

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

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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)

BIBLE BEACH CLUB (Ages 3 - Grade 5) – Room 200 (Main Level)

(Parents, after the Children's Worship Time, all children will be together for Bible Beach Club in Pathways to Worship (Room 200) and may be picked up from there after Worship.)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

God is good!

All the time!

And all the time,

God is good!

Let us worship God!

GOD'S STORY: BAPTISM *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 **"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"** - *arr. Larry Shackley*

Hymn text #32

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist: Jan Myers

Come, let us gather in the presence of the Lord,
who guides our steps and anchors our lives.

Our steps have held fast to your paths; our feet have not slipped.

In a world of changing shadows and uncertain trails,
God sets our feet upon solid ground.

We come to listen for God's voice and walk in the way of righteousness.

Let us worship the One who keeps us steadfast, safe, and filled with hope.

Praise be to God, our refuge and our guide!

***HYMN #625 “How Great Thou Art”**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, you ask us who you are, yet we so often answer with hesitant
tongues and conflicted lives. We admit that we easily confess you with our
lips on Sunday but fail to trust you with our daily choices. We build our
security on shifting sands—seeking the approval of the crowd rather than
standing firm on the revelation of your truth.

Forgive us when we limit who you are to fit our own comfortable
expectations. Forgive us when we forget the authority and grace you have
entrusted to your church. Steady our faith, Lord. Unveil your presence to
us once more, so that with boldness like Peter, we may proclaim Christ as
Messiah in all that we say and do.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Hear the good news: God does not build the kingdom on our perfection, but on
the grace revealed in Jesus Christ. In him, you are forgiven, restored, and called
to walk in newness of life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***PRAYER RESPONSE “Indescribable”**

Indescribable, uncontainable!

You placed the stars in the sky and you know them by name.

You are amazing, God!

Incomparable, unchangeable!

You see the depths of my heart and you love me the same.

You are amazing, God! You are amazing, God!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-20

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY Psalm 17:5

“My steps have held to your paths; my feet have not slipped.”

SERMON

“Be a Stick in the Mud”

Pastor Kate Mackie

SPECIAL MUSIC “We Believe” - arr. Heather Sorenson

Vocalists: Amanda Peters, Heather Hammerstrom, & Tracey Conrad

In this time of desperation, when all we know is doubt and fear,

There is only one foundation: We believe, we believe.

In this broken generation, when all is dark, You help us see.

There is only one salvation: We believe, we believe.

CHORUS: *We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.*

We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death.

We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again. We believe.

*So let our faith be more than anthems, let our faith be more than song,
Greater than the songs we sing, in our weakness and temptations we believe,
we believe.*

CHORUS

Let the lost be found, let the dead be raised. In the here and now, let love invade.

Let the church live loud! Our God, we'll say, "We believe! We believe!"

And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the pow'r of God has torn the veil.

Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe!

CHORUS

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

AN INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY “Our Help Is in the Name of God, the Lord”

by Robert J. Powell

*Praise God, the Lord, who hears the captive's prayer,
like birds escaping from the fowler's snare.*

We are set free, our praises now ascend.

Blessed be the Lord, creator, Savior, friend.

Our help is in the name of God, the Lord.

*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**

***HYMN #353 “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***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 “Celebration March on ‘To God Be the Glory’”**

*by Grimoaldo Macchia
Hymn text #634*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY! SUNDAY, AUG. 23

A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held during service today, Sunday, August 23rd for the following purpose:

1. To approve the procurement of a loan from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program to fund a fire and smoke safety system for the building.

We ask that all members plan to attend this meeting. Thank you!



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

SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER

Sep. 6	Labor Day Sunday
Sep. 7	OFFICE CLOSED—Labor Day
Sep. 10	Music Makers Picnic (6pm, Mies Park)
Sep. 13	Rally Sunday, Communion, Blessing of the Backpacks, Youth Sunday School (10:30am, Youth Hall), Confirmation Class Parent Meeting (11:45am, Youth Hall)
Sep. 14	Manic Mondays (6pm, Pastor Kate's House), Bible Study (7pm, Youth Hall)
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, Youth Hall)
Sep. 26	Stephen Minister Training (9am, Library)
Sep. 27	New Member Class (11:45am, Library)
Sep. 28	Bible Study (7pm, Youth Hall)
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	Bible Study (7pm, Youth Hall)
Oct. 10	Stephen Minister Training (9am, Library)
Oct. 11	Youth Sunday School (10:30am, Youth Hall)
Oct. 12	Bible Study (7pm, Youth Hall)
Oct. 16	Chapel Friday (12pm, Library)
Oct. 18	Confirmation Class (10am, Youth Hall)
Oct. 19	Bible Study (7pm, Youth Hall)
Oct. 21	Session Meeting (7pm, Youth Hall)
Oct. 24	Stephen Minister Training (9am, Library)
Oct. 25	Reformation Sunday
Oct. 26	Bible Study (7pm, Youth Hall)
Oct. 31	Stephen Minister Training (9am, Library)

SERVING TODAY

Sunday Secretary: Joan Johnson
Ushers: Jim Williamson & Bev Hertenstein
Welcome Desk: Kathy Marzolf
Online Greeter: Janette Poe
Worship Arts: Sam Beney & Jack Brake
Sound System: Brad Bevak
Huddle: James Bowlby & Doug Cole
Coffee Hour: Men's Club
Rosie Drivers: Ron Bruce & Lois Keefer
Worship Leader: Pam Gunderson

MEMBERS IN HOSPICE CARE: Jenny Root.



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, 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, Stafford Nelson, Karen Perry, Al Prentice, Jan Prentice, Kayla Rougeau, William Sather, Mason Taylor, 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.)*

- Angela Grabowski, friend of Alyson Donker
- Lauren Gunner, friend of Tracey Conrad
- Autumn Horner, family of Robin Roos
- Julia & John, neighbors of Robin Roos
- Leslie Jones, friend of Jen Hartom & Vikki Sitarski
- Ryan, David, Jim, Zevan, Glenda, Julie, Ruth, Tom, Ken, Missy, Roger, Julia, & Diane—family & friends of Shirley Lande
- Kevin McGee, son of Marlene McGee
- Frank Oliverio, stepfather of Heather Hammerstrom
- Lance Riendl, grandson of Marlene McGee
- 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: Tim Stefanson

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 Blank, (Amanda) Laycock, Novak, & Strzalkowski families.*



RGPC FAMILIES!

RGPC KIDS

Join Mr. and Mrs. Adams for some Sunday school fun! This week we'll head back to the beach for a super story



about Jesus and his cousin, John. Come and find out what happens when they meet in the water. Let's discover this important event together!

Coming Soon! Save the Date!
Sunday, September 13, 2026



Our RGPC KIDS' Fall Sunday morning program begins! Boys and girls are invited to join us for **Kids and Christ - We Go Together!** A morning of friendship and team building FUN! Games, activities and a yummy snack are planned to

promote working together and being a part of a Jesus-filled team! Be sure to join us for this exciting morning just for kids!

Sunday School Registration!

Families, it's that time of year again! Please take a moment and complete this year's Sunday school registration form by scanning the QR code. It is helpful for us to have an updated form to be sure we have the correct info for each child. Thank you so much!



Sunday School 2026-2027 School Year



Would you like to share your love for Jesus with children? We are currently looking for faithful people who would like to join our Sunday Morning RGPC Kids' Teaching Team. *Teachers and assistants are needed for the upcoming school year. So, are you thinking about it?* The amount of time you share is up to you. (Every week, every other week, once a month or once in a while.)

Weekly lessons are emailed ahead of time.

Classroom setup and all materials needed are provided. Sharing your time with our children is a wonderful way to build relationships and help students form a foundation for their faith to grow! Your connection with them will make a meaningful difference in their lives. **Would you like to learn more about our Sunday school program and take a tour of our classrooms?** Please contact Lisa Adams at ladams@rosedalegardens.org - I'd love to share more about our Children's Ministry with you!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

CONFIRMATION CLASS PARENT MEETING

Sunday, September 13th

11:45 a.m. - Youth Hall

For all students 7th grade and up

Classes Begin Sunday, September 20th

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!*

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



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:

- September 20
- October 4
- November 15

YOUNG ADULTS



◆ 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 ◆

NOTES FROM A&F

Financial Snapshot as of June 30, 2026

This is a financial snapshot of how our operating budget is trending as of 6/30/26. We seem to be on track for 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	6/30/2026	\$	294,650
Regular Income received through	6/30/2026		296,145
		\$	<u>1,495</u>

Expenses:

Exp / Accruals expected through	6/30/2026	\$	311,700
Exp / Accruals incurred through	6/30/2026		299,903
		\$	<u>11,797</u>

Boiler Fund as of June 30, 2026

Boiler Project Receipts:

Receipts through 6/30/2026	\$	445,376
Remaining Pledge—2026		36,206
Total Commitment	\$	<u>481,582</u>

Boiler Project Costs:

Engineering	\$	36,196
Contract Cost		446,769
Other Costs		9,545
Total Project Costs	\$	<u>492,510</u>

<u>Amount still needed to fund project</u>	\$	<u>10,928</u>
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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.

Verna Brown Scholarship Applications Are Now Being Accepted

The Presbyterian Women are accepting applications for the **2026 Verna Brown Scholarship Program**. Verna was a very active member of our PW for many years. Upon her death, PW was given an endowment from her estate with the stipulation that the money be used to help post-collegiate women in our congregation. The scholarship may be used for training in a new career or for furthering professional development. Application forms are available in the PW mailbox in the church office or by emailing Peggy Calhoun at pjcal1973@gmail.com.



***Please submit applications to
the PW mailbox by
Sunday, August 30th.***

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.

Mental Health Matters



August is Grief Awareness Month



Grief Awareness Month is dedicated to understanding and honoring the complex, personal, universal, and often misunderstood process of the human emotion of grieving. Bereavement is a period of grief and mourning after a loss, while grief itself is a person's emotional response to a loss. Grief is a natural and healthy human response to loss — whether it's the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, or significant life changes and is experienced in your own personal way. It is a process that is not linear and shouldn't be ignored or pushed aside. Grieving impacts the emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual self and has no boundaries in time.

Many can navigate grief with the support of those who are already in their lives, but others may need more help. The type of support required can be influenced by the nature or timing of the loss, the specific resources available, and many other factors. It also requires self-care. Grief is a process best shared with others, not in isolation.

Grief can be expressed through:

Sadness, Anger, Guilt, Confusion,
Relief, Anxiety, Numbness,
Helplessness, Fatigue, Loss of
Appetite, and Sleep Disturbances

Strategies for coping with grief and loss:

- Support from friends, family, and/or other known community members
- Cultural, social, religious, faith, or other beliefs or rituals
- Local or virtual grief support groups
- Grief peer support services or other community-based counseling services
- Artistic expression
- Physical movement and exercise
- Outreach to a mental health professional



STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING BEGINS SEPTEMBER 28TH



**Are you a good listener? Do people tell you things in the grocery store line?
You might already have the heart for Stephen Ministry.**

On September 28th, we're beginning a new training class through Stephen Ministry to equip caring people to provide confidential, one-to-one support during difficult seasons of life. Training is provided—no counseling degree required.

**Register with Lorraine Paffenroth by Sunday, August 30th.
The cost is \$55.00 for materials.**

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Pastor Kellie's SABBATICAL

As encouraged by the PC(USA),
granted by the Board of Session, and
because of 25 years of faithful service,
Pastor Kellie has earned a 6-month
Sabbatical. Her Sabbatical began in early
June and will conclude 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.



RGPC Giving Garden



34.67 POUNDS OF PRODUCE
PROVIDED TO THE
RGPC FOOD PANTRY

THE THEOLOGY OF BACKPACKING A SERMON SERIES BY PASTOR KATE



**AUGUST 16, 23 &
SEPTEMBER 6**

Music Makers Picnic

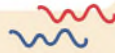
Calling all those who have
participated in the Music
Ministry: Chancel Choir, Chime
Choir, Campanelle Bells,
Special Music, and more!

Please join us for our Music
Makers Picnic on
**Thursday, September 10th from
6:00 - 9:30 P.M. at Mies Park.**

Please bring your lawn chairs,
a dish to share, your preferred
beverage, and a plus one if you
wish. We hope to see you
there!



**THE CHURCH
OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 7TH
FOR LABOR DAY**



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 2026 9-11 CEREMONY

Friday, September 11th at the American Legion Post 32,
located at 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person & include:
Police Officer & **Firefighter** of the Year Presentation,
Honor Guard Presentation, Guest Speakers, & Dinner.
Cash Bar Opens at 5:00 PM, Ceremony at 6:00 PM.
Dinner to follow.

Contact Dave Laycock at delaycock@yahoo.com
or 734-765-5595 with any question or for tickets.



Sunday, September 13!



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

For all Students!

Bring your backpacks
to worship!



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**



WE ARE LOOKING FOR OLD KEYS, PLEASE!

Do you have a junk drawer full of old keys that you have no use for anymore? We will take them off your hands for you!

Please bring your keys into the church office by September 20th.

Please note: your keys will not be returned to you.

Thank you RGPC Fam!



Ordination & Installation Sunday

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
10:30 A.M.**

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



Welcome to RGPC

JOIN OUR NEXT NEW MEMBER CLASS!

New Member Class:

Sunday, September 27th at 11:45 A.M.
in the Library

Session New Member Luncheon:

Sunday, October 4th at 11:45 A.M.
in Youth Hall

New Members Welcomed During Worship:

Sunday, October 11th at 10:30 A.M.
in the Sanctuary

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



Welcoming Chaplain Rich Rej!

Hello everyone! My name is Rich and Pastor Kate is a dear friend of mine. I have been married to my sweet bride Dawn for nearly 34 years, and we have two boys. Alex is 30 and lives and works in Utah at Deer Valley. Isaac is 21 and is a senior at Michigan State where he is studying Environmental Economics and Food Industry management.

I earned my Bachelor of Science undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from Oakland University. I worked in the auto industry for 35 years, of which 32 were spent at Livonia Transmission Engineering just down the road from here.

My earned Master of Divinity degree in 2022 from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. I have completed 4 units of Clinical Pastoral Education within the Trinity Health System and completed my board certification process this summer. I was ordained as a minister in the Federation of Christian Ministries in 2025.

So happy to see you next week!



Sunday, August 30th



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 Youth Hall
Beginning September 14th

Snacks & Refreshments provided.
Zoom option available!

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!

Pizza will be served!



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!



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!

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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!



Give Online



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 FIRST RESPONDER OF THE MONTH

*We are recognizing Tim Stefanson
Firefighter, Livonia Fire Department*

Tim Stefanson is a current Livonia Fire Department employee, living in and serving our very own community. He was born June 30, 1983 to Carol and Charles Stefanson, grandson to the late Beverly and William Penn. Tim grew up as a “Rosedale Kid” spending many Sundays running around Fellowship Hall with friends from Sunday School. He became a full member of the Church and was sponsored by the late Lowel Everson. After graduating high school in the summer of 2001, Tim was witness to the tragedy that unfolded on September 11, 2001. The countless acts of bravery displayed that day and the weeks following began to mold his path into becoming a first responder.

Tim attended Schoolcraft College’s Fire Academy in the fall of 2004 and obtained his EMT certification in the spring of 2005. He was hired into the Farmington Hills Fire Department as a paid-on-call firefighter in January 2006. During his time with FHFD, he also worked for Community Ambulance and obtained his Paramedic licensure in 2009. Here Tim worked alongside his future brother-in-law, Nick Belsky.

Tim was hired to his first full-time position with the City of Fairfax in Fairfax, Virginia in the fall of 2010. Tim, his wife Jessica, and their daughter Molly packed up and moved South to begin a new chapter. Tim worked for Fairfax City for 12 years, attaining the rank of Lieutenant after 6 years on the job. During their 12 years in Northern Virginia, Tim and Jessica added two more children to their family, Lucas, born in 2014, and Margaret, born in 2019. Being far from home weighed on both Tim and Jessica, the distance and isolation felt during the COVID pandemic was magnified, laying the groundwork for an eventual return home back to Michigan. Tim was hired in March of 2022 by the Livonia Fire Department. He purchased a home in Livonia where his children will eventually attend Churchill High School.

Tim is described as a “mass of a human” with a kind heart and love for the job. During almost 20 years in the field, Tim has been credited with multiple life saves, unit citations, and commendations for actions at emergency scenes. More recently, Tim and his crew removed an elderly Livonia resident from an active house fire. Following the removal, he and his crew rendered aid and eventually transported the woman to the hospital. He is currently stationed at Fire Station 4, located at the Southeast end of the city, and works closely with his training officer for “Live Burn” events for department members throughout the year.

We at Rosedale Gardens would like to recognize and honor Tim’s contribution to the safety of all those in the Livonia community. We thank him for his dedicated and honorable service. Well done, good and faithful servant.



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 8/23

10:30 A.M. **Worship Service** – Sanctuary
10:30 **Summer Sunday School** – Rooms 200 & 201
12:00 P.M. **Stephen Ministry Super. Meeting** – Library

MONDAY, 8/24

No Church Activities Scheduled

TUESDAY, 8/25

8:00 A.M. **AA** – Mies Park
6:00 P.M. **Faith & Fitness with Dave** – FB Live

WEDNESDAY, 8/26

10:00 A.M. **Prayer Group** – Library
11:30 **Priscilla Circle** – Library
2:00 P.M. **Faith & Fitness with Dave** – Scout Room

THURSDAY, 8/27

8:00 A.M. **AA** – Mies Park

FRIDAY, 8/28

No Church Activities Scheduled

SATURDAY, 8/29

No Church Activities Scheduled

SUNDAY, 8/30

10:30 A.M. **Worship Service** – Sanctuary
10:30 **Summer Sunday School** – Rooms 200 & 201

MONDAY, 8/31

No Church Activities Scheduled



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 **Doug & Martha Andridge**, 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!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Nora Avis, Saylor Bessolo
- 3 Liam Avis, John Mazeppa, Ella Vasko
- 4 Amanda Peters
- 6 Vinh Elliot Johnson, Andrea Meade, Emmitt Vasko
- 7 Everlee Timmerman
- 8 Ron Bruce, Brad Squire
- 10 Lee Ann Dye, Kimberly Marion
- 11 Sawyer Roos
- 12 Harper Belsky
- 13 Cory Beadle, Sydney Fitch, Audrey Johnson, Susannah Kennedy
- 15 Kathryn Clark
- 16 **Barbara Birmingham**, Wesley Hughes, Andre Rzepka
- 18 Wyatt Angevine, Joseph Brake, Melanie Watts
- 19 Sawyer Hartom, Brian Walrad
- 20 Amy LeFevre, Karen Perry
- 21 Bethe Warrick
- 22 Stephanie Belcher, Dean Lande
- 23 James Casey
- 24 Don Calhoun, Dale Frey
- 25 Rebecca Benton, Ken Spicer
- 26 Stafford Nelson, Josh Sowerby
- 27 Zachary Bennett, Jason King, Michelle Kinville, Marlene McGee
- 28 Tim Baden
- 29 Jason Bowes
- 30 Scott Benton, Katherine Brake, Kenneth Stempien
- 31 Logan Belsky, Diane Frey

* **BOLDED text** indicates 90+ birthdays



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

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"MILITARY, FIRST RESPONDERS AND FAMILIES"

"SELF LOVE, SELF CARE"

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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