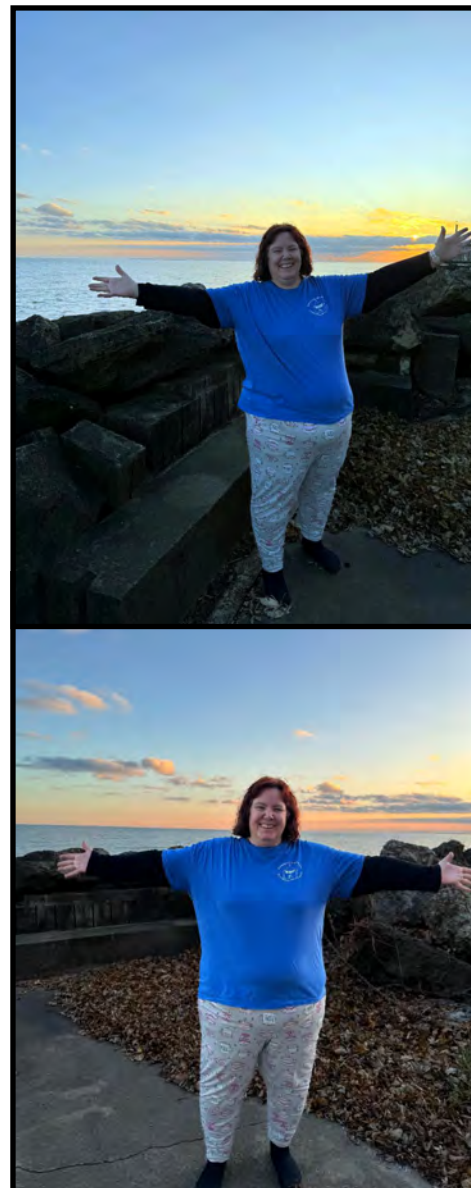
**Heading out on an awesome adventure? Don't forget to pack your RGPC shirts in your bags! We'd love to see where you've been!**

**Whether you're exploring near or far, capture the moment and share it with us by sending it to Kelly Bruce ([kelly2726@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kelly2726@sbcglobal.net)) and/or Susan Underhill ([officergpc@yahoo.com](mailto: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.







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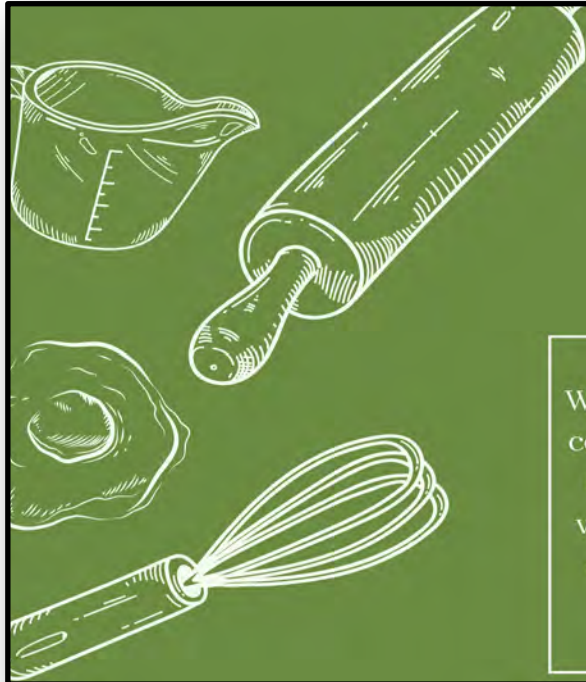
*Your Mission*

**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!



Give Online



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 1<sup>st</sup>, 1923, and we are honoring him for the month of May in celebration of his 102<sup>nd</sup> birthday!

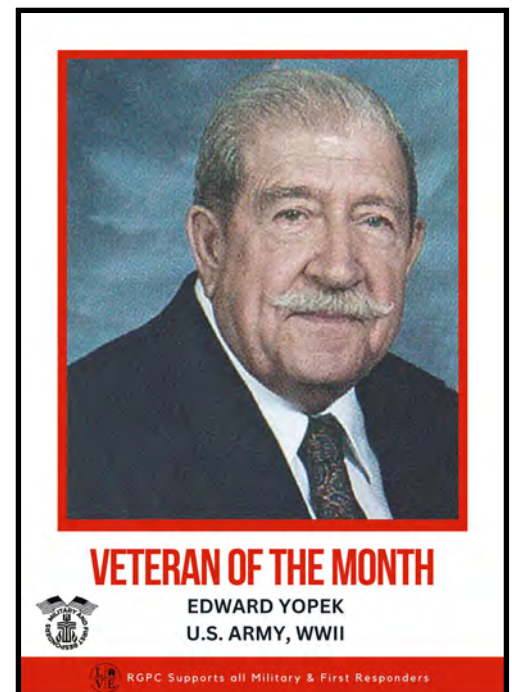
Ed joined the U.S. Army on June 30, 1942 during World War II. During his training and service, Ed spent time in many places, beginning with Boot Camp in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, then moving to Maryland, to Camp Pickett in Virginia, and then to Fort Lewis in Washington state. From there, he was stationed in California, Hawaii, the Marshall Islands, Guam, the Philippines, and Okinawa, Japan. During this time, Ed served as a Surgical Technician in the 36<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital of the 77<sup>th</sup> 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



### 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"

**Like Us on Facebook and Follow Us on Twitter and Instagram**



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



**Our Wireless Network!**

**RosedaleWifi**

**Password is Ourchurch**

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

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**ELECTRONIC GIVING AT RGPC! Simply use the QR code at right to go directly to PushPay or text “rgpc” to 833-245-5153** (you’ll be sent a message to access our PushPay page) where you can use your bank account, debit card or credit card to securely give to Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts. If you prefer to use your computer, please visit [www.pushpay.com/pay/rosedalegardens](http://www.pushpay.com/pay/rosedalegardens) where you can use the same options to give to RGPC. The Pushpay app is also available free from the Apple and Google stores.



## OUR STAFF TEAM

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**Maliya Wyatt** – Nursery Staff



### 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

