

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

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**DECEMBER 21, 2025**



*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)**

**CHAPEL CHURCH (Ages 3 - Grade 5) – Chapel & Room 200 (Main Level)**  
*(Children can be picked up after worship from Room 200)*

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME**

Today is the last Sunday of Advent.

**Jesus is coming!**

Today we will light the candle of love.

**Jesus is coming!**

Today we continue to prepare our hearts in worship

**Because Jesus is coming!**

**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 sit in the chancel to see the baptism.)*

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Amelia Grace Hirtzel*

Daughter of Jacob and Kayleen Hirtzel

**\*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.**

**\*BAPTISMAL RESPONSE (Hymn #188) “Jesus Loves Me!”**

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**PRELUDE “For Unto Us a Child Is Born” by G. F. Handel, arr. Carol Tornquist**

*For unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given; unto us a son is given.  
For unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given; unto us a son is given.*

*And His name shall be called*

*Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.*

**LIGHT ONE CANDLE**

*Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope.  
He brings hope to ev’ry heart, he comes. He comes!*

*Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace.  
He brings peace to ev’ry heart, he comes. He comes!*

*Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy.  
Ev’ry nation will find salvation in Bethl’em’s baby boy.*

*Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love.  
He brings love to ev’ry heart, he comes. He comes!  
He brings love to ev’ry heart, he comes. He comes!*

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*Stephen Ministers*

Last Sunday we lit the Candle of Joy.

**We light it again, along with the Candles of Hope and Peace,  
as we remember that Christ will come again  
and bring us everlasting peace and joy...**

The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of Love.

Its light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us.

**Jesus shows us God’s perfect love.**

**He is God’s love in human form.**

The scriptures tell us that

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that whoever believes in him should not perish,  
but have eternal life."

**We light this candle today to remind us  
that God’s perfect love is found in Jesus.**

Let us pray...

**\*HYMN #104 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”**

**\*THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Liturgist: Lois Keefer*

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**God of love, all year long we pursue power and money, yet you came in weakness, as a child. All season long we want more stuff, more for us, but you alone offer what is lasting. Through the work of our Lord Jesus, who comes among us full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, correct us. Then open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the angels. Forgive our doubt and renew our hopes in Christ alone, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. In His name we ask. Amen.**

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

At the beginning, at the end, and in every time between, the good news speaks to us of God's tender mercy and love for us. God comes!

**Not to punish, but to gift us with peace,**

**not to judge, but to save us.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*CONFESSION RESPONSE (Hymn #137) “He Came Down”**

*He came down that we may have love.*

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*He came down that we may have love,*

*Hallelujah forevermore.*

**SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:1-6**

**ANTHEM**

**“We Adore” by Sarah Hart & Scott Kripayne**

**Sung by the Chancel Choir Women**

*We adore these tiny hands come down to reach us,  
come to make the lame to walk, the blind to see.*

*We adore these hands for one day they will free us  
as they hold the sin-forged nails of Calvary.*

*We adore these little feet that have not walked yet,  
for one day they'll lead the nations into love.*

*They will break beneath the weight of all our burdens,  
bleeding on the tear-stained road to Golgotha.*

*We adore Him: Baby, Savior, King; heaven's pure and perfect offering.  
Sweet salvation, mercy, Lamb and Lord: we adore, we adore.*

*We adore these lips that cry for earthly slaking;  
they will breathe the words of everlasting life.*

*Though in agony will only speak forgiveness; in their thirst for love,  
will drink our bitter wine.  
A He chose this world, a mother, and a manger,  
to be born amidst our cruelty and strife;  
So will He choose peace and mercy over anger; so will He die to bring us into life.  
We adore Him: Baby, Savior, King; heaven's pure and perfect offering.  
Sweet salvation, mercy, Lamb and Lord; we adore, we adore.  
Oh we adore, we adore.*

**SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 2:7-12**

**MEDITATION**      **“This Child Changes Everything”**      *Pastor Kate Mackie*

**SONGS OF THE SAVIOR: WHAT CHILD IS THIS?** *by The Skit Guys*

**\*HYMN #145 “What Child is This” (v. 1 & 3)**

**OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS**

**AN INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

**OFFERTORY**      **“O, Holy Night”** - *arr. Jim Brickman*  
*O holy night, the stars are brightly shining.  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices;  
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.  
Fall on your knees; O hear the angels voices.  
O night divine; O night, when Christ was born.  
O night divine, O night, O night divine.*

*During the playing of our Offertory, 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 #113) “Angels We Have Heard on High” (Chorus)**  
***Glo-ria in excelsis Deo!***  
***Glo-ria in excelsis Deo!***  
***(Translation: “Glory to God in the highest”)***

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #150 “As with Gladness Men of Old”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*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 “Yea, Lord, We Greet Thee” - arr. Alison Willis**

*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning.*

*Jesus to thee be all glory given.*

*Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.*

*O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.*

*O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*



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

We are delighted to offer a warm Rosedale  
welcome to:

**Quinn Mariann Burns**  
**Born on December 10<sup>th</sup>**

Proud parents Tyler and Kelsey Burns,  
big sister Lainey,  
and grandparents Paige and Steve Futrell  
are so excited to welcome her to the family!



## **HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR 2026 PLEDGE YET?**

If you need another form, more are available on the  
counter in the office, or, for your convenience, you can  
complete your pledge online by scanning the QR code.  
Thank you RGPC Family!





# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES



The theme of our 4 PM Christmas Eve service is JOY, so be sure to dress joyfully—whatever that means to you!



Christmas Eve  
Communion & Candlelight  
Worship Service  
10 p.m.



# 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

### DECEMBER — JANUARY

Dec. 24	Church Office Closing Early (12pm) Family Christmas Eve Service (4pm) Communion & Candlelight Christmas Eve Service (10pm)
Dec. 25/26	Christmas Holiday—Church Office is CLOSED
Dec. 28	Pajama Sunday Family Worship
Dec. 31	Church Office Closing Early (12pm)
Jan. 1/2	New Year's Holiday—Church Office is CLOSED
Jan. 4	Epiphany/Star Sunday Sunday's Edge Prayer Service (3pm, Chapel)
Jan. 16	Chapel Friday (12pm, Library)
Jan. 18	Communion
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Church Office is CLOSED
Jan. 21	Session Meeting (7pm, Youth Hall)
Jan. 31	Men's Club Chili Challenge (6pm, Fellowship Hall)

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

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



## SERVING TODAY

**Sunday Secretary:** Joan Johnson  
**Ushers:** Denise Gerger & Jan Myers  
**Welcome Desk:** Bev Hertenstein  
**Online Greeter:** Janette Poe  
**Worship Arts:** Jonathan Roos & Austin Narvaez  
**Sound System:** Brad Bevak  
**Huddle:** Ann Maier & Kelly Bruce  
**Coffee Hour:** Church & Society Committee  
**Rosie Drivers:** Rick Porteous & David Gerger



**MEMBERS WHO ARE GRIEVING:** Barbara Birmingham on the passing of her sister, Sue Daniel.



**MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Dyche Anderson, Megan Barker, Abby Bennett, Linda Blumel, Laurie Carse, Susan Cohl, Judy Coleman, Lois Cummings, Larry Dye, Katherine Dyer, Rose Eickhoff, Mary Ann Falardeau, Debbie Fawkes, Maggie Fleming, Dave Garcia, Jerry Gibbons, Anne Hartsell, Deirdre Hope, Joyce Jewell, Beverly Johnston, Mary Kennedy, Shirley Lande, Cherie Lessig, Charlene Mazeppa, Margot McCormack, Donald McLean, Sadikifu Motiryo, Stafford Nelson, Karen Perry, Jan Prentice, Susan Rinke, Jenny Root, William Sather, Julie Seiter, Ken Stempien, Mason Taylor, Diane Trupiano, Ella Warrick, Macaylah Whitlock, Vicki Wonnacott, Barb 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.)*

- Barb, sister of Valerie Culler
- Marie Barie, sister of Michelle Barie
- Krissy, Gino, & Sloane Bau, friends of Dakota Roos
- Jack Baucus, family of the Walrad/Kennedy family
- Michael Bingham, husband of Marilyn Bingham
- Cari Czako, sister-in-law of Veronia & Martin Blank
- Harper, Shannon & Chris Diacono, friends of Beth Carlson
- Katie Dooley, neighbor & friend of Marty Blank
- Norm Dugner, friend of Elaine Davis
- Kerrie Eby, friend of Lisa Adams
- Nicholas Field, grandson of Marlene McGee
- Martha G., family of Lois Keefer
- Steve Hausknecht & family, friends of Sarajane Turney
- Julie Holguin, friend of Marty Blank
- Jean Jones, sister of Janette Poe
- Allison K. & Linda W., friends of Mary Kennedy
- Kerry Kaplan—friend of the RGPC Disaster Assistance Team
- Kayla, family of Jim & Elaine Davis
- Ruth Ledford, aunt of Tracey Conrad
- Joyce MacLennan, friend of Bill & Judy Tomey
- Marcie, daughter of Maggie Fleming
- Kevin & Lance McGee, sons of Marlene McGee
- Pastor Jeff Noble of Four Winds Church, friend of Dakota Roos
- Pat Raymo, friend of Robin Roos
- Lance Riendl, grandson of Marlene McGee
- Vicki Robinson, sister of Judy Coleman
- Tracy Rutter, friend of Robin Roos
- Ryan, Joanna, Evelyn, Beth, Bev, Fred, Carolyn, Stephanie, & Zaven—friends & family of Shirley Lande
- Justin S., family of Mary Kennedy
- The Shaffer family, friends of the Roos family
- Ron Stempien, brother of Ken Stempien
- RuthAnn, sister-in-law of Sarajane Turney
- George Turney, husband of Sarajane Turney
- Mike Walter, friend of Kathy Bell
- Pamela White, friend of Catherine Barker
- 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: Ronald Hiveley

**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 Ciotta, Davis, Maier, & Yamazaki families.*

## RGPC FAMILIES!

### RGPC KIDS

Today is Chapel Church for Kids. Come and celebrate the last Sunday of Advent with us! We will light the 4<sup>th</sup> candle, the candle of LOVE, and celebrate the Good News about God's greatest gift - Jesus!! Don't miss this morning full of lessons, music, and games. We'll also practice for our Family Christmas Eve service. We will go over speaking parts, songs, and important details about this special worship opportunity. We can't wait to see you at church!!

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## Welcome Chloe St. John To the Staff Family!



Chloe is so excited to join our nursery staff! She is a junior at Churchill High School where she is part of the CAPA Dance program. She also attends Dance Innovations School of Dance in Livonia, where she works as an assistant dance teacher for the preschool classes. Along with her passion for the arts, she truly loves working with kids. She has three years of experience caring for infants and young children, as well as several years before that working as a Mother's Helper. These experiences have taught her patience, responsibility, and just how rewarding it is to support children as they learn and grow. Your children will be in great hands with Chloe. She looks forward to creating a safe, fun, and caring environment for them.

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The Christian Education Committee would love to help you prepare your heart for Christmas. Choose an Advent devotional to read throughout this special season. Devotionals are free and located in the Narthex.

# RGPC FAMILIES!



LET JESUS  
WARM YOUR  
HEART IN  
2026

STAR SUNDAY - JANUARY 4, 2026

RGPC KIDS, JOIN US FOR A HEART-WARMING MORNING AND DISCOVER  
HOW YOUR NEW STAR WORD WILL HELP LEAD YOU TO JESUS!



## Sunday School Registration

A friendly reminder to register your child(ren) for the 2025-2026 Sunday school year.

You can grab a registration form from the table in the Narthex or scan the QR code to register!

FAITHWORKS



Scan me



## **ATTENTION: ALL CHILDREN & YOUTH TEACHERS & LEADERS!**

**A new background check is needed for all volunteers working with our children and youth.**

Please check your email for an invitation from "Universal Background" to complete this process.

An email was sent with detailed information on how to complete the screening. If you have any questions, please contact

Lisa Adams or Adam Hughes.





# RGPC Youth Ministry

FOR STUDENTS 6<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

## Sunday School

JANUARY 4  
FEBRUARY 1  
MARCH 8  
APRIL 19  
MAY 3



HIS CALL. YOUR VOICE. THEIR INVITATION.

Class meets @ 10:30  
in Youth Hall  
Led by Brad Avis &  
Pam Gunderson

## SuperSunday

JANUARY 25  
FEBRUARY 15  
MARCH 22  
APRIL 26

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
SuperSundays begin in  
the Balcony for worship  
and include lunch, games  
service project and Bible Study!



## DECEMBER IS S.A.D. MONTH

### SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER IS MORE THAN JUST THE WINTER BLUES



Do you have any of these mild symptoms  
that have lasted less than 2 weeks?

- Feeling down
- Having trouble sleeping
- Having less energy than usual

These activities can make you feel better:

- Doing something you enjoy
- Going outside in the sun
- Spending time with family & friends
- Eating healthy foods & avoiding sugar

If these activities do not help or your  
symptoms are getting worse, talk to your  
doctor.

Do you have more severe symptoms  
that have lasted more than 2 weeks?

- Social withdrawal
- Oversleeping
- Gaining weight
- Craving sugary foods

Seek professional help:

- Light therapy
- Psychotherapy (talk therapy)
- Medications
- Vitamin D supplements

FOR HELP FINDING  
TREATMENT, SCAN THE QR  
CODE BELOW. IF YOU OR  
SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS IN  
IMMEDIATE DISTRESS,  
CALL OR TEXT THE SUICIDE  
LIFELINE AT 988.



## DOES YOUR COMPANY MATCH?

Many companies will match your charitable  
giving. If your place of business does, please  
consider making an application on behalf  
of Rosedale!





## CAROLS & HYMNS

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH



Sandy Main is taking requests for your favorite Christmas Carols or Hymns to be sung during worship on December 28<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your suggestions NO LATER THAN December 26th!

Email Sandy at [sandramain21@gmail.com](mailto:sandramain21@gmail.com)

# PAJAMAS

*& pop-tarts*

## FAMILY WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO WEAR THEIR FAVORITE PAIR OF WORSHIP-FRIENDLY PAJAMAS & SLIPPERS!





# UPCOMING IN 2026



## STAR Sunday

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>

HOW WILL YOUR STAR BRING YOU  
CLOSER TO JESUS THIS YEAR?



SUNDAY  
JANUARY 4, 2026

3 P.M.  
IN THE CHAPEL

If you're entering this new year carrying pain, uncertain, or struggles that feel too heavy to handle alone, we invite you to this healing prayer service.

*Come and be prayed with -  
for healing, strength, peace & hope.*



## 2026 PDA ADULT MISSION TRIP!



RGPC Will be hosting an adult mission trip to California to continue working with the Tiny Pine Foundation!

April 19-25, 2026

Final commitment meeting will be held on Sunday, January 11 in the Chapel.

For more information, contact Pastor Kate!



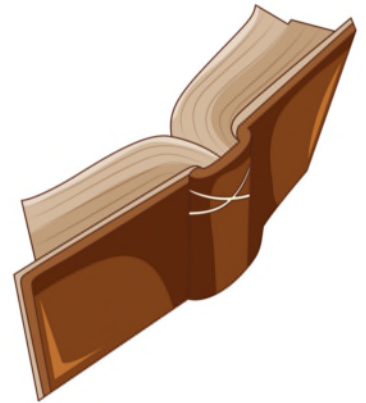
# UPCOMING IN 2026

## Winter Bible Study The Gospel of John

7 p.m. Mondays, beginning January 26<sup>th</sup>

In-person & Zoom options available!

Classes meet in the Library or Youth Hall



## MEN'S CLUB CHILI COOK-OFF

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
**6PM - FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**THE SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD.**  
**COME & VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE!**



SCAN ME



Welcome  
to Church

Join our next New Member Class!

New Member Class: Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:45 A.M. in the Library

Session New Member Luncheon: Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 A.M. in Youth Hall

New Members Welcomed During Worship: Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary

Sign up in the church office or with the QR code!









**Like Rosedale?**

Then please go to "Google Reviews" 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**

We will now hold Chapel Friday on the 3rd Friday of each month.

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!

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

**THANKFUL FOR WHAT?**



CHECK OUT OUR LATEST EPISODE! LISTEN HERE!




**YOGA CLASSES AT RGPC**



*Wednesday Evenings*  
5:30-6:30 - Room 109 (the Scout Room)

OUR FOCUS WILL BE ON CHAIR YOGA, BUT YOU MAY BRING BLOCKS AND MATS IF DESIRED. SESSIONS ARE DESIGNED FOR ALL ABILITIES

**JOIN 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 Ronald Hiveley,  
Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force & Air National Guard  
Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan & Vietnam

Ronald H. Hiveley was born April 7, 1947 in Wayne, Michigan as the oldest child of Doris and Herbert Hiveley. After graduating from Franklin High School in Livonia, he attended Schoolcraft College, married Linda (Crittenden) here at RGPC, and attended the University of Michigan. This is where Ron's adventure in the Air Force began. While attending U of M, Ron received his draft number, which was low enough that he would surely be drafted into the army - this was not part of his dream. He visited the friendly Air Force recruiter who advised him that he could be a Pilot if he had a degree. He transferred to Eastern Michigan University and graduated with a Bachelors of Science Degree with a major in Physics and minor in Math. Soon after graduating, he was sworn into the Air Force.

In the summer of 1971, Ron joined the Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. After 90 days, he became a Second Lieutenant. During his time at Lackland, his daughter, Rebecca, was born. After graduating with his fighter pilot designation, Ron was transferred to Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Oklahoma. Six months into pilot training, the Air Force offered "Palace Chase." This program offered pilots the ability to transfer from the Air Force to the Air National Guard (ANG). After talking with the Michigan ANG, Ron learned that he met the requirements and decided to transfer. Upon transferring to the ANG, his mission of flying an F-106 was to protect our homeland against bombers. The armament of this plane included one rocket with a nuclear warhead in addition to four guided missiles while flying at twice the speed of sound and as high as 60,000 feet.

While awaiting orders to go to Tyndall, Ron spent a little over six months flying the T-33 while accumulating over 200 flight hours and assisting around the squadron. Ron was given, and willingly accepted, the responsibility of scheduling all the Air Defense Command "Faker" missions for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Air Division, as well as flying a number of missions himself.

Ron was then sent to Tyndall Air Force Base to check out in the F-106. A little over halfway through F-106 training, he had a hard landing and his instructor pilot suggested that he have his eyes checked for depth perception issues. The following morning, Ron went to have his eyes checked and they checked out perfectly for depth perception. However, this test was done by an airman, not a doctor. The next time Ron flew with the instructor pilot, he had another hard landing and was sent home. As a result, he was separated from the Guard and put into the Air Force Reserve.

Five years after being separated from the Guard, Ron had his eyes checked and the doctor advised him that he had astigmatism since birth, which became apparent when his eyes were tired. Ron explained to the doctor the distance changes that he was required to make as an F-106 pilot – one focus being looking out the window at infinity, the next focus being the instrument panel, which was about two feet away, and the final focus being just inches from a map from NORAD that sends the position and speed of any invading bombers. The doctor said that Ron would lose his depth perception by the end of a two hour training flight as a result of rapid focus change.

Ron continued flying airplanes with corrective lenses. He was a certified Instructor Pilot, as well as a Pilot for Mesaba Airlines, a commuter for Northwest Airlines, where he also helped with On Demand Charter Piloting.

We at Rosedale Gardens would like to recognize and honor Ronald Hiveley's contribution to the safety and security of this great nation. We thank him for his dedicated and honorable service. Well done, good and faithful servant.



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, 12/21 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT / BAPTISM

9:30 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary  
10:30 Sunday School – Chapel & Room 200  
11:30 Hirtzel Baptism Luncheon – Fellowship Hall

### MONDAY, 12/22

*No Church Activities Scheduled*

### TUESDAY, 12/23

8:00 A.M. AA – Youth Hall  
7:00 P.M. Boy Scouts #270 – Scout Room

### WEDNESDAY, 12/24 - OFFICE CLOSURES AT NOON

10:00 A.M. Prayer Group – Library  
10:00 Priscilla Circle – Library  
4:00 P.M. Family Worship Service – Sanctuary  
5:30 Yoga Class – Scout Room  
8:30 Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary  
10:00 Candlelight Worship Service – Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, 12/25 - OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 A.M. AA – Youth Hall

### FRIDAY, 12/26 - OFFICE CLOSED

*No Church Activities Scheduled*

### SATURDAY, 12/27

*No Church Activities Scheduled*

### SUNDAY, 12/28

10:30 A.M. Worship Service – Sanctuary  
10:30 Sunday School – Room 200 & Room 304

### MONDAY, 12/29

*No Church Activities Scheduled*



## CHAPEL FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> we will hold Chapel Friday in the LIBRARY from 12-1:00 p.m. Join us for a service of prayer, scripture, communion, and reflection. All are welcome!



## CELEBRATING A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

*Please let the office know! We would like to acknowledge those who have been married 50 years or longer.*



## ARE YOU CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH?

Please prayerfully consider supporting our Endowment Fund by giving one dollar for each year of your age as a celebration of your life and “giving back” for the blessing of life. This week, we would like to acknowledge **Margot McCormack**, 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!



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 21 **Roy Birmingham**, Patricia Martin,  
Tyler Turko
- 23 Ginna Williams
- 24 Valerie Culler, **William McIntyre**
- 25 Carol Johnson
- 26 Ian Kennedy, Joe Kosinski, Thomas  
Prentice
- 27 Dyche Anderson, Logan Sowerby
- 29 Cathy Karlson, James O'Connor
- 30 Jim Redick
- 31 Jan Afonso, Sandra Cruickshank, Nicole  
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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Beverly Hertenstein, Frederick Vale
- 3 Valerie Rzepka
- 5 Lacey Miller, Matthew Ward
- 6 Marc Whitlock
- 8 Ryleigh Belsky, Diane Trupiano
- 9 Kathy Benton, Lily O'Connor
- 10 Jamie Burkitt
- 11 Ella Main
- 13 Abigail Bennett, Rick Hannah
- 14 Debbie Coxon
- 15 Samantha Hughes, Amanda Laycock
- 17 Dina Michell
- 18 Charlotte Rosati, Layla Stage
- 20 Terry Deming
- 22 Sam Beney
- 23 Jeff King, **Doris Sands**
- 24 Marilyn Jackson
- 28 Dakota Roos
- 29 Karen Hannah, Breanna Kooienga
- 30 Kasey Cleland, Sydney Cleland, Art  
Cole, Judy Johnston, Elizabeth Narvaez,  
Robin Roos, Ella Warrick

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