

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

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OCTOBER 4, 2026

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



**OPENING
DOORS TO
BELONGING:
A PLACE AT THE TABLE**

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)

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)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Our God is a giving God!

We are God's giving disciples!

Let us give God thanks for our blessings!

Let us worship God together!

GOD'S STORY: GENEROSITY *by Crossroads Kids' Club*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

(At this time, children are invited to go to Sunday School.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"** – *arr. John Purifoy*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Brooke Hughes

Jesus walked among the ordinary, the overlooked at the outcast.

He sees us where we are, just as we are, and calls us by name.

We have come to this place not because we are perfect,

but because we are welcomed, loved and made whole in Christ.

Come, then! The table is set, and grace is offered freely.

Here you are seen; here, you belong.

Let us worship the God who gathers us, transforms us, and call us his own!

***HYMN #318 “In Christ There Is No East or West”**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Forgiving God, we confess that while You offer a table of radical welcome, we often build fences around ours. Like the religious leaders who stood at a distance, we confess that we are quick to judge who is worthy of Your grace and who belongs at Your side. We find comfort in surrounding ourselves with those who look, think, and act like us, and we turn away from those whose lives make us uncomfortable.

Forgive us when we mistake self-righteousness for faithfulness. Forgive us for withholding the very hospitality, grace, and community that You have so freely given to us. Dismantle our pride and remind us that we all come to Your table in equal need of Your healing mercy. Open our hearts, our churches, and our lives to welcome the outcast, the seeker, and the stranger as our brothers and sisters.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the Good News! In Christ, you are not condemned; you are called. You are not distant; you are brought near. In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and we are given a place of honor at the table of God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***RESPONSE (Hymn #71) “Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me”**

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,

And God will be my Savior.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 5:27-32

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

1 Peter 4:10

*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”*

MEDITATION

**“Opening Doors to Belonging:
A Place at the Table”**

Pastor Kate Mackie

CHOIR ANTHEM “The Family of God” by Gene Greer & Lowell Everson

My love of God is in all I do ev'ry day when I pray.

And with this love I reach out to you; take my hand and hear the words that I say.

CHORUS: *One God, one world, we are all the family of God.*

One God, one world, we are all the family of God.

God's love for me is so very strong: perfect love from above.

And with this strength I am safe from harm;

take my hand and feel the wonder of love.

CHORUS

CONGREGATION JOINS THE CHOIR

One God, one world, we are all the family of God.

One God, one world, we are all the family of God.

CHOIR ONLY

We are all the family of God.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

AN INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY “Variations on Bread of the World” – arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Hymn text #499

*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.*

***STEWARDSHIP DOXOLOGY (Hymn #710)**

“We Are an Offering”

*We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
We lift our lives up to you: We are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives; they are yours: We are an offering.
All that we have; all that we are, all that we hope to be,
We give to you; we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
We are an offering; we are an offering.*

***PRAYER OF GENEROSITY (Unison)**

Holy God, as a community of faith we give back to you what we can. Please bless these gifts we have given so that this church may be a place of radical hospitality, vibrant worship, intentional faith formation, adventurous service and extravagant generosity. Thank you, Lord, for using us and our gifts to make this world a better place. Amen!

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come 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.**

THE GIFTS OF GOD FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

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

COMMUNION MUSIC “At This Table” by Idina Menzel & Jonas Myrin

*At this table, everyone is welcome. At this table, everyone is seen.
At this table, everybody matters; no one falls between.
At this table, you can say whatever. At this table, you can speak your mind.
At this table, everything's forgiven. There's enough for everyone.
So come as you are. Remember that the door is always open.
Yes, come as you are. The perfect gift that you can bring is your heart.
So come, come as you are.
At this table, there will be no judgment. At this table, mercy has a seat.
At this table, we're all sons and daughters. There's no place I'd rather be.
So come as you are. Remember that the door is always open.
Come as you are. The perfect gift that you can bring is your heart.
Come, come as you are.
At this table, everyone is welcome. At this table, everybody cares.
At this table, everybody matters. So come, pull up a chair.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

**O Lord our God, we rise from this table
knowing your love beyond our deserving.
On this World Communion Sunday,
thank you for giving us a seat at your table;
for serving us the bread of life;
and for offering us the cup of salvation.
[In humility and hope, we go now from this place
into the day you have made,
as your forgiven people,
blessed and renewed.
Generous God, as brothers and sisters in Christ,
empower us by your Holy Spirit to be your
loving, serving, growing and giving
disciples in the world. Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN #769 “For Everyone Born” (v. 1, 4, 5)**

***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 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 “Blessed Assurance” – arr. James Mansfield** Hymn text #839

ATTENTION ELDERS & DEACONS

Worship & Music is looking to create a contact list for those who want to help serve Communion. Please reach out to Denise Gerger at denisegerger@yahoo.com if you would like to be on the contact list. Thank you for helping out.

WELCOMING REVS ANNE & RICK

The Rev. Anne Schaefer is a native of Bloomfield Hills and received her undergraduate degree in Religious Studies from Albion College. She then went on to McCormick Theological Seminary for her Master of Divinity and was ordained in 1983 at Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills.

Anne began her ministry at White Lake Presbyterian, where she served as Pastor for 5 years. Since that time, she has served in several congregations in the Metro Detroit area as Interim Pastor, including 2 times at RGPC. Anne has also served the Presbytery of Detroit in a variety of ways including Moderator in 1990 and has chaired and served on numerous committees.

She has a great love for the PC(USA) and its rich reformed history. With all the challenges in our ever-changing world, the Church offers a place to find peace and solace and fellowship.

Anne retired in December 2023. She lives in Orchard Lake, Michigan and has two daughters, and one granddaughter.



Rev. Rick Peters is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He attended Kenyon College in Ohio, where he majored in pre-med biological sciences. After graduation, he spent a year as a mission assistant in the Interior of Brazil, then returned to the United States to attend Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

During his more than forty-five years in ministry, he served three different congregations in Pennsylvania and Michigan, including two decades as Senior Pastor here at the Rosedale Gardens, where he was awarded the status of Pastor Emeritus upon his retirement in 2009.

He is certified as both a Pastoral Counselor and Police Chaplain, and was the recipient of special a commendation from the Michigan State Police.

He has two daughters and four grandchildren and resides in nearby Wixom.

Sunday, October 18th

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...

- Oct. 5** **Manic Monday** (6pm, Pastor Kate's House), **Bible Study** (7pm, Library & Room 202)
- Oct. 10** **Stephen Minister Training** (9am, Library)
- Oct. 11** **Stewardship Sunday #2, Youth Sunday School** (10:30am, Youth Hall)
- Oct. 12** **Bible Study** (7pm, Library & Room 202)
- Oct. 16** **Chapel Friday** (12pm, Library)
- Oct. 18** **Stewardship Sunday #3, Confirmation Class** (10am, Youth Hall)
- Oct. 19** **Bible Study** (7pm, Library & Room 202)
- Oct. 21** **Session Meeting** (7pm, Youth Hall)
- Oct. 24** **Stephen Minister Training** (9am, Library)
- Oct. 25** **Stewardship Sunday #4, Reformation Sunday, Adult Mission Trip Meeting** (11:30am, Chapel)
- Oct. 26** **Bible Study** (7pm, Library & Room 202)
- Oct. 31** **Stephen Minister Training** (9am, Library)
- Oct. 25** **All Saints Sunday**
- Nov. 2** **Manic Monday** (6pm, Pastor Kate's House), **Bible Study** (7pm, Library & Room 202)
- Nov. 3** **All Saints Sunday** (1pm, Fellowship Hall)

SERVING TODAY

Sunday Secretary: Marilyn Bingham
Ushers: Jim Williamson & Marilyn Bingham
Welcome Desk: Lorraine Paffenroth
Online Greeter: Janette Poe
Worship Arts: Jim Davis & Jack Brake
Sound System: John Mazeppa
Huddle: Jenn Turko & Barb Mikulski
Coffee Hour: Membership Committee
Rosie Drivers: Roy Sequin & Ryan Mott

Pastor Kellie's **SABBATICAL**

Pastor Kellie is enjoying her well-earned sabbatical and looks forward to returning 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.



MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Megan Barker, Abby Bennett, Gene Bevak, Linda Blumel, Carol Briner, 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, Ann Maier, 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, Emma Weyer, 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
- Katie Dooley, neighbor of Marty & Veronica Blank
- Austin Hervey & Paul Rogers, friends of Judy Coleman
- Tawana Johnson, friend of the Whitlock family
- Julia & John, neighbors of Joe & Robin Roos
- Katie, family of Chuck & Rose Eickhoff, Sharon Fisher, Dakota Roos, Ron & Kelly Bruce, & Kayla Rougeau
- Jeff Lund, family of Joe & Robin Roos
- Beatrice Potter, friend of Pastor Kate Mackie
- Tony Ramirez, former member of RGPC
- Dominic Tuffo & Nate Bahu, friends of Joe & Robin Roos
- 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: John Shenkaruk

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 Brake, Nelson, (Jonathan & Dakota) Roos, & Stempien families.*

In light of the number of recent violent incidents in our city this past month, please be sure to keep Livonia, our first responders and all directly affected families in your prayers.

PRAYING FOR OUR CITY

RGPC FAMILIES!

RGPC KIDS

RGPC Kids, we can't wait to see you this Sunday! It's a new month and that means we will be starting a new theme. Our children will imagine just how much Jesus cares for us. Stories, games, crafts and play are planned to help discover what it means to be cared for by our "Good Shepherd." Also, this week, our Faithworks class will be introduced to the sacrament of communion. Through observation, lessons and participation our students will begin to form ideas and reflect on the meaning we receive communion in our worship service. Jesus welcomes everyone to the table. Let's help our students strengthen their understanding about what it means to be a follower of Jesus.



The month of October is dedicated to the recognition of pastors. It is Pastor Appreciation Month! This year we will celebrate our amazing pastors by showing them just how much they "COLOR" our world with the love of Jesus! Sometime this month, please stop by the Narthex and add a positive, thank you message or picture to our coloring table! You may also choose to show your appreciation for Pastors' Kellie and Kate in your own "colorful way" (a special card, message, gift card or other surprises). RGPC Kids, we will need your helping hands in Sunday school to help make this month extra special for our pastors too! Let's join together and show our pastors just how much they add COLOR to our lives.

RGPC FAMILIES!



SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday December 5th
9:30-12:00

A Christmas Morning Out! Pancakes and Pajamas!

Parents - do you need a few hours to wrap gifts, shop, or grab a quiet cup of coffee? We've got you covered! Roll your kiddos out of bed and bring them to church in their festive PJ's. We will take care

of breakfast, a fun step-by-step painting project and some exciting holiday games. Registration will be required for this special event! More details coming soon!



HAVE YOU JOINED OUR BETTER TOGETHER FACEBOOK GROUP?

Our private group offers a safe and inspiring place for parents and grandparents. We share positive parenting strategies, ideas, supportive messages and everything you need to know about our RGPC Children's and Family Ministries. We'd love for you to be a part of this happy community!

Scan the QR code to join!



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

STUDENTS!



FOR FALL!

SUNDAY SCHOOL!



October 11

November 8

December 6

10:30 a.m. in Youth Hall!

SUPER SUNDAYS!

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!*

YOUNG ADULTS

♦ Monthly Dinner Gatherings

October 5th ♦

November 2nd

December 6th

All dates at 6 p.m.
(or after work or classes)

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

MANIC MONDAYS

♦ For Adults 18 - 30 years old

Pastor Kate's House ♦

Mental Health Matters



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Twenty-five percent of women and seventeen percent of men will experience some form of DV in their lifetime. That is 1 in 4 women and 1 in 10 men. Five people, mostly women, lose their life to domestic violence each day.

Abuse can be in one or more of the following forms: physical, emotional, sexual, financial, technology-facilitated, sexual coercion, reproductive coercion, stalking, spiritual.

Domestic violence often occurs when the abuser believes that they are entitled to the action, or that it is acceptable, justified, or unlikely to be reported. Many people do not recognize themselves as abusers or victims, because they may consider their experiences as family conflicts that have gotten out of control. In abusive relationships, there may be a cycle of abuse during which tensions rise, and an act of violence is committed, followed by a period of reconciliation and calm.

Documenting the signs of abuse (in every form that it occurs) will help provide proof of your partner's behavior if you ever need it, for legal reasons or otherwise.

It is also important to develop a safety plan, which is a personalized, practical plan to improve your safety while experiencing abuse, preparing to leave an abusive situation, or after you leave.

Common signs of abusive behavior in a partner include:

- Telling you that you never do anything right.
- Showing extreme jealousy of your friends or time spent away from them.
- Preventing or discouraging you from spending time with others, particularly friends, family members, or peers.
- Insulting, demeaning, or shaming you, especially in front of other people.
- Preventing you from making your own decisions, including about working or attending school.
- Controlling finances in the household without discussion, such as taking your money or refusing to provide money for necessary expenses.
- Pressuring you to have sex or perform sexual acts you are not comfortable with.
- Pressuring you to use drugs or alcohol.
- Intimidating you through threatening looks or actions.
- Insulting your parenting skills or threatening to harm or take away your children or pets.
- Intimidating you with weapons like guns, knives, bats, or mace.
- Destroying your belongings or your home.

SAFETY ALERT: If you are in danger, please use a safe computer and consider calling 911. The National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 / TTY 1-800-787-3224 or the StrongHearts Native Helpline at 1-844-762-8483 (call or text) are available to assist you.



FIND

Your Mission

IGNITE

Your Passion

BUILD

Your Community

MISSION

OPPORTUNITY!

**FOOD-PACKING EVENT
FOR KIDS COALITION
AGAINST HUNGER!**



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
9 A.M. - NOON
ST. EDITH'S CHURCH,
LIVONIA**



PICTURES FROM LAST YEAR'S EVENT



SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER



**TINY
PINE
FOUNDATION**

Spring Mission Trip Info Meeting!

Please join us for an informational meeting
about our up-coming mission trip to work
with the Tiny Pine Foundation in California!

Tentative Trip Dates:
March 29 - April 3, 2027

Sunday, October 25 - Chapel
Immediately Following Worship



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

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!

LIVONIA KIWANIS FILL THE BOX 2026

Returnables Drive:

November 2 - 6th, Bennett Civic
Center Library Atrium

Non-Parishable Food Drive:

November 2 - 6th At Fifth-Third Bank,
33246 Plymouth Road, Livonia, Mi



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 \$130.

So far we have blessed 6 homes of wildfire survivors in California!

Donate today!



NOTES FROM A&F

Financial Snapshot as of August 31, 2026

This is a financial snapshot of how our operating budget is trending as of 8/31/26. Income seems to be tracking lower than expected right now. Expenses are also lower than anticipated 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 8/31/2026	\$ 392,867
Regular Income received through 8/31/2026	369,106
	\$ 23,761

Expenses:

Exp / Accruals expected through 8/31/2026	\$ 415,600
Exp / Accruals incurred through 8/31/2026	397,615
	\$ 17,985

Boiler Fund as of August 31, 2026

Boiler Project Receipts:

Receipts through 8/31/2026	\$ 457,036.26
Remaining Pledge—2026	24,545.36
Total Commitment	\$ 481,581.62

Boiler Project Costs:

Engineering	\$ 36,196.00
Contract Cost	446,769.09
Other Costs	9,545.00
Total Project Costs	\$ 492,510.09

<u>Amount still needed to fund project</u>	\$ 10,928.47
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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.

JOIN US AT OUR MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES!

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



Attention RGPC Fam!



Thank you for all of your contributions to funeral luncheons. Please be sure to grab your personal cookware & tupperware from the table in the Chapel Narthex!

Thank you to Don Hughes and the Hughes Family for building and donating our new faith-based lending library!



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.

WHY COOK? IT'S WEDNESDAY!

October 28th - 6 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

No need to stress about dinner in the middle of the week!
Join your RGPC Fam and let someone else do the cooking & cleaning for you!



Welcome to RGPC

JOIN OUR NEXT NEW MEMBER CLASS!

New Member Class:
Thursday, November 5th at 6 P.M.
in the Library

Session New Member Luncheon:
Sunday, November 15th at 11:45 A.M.
in Youth Hall

New Members Welcomed During Worship:
Sunday, November 22nd at 10:30 A.M.
in the Sanctuary



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



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.



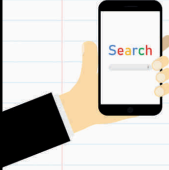
Please RSVP to Gretchen
Hocking (734-507-0716)
by Thursday, Nov. 18th!



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and share your thoughts! The more
reviews we have, the more likely
people are to find us and come
check us out! Scan this QR code to
take you to our "Google Review" page!

SCAN ME!



Chapel Friday

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

Friday, 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
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**Deacons Food
Ministry**

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IMMEDIATE NEED OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE
GROCERIES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED!



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

Keeping Up with Pastor Kellie!

Pastor Kellie stopped by the world-famous Sun Studio while vacationing in Memphis, Tennessee last week. This recording studio, originally called Memphis Recording Service, was opened by rock and roll pioneer Sam Phillips on January 3, 1950. Known as the birthplace of rock and roll, this studio has hosted legendary artists such as Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, B.B. King, U2, Def Leppard, John Mellencamp, and many more!



JOIN US IN HONORING OUR FIRST RESPONDER OF THE MONTH

*We are recognizing John Shenkaruk
Senior Officer, LPD*

On June 6, 2025, Livonia Police Dispatch aired over the radio that they needed units to respond to 15088 Middlebelt Road. A business owner called 911 and reported that a male came into his business, jumped the counter, was acting suspicious and brandished a weapon before fleeing the scene. Moments later, Senior Officer John Shenkaruk arrived on scene and advised over the radio that he had encountered the male who racked the slide of a handgun and pointed the weapon directly at him.

While also serving in the capacity of a Field Training Officer, Officer Shenkaruk was confronted with an unpredictable and rapidly evolving threat that placed his life, as well as the lives of civilians in and around the business, in immediate danger. Despite the intensity and high-stress nature of the encounter, Officer Shenkaruk demonstrated exceptional composure, sound judgment, and clarity of thought. He quickly assessed the threat and utilized deadly force only when necessary to protect his own life and the lives of those around him.

His actions on that day directly protected the lives of innocent bystanders, his trainee, and fellow responding officers whose safety remained a priority throughout the incident. Once the threat was neutralized, Officer Shenkaruk immediately transitioned from protecting life to preserving it, providing lifesaving aid to the injured suspect until additional medical personnel arrived.

Officer Shenkaruk exemplified the highest standards of law enforcement, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the protection of life and respect for human dignity, all while serving as a mentor to a fellow officer in training. His exceptional courage, professionalism, and compassion throughout this critical incident reflect great credit upon himself, the badge he wears, and the entire department. For his heroic actions on that day, Officer Shenkaruk was awarded the honor of 2026 Police Officer of the Year.

We at Rosedale would like to recognize and honor Officer Shenkaruk's contribution to the safety and security of the Livonia community. We thank him for his dedicated and honorable service. Well done, good and faithful servant.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 10/4 STEWARDSHIP #1 / COMMUNION

9:30 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
 10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary
 10:30 Sunday School – Rooms 200, 201, & 304
 10:30 Youth Super Sunday – Youth Hall
 12:00 P.M. Chime Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
 6:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, 10/5

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

TUESDAY, 10/6

8:00 A.M. AA – Youth Hall
 6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness with Dave – FB Live
 6:30 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall & Scout Room
 6:30 ORGHA Meeting – Room 202
 7:00 Take 5 – Chapel
 7:00 CE Meeting – Library
 7:00 Deacons Meeting – Youth Hall
 8:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall & Scout Room

WEDNESDAY, 10/7

10:00 A.M. Prayer Group – Library
 2:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness with Dave – Scout Room
 6:30 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall & Choir Room
 7:00 Faith & Fitness with Dave – Scout Room
 7:00 Take 5 – Chapel
 7:00 C&S Meeting – Room 202
 7:00 House Meeting – Library
 7:00 W&M Meeting – Youth Hall
 8:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall & Choir Room

THURSDAY, 10/8

8:00 A.M. AA – Youth Hall
 6:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
 6:30 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
 7:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
 8:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, 10/9

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

SATURDAY, 10/10

9:00 A.M. Stephen Minister Training – Library
 10:00 LCT Tech Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, 10/11 STEWARDSHIP #2

9:30 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
 10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary
 10:30 Sunday School – Rooms 200, 201, & 304
 10:30 Youth Sunday School – Youth Hall
 12:00 P.M. Chime Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
 12:00 Stephen Ministry Super. Meeting – Library
 12:00 LCT Tech Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, 10/12

6:00 P.M. LCT Tech Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
 7:00 Bible Study – Library & Room 202

CHAPEL FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Friday, October 16th 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 **Mr. & Mrs. James Casey**, 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!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Addison King
- 2 Carol Aspery, Marilyn Bingham, Marnie Squire
- 4 Connor Killingbeck
- 5 Justin Bennett, Nick Futrell
- 7 Lena Parnell
- 8 Cheryl Mandeville, Pat Ostlund, Matt Parnell
- 10 Jacob Hirtzel, Mark Lessig, Michele Sears
- 11 Laura Elam-Wobig, Chloe St. John, **Sue Trisch**
- 12 Peggy Calhoun
- 13 Heather Hammerstrom
- 16 Annette Kubeshesky
- 17 Jennifer Dye
- 18 Catherine Barker, Phil Johnson, Jack Kooienga, Kenneth Patterson
- 19 Olivia Harrison, Kori Hiveley, Vicki Szaal
- 20 Maddie Belcher, Ford Emerick
- 22 Jennifer O'Connor, Blake Yoder
- 24 Kevin Culler
- 25 Aidan Elliott, David Fitch, Matt Strzalkowski
- 27 Karen Laycock
- 28 Betsy Hughes
- 29 Denise Gerger, Shirley Lande
- 30 Rebecca Folsom, **Beverly Johnston**

* **BOLDED** text indicates 90+ birthdays

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

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WITH DAVE"

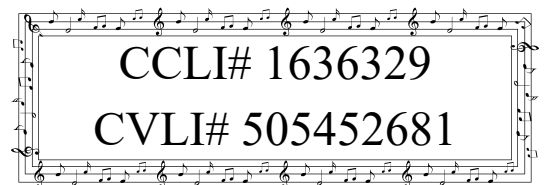
"BETTER TOGETHER"

"PRAYERS FOR POSSIBLE"

"MILITARY, FIRST RESPONDERS
AND FAMILIES"

"SELF CARE, SELF LOVE"

"GET ROOTED WITH RGPC"



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INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT:

At Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, we strive to be a Christ-like, faithful and inclusive church family. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, age, gender, race, ethnicity or sexual orientation. We commit ourselves to following Jesus by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.