

APRIL
2018

ROSEDALE GARDENS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"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."



The Epistle

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

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE

April 15th is Taizé Worship Service in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. with Sandy Main-Neimisto as the accompanist to the pastors. A Taizé Service is a quiet, meditative candlelight service that features simple hymns sung repeatedly, scripture reading, a period of silent meditation, prayers of intercession and communion. The Taizé style of service is a wonderful way to become more peaceful and connected to God. Please join us on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel!

2018 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies! Please consider joining your fellow Sisters in Christ for a relaxing, restful and rejuvenating weekend at Camp Howell April 20- 22. This will be a wonderful opportunity to spend some time with God while also spending time in fellowship with one another. We will be staying at Knoll Lodge on the lake - and every room has its own bathroom! The price for the whole weekend is \$85 and partial scholarships are available. If you care to come up for just the day on Saturday, the cost will be \$10. Space is limited so please register soon! Registration forms can be found on the counter in the church office or you may contact Kate Mackie at 734-422-0949 ext. 112 or kmackie@rosedalegardens.org with questions or Non-Rosedale members WELCOME, as well!

TRIVIA NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Plan on joining the 2018 Youth Mission Team for their Trivia Night Fundraiser at Cowley & Son's Irish Pub and Restaurant in downtown Farmington. The event will be held on Sunday, April 22 from 6 - 8 p.m. Cost is \$25 per adult - \$15 for 17 and under. Cost includes two games of Trivia, appetizers and soft drinks, as well as 2 free raffle tickets. There will also be a silent auction as well as a variety of raffle drawings. Register you and your team today! Prize donations are also needed.

ADULT WORK WEEKEND

Have you ever roofed a house, built a deck or staircase, done plumbing, installed doors or windows, or painted a house? If not, that's OK. You do not need to have any of these skills in order to join others from Rosedale on the Adult Work Weekend. Please consider joining us May 17 - 20 at Camp Henry in Newaygo, Michigan for the 14th RGPC Adult Work Weekend. Cost of the trip is \$125 and scholarships are available. Sign up in the Church Office by May 1st.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!

- 2 Jeff Counts, Adam Lumley, Ryan Rzepka
- 4 Rob Canham, Andrew Futrell, Alex Prentice, Michele Vannerson, Dan Williams
- 5 Laura Jackson
- 7 Ron Hiveley
- 8 Brittany Belsky
- 10 Lorraine Paffenroth, Chris Taylor
- 11 Becky Blue, Jim Elam, Dick Sandberg
- 12 Peter Martin, Bill Tomey
- 13 Lauren Cook, McKenzie Cook, Ken Elstone, Mike Falardeau, Rick Hirtzel
- 14 Kristen Lubig
- 15 Abby Jankoviak, Aidan Oke, Kathy Peterson
- 16 Catherine Dye, Braden Fitch, Clara Smith
- 17 Brenda Sowerby
- 18 Sarah Canham, Gary Clark
- 19 Bryan Herrick, Lois Keefer, Natasha Sears
- 20 Tom Delany, Gavin Deming
- 21 Kali Keppler
- 23 Nancy Stempien
- 24 James Bowlby
- 25 Alyssa Henry, Justin Paffenroth
- 26 Jerry Gibbons, Marilyn Sloan, C.J. Smith
- 27 Brad Bevak, Ryan Davis, Mary McLain
- 28 Barbara Arnold, Natalie Funk, Kelly Herrick
- 29 Ellen Cook, April Falardeau, Rachel Gerger, Sarah Jackson
- 30 Marilyn Coleman, Robert Plue

CHAPEL FRIDAYS

Every Friday the Chapel is 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.

MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYERS:

Megan Barker, David DiBiase, Beverly Forsyth, Andrea Meade, Helen Thomas

APRIL CALENDAR

- 2 Office Closed
- 8 All Church Brunch
- 9 Spring Bible Studies Begin
- 13 Senior High Lock In - 30 Hour Famine
- 15 Communion/Taizé Worship
- 18 Session
- 20-22 Women's Retreat at Howell Nature Center
- 22 Youth Group Trivia Night Fundraiser
- 29 Youth Led Worship Service

APRIL 2018 PRAYER FAMILIES

- 1 Brake, Briner, (Gary/Kathy) Clark, Stempien
- 8 Burke, Kennedy, (Kathy) Roos, (Jack) Smith
- 15 Calhoun, Clinard, Henry, Latzman/Flores
- 22 Belcher, Counts, Cummings, (Judy/Jim) Johnston
- 29 Coxon, Hannah, (Robert) Plue, Whitlock

CHRIS TOMLIN IN CONCERT!

Christian Music Artist Chris Tomlin will be performing at DTE Music Theater on Thursday, May 10th. If you are interested in a night of worshiping with others from RGPC, please purchase your own tickets and let Kate or Kellie know you are going. See you on the Lawn!

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9:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY

Join us in Youth Hall for study, prayer, fellowship and refreshments.

Apr. 8: Sharing Our Faith Stories – Kathy Marzolf
Apr. 15: RGPC #Biblein1year: This week's Scripture – Pastor Kate

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!

APRIL ENDOWMENT FAMILIES

- 1 Bruce and Kate Walrad
- 8 Dale and Diane Frey
- 15 Jan Myers
- 22 Dick and Sheila Folsom
- 29 Kelly Bruce

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, Bob Seymour or Kate Mackie – to discuss how a Stephen Minister might be able to help.

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, visit 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 NEW MEMBERS!

Stephanie Belcher grew up attending a Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio before moving to Chicago where she met her husband Jeff. They live in the neighborhood with their two young daughters. She is a business manager and tax accountant in the music industry and enjoys going to concerts and Barre class. *Jeff Counts* is a journalist

is a journalist who works from home and lives in the neighborhood with his wife Catherine. He enjoys fly fishing, hunting, bicycling, weight lifting and kayaking. *Rick and Karen Hannah* also live close to Rosedale. Karen is a retired nurse who likes to read, sew and knit and Rick is a retired teacher who is part of Rosedale's Mission Math tutoring at Grant Elementary. Both enjoy spending time with family and friends. *Robert Plue* grew up at Rosedale and is reactivating his membership. He lives in Livonia with his three children, Matthew, Brendan and Morgan and works as an engineer. In his free time, he enjoys outdoor activities and has been a coach in his children's sports teams.

PUB THEOLOGY

We would love to have you join us! Contact the group leader if you plan on attending our next Pub Theology night." Come to Ashley's in Westland on the **3rd** Tuesday of the month **from 7-8:30pm and join Jason Elstone** for Pub Theology. Come to Cowley's & Sons in Farmington on the **4th** Tuesday of the month **from 7-8:30 p.m. and join Kate Mackie** for Pub Theology. Come to Black Label Tavern in Livonia on the **4th** Tuesday of the month **from 7-8:30pm and join Pastor Kellie Whitlock** for Pub Theology.

MARCH 2018 SESSION REVIEW

Here's a brief summary of items Session dealt with at their March 21st meeting:

We began and ended the meeting with prayer.

APPROVED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION'S REQUEST initiated by our Senior High Youth Group to head up a spring clothing drive for St Christine's ministry to the homeless. (Sister Magdalene was our minute for Mission Speaker on Sunday March 18 and our youth were very inspired by her words and ministry!)

YOUTH LEAD SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 29TH WORSHIP SERVICE at 7pm now has approval to serve the Sacrament of Communion.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

Worship

There are many opportunities for worship!
On Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. please join us for worship in the Sanctuary with Sunday School running concurrently for pre K-12. On Fridays the Chapel is open from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. with a 15 minute prayer and communion service from 12:15-12:30. Our Taize service is at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Bible Study

Join us Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Youth Hall for study, prayer, fellowship and refreshments.

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.

OUR STAFF

Kellie A. Whitlock - Pastor
Bob Seymour - Director of Congregational Care
Kate Mackie - Commissioned Pastor and Director of Youth Ministries
Lisa Adams - Director of Children's and Family Ministries
Pam Gunderson - Director of Adult Bells
Sandra Main-Niemisto - Organist/Accompanist
Steven H. Olsen - Director of Music
Laura Ulaszek - Director of Communication and Technology
Kim Lubig and Babs Pearson - Office Staff
Dakaria Duncan - Custodian
Dan Samland - Building Maintenance
Tyler Pacific and Shaniah Stiller - Nursery
Katy Davis - Director of Children and Youth Bells
Gretchen Hocking - Kitchen Coordinator
Leslie Selden - Wedding Coordinator
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