

# ROSEDALE GARDENS

**ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**  
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**MAY 4, 2025**  
**CONFIRMATION & BAPTISM SUNDAY**



*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.

*American Sign Language Interpreter: Rachel Mazeppa-Dembinski*

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

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** by *Rick Porteous*

**PRELUDE**     “**How Great Is Our God**” – *arr. Victor Labenske*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**VBS VOLUNTEERS: THE CHILDREN NEED YOU!** *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.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Emmylou Grace Angevine*  
Daughter of Rachel & Rob Angevine

*Skip Thomas Hartom*  
*Sawyer Timothy Hartom*  
Sons of Jennifer & Tim Hartom

*Timothy Michael Hartom*  
*Andre Charles Rzepka*  
Son of Valerie & Ryan Rzepka

## UNISON WELCOME AND PROMISE

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church to share with us in his ministry, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

### \*HYMN #488 "I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry"

#### \*THE CALL TO CONFESSON

*Tabetha Narvaez, Liturgist*

#### \*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSON

Merciful God, you call us to follow; to turn away from our own selfish interests, and to take up our cross and follow after you, even if the path is difficult to see, or is heading in a direction we would never have chosen for ourselves.

Forgive us for being so quick to question and so hesitant to follow. Help us to see with the eyes of faith, rather than from our own human point of view. Teach us to follow without fear, knowing that you are always with us, leading the way.

Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Scripture says that those who are in Christ are a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, the new has come! Hear, then, Christ's words of grace to us: "Your sins are forgiven."

Thanks be to God!

#### \*PRAYER RESPONSE "Step by Step" (Hymn #743)

*O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.*

*O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.*

*I will seek you in the morning,*

*and I will learn to walk in your ways.*

*And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.*

*And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

#### Psalm 146

(OT pg. 581)

#### WELCOME TO CHURCH by *The Skit Guys*

#### SCRIPTURE READING

#### Luke 9:18-25

(NT pg. 69)

#### REFLECTION

#### "I Believe"

*Pastor Kate Mackie*

## \*STATEMENT OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
    Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
    who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
    born of the Virgin Mary,  
    suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
    was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
    and sitteth on the right hand  
    of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come again to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
    the holy catholic church;  
    the communion of saints;  
    the forgiveness of sins;  
    the resurrection of the body;  
    and the life everlasting. Amen.

## A SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

*Savana Skye Bean*  
Mentors Beth Sequin & Kristine Yurek

*Logan Elise Belsky*  
Mentor Cathy Elstone

*Mackenzie Anne Hughes*  
Mentor Gretchen Hocking

*Ashlyn Skye Johnson*  
Mentor Pam Gunderson

*Elizabeth Maryanne Narvaez*  
Mentor Pam Johnson

*Audrey Lynn Rzepka*  
Mentor Kathy Marzolf

## \*UNISON PRAYER

Lord God, we give you our thanks for all the ways in which you have brought these young people to yourself. May they never cease to wonder at what you have done for them. Help them to continue firmly in their faith, to bear witness to your love, and to let your Spirit mold their character and their conduct. We ask that you will make membership real to ALL of us

gathered here today, so that we may live together in your joy and power.  
In Christ's name we ask it, Amen.

**CHOIR ANTHEM** “As For Me and My House” – by Getty, Getty, & Cochren

*Oh, choose you this day whom you will serve:*

*the kingdom of heav'n or the powers of earth*

*Has He not spoken? Have you not heard? There is but one true God.*

*The God of our fathers set us free. His Son paid the price for our covenant peace.*

*Through generations His mercy speaks. We trust in one true God.*

CHORUS: *As for me and my house, we will serve, serve the Lord.*

*As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, our God.*

*Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit now in us.*

*Let ev'ry heart and ev'ry tongue praise the one true God.*

CHORUS

**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.*

**\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn #606)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below;*

*Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;*

*Praise God and Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL SING “Indescribable”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*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 “Voluntary on ‘Dix’” – arr. David Kidwell (Hymn text #14)**

*Name above all names. Worthy of our praise.*

*My heart will sing how great is our God.*

# 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

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**MAY — JULY**

<b>TODAY!</b>	<b>Confirmation Sunday / Baptism Sunday</b>
<b>May 11</b>	<b>Mother's Day / Family Worship / Commissioning of Adult Mission Trip</b> <b>Congregational Meeting</b> to present Nomination Committee's Report
<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 19</b>	<b>Deacons' Blood Drive</b> (Fellowship Hall)
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Communion</b>
	<b>Caravan Mission Trip Team Building</b> (10:30am-3:30pm)
<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>June 14-21</b>	<b>Youth Mission Trip</b>
<b>June 15</b>	<b>Father's Day</b>
<b>July 4</b>	Church Office is <b>CLOSED</b>
<b>July 6</b>	<b>Patriotic Sunday / Baptism Sunday / Family Worship</b>
<b>July 7</b>	Church Office is <b>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 Family Day</b> (Meet us at 2pm at the Lion Enclosure for a zookeeper presentation!)

## SERVING TODAY

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**Sunday Secretary:** Anne Hartsell

**Ushers:** Jennifer Turko & Bill Fife

**Welcome Desk:** Bill Irvine

**Online Greeter:** Janette Poe

**Worship Arts:** Jonathan Roos & Jim Davis

**Sound System:** John Mazeppa

**Huddle:** Jack Smith & Ann Maier

**Coffee Hour:** Christian Education

**Rosie Drivers:** Brad Beney & Brad Avis

**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, 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, Ella Warrick, Nick 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 Barie/Shaver, Carse, Mikulski, and Swindell families.*

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



**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!



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

## PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
on Sunday, May 11, 2025 at the close of Worship to present and  
elect the 2025-2028 class of Elders and Deacons.

**WE ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS PLAN TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

## OUR RGPC FAMILY WELCOMES A NEW BUNDLE OF JOY!!

We are delighted to offer a warm Rosedale welcome to  
4<sup>th</sup> generation RGPC family member:

**Claire Shannon Bardoni  
born on April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Claire's proud parents are Shannon & Ryan Bardoni  
Grandparents: Kathy & Jeff Marzolf; Great-Grandmother:  
Mary Beal; and Aunt & Uncle: Nicole & Jacob Wirgau



A graphic for the Off the Rails Podcast. It features a torn paper effect revealing two women standing in front of a dark train car. The woman on the left is blonde and wearing a green jacket, and the woman on the right has brown hair and is wearing a dark jacket. To the left, the text 'OFF THE RAILS PODCAST' is written in large, bold, white letters, with 'CHASING FAITH IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE' in smaller orange letters below it. The 'OTR' logo is at the bottom left. To the right, the text 'SCAN HERE TO LISTEN!' is in large white letters, with a QR code below it.

# RGPC FAMILIES!

## RGPC Kids!

We can't wait to see you in Sunday school. It's a new month and that means a new Bible theme. This month is all about Bible moms! This week we will discover a story about an important woman and how God's plan is always good!

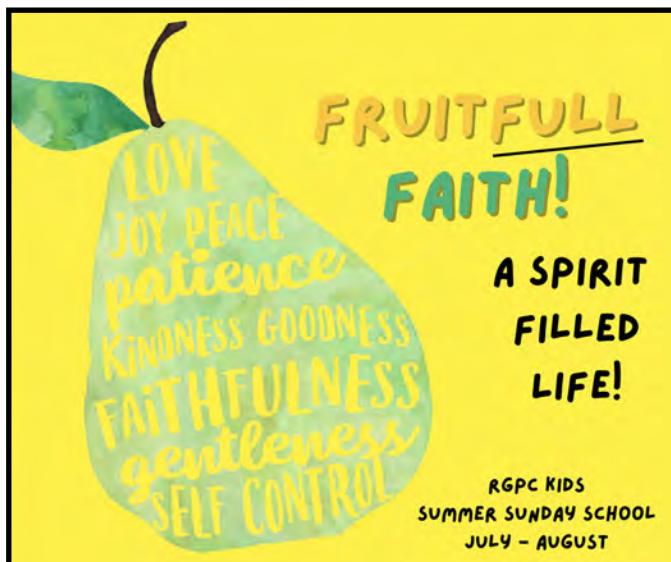


**RGPC FAMILIES!**  
**EARLY REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025**  
**ROAR!**  
**JULY 22, 23, & 24, 2025**  
**9:30-NOON**

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

### Mark Your Calendars for Some Upcoming Events:

- May 11<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day is Family Worship. Children will join their families in the sanctuary for this special service.
- June 8<sup>th</sup>: Christian Education Leader Appreciation Reception (Room 202)



### 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



**TODAY!**



**SUMMER YOUTH CARAVAN MISSION TRIP**

A black cloud-shaped graphic containing the word "TEAM" in white, with "BUILDING..." below it, all set against a colorful, splattered background.

**SUNDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> - 10:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.**

**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)

A black graduation cap with a tassel, resting on a pink surface next to two yellow sunflowers and a white diploma scroll.

**CLASS OF  
2025  
CONGRATULATIONS!**



## 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



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Yoga Classes will resume on **WEDNESDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>** at 5:30pm in the Scout Room!



## JOIN OUR EXERCISE CLASSES!

Tuesdays: 6pm on FB Live

Wednesdays at RGPC:

2pm - Exercise for Seniors

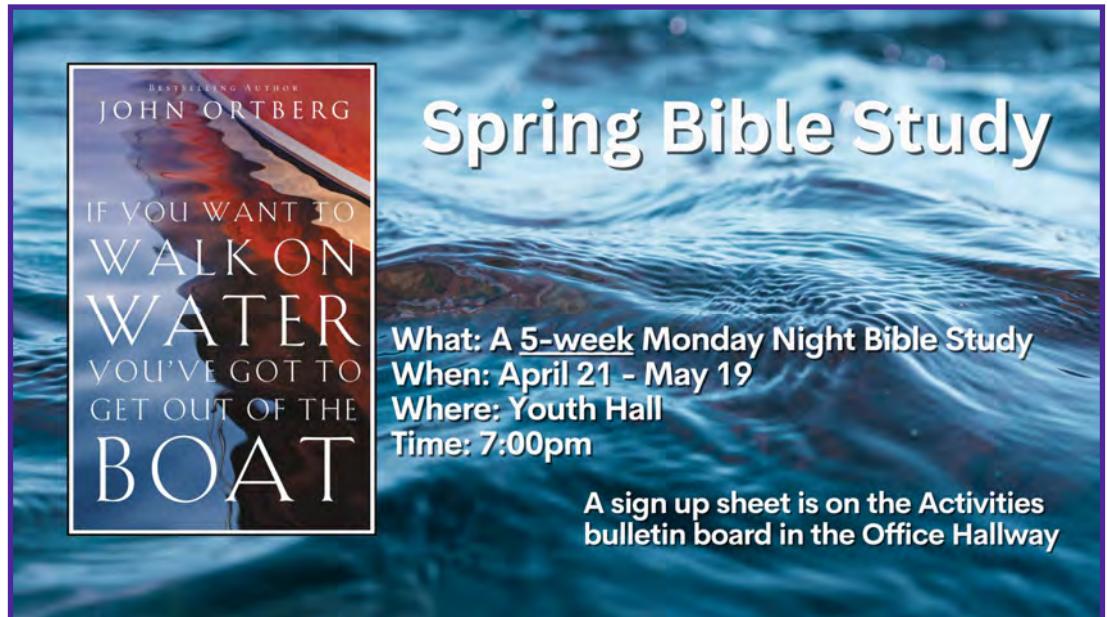
7pm - Exercise for Everyone



**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



## **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**

### ***Ireland in the Spring!***

**Kay and Doug Propst took a trip to  
Ireland for their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary, visiting such places as  
the Blarney Castle in Cork, and  
(right) the scenic Cliffs of Moher in  
County Clare.**



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)

**TICKETS FOR THIS ANNUAL MEN'S CLUB EVENT  
ARE NOW AVAILABLE!**

See Ken Elstone, Ken Stempien or Mark Lessig  
to get your tickets each Sunday.

*Mark Your Calendars!*

UPCOMING SPECIAL  
WORSHIP SERVICES:

Holy Humor - Online ONLY  
APRIL 27

Confirmation Sunday & Baptism  
MAY 4

Memorial Day Worship  
MAY 25

Music Sunday  
JUNE 1

Baccalaureate Sunday  
JUNE 8



## 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)*



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)





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

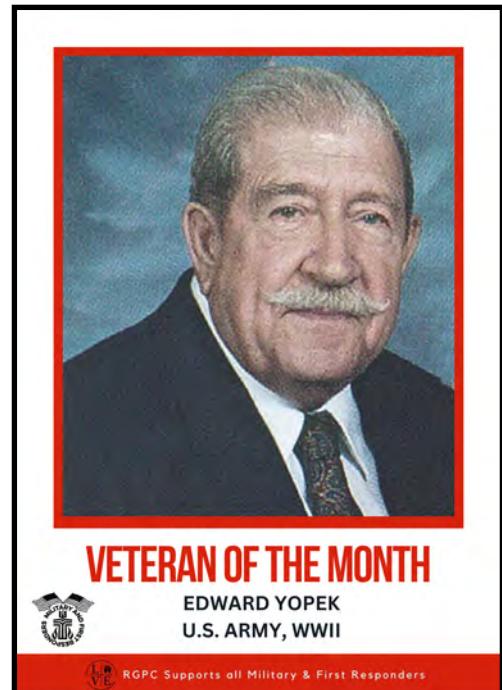
Ed joined the U.S. Army during World War II. During his training and service, Ed spent time in many places, beginning with Boot Camp in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, then moving to Maryland, to Camp Pickett in Virginia, and then to Fort Lewis in Washington state. From there, he was stationed in California, 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, 05/04 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY/ BAPTISM SUNDAY

- 9:30 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*  
10:30 Worship Service & Sunday School  
12:00 P.M. Chime Choir Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*  
12:00 Stephen Ministry Superv. Mtg. – *Library*  
1-8:00 P.M. LCT Rehearsal – *FH, 104, Choir Rm, SR*

### MONDAY, 05/05

- 9:30 A.M. Spiritual Gifts Class #4 – *Library*  
6-11:00 P.M. LCT Dress Rehearsal – *FH, 104, Choir Rm, SR*  
7:00 ‘Christian Hope’ Bible Study – *Library*  
7:00 ‘Get Out of the Boat’ Bible Study – *YH*

### TUESDAY, 05/06

- 8:00 A.M. AA – *Youth Hall*  
10:00 Staff Meeting – *Library*  
6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness with Dave – *FB Live*  
6:00-11:00 LCT Rehearsal – *FH, 104, Choir Rm, SR*  
7:00 Take 5 – *Chapel*  
7:00 CE Meeting – *Library*  
7:00 Deacons Meeting – *Youth Hall*  
7:00 Boy Scouts #270 – *Scout Room*

### WEDNESDAY, 05/07

- 10:00 A.M. Prayer Group – *Library*  
2:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness with Dave – *Scout Room*  
5:30 Yoga Class – *Scout Room*  
7:00 Take 5 – *Chapel*  
7:00 C&S Meeting – *Room 202 (Bumblebee Rm)*  
7:00 House Meeting – *Library*  
7:00 W&M Meeting – *Youth Hall*  
7:00 Faith & Fitness with Dave – *Scout Room*

### THURSDAY, 05/08

- 8:00 A.M. AA – *Youth Hall*  
6:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*  
5:30-11:00 LCT Rehearsal – *FH, 104, Choir Rm, SR*  
6:00 Cub Scouts #270 – *Scout Room*  
7:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*

### FRIDAY, 05/09

- 12:00 P.M. Chapel Friday – *Library*  
5:30-11:00 LCT Performance – *FH, 104, Choir Rm, SR*

### SATURDAY, 05/10

- 12:00-11:00 LCT Performance – *FH, 104, Choir Rm, SR*

### 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*

## 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.*

*Congratulations to Doug & Kay Propst as they celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>!*



## 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 **Leo Ouellette**, 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



## JOIN OUR MANY FACEBOOK GROUPS!

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

"FAITH & FITNESS WITH DAVE"

"BETTER TOGETHER"

"PRAYERS FOR POSSIBLE"

"MILITARY, FIRST RESPONDERS AND FAMILIES"

"SELF LOVE, SELF CARE"

"GET ROOTED WITH RGPC"

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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