

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

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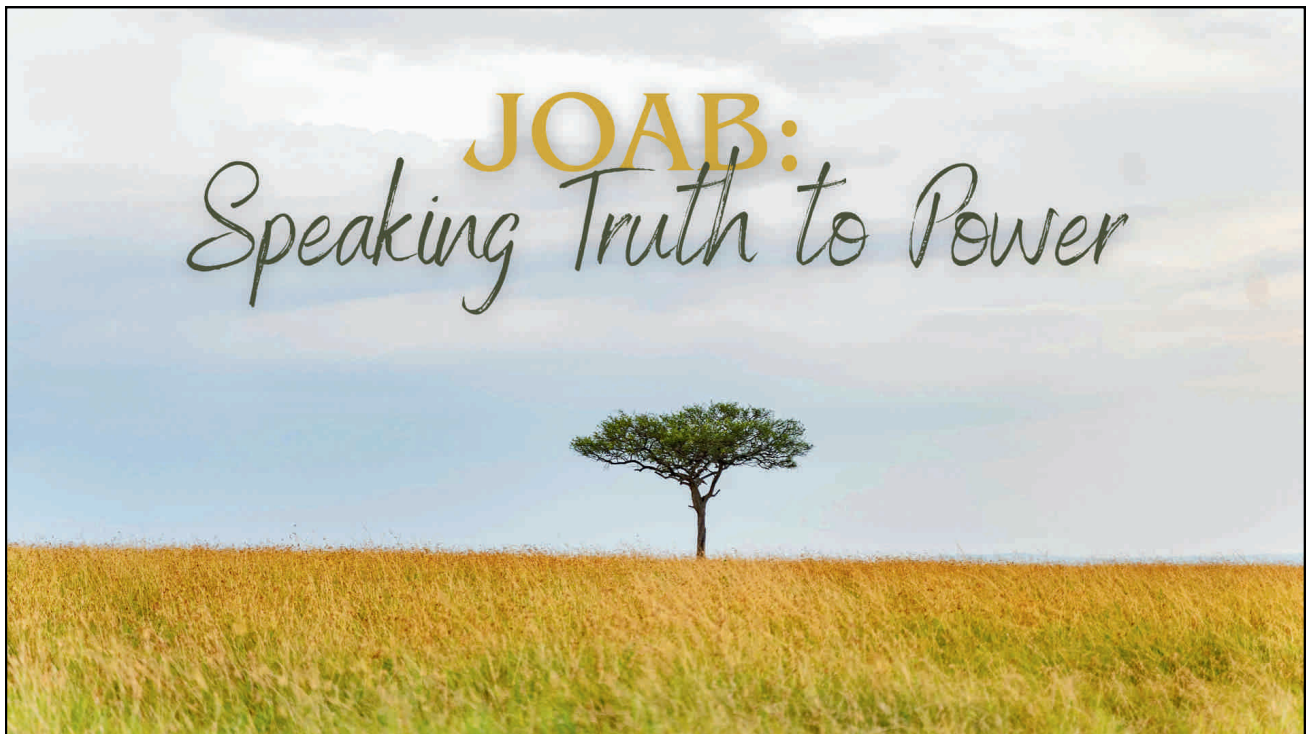
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By the loving grace of Jesus Christ working in us, we are a people who practice welcoming relationships and caring service to the glory of God.

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

Today is a day of worship!

Here we are, Lord!

Today is a day of praise!

Here we are, Lord!

Today is a day of thanksgiving!

Here we are, Lord!

And tomorrow is a day of service!

Here we are, Lord!

GOD'S STORY: JESUS WAS LIKE US 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRELUDE **“How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place”** *by J. Brahms & L. Smith*
Pianist: Tracey Conrad

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Pam Gunderson

Come into this sacred space to worship God

whose teaching is perfect;

whose directions are sure.

Come into this holy place to worship God

whose standards are right;

whose commandment is clear;

whose judgements are true.

Come with holy fear –

to be given life, and made wise,

to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide.

Come — let us worship God!

***HYMN #2 “Come, Thou Almighty King”**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Sovereign God, You call us to walk in truth, justice, and accountability, yet we confess how often we shrink back. We confess that we often fear speaking truth to power. We stay quiet in the face of injustice because it is safer, easier, or more comfortable. We allow leaders to walk unchecked, and we remain silent when truth needs to be declared.

We also confess the times when we are the ones in power—when we resist hearing hard truths. Forgive us for brushing aside accountability, for rejecting honest counsel, and for valuing our own status over the well-being of others. Grant us the courage of Joab to speak up when silence becomes complicity, and grant us the humility of David to listen, repent, and change when truth is brought to light. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news: God does not abandon us in our failures or our silence.

When we turn back to God with honest hearts, He forgives us, restores us, and grants us the courage to walk as agents of truth and grace.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and set free. Amen.

***PRAYER RESPONSE (Hymn #839) “Blessed Assurance”**

*Blessed assurance – Jesus is mine. O, what a foretaste of glory divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song – praising my Savior all the day long!
This is my story, this is my song – praising my Savior all the day long!*

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 3

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 19:1-8

SERMON

**“Encounter the People in the Bible We Almost Missed -
Joab: Speaking Truth to Power”**
Pastor Kate Mackie

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

AN INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY “Nocturne in E Minor” by Frederic Chopin
Pianist: Tracey Conrad

*During the Invitation to Generosity, if you wish to make an offering to the church,
you may give electronically by texting "rgpc" to 833-245-5153 or using the QR Code
on the back page of the bulletin, or by placing your offering in the black Offering Box
located in the Narthex or outside the Chapel.*

***DOXOLOGY (Hymn #606)**

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

***PRAYER OF 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!**

***SENDING HYMN #63 “The Lord is God”**

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING RESPONSE #192 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father’s glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send for your word, Lord, and let there be light.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*The congregation is now invited to share
signs of Christ’s peace as worship concludes.*

***POSTLUDE “Be Thou My Vision” by James Michael Stevens**

Pianist: Tracey Conrad



RGPC
Giving
Garden



LAST SUNDAY, THE YOUTH GROUP HARVESTED OVER 17 POUNDS OF CUCUMBERS, GREEN BEANS, ONIONS, PEPPERS, POTATOES, & TOMATOES FROM THE GARDEN. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRODUCE HARVESTED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS **75.18 POUNDS**, ALL OF WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO LOCAL FAMILIES VIA THE RGPC FOOD PANTRY! THE GARDEN IS BEGINNING TO WIND DOWN FOR THE YEAR, BUT WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE ANOTHER HARVEST OR TWO BEFORE THEN!

SERVING AND GROWING TOGETHER

WELCOME – PLEASE FEEL AT HOME HERE! We're glad you've chosen to set aside this hour to praise God in worship, and are delighted to have you at **Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church!** It is our hope that you will be uplifted spiritually by our worship and that you will join us often. Please stop by the Welcome Center located in the foyer to receive a Welcome Gift. Ushers and greeters are available for information, large print bulletins or assistance. If you need a hearing assistance device, please go to the Welcome Center. If you are a member of another congregation, please offer our greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ when you return. If you are not currently part of another church congregation, we hope you will consider making **Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church** your church home, simply speak with our pastoral staff.

UPCOMING DATES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

The Next 30 Days...

- Sep. 28 Bible Study** (7pm, Library & Room 202)
- Oct. 3 Stephen Minister Training** (9am, Library), **Music Bingo Night** (6pm, Fellowship Hall)
- Oct. 4 Stewardship Sunday #1, World Communion Sunday, Communion, Youth Super Sunday** (10:30am, Youth Hall)
- 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)

SERVING TODAY

Sunday Secretary: Lois Keefer
Ushers: Bill Fife & Jenn Turko
Welcome Desk: Bev Hertenstein
Online Greeter: Janette Poe
Worship Arts: Sean Olson & Jack Brake
Sound System: John Mazeppa
Huddle: Jack Smith & Dave Wonnacott
Coffee Hour: House Committee
Rosie Drivers: Brad Beney & Dennis Witte



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
- Patricia Dennis, friend of Martha Andridge
- Katrina & Russell Finkelstein, friends of Beth Carlson
- Angela Grabowski, friend of Alyson Donker
- John Hopkins, friend of Sandy Main-Niemisto
- Bob Kerre, uncle of Ann Maier & Michelle Ward
- Laura Kerre, cousin of Ann Maier & Michelle Ward
- Becky Lawwill, friend of Rev. Anne Schaefer
- Beatrice Potter, friend of Pastor Kate Mackie
- Tony Ramirez, former member of RGPC
- Dominic Tuffo & Nate Bahu, friends of Joe & Robin Roos
- Julia & John, neighbors of Joe & Robin Roos
- Melinda, friend of Sandy Main-Niemisto
- Rev. Chung, PC(USA) missionary to the people of Tajikistan
- Those Serving/Who Have Served Our Country in the Military and as First Responders
- Rosedale Military/First Responder/Serviceperson of the Month: James A. Mathias

EACH WEEK WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

church member families, thanking God for them, and asking God to bless and guide them. We invite you to keep in your prayers: *the Fleming, Mikulski, Stefanson, & Whitlock families.*



RGPC FAMILIES!

RGPC KIDS

Our next friendship class will meet this Sunday in Room 200. Join your church friends and learn all about how Jesus provides the best example of what being a good friend looks like. Through a fun game and a cool object lesson we'll discover the true meaning of lasting friendships! We can't wait to see you. 😊



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!



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

EASTER ISLAND!

World traveler Jack Smith took us along with him on his latest adventure to Rapa Nui, otherwise known as Easter Island (*left*). This beautiful island is a speck in the South Pacific Ocean located about 2,300 miles off the coast of Chile. Polynesians settled the island around 800 AD, and Europeans discovered it on Easter Sunday in 1722. Easter Island is famous for their enormous stone statues called Moai, of which they have almost 1,000. These monoliths, which represent the ancient Polynesians' ancestors, all face away from the ocean and towards the villages as if to watch over the people of the island, with the exception of the seven statues known as the Ahu Akivi, which face out to sea to help travelers find the island. Jack is pictured taking in the Ahu Akivi (*right*). Fun fact: most of these statues are not just heads - they actually have full bodies buried underneath the soil!



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!*



Lunch Providers Requested!

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

Please see Pastor Kate! Upcoming Dates:

Sep **SOLD OUT** 20

Oct **SOLD OUT** 4

November 15

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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!





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

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 if you need a ride!



Deacons Food Ministry

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE & SELECT THE DEACONS FUND WITH MEMO LINE "FOOD MINISTRY" TO DONATE DIRECTLY TO THE DEACON FOOD DRIVE. WE ARE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF FUNDS TO PROVIDE GROCERIES FOR FAMILIES IN NEED!



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.

Mental Health Matters



September is National Suicide Prevention Month



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

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

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

Some Warning Signs of Suicide

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

Risk Factors for Suicide

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

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

Support In a Crisis

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

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

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

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

Contact SAMHSA.gov for more information.

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



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.

★ 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 ★



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

Thanksgiving Dinner

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



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

D.O It For Denny Christmas Toy Shop Volunteers Needed

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

Please join us at **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!

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.



Join us for an evening of:
MUSIC BINGO!

Saturday, October 3 - 6-8 p.m.
\$25/person suggested donation.

Kids are FREE!

This is a family-friendly event!

Complimentary pizza, salad & popcorn will be served!



Scan here to register.
Child-care for potty-trained
& up will be made available
upon request. Payment
due upon registration.



JOIN US IN HONORING OUR VETERAN OF THE MONTH

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

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

Jim was sent to Vietnam on August 3, 1970. He was assigned to Charlie Co, 2/2 Infantry (mechanic), 25th Infantry. Three weeks later, he was on crutches after his Armored Personnel Carrier (APC) hit a mine. Jim was transferred to Alpha Co. 2/327 Infantry, "No Slack", 101st Airborne Div. in November. That is where Jim met Dave Laycock for the first time; Dave was a door gunner on some of the Choppers that flew in and out of some of the more 'exotic vacation spots' in I Corp. Jim made Sergeant in June, followed by a field promotion to Second Lieutenant. Three weeks later, his company was sent S6 (apparently, the higher ups wanted to yell at an Officer instead of a 19-year-old Sergeant).

In August 1971, after recovering from Malaria, Jim was transferred to the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He returned to Fort Campbell, KY one month after his scheduled Date Returned Overseas (DROS) date. His mother made some calls as to why Jim had not returned home and the Commander of Fort MacArthur, CA told her that Jim had probably been listed as Killed in Combat (KIA). So when her dead son showed up, it was quite a surprise!

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

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

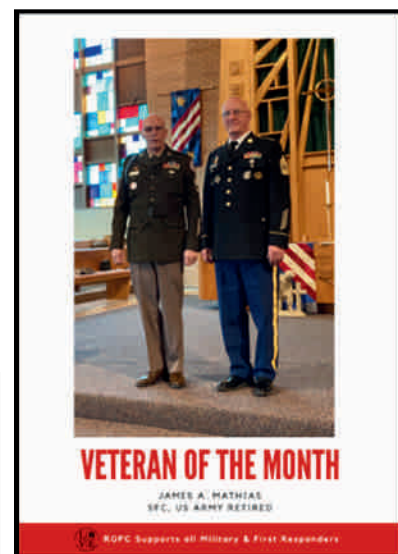
In 1981, Jim was reassigned to Mannheim, Germany, where he and Dave connected once again. Jim was promoted to Sergeant First Class (SFC) and took over the job of First Sergeant for a NATO unit. He left there in 1984, assigned to the Intelligence Center at Fort Huachuca, AZ, where he was responsible for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

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

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

Jim was previously featured as our Veteran of the Month in December 2022, but we would once again like to recognize and honor Jim's contribution to the safety and security of all those in this great country now that his service is complete.

Jim passed away on August 11, 2026 at the age of 74. He will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to service, his love of country, his deep faith, and his love that he gave so freely. We thank him for his dedicated and honorable service. Well done, good and faithful servant.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 9/24

10:30 A.M. Worship Service – Sanctuary
 10:30 Sunday School – Rooms 200, 201, & 304
 11:30 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
 12:00 P.M. Stephen Ministry Super. Meeting – Library
 6:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, 9/28

6:00 P.M. LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
 7:00 Bible Study – Library & Room 202
 7:30 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, 9/29

8:00 A.M. AA – Youth Hall
 6:00 P.M. Faith & Fitness with Dave – FB Live
 6:30 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall
 8:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, 9/30

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
 8:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall & Choir Room

THURSDAY, 10/1

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

FRIDAY, 10/2

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

SATURDAY, 10/3

9:00 A.M. Stephen Minister Training – Library
 10:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
 6:00 P.M. Music Bingo Night – Fellowship Hall

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



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. C. Benton**, whose love for this congregation was expressed through a gift to The RGPC Endowment Fund. The generosity of these individuals has left a permanent gift to us that will continue to grow and bear the fruit of their faith not only now, but forevermore!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 27 Bennett Squire
30 Gretchen Hocking, **Joyce Jewell**

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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WITH DAVE"

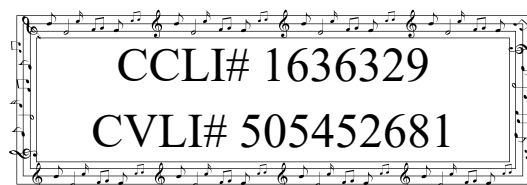
"BETTER TOGETHER"

"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.