

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

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SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
LABOR DAY SUNDAY



Tired Feet:
Wide Awake Soul

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)

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.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP TIME

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

God is good!

All the time!

And all the time,

God is good!

Let us worship God!

SHINE BRIGHTLY (BACK TO SCHOOL) *by Hyper Pixels Media*

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.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRELUDE **“Fanfare for the Common Man”** *by Aaron Copland*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Doug Propst

God said, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord.”

Jesus said, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

And I will give you rest.”

We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors.
Let us worship God this day!

***HYMN #183 “Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creator God, You modeled for us the rhythm of holy work and sacred rest. You spoke the world into being, looked upon your creation, called it good, and stepped back to rest. We confess that we struggle to follow your example.

Forgive us for making an idol of busyness. Forgive us when we treat rest as a luxury to earn rather than a gift to receive. Forgive us for running on empty, burning out the body and spirit you carefully created, and neglecting the rest you declared holy. Teach us the art of stopping. Help us to put down our heavy packs, and trust that your grace is sufficient even when our work is left unfinished. Renew our minds, restore our souls, and align our labor with your purpose.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news: God does not measure us by our productivity, nor does God's love depend on our performance. Christ invites all who are weary and heavy-laden to come, promising true rest for our souls.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, freed, and restored to live and rest in God's grace. Amen.

***PRAYER RESPONSE “How Great Thou Art”**

*And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 33:7-14

A TIME TO REST *by 231 Worship*

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 2:1-3

SERMON

“Tired Feet – Wide-Awake Soul”

Pastor Kate Mackie

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hold On” by Kerry Livgren

Pianist: Rick Porteous / Percussion: Mark Adams / Vocalists: Mark Adams and John Niemisto

*Look in the mirror and notice just what you see.
What have the years of your life taught you to be?
Innocence dying in so many ways; things that you dream of are lost,
lost in the haze.*

CHORUS: *Hold on, people, hold on, cause he's closer than you think,
And you're standing on the brink.
Hold on, people, hold on, cause there's something on the way;
Your tomorrow's not the same as today.*

*Don't you recall what you felt when you were alone?
Someone who stood by your side, a face you have known ♥ Jesus ♥
Where do you run when it's too much to bear?
Who do you turn to in need when nobody's there? ♥ Jesus! ♥*

CHORUS

PIANO SOLO

*Outside your heart he is waiting, waiting for you.
Sooner or later you know He's got to come through.
No hesitation and no holding back.
Let it all go and you'll know you're on the track.*

CHORUS

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

AN INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY “Peace in the Valley” - arr. Jason Coleman

*Oh well, I'm tired and so weary but I must go alone
Till the Lord comes and calls, calls me away, oh yea.
Well the morning's so bright and the lamp is alight
And the night, night is as black as the sea, oh yea.*

CHORUS: *There will be peace in the valley for me, someday.
There will be peace in the valley for me, oh Lord, I pray.
There'll be no sadness, no sorrow, no trouble, trouble I see.
There will be peace in the valley for me, for me.*

*Well the bear will be gentle and the wolves will be tame.
And the lion shall lay down by the lamb, oh yea.
And the beasts from the wild shall be led by a child,
And I'll be changed, changed from this creature that I am, oh yea.*

CHORUS

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**

***SENDING SONG “Indescribable”**

***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 “How Great Thou Art”- arr. Larry Shackley**
Hymn text #625



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

THE NEXT 30 DAYS...

- Sep. 7** **OFFICE CLOSED—Labor Day**
- Sep. 10** **Music Makers Picnic** (6pm, Mies Park)
- Sep. 13** **Rally Sunday, Communion, Blessing of the Backpacks, Youth Sunday School** (10:30am, Youth Hall), **Confirmation Class Parent Meeting** (11:45am, Youth Hall)
- Sep. 14** **Manic Mondays** (6pm, Pastor Kate's House), **Bible Study** (7pm, Library & Room 202)
- 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, Confirmation Class** (10am, Youth Hall), **Youth Super Sunday School** (10:30am, Youth Hall)
- Sep. 21** **Bible Study** (7pm, Library & Room 202)
- Sep. 26** **Stephen Minister Training** (9am, Library)
- Sep. 27** **New Member Class** (11:45am, Library)
- Sep. 28** **Bible Study** (7pm, Library & Room 202)
- 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), **Youth Super Sunday School** (10:30am, Youth Hall)
- Oct. 5** **Manic Mondays** (6pm, Pastor Kate's House), **Bible Study** (7pm, Library & Room 202)

SERVING TODAY

Sunday Secretary: Mary Kennedy
Ushers: Marilyn Bingham & Bev Hertenstein
Welcome Desk: Beth Sequin
Online Greeter: Janette Poe
Worship Arts: Jim Davis & Jack Brake
Sound System: John Mazeppa
Huddle: Maggie Fleming & Vicky Smith
Coffee Hour: Worship & Music
Rosie Drivers: Roy Sequin & Ryan Mott



MEMBERS WHO ARE GRIEVING: The family of Jenny Root on her passing; Adrienne Floyd on the passing of her brother, David Koster.



MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYER: Megan Barker, Abby Bennett, Gene Bevak, Linda Blumel, Beth Carlson, Laurie Carse, Judy Coleman, Lois Cummings, Rose Eickhoff, Mary Ann Falardeau, Mike 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, Jan Myers, Stafford Nelson, Karen Perry, Al Prentice, Jan Prentice, Kayla Rougeau, William Sather, Mason Taylor, Judy Tomey, 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.)*

- Ken Blank, brother of Marty Blank
- Katrina & Russell Finkelstein, friends of Beth Carlson
- Angela Grabowski, friend of Alyson Donker
- Bob Kerre, uncle of Ann Maier & Michelle Ward
- Laura Kerre, cousin of Ann Maier & Michelle Ward
- Melinda, friend of Sandy Main-Niemisto
- Becky Lawwill, friend of Rev. Anne Schaefer
- 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: James A. Mathias

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 Floyd, Karlson, Swindell, & Timmerman families.*



RGPC FAMILIES!

RGPC KIDS

Join us this week for Family Worship! Boys and girls will join their families in the Sanctuary for our worship service. There will be Worship Boards and activities for the children to use during the service. These can be found at the Children's Welcome Center. Our nursery will be open for any child who may need a little wiggle time.



Save the Date: Next Sunday, September 13th



Be sure to join us next week – September 13th for Kids and Christ – We GO Together! We are ready to kick off the new Sunday school year! 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! Be sure to join us for this exciting morning just for kids!

COMING SOON!

Good Friends - Shine Together!

What does it take to be a good friend or to have a good friend in the eyes of Jesus. Join Mrs. Adams for these special Sunday school mornings and let's explore the importance of friendships together!



Sunday School Registration!

Families, it's that time of year again! Please take a moment and complete this year's Sunday school registration form by scanning the QR code. It is helpful for us to have an updated form to be sure we have the correct info for each child. Thank you so much!



When you know better, you can be better!

Parenting is a journey full of many ups and downs. Sometimes, a listening ear and gentle support is needed to help parents navigate the concerns they feel when raising children. Lisa Adams, our RGPC Children's and Family Ministry Director, is a certified parent coach. So what is a parent coach? Parent coaches are not therapists. They are someone who is not judgmental and will walk

alongside parents offering guidance and strategies to help build and strengthen the connection parents have with their children. During a discussion, topics may include child development education, behavioral strategies, as well as a plan to implement at home. Each parent coaching session is designed to meet the specific needs of the family. The goal is to help parents understand the why behind their child's behavior and provide them with the skills needed to make positive changes to their parenting approach. Parent coaching can be done in-person, online, or over the phone. Parenting isn't easy, but with a good understanding and some solid, usable tools, parents can become the kind of parents who bring out the best in their child. If you wish to learn more about parent coaching, please contact Lisa at ladams@rosedalegardens.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

CONFIRMATION CLASS PARENT MEETING

Sunday, September 13th

11:45 a.m. - Youth Hall

For all students 7th grade and up

Classes Begin Sunday, September 20th

STUDENTS!



FOR FALL!

SUNDAY SCHOOL!



September 13

October 11

November 8

December 6

10:30 a.m. in Youth Hall!

SUPER SUNDAYS!

September 20

October 4

November 15

December 13

10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



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

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Lunch Providers Requested!

Would you be willing to provide the Youth Group lunch once a month? Looking for willing people to provide lunch for approximately 15-18 teens and their adult leaders. Vegetarian options requested.

Please see Pastor Kate! Upcoming Dates:

- September 20
- October 4
- November 15

YOUNG ADULTS



◆ Monthly Dinner Gatherings

September 14th - 6 p.m. ◆
(or after work or classes)

Your monthly dinner escape.
Good food, great people, zero Monday energy.

MANIC MONDAYS

◆ For Young Adults 18 - 30 years old

Pastor Kate's House ◆

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.

RGPC... Where Have You Been Lately?

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

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



EXPLORING TEXAS!

Ann Maier had a wonderful time on vacation with her best friend in Port Aransas, Texas! Ann is pictured representing RGPC in her blue t-shirt while visiting the Community Presbyterian Church (*left*), the Gulf of Mexico (*middle*), and the Gratitude Gift Shop (*right*), which features a Blessing Box with non-perishable food inside, similar to our very own RGPC Food Pantry!



WE NEED YOUR OPINION!

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL BE REPLACING THE LIMSTONE PANELS SURROUNDING THE HUBBARD ENTRY DOORS AND WE NEED YOUR OPINION! PLEASE LET US KNOW WHICH SAMPLE OF GRANITE YOU LIKE BY VOTING FOR EITHER #1 OR #2. THOSE ATTENDING WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH CAN SEE THE SAMPLES IN PERSON AND PLACE THEIR VOTE AT THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. OTHERS CAN VOTE BY EMAILING THEIR CHOICE TO THE CHURCH OFFICE AT OFFICERGPC@YAHOO.COM. THANK YOU, RGPC FAM!



September is National Suicide Prevention Month



This month is a time to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and promote hope and help seeking for those at risk of suicide.

This urgent mental health issue not only affects those who struggle with suicidal thoughts, but also those individuals, families, and communities affected by this. Talking openly about suicide is not harmful. Silence is. Start a conversation.

Be the difference. And really listen. No one has to face this crisis alone and healing is possible.

Some Warning Signs of Suicide

- Increased alcohol and drug use
- Aggressive behavior
- Withdrawal from friends, family and community
- Dramatic mood swings
- Impulsive or reckless behavior
- Collecting and saving pills
- Buying a weapon
- Giving away possessions
- Tying up loose ends, like organizing personal papers or paying off debts
- Saying goodbye to friends and family

Risk Factors for Suicide

Research has found that 46% of people who die by suicide had a known mental health condition. Several other factors may put a person at risk of suicide, including but not limited to:

- A family history of suicide
- Substance use: Drugs can create mental highs and lows that worsen suicidal thoughts.
- Intoxication: Analysis from the CDC indicates around 1 in 5 people who die by suicide had alcohol in their system at the time of death.
- Access to firearms
- A serious or chronic medical illness
- Gender: Although *more women* than men attempt suicide, men are 4x more likely to die by suicide.
- A history of trauma or abuse
- Prolonged stress
- A recent tragedy or loss

Support In a Crisis

When a suicide-related crisis occurs, friends and family are often caught off-guard, unprepared and unsure of what to do. The behaviors of a person experiencing a crisis can be unpredictable, changing dramatically without warning. There are a few ways to approach a suicide-related crisis:

- Talk openly and honestly. Don't be afraid to ask questions like: "Do you have a plan for how you would kill yourself?"
- Remove means such as guns, knives or stockpiled pills
- Calmly ask simple and direct questions, like "Can I help you call your psychiatrist?"
- If there are multiple people around, have one person speak at a time
- Express support and concern
- Don't argue, threaten or raise your voice
- Don't debate whether suicide is right or wrong
- If you're nervous, try not to fidget or pace
- Be patient

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

Call 911 or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org to reach the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

Contact SAMHSA.gov for more information.

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.



RGPC Giving Garden



37.25 POUNDS OF PRODUCE
PROVIDED TO THE
RGPC FOOD PANTRY

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 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!



Please join us to study the Minor Prophets of the Old Testament!

These "unsung" prophets, who delivered messages at the end of the Old Testament, are often overlooked. However, they serve as a powerful reminder to God's people that He was (and is) always in control, no matter the difficult times we live in. They are a reflection of God's powerful relationship with His people and the foretelling of the coming of Christ into a troubled world a half century later. Although these prophets are often quoted in the New Testament, they are seldom studied! They are a powerful reminder and example of God's everlasting power in our world today!

Dates: Monday Nights

September 14th through November 16th

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Location: Library



Welcome to the Old Testament Challenge!

Oftentimes the Bible can be a difficult book to read, especially the Old Testament. This Fall we will be exploring the Pentateuch - the first 5 books of the Bible - in a creative and easier to understand way.

Through the humorous, insightful and relatable teaching of Pastor John Ortberg, we will read from Genesis to Deuteronomy and find out that it really isn't all that scary! All are welcome!

Mondays - 7 p.m. in Room 202

Beginning September 14th

Snacks & Refreshments provided.

Zoom option available!

Contact Dave Lumley:

davidwlumley@gmail.com

734-812-5914



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**



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!



Ordination & Installation Sunday

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
10:30 A.M.**

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



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!*



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.

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!



Thanksgiving Dinner

Might you be looking for some fellowship for Thanksgiving Dinner this year? If so, RGPC has you covered! Join us in Fellowship Hall on Thanksgiving Day at 4 p.m. Turkey will be provided – please bring a favorite side-dish to share.

Please RSVP to Gretchen Hocking (734-507-0716) by Thursday, Nov. 18th!



D.O It For Denny Christmas Toy Shop Volunteers Needed

This one of a kind Christmas event will serve 500 local children in need this holiday season. Parents are invited from their children's schools and are able to choose 5 gifts and fill a stocking for each of their children!

Please join us at **Alt. Hope Congregational Church** at 30330 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia on **Thursday December 3rd**, **Friday December 4th**, or **Saturday December 5th**.



D.O. It For Denny
Good
D.O. IT FOR DENNY



Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- Setting up decorations
- Loading, transporting, & unloading boxes from cars
- Setting up tables
- Sorting, displaying, & restocking toys
- Checking in shoppers
- Assisting shoppers
- Cleaning up



**Scan the QR code
to sign up to volunteer!**



Hold On: Good Advice

Rick Porteous is one of the many musicians that bless our RGPC family regularly. He plays largely by ear and is over the moon anytime a bench is made available to him. If you have reason to be at Henry Ford West Bloomfield between 11:30 and 1:00 any Tuesday or Friday, you will be treated to Rick's joy in sharing music with all who pass through the lobby.

Rick signed up when I sent a clipboard around in June for summer music volunteers. He told me he wanted to play "*Hold On*", a song by Kansas. He said it is a Christian song and sent me the lyrics. Unconvinced, I decided to research the song's origin. I was reminded that Rick sees Jesus in everything and everyone and found an opportunity to change my mind. Here is that story.

In the 1970s, *Kansas* was best known for their hits "*Carry on Wayward Son*," "*Dust in the Wind*," and "*Point of Know Return*". The band changed direction in 1980 with the release of the album *Audio-Visions*, and the single "*Hold On*". Written by founding guitarist Kerry Livgren, "*Hold On*" peaked at No. 40 on the *Billboard Hot 100* in November 1980.

The song's lyrics about hope and perseverance were written to his wife, Vicci, after a spiritual awakening Kerry experienced while on tour with the band.

During a 2023 appearance on the *Area 312 Rock & Metal Vodcast*, the now 76-year-old rocker explained the song. "I did write that specifically for my wife. . . . I came home from the road as a Christian. I thought, man, what am I gonna do? I gotta tell her. I gotta tell her who my faith is in now. But how do I do that? . . . So I kind of lay low and very gradually let her know. Then one day I flat-out told her, 'I gotta go to church this Sunday. Want to come with me?' I didn't know what church I was gonna go to."

In his book, *Seeds of Change*, Livgren reveals that writing this song preceded his wife making a commitment to Christ. "In a more general sense," he recounted, "*Hold On* is addressed to any person who is on the brink of coming to Christ. Sometimes there's a feeling of desperation when you get that close, and this is a song that encourages persistence."

Rick, thanks for sharing your faith through your music. We are blessed.

Sources: <https://parade.com/entertainment/1980-rock-classic-written-as-a-message-to-rockers-wife-remains-a-timeless-anthem-of-hope-46-years-later>; <https://www.musicianwages.com/the-meaning-behind-the-song-old-on-by-kansas/>; <https://songlyrics.com/Kansas/hold-on-lyrics/>



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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, 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

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JOIN OUR EXERCISE CLASSES!

Tuesdays: 6pm on FB Live

Wednesdays at RGPC:

2pm - Exercise for Seniors
7pm - Exercise for Everyone



JOIN US IN HONORING OUR VETERAN OF THE MONTH

We are recognizing James A. Mathias Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army

James A. Mathias joined the U.S. Army on December 22, 1969, reporting for Basic Training (H-2-1) at Fort Ord, CA on January 6, 1970. Jim went to Advanced Infantry Training (C-1-2) at Fort Ord in March and then to Jump School, 46th Company, at Fort Benning, GA in June.

Jim was sent to Vietnam on August 3, 1970. He was assigned to Charlie Co, 2/2 Infantry (mechanic), 25th Infantry. Three weeks later, he was on crutches after his Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) hit a mine. Jim was transferred to Alpha Co. 2/327 Infantry, "No Slack", 101st Airborne Div. in November. That is where Jim met Dave Laycock for the first time; Dave was a door gunner on some of the Choppers that flew in and out of some of the more 'exotic vacation spots' in I Corp. Jim made Sergeant in June, followed by a field promotion to Second Lieutenant. Three weeks later, his company was sent S6 (apparently, the higher ups wanted to yell at an Officer instead of a 19-year-old Sergeant). In August 1971, after recovering from Malaria, Jim was transferred to the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He returned to Fort Campbell, KY one month after his scheduled Date Returned Overseas (DROS) date. His mother made some calls as to why Jim had not returned home and the Commander of Fort MacArthur, CA told her that Jim had probably been listed as Killed in Combat (KIA). So when her dead son showed up, it was quite a surprise!

Jim left Ft. Campbell and was assigned to Bravo Co., 509th Airborne Battalion, Combat Team in Vicenza, Italy from 1973-1976. After Italy, he was promoted to Staff Sergeant and went back to Ft. Campbell, KY, assigned to the RECONDO School as an instructor in Small Unit Tactics.

In 1978, Jim received orders for Drill Sergeant School (DSS), where he met up with Dave again. Dave and Jim started DSS in late 1978 and graduated in 1979. They had many adventures during that time, but that is a story for another day...

In 1981, Jim was reassigned to Mannheim, Germany, where he and Dave connected once again. Jim was promoted to Sergeant First Class (SFC) and took over the job of First Sergeant for a NATO unit. He left there in 1984, assigned to the Intelligence Center at Fort Huachuca, AZ, where he was responsible for a variety of jobs there, including tactics instructor, BN Operations Sergeant, 1SG. It was, as he was told by a Sergeant Major from Defense Intelligence Services (DIS), a colorful time.

From there, Jim was assigned to 5th Corp HQ as the noncommission officer in charge (NCOIC) of G3 Airspace Management. During the Kuwait War, Jim was the NCOIC of the 5th Corp War Room. Jim retired in May of 1992 with over 22 years of active duty.

Jim found his home in Ronan, MT where he met and married the love of his life, Josephine, in 2000. Together they shared seven children, several grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Jim's faith was a very important part of his life. He was an active member of the Terrace Lake Community Church for over 20 years where he served as Caretaker, sang on the Praise Team, and helped establish their Psalm 91 Room. Jim also assisted Dave Laycock, his '*brother from another mother*', with the establishment of our very own Psalm 91 Room in November 2022! Please scan the QR code to watch Jim read Psalm 91 during worship here at RGPC during our Veterans Day Service in November 2020.

Jim was previously featured as our Veteran of the Month in December 2022, but we would once again like to recognize and honor Jim's contribution to the safety and security of all those in this great country now that his service is complete. Jim passed away on August 11, 2026 at the age of 74. He will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to service, his love of country, his deep faith, and his love that he gave so freely. We thank him for his dedicated and honorable service. Well done, good and faithful servant.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 9/6 LABOR DAY SUNDAY/FAMILY WORSHIP

9:30 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary

MONDAY, 9/7 LABOR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 P.M. LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
7:30 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, 9/8

8:00 A.M. AA – Youth Hall
10:00 Staff Meeting – Library
6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness with Dave – FB Live
6:30 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
7:00 A&F Meeting – Library
7:00 Membership Meeting – Room 202
8:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, 9/9

10:00 A.M. Prayer Group – Library
2:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness with Dave – Scout Room
3:00 Deacons Food Drive Packing – Youth Hall
6:30 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall, Choir Room, & Youth Hall
7:00 Elizabeth Circle – Library
7:00 Faith & Fitness with Dave – Scout Room
8:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall, Choir Room, & Youth Hall

THURSDAY, 9/10

8:00 A.M. AA – Youth Hall
6:00 P.M. Picnic for Music Makers – Mies Park
6:30 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
8:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, 9/11

4:00 P.M. LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, 9/12

9:00 A.M. Deacons Food Drive Pickup – Youth Hall
2:00 P.M. Cat & Bryan's Wedding – Chapel
6:30 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, 9/13 RALLY SUNDAY/COMMUNION

9:30 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
10:00 Rally Sunday Sunday School – Fellowship Hall
10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary
10:30 Youth Sunday School – Youth Hall
11:45 Confirmation Class Parent Meeting – Youth Hall
12:00 P.M. Stephen Ministry Super. Meeting – Library
2:00 Leigh Baptism – Chapel
4:00 LCT Photoshoot – Scout Room
6:30 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, 9/14

6:00 P.M. Manic Mondays – Kate's House
6:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
7:00 Bible Study – Library & Room 202
7:30 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

CHAPEL FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Friday, September 18th 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.



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 **Wanda Seymour**, 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!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carol Briner, David Fitch, **Joan Johnson**
- 2 Linda Blumel, Paul Johnson
- 3 Megan Barker, John Lovasz
- 4 Bill Fife, Jennifer Young
- 5 Judy Culler, Bill Irvine
- 6 Sue Cole, **Janis Prentice**
- 7 Mark Adams
- 8 Chelsey Yoder
- 9 Walter Kosinski
- 10 Barbara Mikulski
- 12 Nolan Conrad, Sharon Fischer
- 13 Jeff Marzolf
- 15 Michael Bieganski, Richard Porteous
- 16 Sheila Folsom, Ian Holtzman
- 17 Beckham Bessolo
- 18 Kelly Bruce, Lonni Schultz, Everette Timmerman
- 22 C Benton, Jamie Vasko
- 23 Sharon Garcia
- 24 Gary Fawkes, Alexander Harrison, Roy Sequin
- 25 Janel Kooienga, Alison Taylor
- 26 Ashlyn Johnson, Jan Myers, Zack Shaver
- 27 Bennett Squire
- 30 Gretchen Hocking, **Joyce Jewell**

* **BOLDED text** indicates 90+ birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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