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2017

## ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“By God’s grace working in us, we are a people who practice welcoming relationships and caring service, to the glory of God.”*



# The Epistle Lite

**Here's what's  
happening!**

### SUMMER READING & FALL PREACHING REQUESTS WITH KELLIE, KATE AND KEITH!

The pastoral staff heard many requests during our recent Confirmation Class that it would be nice “for all of us adults to have a refresher” on their learning. One of the major requirements of every Confirmand is to read the Gospel of Luke. Why? Luke tells the story of Jesus from birth to his post-resurrection appearances and concludes with the Great Commission. There is a study guide available in the church office that divides up Luke’s gospel into 84 entries if you prefer to have questions and reflections with each passage. Your pastoral team would like to invite you to join us in reading the Gospel of Luke this summer! This fall season, beginning on September 3<sup>rd</sup> the three of us will be preaching from Luke. We would love to hear from you as you read! If you any questions or reflections on any scripture passage you would like to share with us we gladly welcome them! We would love to preach utilizing what you share with us!

#### 9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE STUDIES

**Come worship with us at 9:00 a.m. Sundays in Fellowship Hall!**

July 30: “Seeing Jesus Today” - Pastor Kellie Whitlock

Aug. 6: Sharing Our Faith Stories - Beverly Hertenstein

Aug 13: "Part 2 - A Reflection on Holy Land Travels: The New Testament."  
Kate Mackie

Aug 20: No 9AM - Outdoor Worship with St. Paul’s & St. Tim’s Pres. Church’s at  
Mie’s Park with a picnic to follow! (**Time 10:15 a.m.**)

Aug. 27: “The Problem with Loving Our Enemies” - Pastor Kellie Whitlock

Sept. 3: NO 9AM – LABOR DAY WEEKEND

#### WORSHIP IN THE PARK!

On Sunday, August 20th, we will be worshipping and celebrating the Lord's Day with our friends from St. Paul's and St. Timothy's. Worship will be held across the street of West Chicago in Mies Park and **will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m. (note time change)!** Following worship we invite you to stay for a picnic as well as games for all ages. Food and drinks have been lovingly planned for, and will be provided by, the fellowship committees of all three churches. Please bring your own lawn chair for worship!

## ELECTRONIC GIVING TO RGPC

Simply text rgpc to 77977 and you'll be sent a message to access our Pushpay page where you can use your bank account, debit card or credit card to securely give to Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church. You can make a one-time gift or set up recurring gifts. If you prefer to use your computer, please visit [www.pushpay.com/pay/rosedalegardens](http://www.pushpay.com/pay/rosedalegardens) where you can use the same options to give to RGPC. The Pushpay app is also available free from the Apple and Google stores.

## WELCOME TYLER!

Tyler Pacific is Rosedale's newest employee and will be working in the nursery. Tyler was born in Dearborn and grew up in Canton, MI. He graduated from Canton High School in 2013 and then attended University of Kentucky. Tyler moved back to Michigan in 2014 and now attends Schoolcraft College. He is starting the nursing program this fall and is hoping to become a pediatric nurse practitioner. Tyler is also a server at Courthouse Grille where he has been working for almost 4 years. He has been a member of Northridge Church since he was 7 years old and he is so excited to join our community here at Rosedale.



The RGPC Stephen Ministry Team is in need of more Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministry is a distinctively Christian caring resource that equips lay persons to minister to people in crisis with moderate difficulties and who need caring support. Stephen Ministers are trained and equipped to be active listeners who help others deal with their feelings and walk through difficult stages of their lives.

Take some time and prayerfully consider if you may have the spiritual gifts needed to be a part of this high commitment/ high rewards ministry. Training begins on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and will conclude by December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Clearly, you have many questions about this ministry – so if the Holy Spirit is moving you in this direction, please do not hesitate to call one of the members of the RGPC Stephen Leadership Team: Pastor Kellie at (734) 422-0494, ext. 118, June deLorme at (313) 530-6747 or Kate Mackie at (734) 536-0841. We will be praying for you during this time as well, and look forward to the prospect of serving with you in this capacity!

## CHAPEL FRIDAYS

Every Friday the Chapel will be open from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Join Pastor Kellie and Joyce Backus for a 15 minute prayer and communion service in the Chapel from 12:15-12:30 p.m. in the front pews. Before or after this service feel free to sit and pray, read your own devotional or select one from a table of others provided for you. Feel a sense of Christ's peace, enjoy music recorded by Sandy Main-Niemisto, and if you desire Pastor Kellie and Joyce are also available to pray with you.

## ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Please send your college address in to the Church Office - [officergpc@yahoo.com](mailto:officergpc@yahoo.com). Elizabeth Circle would like to keep in touch with you during the school year!

**HOW DID WE DO****Rosedale Gardens Budget Update**  
June 2017**Income**

Income expected by 6/30	\$310,000	
Income received by 6/30	\$304,361	
Difference	\$ (5,639)	

**Expenses**

Exp/Accruals expected by 6/30	\$310,000	
Exp/Accruals incurred by 6/30	\$305,520	
Difference	\$ 4,481	

Net Yellow \$ (1,159) 

**The per capita amount for 2017 is \$26.00 per member.**

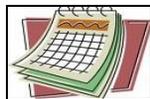
Are you celebrating a birthday this month? Please prayerfully consider supporting our Endowment Fund by giving one dollar for each year of your age as a celebration of your life and "giving back" for the blessing of life. Happy Birthday from your Endowment Committee!

**AUGUST 2017 ENDOWMENT FAMILIES**

6	Gary and Debra Fawkes
13	Audrey Krull
20	Joe and Robin Roos
27	Mike and Diane Olson

**UPCOMING CALENDAR****September**

- 3 No 9:00 a.m. Worship  
Family Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- 4 Office Closed
- 16 New Officer Training
- 17 Ordain/Install Officers
- 24 Disaster Assistance Trip Leaves

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

Greetings to you all dear church family! I have wonderful news to share with you! This summer the Lord has been hard at work giving RGCP new perspectives and challenges to minister to those in need. Earlier this spring I received a phone call from some very nice ladies with the Detroit-Metro Regional Leadership Team for Operation Christmas Child. They have been watching RGPC and wanted me to know how impressed they are with the joyful commitment we have made to spreading the word of God and Jesus' forever promise to children through the Shoe Box Program. They asked if we would like to be considered as a Drop Off Location during National Collection Week. WOW! With the permission and blessings from Session, I began the journey to represent RGPC for the Local (Livonia, Garden City, Redford & Plymouth) Drop-Off Location position. I am happy to share that after several interviews and a tour of our facilities, RGPC is now an official DROP -OFF LOCATION during National Collection Week. What an honor! I pray that this action will Glorify God and help many people come closer to knowing Jesus. We will keep them in the Fellowship Hall for the duration of the national collection week, and then deliver them to Ward Church to be transported to South Carolina. It is there in South Carolina that the boxes will be placed in the massive shipping containers and transported overseas to eagerly waiting children. Praise Be God! Please keep an eye out for more information, and thank you for your willingness to make sure that all children have the opportunity to know how much Jesus loves them.

Sincerely,  
Your sister in this wild and exciting faith journey  
Katie Walrad

## NEWS FROM HOUSE COMMITTEE

### Volunteer projects

We have a large list of projects that need to be done around the Church. The more we can do with volunteers, the less we need to pay contractors to do. The Volunteer To Do List is posted on the Church website. To access the list, click on the "Committees" tab, then select "House Committee." From there you will see a link that will lead you to the current list. The list is set up by types of work to be done. If you have a particular skill or interest, please consider volunteering to do a task. We will provide the materials that you will need to complete the task. Summer is a great time to work on these projects as there is usually less going on in the building. To volunteer, please contact Ed Weber at 734-776-4259, or [edward.weber09@gmail.com](mailto:edward.weber09@gmail.com), and let him know which task you will be doing so that we can coordinate the materials needed. Thank you for considering giving your time and talents for the upkeep of the Church.

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." Loving and caring for one another is not just the pastor's job – it is something Jesus calls us all to do! Stephen Ministry is a ministry in which people with special gifts for caring can put those gifts to use in a way that brings Jesus' love and care to those who most need it. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide focused, confidential, one-to-one Christian care. We can help those who are hurting experience the healing power of Christ's love. If you or someone you know is going thru a difficult time, please contact one of our Stephen Leaders – Pastor Kellie, June de Lorme, or Kate Mackie – to discuss how a Stephen Minister might be able to help.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### ALL-YOUTH "ROAD RALLY" RALLY!

Please join us for Youth Group Kick-off at Noon on Sunday, September 10! This event is open to all youth 6th - 12th grade. We will gather in Youth Hall for lunch at noon then head out for our "Road Rally!" Dress comfortably! Call Kate, Director of Youth Ministries at 734-422-0494, ext. 112 with any questions! See you then!



## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church is now a participant in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you shop at Kroger and use a Kroger Plus Card you can designate Rosedale to earn and receive rewards every time you use your Kroger Plus Card. Designating Rosedale **does not affect** your own points, it just helps Rosedale, too. To add Rosedale to your Kroger Plus account, please visit: [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Click on "Sign in" or "Create an Account to Enroll". Once signed in you can Enroll, Re-Enroll or Update your Community Rewards designation under your Account. You can either search for Rosedale or enter our NPO # 97669. If you don't yet have a Kroger Plus card you can get one at the Customer Service desk at any Kroger. The Community Rewards program requires that you re-enroll each year, so you will be reminded to re-enroll in the future.

## MILITARY COUPON PROJECT

A coupon box is on the table outside of the Church Office for your unneeded coupons. These coupons will be sent overseas to military families who greatly appreciate your help.

Thank you, Sue Trisch



### MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYERS:

Barbara Arnold, Jack Backus,  
Eric Everson, Beverly Forsyth,  
Jim Kegg, Justin Paffenroth, Lenore Plue, Doris  
Sanderson, Bob Tripp

### AUGUST 2017 PRAYER FAMILIES

6 Beal, (Martin/Paula) Clark, Irvine, Redick  
13 Belsky, (Norma) Murray, Vale, Yardley  
20 Carlson, Elam-Wobig/Elliott, Robb, Silva  
27 Fawkes, Hocking, Martin, Trueman

### BIRTHS

*Dax Samuel Roos - July 14, 2017*

6lbs, 10 oz 19 1/2 inches

Parents are Jonathan and Dakota Roos

Grandparents are

Ron and Kelly Bruce and Joe and Robin Roos

Great Grandmother is Jackie Heppner

*Katherine Deborah Schmitt*

7 lbs, 6 oz 19 1/2 inches

parents are Bekki & John Schmitt

grandparents are Kathy & Dyche Anderson

### BAPTISMS - July 9, 2017

*Cody Daniel Uller*

*Inara Elaine Uller*

children of Pete and Carol Uller

*Grant Thomas Yoder*

son of Ryan and Chelsey Yoder

grandson of Steve and Beth Carlson

great-grandson of Jim Kuykendall

### WEDDINGS - July 21, 2017

*Michele DeBeaudry and Nate Vannerson*

### AUGUST HELPERS

#### LAYREADERS

6 Cherie Lessig  
13 Kathy Benton  
20 Outdoor Worship  
27 Millie Everson

### AUGUST HELPERS CONTINUED

**VIDEOGRAPHER** - Bill Jacobs

#### BUS DRIVERS

6 Curt Beadle and Terry Deming  
13 Jack Backus and Roy Sequin  
20 Rick and Lorraine Paffenroth  
27 Roy Sequin and Dick Folsom

#### WELCOME CENTER

6 Cheryl Mandeville  
13 Joan Tryon  
20 David Pierson  
27 Joan Tryon

#### SUNDAY SECRETARY

6 Joyce Jewell  
13 Debbie Sanderson  
20 Jamie Williamson  
27 Marnie Squire

#### USHERS

6 Jack and Joyce Backus, Brittany Belsky,  
Robert Brown, David DiBiase,  
Carol Stefanson  
13 Bill Fife, Marilyn Bingham, Barry Blumel,  
Frank Kasperek, Jennifer Turko,  
Jim Williamson  
20 Gloria Silva, John and Linda Lovasz, Rich  
and Ann Oke, Ken and Nancy Stempien  
27

#### GREETERS

6 Ed and Vicky Opie  
13 Katy Davis and Jessica Mudge  
20 Jerry and Barb Gibbons  
27 Nick and Beth Warrick Family

#### SOUND SYSTEM

6 John Mazeppa  
13 Brad Bevak  
20 Outdoor Worship  
27 Leslie Selden

#### COFFEE HOUR

6  
13, 20, 27 Deacons

**REGULAR SCHEDULE****Worship**

We welcome you to join us on Sunday mornings for worship. 9:00 a.m. is worship and study in the Fellowship Hall. 10:30 a.m. worship is in the Sanctuary with Sunday School running concurrently for pre K-12. Coffee Hour follows at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Prayer Group**

The Prayer Group meets Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If you have a prayer request or would like more information about this special group of ladies, please call the Church Office.

**Boy Scouts**

Meetings held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. downstairs in Youth Hall.

**Alcoholic Anonymous**

Meetings held every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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