

JUNE
2019

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!**

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.

ARE YOU A CAREGIVER? WHO CARES FOR YOU? Please join us on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Youth Hall. We will provide a time to support and share with each other what we are going through taking care of a friend or family member. We will also discuss the importance of taking care of yourself. More information will follow in the coming weeks. If you have questions, please call Jan Myers at 734-673-2731.

THE DANIEL PLAN WILL CONTINUE TO MEET THE 1ST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH at 6 p.m. in Youth Hall and we invite you to join in for a time of good food, fellowship, and faith-filled discussions. For questions or more information, contact Pastor Kate at 734-536-0841 or kmackie@rosedalegardens.org

FUNERAL PLANNING INFORMATIONAL MEETING - JUNE 9, 11:45 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL *From Pastor Kellie:* “More and more church members are making plans in advance for their funeral or memorial service. Once we have met, I then make sure each of us have a copy of the form for safekeeping. This is a beautiful way to take care of your loved ones at the time of death when in most cases they do not know favorite Bible passages, musical selections, those you select to speak, chapel or sanctuary, casket or cremation, etc. I invite and encourage you to come to this informational class with me. The desire of your family is to make sure your service reflects your wishes.”

EMANUEL THE MOVIE: Pastors Kellie & Kate attended a pre-screening of this movie while at a conference in April. “It's the story that rocked a city and a nation as it happened and in the days that followed. Headlines blazed: ‘Churchgoers Gunned Down During Prayer Service in Charleston, South Carolina.’ Yet somehow, in the midst of unspeakable grief and suffering, the families of the Emanuel Nine stood in court facing the killer and offered words of forgiveness. Their demonstration of grace ushered the way for hope and healing. And their compelling stories will be shared on the big screen Monday, June 17 and Wednesday, June 19 only.” This film will be shown at Emagine Canton and Livonia AMC 20. We encourage you all to go see the movie, then join us at 9 a.m. Bible Study on Sunday, June 23 with Pastor Kellie for a discussion.

MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Beverly Balan, Lillian Forest, Jim Johnston, Alice McCloskey, Louise Pedder, Jan Prentice

JUNE PRAYER FAMILIES

- 2 Bohlman, Casey, Maier, Sandberg
 9 Comben, Kennedy, Sedestrom, Whitlock
 16 Bingham, Cummings, Flores/Latzman, Stempien
 23 Blank, Burkitt/Chryczyk-Burkitt, Parent, Young
 30 Carse, (Jeremy) Jones, Mandeville, (Jack) Smith

NEWS FROM CHURCH & SOCIETY

Once again this year Rosedale will be participating in the Summer Cereal Program sponsored by the Presbytery of Detroit. Boxes of cereal will be collected, with half going to a local food bank, and half going to the Presbytery for distribution. Please bring in boxes of cereal anytime between Sunday, May 12 through Sunday, June 9 and drop them off in Youth Hall. This is a wonderful mission opportunity that allows all to participate! Thank you for your support.

This summer Rosedale will also be helping Redford Interfaith Relief provide fresh fruits and vegetables to Redford families in need. RIR helps between 500 and 600 families each month with necessary food items, and the stress is on providing healthy food as much as possible. Please bring extra produce from your gardens this summer during July, August, and September. A basket in the narthex near the coat racks will be provided for your contributions, starting on June 30. Donations will be delivered to RIR each Tuesday morning. If you would like to purchase fruits and vegetables from various stores, this is acceptable, also. Thank you in advance for providing caring service to our neighbors in need.

PLEASE HELP! The Deacons will be making a summer food delivery on June 8th. Many families depend on the free school lunch program to feed their children during the school year and this program is not available over the summer. The following items are needed: breakfast cereal (biggest need), macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti sauce, pasta noodles, soup, brownie mix, baked beans, canned fruit and jello. Items may be left in the baskets outside of the Chapel.

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.

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.



Pastor Kellie is on Twitter!

Follow her

@RevKellieRGPC

**Like Us on Facebook
and Follow Us on
Twitter and Instagram**





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!

JUNE ENDOWMENT FAMILIES

5 Michelle Barie and Mike Shaver
 12 Jerry and Barb Gibbons
 19 Michelle Barie and Mike Shaver
 26 Barbara Arnold

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

MAY 2019 SESSION SUMMARY

SESSION APPROVED the Fairfield door to remain locked on Sunday mornings as recommended by our safety committee. A sign is posted directing folks who come up to the door toward the parking lot entrance.

SESSION APPROVED the May Work Weekend to celebrate the sacrament of communion & to collect money & forms for the trip. (We have 42 signed up including 6 young adults!)

SESSION APPROVED to hold the 3rd Annual Summer Sunday Worship Service & Picnic to be held on August 18th at Mies Park. (This year Garden City Pres. Church will be joining us, St. Tim's & St. Paul's congregations!)

SESSION APPROVED a request from A&F to adding one item as recommended by the Presbytery of Detroit to our RGPC BYLAWS under section "Article 111. Congregational Meetings": #10 The Session will approve the minutes of congregational meetings.

SESSION APPROVED the Presbyterian Women (PW) to hold the annual Blanket Sunday collection on Mother's Day (May 12, 2019).

SESSION APPROVED the following "Inclusivity Statement" written and supported by the session:

"At Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA) we strive to be a Christ-like, faithful & inclusive church family. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender, age, race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. We commit ourselves to following Jesus by cultivating mission, inclusion and community."

(The Presbyterian Church (USA) at our denomination's request asked congregations to write and add an Inclusivity Statement to publications.)

SESSION APPROVED serving the sacrament of communion on the High School Mission Trip.

MILITARY COUPON PROJECT

Please continue to save the coupons from the P&G, Smart Source and Red Plum flyers. These coupons are sent to our overseas military families with a three month extension on the expiration date. The coupon box is out on the table between the mail boxes in the hall across from the church office. Thank you for your continued support. Sue Trisch

RGPC Kids

SUNDAY MORNING RGPC KIDS' PROGRAMS. Children ages 3 years - 5th grade are invited to join us for Pathways to Worship (3 years – grade 1) or Faithworks (grades 2-5). Creative, age appropriate classes are offered to help children experience God's love through art, music, drama, mission and worship. Children will actively engage in their own learning and begin to form a solid foundation for spiritual growth. Join us! **Is your child registered for Sunday School?** Please see your child's teacher for a registration form. Additional forms are available online or on the counter in the church office

Parenting Christian Kids – Our monthly resource for families has wonderful information and activities to help you build a faith –filled home environment. Be sure to see our June edition on our website at www.rosedalegardens.org.

Coming Sunday June 9th - Our Summer Sunday School program begins (3 years – Grade 5). Join us for, *The Book Club – Discovering Stories by Best Selling Author, Jesus Christ*. Each week we will explore a different parable from the bible. We will discover how these stories can help us make better choices and learn to be followers of Jesus. **Our first story is: The Wise Builder – Come see why Jesus said His words are the foundation for us to build our lives upon!**

JULY 29 – AUGUST 1 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registration for our Kingdom Rock VBS has begun. (Register by July 10th to guarantee a Kingdom Rock T-shirt.) Register on our website or in the church office.

Crew Leaders, Station Leaders and Assistants, and Behind the Scenes Helpers, SIGN UP NOW!

Sign-up forms in the church office. Entering 6th Graders - Adults, are you interested? See Lisa Adams - Call (734) 422-0494 or email ladams@rosedalegardens.org.



CAN YOU HELP US BUILD OUR VBS KINGDOM? Donations are needed as we plan to take an epic adventure to **KINGDOM ROCK!** If you are able to offer your support and help **KIDS STAND STRONG FOR GOD**, please see our donations board near the Chapel. On behalf of the Christian Education Committee – **THANK YOU** for your generosity. Your donation is greatly appreciated! **Please return donations by July 10, 2019.**

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women are accepting applications for the Verna Brown Scholarship program. Verna was a very active member of our PW for many years. Upon her death the PW was given an endowment from her estate with the stipulation that the money be used to help post-collegiate women. The scholarship may be used for training in a new career or for furthering professional development. Application forms are available in the PW box in the church office. We are requesting they be returned by June 28th

Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Church World Service Blankets program. At last count we have received \$450.00, which will be forwarded to CWS this week. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

HELP NEEDED! The traveling version of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., will make its first-ever visit to Livonia August 8-12. It includes the names of the 58,000 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Vietnam War. If you are interested in volunteering with the memorial, see Pastor Kellie.



CALENDAR

JUNE

- 2 Baccalaureate Sunday/Family
Worship
- 8 CE Zoo Trip
- 9 Communion/Commissioning/Summer
Sunday School Begins
- 15 Senior High Mission Trip Leaves
- 19 Session

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

2019 High School Graduates

Grace Futrell ~ Stevenson High School
Attending Central Michigan University

Jack Kooienga - Plymouth High School
Attending Grand Valley State University

Kristen Lubig ~ Stevenson High School
Attending Schoolcraft College

Clara Smith ~ St. Catherine Siena Academy
Attending Western Michigan University

2019 College & Post-Grad Graduates

Matt Bohlman ~ Bachelor of Arts in Business
Administration in Marketing - Eastern
Michigan University

Spencer Opie ~ Bachelor of Science in
Business Administration & Marketing
Central Michigan University

Leslie Selden ~ Master of Science Administra-
tion in Information Resource Management -
Central Michigan University

Erin Uhelski ~ Bachelor of Science in
Microbiology - Michigan State University

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Adele Baden, Sylvia Banks, Glenn Cruickshank,
Erica Opett, Bettie Runyan
- 2 Joan Campbell, Alice Steffe
- 3 Anne Anderzak
- 5 Laurie Carse, Joel Kooienga
- 7 Pam Gunderson
- 8 Peter Warrick
- 9 Carol Clark, Anthony Rzepka
- 10 Bruce Johnson, Janice Lumley
- 12 Grace Futrell, Brooke Hughes, Jack Smith
- 13 Lawrie Mathis, Sue Rinke
- 14 Michelle Barie, Graham Opie
- 15 Mary Benton, Karen Delany, Shannon Marzolf
- 16 Katy Davis, Larry Dye, Lori Oke
- 17 Eric Everson, Frank Kasparek, Nick Warrick
- 18 John Niemisto
- 19 Rich Oke, Rick Paffenroth
- 20 Carol Uller
- 22 Jonathan Roos
- 23 Amanda Gerger, Janene Johnson
- 25 Jessica Pierson, Guy Runyan, Brad Sather,
Carol Stefanson
- 26 Mila Ochoa
- 27 Linda Lovasz, Emma Simor, Lynn Webb
- 28 Angelo Ciotta
- 29 Gloria Silva
- 30 Laurie Baden, Jason Elstone, Mary Ann Falardeau,
Adam Hughes, Emily McLain



BIRTHS



John Niemisto and Sandy
Main-Niemisto are pleased
to announce the birth of
great grandson Kolton Ryan
Main on May 14th. Parents are
Austin Main and Kelli Michalski

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

Jason Elstone - 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

Sandy Powers - Church Caretaker

Drew Roffi - Weekend Asst. Janitorial Custodian

Karen Killingbeck and Alex Roffi - Nursery Staff

Katy Davis - Director of Children and Youth Bells

Gretchen Hocking - Kitchen Coordinator

Leslie Selden - Wedding Coordinator

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church
9601 Hubbard Avenue
Livonia, MI 48150 (734) 422-0494
www.rosedalegardens.org
www.facebook.com/rosedalegardenschurch