

**DECEMBER
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!

HANGING OF THE GREENS SERVICE - Sunday, December 2
at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

COMFORT AND JOY SERVICE - Sunday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.

Join us on Sunday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel for a worship service for anyone feeling blue this Christmas. Not everyone is up and cheery for the holidays. Any and all are welcome whether you are dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after a divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease and any number of other situations. RGPC would like to offer this service as a way to provide a sacred space for all of us living through dark times to find rest for souls and strength for the day. Child care provided. Questions? see Pastor Kellie Whitlock.

DEACONS' FOOD DELIVERY - Saturday, December 22

Our food pantry is again in need of the following for the coming delivery: cereal, soup, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, pasta and spaghetti sauce, baked beans, tuna, canned fruit, mixed vegetables, brownie mix, and jello. Items may be left in the baskets outside of the Chapel. Thank you for your support.



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.

FROM OUR DEACONS

If you are interested in helping the Deacons with their very important **Care Card Ministry** (sending cards to our members who are in need of a caring thought), please consider making a donation of a book of stamps to help us defray the increasing mailing costs of these cards! Donations can be placed in an envelope in Nancy Bowlby's Deacon mailbox in the church office behind the door. Thank you.



UPCOMING CALENDAR DECEMBER

- 1 C.E. Advent Event
- 2 Hanging of the Greens Service
Comfort and Joy Service
- 8 Memorial Service - Helene Cruickshank
- 9 Endowment Sunday/All Church Brunch
Great Cookie Caper
- 14 Memorial Service - Norma Murray
- 19 Session
- 24 Office Closes at Noon
5:00 Family Service
10:00 Candlelight Communion
- 30 Family Worship - Nursery Care Only
- 31 Office Closes at Noon

MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Megan Barker, Abby Bennett, Gene Bevak, Paula Clinard, Dixie Elam, Betty Evenden, Nancy Giannotta, Joyce Jewell, Jim Johnston, Minnie Ramirez, Tony Ramirez, Donna Robb, June Wilson, Richard Szaal

CONVERSATIONS WITH KELLIE LUNCHEONS

Come and have lunch with me! Our own church cook, Gretchen Hocking, will make us a wonderful brunch where we can enjoy good food and conversation! I would love you to attend one of the brunches listed below so I can hear from you and be in your good company. What things do you feel are going well here at RGPC? What areas would you like to see improved?

Any ideas you have to share? Any questions? You will receive an invitation in the mail with where to sign up soon! Cost is \$5.00.

*January 6th (Star Sunday!): 18 & 19,
20s & 30s Year Olds!*

*January (TBA): Our Middle &
High Schoolers!*

February 3rd: Our 40s & 50s Year Olds!

DECEMBER 2018 PRAYER FAMILIES

- 2 Bell, de Lorme, (Paul/Pam) Johnson, Patterson
- 9 Cleland, Heppner, Irvine, Killingbeck
- 16 Arnold, Lubig, Ouellette, Weber
- 23 Falardeau, Mazeppa, Reddick, Supplee
- 30 (Bruce/Chris) Johnson, Kroll, Rowan, Witte

Groups meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month



(September to May) from 7-8:30 p.m.

Pastor Kellie Whitlock, Pastor Kate Mackie, Sandy Main-Niemisto and Jason Elstone will put forth a question of the month for discussion that involves faith intersecting everyday life. **Please note: Pub Theology does not meet in December.**



Sandy's group will meet at
Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill, 37300
Warren Road (at Newburgh),
Westland

Kellie's group will meet at East Side
Mario's, 31630 Plymouth Rd.,
Livonia



Kate's group will
meet at Cowley & Sons, 33338
Grand River Ave., Farmington

Jason's group (20s and 30s year olds) will meet in private homes so child care can be provided.

Can't make it to the Pub Theologies but still want to join in? There is a Facebook group within the main Rosedale page that you can join. Click on groups and select RGPC Pub Theology. There will be discussion regarding the question for all to join in.



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!

DECEMBER ENDOWMENT FAMILIES

4 Matt Bohlman
11 Jim and Judy Johnston
18 Mike and Diane Olson
25 Connie Kennedy

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 through a difficult time, contact one of our Stephen Leaders, Pastor Kellie, Pastor Kate, or Dr. Bob Seymour, to discuss how a Stephen Minister might be able to help.



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

I would like to *Thank You!* thank the women of the church for fixing up my new apartment. They did a great job.

Thank you, Debbie Sanderson

9:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY

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

December 2 - "Mark: Slow Down, Pay Attention"
December 9 - "Matthew: The World As It Is"
December 16 - "Luke: The Ultimate Advent Playlist"
December 23 - "John: The Light in the Darkness"
December 30 - No 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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.

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Twitter and Instagram



Pastor Kellie is now on Twitter! Follow her @RevKellieRGPC

Have you downloaded the RGPC APP? You can find it in your app store by searching Rosedale Gardens Church. Audio sermons, calendar, prayer requests and more! Free to download.



WEDDINGS - November 17

Jessica Mudge and Matthew Kruppa

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.

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

Millie Everson - Interim Director of Adult Bells

Sandra Main-Niemisto - Organist/Accompanist

Steven H. Olsen - Director of Chancel Choir

Laura Ulaszek - Director of Communication and Technology

Kim Lubig and Babs Pearson - Office Staff

Jarrett Kinville - Weekend Asst. Janitorial Custodian

Sandy Powers - Church Caretaker

Karen Killingbeck - Nursery Coordinator

Ella Main, Alex Roffi - Nursery Staff

Katy Davis - Director of Children and Youth Bells

Gretchen Hocking - Kitchen Coordinator

Leslie Selden - Wedding Coordinator

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