

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

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
RALLY DAY & COMMUNION



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) – Fellowship Hall (Lower Level)

FAITHWORKS (Grades 2 - 5) – Fellowship Hall (Lower Level)

(Children can be picked up after worship from these locations)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

Good morning, everyone!

Wake up to this new day Jesus has made!

Jesus is the light of the World!

May the brightness of his love shine through us.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

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

25 YEARS LATER (9/11) by Rype.tv

PRELUDE “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” - arr. James Michael Stevens
Instrumentalist: Ryan Mott / Hymn text #35

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Austin Narvaez

We gather today called by the One who knows our names and claims us as His own.

We come to declare our faith, rooted and grounded in the living God.

In a world of shifting truths and fading promises, we stand firm in our devotion.

Our identity is not in the things of this world, but in the God who created, redeemed, and sustains us.

As devout believers, we offer our lives, our hearts, and our worship with undivided devotion.

Let us praise the Lord, our God, who is faithful to all generations!

Come, let us worship with single-minded trust and joyful hearts!

***HYMN #510 “We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Bold and Faithful God, You call us to stand firm in our faith, to speak Your truth in love, and to shine Your light into every dark corner of this world. Yet, so often, we choose the safety of silence and the comfort of conformity. We shrink back from living boldly, settling instead for a quiet, convenient faith that costs us nothing and risks even less.

Renew a steadfast spirit within us. Help us to remember whose we are and who You have called us to be. Grant us the grace to step out in faith, the boldness to proclaim Your goodness, and the courage to live as Your devoted followers each and every day. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news: God does not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-discipline. In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, your courage is renewed, and your identity as a child of God is secure.

In Jesus Christ, therefore, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***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

1 Kings 18:1-20

MEDITATION

**“Encounter the People in the Bible We Almost Missed -
Obediah: Our Parenthetical Identity”**

Pastor Kate Mackie

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Perfect Wisdom of Our God”

by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Vocalist: Amanda Peters

*The perfect wisdom of our God, revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand and held together at His command.
He knows the myst'ries of the seas, the secrets of the stars are His;
He guides the planets on their way, and turns the earth through another day.*

*The matchless wisdom of His ways that mark the path of righteousness;
His word a lamp unto my feet, His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And O the myst'ry of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost,
So that the fool might shame the wise and all the glory might go to Christ.*

*O grant me wisdom from above, to pray for peace and cling to love,
And teach me humbly to receive the sun and rain of Your sov'reignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place within this tapestry of grace;
So through the trials I choose to say: "Your perfect will in Your perfect way".
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So through the trials I choose to say: "Your perfect will in Your perfect way".*

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

AN INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY “God of Grace” - arr. Lloyd Larson

*God of grace, amazing wonder, irresistible and free
Oh, the miracle of mercy, Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder as my God restores my soul
His own blood has paid my ransom, awesome cost to make me whole.*

CHORUS: *God of grace, I trust in Jesus. I'm accepted as His own.
Every day new grace sustains me as I lean on Him alone.*

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

***DOXOLOGY (Hymn #606)**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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.*

COMMUNION MUSIC “Behold the Lamb” - arr. Larry Shackley

*Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us.
And we remember the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

**O Lord our God, we rise from this table
knowing a love beyond our deserving.
Thank you for giving us a place at your table;
for serving us the bread of life;
for offering to us the cup of salvation.
In humility and hope, we go now from this place
into the day you have made,
going as people you have forgiven and blessed and renewed.
We go as the people of Christ,
To follow in his ways, Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN #515 “I Come with Joy” (v. 3, 4, 5)**

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING RESPONSE**

*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 “God Sends Us Forth” - arr. Mark Hayes**

*Nourished by Christ, our Word and Bread, burning with love and Spirit led;
Sent to embrace a world in need to make God known in word and deed.*



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.

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	<u>369,106</u>
		<u>\$ 23,761</u>

Expenses:

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

Boiler Fund as of August 31, 2026

Boiler Project Receipts:

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

Boiler Project Costs:

Engineering	\$ 36,196
Contract Cost	446,769.09
Other Costs	<u>9,545</u>
Total Project Costs	<u>\$ 492,510.09</u>

<u>Amount still needed to fund project</u>	<u>\$ 10,928.47</u>
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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. 14	Manic Mondays (6pm, Pastor Kate's House), Bible Study (7pm, Library & Room 202)
Sep. 16	Session Meeting (7pm, Youth Hall)
Sep. 18	Chapel Friday (12pm, Library)
Sep. 19	Leadership Retreat (9am, Youth Hall)
Sep. 20	Installation & Ordination of Officers, Confirmation Class (10am, Youth Hall), Youth Super Sunday School (10:30am, Youth Hall)
Sep. 21	Bible Study (7pm, Library & Room 202)
Sep. 26	Stephen Minister Training (9am, Library)
Sep. 27	New Member Class (11:45am, Library)
Sep. 28	Bible Study (7pm, Library & Room 202)
Oct. 3	Stephen Minister Training (9am, Library)
Oct. 3	Music Bingo Night (6pm, Fellowship Hall)
Oct. 4	World Communion Sunday, Communion, Session New Member Luncheon (11:45am, Youth Hall), Youth Super Sunday School (10:30am, Youth Hall)
Oct. 5	Manic Mondays (6pm, Pastor Kate's House), Bible Study (7pm, Library & Room 202)
Oct. 10	Stephen Minister Training (9am, Library)
Oct. 11	Youth Sunday School (10:30am, Youth Hall)
Oct. 12	Bible Study (7pm, Library & Room 202)

SERVING TODAY

Sunday Secretary: Karen Laycock

Ushers: Marilyn Bingham & Doug Andridge

Welcome Desk: Ron Hughes

Online Greeter: Janette Poe

Worship Arts: Jason Bowes & Sam Beney

Sound System: Matt Parnell

Huddle: Maggie Fleming & Vicky Smith

Coffee Hour: Administration & Finance Committee

Rosie Drivers: Ron Bruce & Lois Keefer

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 WHO ARE GRIEVING: Adrienne Floyd on the passing of her brother, David Koster; the Pierson family on the passing of David's father, Robert Pierson.



MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYER: Megan Barker, Abby Bennett, Gene Bevak, Linda Blumel, Beth Carlson, Laurie Carse, Judy Coleman, Lois Cummings, Rose Eickhoff, Mary Ann Falardeau, Mike Falardeau, Sheila Folsom, Dave Garcia, Anne Hartsell, Ian Holtzman, Deirdre Hope, Joyce Jewell, Beverly Johnston, Mary Kennedy, Shirley Lande, Charlene Mazeppa, Margot McCormack, Donald McLean, Rachel Miller, Sadikifu Motiryo, Jan Myers, Stafford Nelson, Karen Perry, Al Prentice, Jan Prentice, Kayla Rougeau, William Sather, Mason Taylor, Judy Tomey, Diane Trupiano, Macaylah Whitlock, Jamie Williamson, Vicki Wonnacott, Ed Yopek.

OUR EXTENDED CIRCLE OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS: *(This listing will be cleared and renewed on the first Sunday of each month. Names can be added at any time, but if you wish to have someone continued into the following month, please contact the Church Office.)*

- Ken Blank, brother of Marty Blank
- Katrina & Russell Finkelstein, friends of Beth Carlson
- Angela Grabowski, friend of Alyson Donker
- Bob Kerre, uncle of Ann Maier & Michelle Ward
- Laura Kerre, cousin of Ann Maier & Michelle Ward
- Melinda, friend of Sandy Main-Niemisto
- Becky Lawwill, friend of Rev. Anne Schaefer
- Rev. Chung, PC(USA) missionary to the people of Tajikistan
- Those Serving/Who Have Served Our Country in the Military and as First Responders
- Rosedale Military/First Responder/Serviceperson of the Month: James A. Mathias

EACH WEEK WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER church member families, thanking God for them, and asking God to bless and guide them. We invite you to keep in your prayers: *the Barie/Shaver, (Tracey) Conrad, Keefer/Spicer, & Narvaez families.*



RGPC FAMILIES!

RGPC KIDS

RGPC Kids! Are you ready!? It's time for... We Go Together! - Kids and Christ! Join us as we begin the new Sunday school year with a morning of fun, friendship-filled games. We'll share a yummy snack and enjoy some time with Jesus and all our Sunday school friends and teachers! We can't wait to celebrate our RGPC friendships and the new Sunday school year with YOU! See you soon!



COMING SOON!

Good Friends - Shine Together!

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



Sunday School Registration!

Parents, if you haven't done so already, please take a moment and complete a Sunday school registration form for your child. Thank you!



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

STUDENTS!



FOR FALL!

SUNDAY SCHOOL!



September 13

October 11

November 8

December 6

10:30 a.m. in Youth Hall!

SUPER SUNDAYS!

September 20

October 4

November 15

December 13

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

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

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

◆ Monthly Dinner Gatherings

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

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

MANIC MONDAYS

◆ For Young Adults 18 - 30 years old

Pastor Kate's House ◆



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

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.





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



SEPTEMBER'S ENCOUNTER PREACHING SERIES:

*The People in the Bible
We Almost Missed*

SEPTEMBER 13, 20 & 27



LEADERSHIP RETREAT

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Youth Hall

**REQUIRED
of all serving Elders &
Deacons beginning in
the Fall of 2026**



Ordination & Installation Sunday

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

10:30 A.M.

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



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.

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



Good
D.O. IT FOR DENNY



Volunteer Opportunities Include:

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



Scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer!

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, September 18th
Friday, October 16th
Friday, November 20th

Pastor Kellie will host a Chapel Friday Luncheon on Friday, December 11th.

We hope you will join us!

WELCOME back ROSIE, THE BUS!



ROSIE IS NOW RUNNING ON SUNDAYS!
Please call Morgan in the Office at (734) 422-0494 if you need a ride!



Deacons Food Ministry

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!



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, 9/13 RALLY SUNDAY/COMMUNION

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

MONDAY, 9/14

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

TUESDAY, 9/15

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

WEDNESDAY, 9/16

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 Session Meeting – Youth Hall
 7:00 Faith & Fitness with Dave – Scout Room
 8:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall & Choir Room

THURSDAY, 9/17

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

FRIDAY, 9/18

12:00 P.M. Chapel Friday – Library
 4:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, 9/19

9:00 A.M. Leadership Retreat – Youth Hall
 9:30 Thee Sowing Circle – Room 202
 10:00 LCT Rehearsal – Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, 9/20 ORDINATION & INSTALLATION

9:30 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
 10:00 Confirmation Class – Youth Hall
 10:30 Worship Service – Sanctuary
 10:30 Sunday School – Rooms 200, 201, & 304
 10:30 Youth Super Sunday School – Youth Hall

MONDAY, 9/21

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

CHAPEL FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Friday, September 18th we will hold Chapel Friday in the Library from 12-1 p.m. Join us for a service of prayer, scripture, communion, and reflection. All are welcome!



CELEBRATING A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

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



ARE YOU CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH?

Please prayerfully consider supporting our Endowment Fund by giving one dollar for each year of your age as a celebration of your life and “giving back” for the blessing of life. This week, we would like to acknowledge **Laurie Matesa**, whose love for this congregation was expressed through a gift to The RGPC Endowment Fund. The generosity of these individuals has left a permanent gift to us that will continue to grow and bear the fruit of their faith not only now, but forevermore!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

* **BOLDED text** indicates 90+ birthdays



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JOIN OUR MANY FACEBOOK GROUPS!

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

"FAITH & FITNESS
WITH DAVE"

"BETTER TOGETHER"

"PRAYERS FOR POSSIBLE"

"MILITARY, FIRST
RESPONDERS AND FAMILIES"

"SELF LOVE, SELF CARE"

"GET ROOTED WITH RGPC"

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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