

DECEMBER
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!**

PASSING TIME WITH PASTOR KELLIE!

I would enjoy “passing the time” with you! It can be at your home or your favorite restaurant, coffee shop, park or here at the church, to have a coffee or Diet Coke (just sayin’)! Below are the first round of dates and times set aside for you. You can go on Signup Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4EABAA22ABF85-passing>) or email/call the church office (officergpc@yahoo.com), 734-422-0494) to sign up! There will be individual times and others where anyone can come.

Wednesday January 8 12:30-1:45 (individual)
Monday January 20 4:00-5:30 (individual)
Friday February 7 5:30-7:30 (all welcome) Sandy’s at the Beach
(cash only restaurant)

9AM BIBLE STUDY TOPICS

All are welcome! Join us each Sunday for study, prayer, fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Hall. Here are the topics:

Based on Isaiah 9:6

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests on his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Dec. 8: “Names for the Messiah: Mighty God” - Pastor Kate
Dec. 15: “Names for The Messiah: Everlasting Father” - Pastor Kellie
Dec. 22: “Names for The Messiah: Prince of Peace” – Jack Smith
Dec. 29: NO 9AM - ALL TO WORSHIP

MEN’S CLUB DATES TO SAVE

December 14 - Presbyterian Men’s 38th Annual Advent Breakfast - Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church - Keynote Speaker is Miguel Thornton, President, Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., Detroit Chapter - Tickets are \$15, sign up in the Church Office
December 28 - Hockey Night at USA Hockey Arena on Beck Road
February 8 - Game Night and Potluck - 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall (all welcome!)
April 22 - You All Come Dinner “60’s Theme!”

COMING TO A PULPIT NEAR YOU!

It’s A Wonderful Life Preaching Series - 10:30 a.m. December 1-22, 2019

MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Abby Bennett, Nancy Bowlby, Steve Cook,
Cathy Elstone, Jackie Heppner, Barbara Major,
Lawrie Mathis, Kathy Roos, Tom Peterson,
Richard Szaal, Carol Weigle

DECEMBER PRAYER FAMILIES

1 Anderzak, DeBeaudry, Kosinski, Selden
8 Fife, (Jeremy) Jones, Pearson, Walker
15 Cleland, Giannotta, Hughes, Ostlund
22 Belsky, Fawkes, Manning, Yamazaki
29 Bell, (Gordon/Carol) Johnson, Killingbeck,
Plue

DECEMBER CALENDAR AT A GLANCE



- 1 Hanging of the Greens / Comfort and Joy Service
- 6 Passing Time with Pastor Kellie - All Welcome
- 7 Family Advent Celebration
- 8 Baptism / All Church Brunch / Great Cookie Caper
- 11 Christmas Luncheon for Ages 65 and Up with Pastor Kellie
- 15 Confirmation Class
- 18 Caregivers Support Group
- 24 Office Closes at Noon
5:00 Family Worship
10:00 Candlelight Worship
- 25 Office Closed
- 26 Office Closed
- 31 Office Closes at Noon

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.



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and Follow Us on
Twitter and Instagram**



**Pastor Kellie is on Twitter!
Follow her @RevKellieRGPC**

**Don't forget to turn in your
pledge cards!**



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

December 1 Marilyn Bingham
 December 8 Lori Oke
 December 15 Michelle Barie and Mike Shaver
 December 22 Mark Lessig
 December 29 Michelle Barie and Mike Shaver

MEN'S CLUB DVD PROGRAM

The Men's Club has a program that supplies a DVD of the Sunday Service to those who cannot attend. Please notify any member of the Men's Club or the church office if you know of someone who could use this free service on either a permanent or temporary basis.

We also have the ability to create a Special Order DVD of any Sunday service going back a few years for \$4 per DVD. The order slips and envelopes are in the church office in a small bucket. Fill out the slip, place the slip and fee in the envelope and drop it off in the Men's Club slot in the top row of mailboxes in the office.

Due to the generous gift of a new, more efficient DVD duplicator from Lois Cummings, in honor of Dick Sandberg, we are capable of expanding this outreach mission for the church.

MEN'S CLUB OUTING ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Men's Club is going to see the USA Hockey Team play North Dakota at the USA Hockey Arena on Beck Road just north of M-14 in Plymouth on Saturday December 28th at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$12. Anyone interested in going should see Brad Beney, Ken Elstone, or Ken Stempien.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER

- Permission was given to the Men's Club to hold their All Come Dinner in April of 2020, to the Board of Deacons for their Giving Tree program, and to the Youth Group for two fundraising event early next year.
- The Membership Rolls were reviewed. The Book of Order requires this to be conducted each year.
- The House Committee presented a Major Projects List for 2020 and approval was given to proceed as pledge commitments to the Building Fund are received.
- The Chancel Choir will be featured at St. Mary Mercy Hospital on Friday, December 13, 2019. They will sing in the chapel and be recorded for patients to enjoy on the internal hospital TV channel through the New Year.

LOOKING FOR A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT?

The Men's Club 22nd Annual "You All Come Dinner" will be held at Stefan's Banquets at St. Mary Cultural Center, 26355 W. Chicago Road, Redford April 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The entertainment this year is "The Invasion" playing music from the 60's This event will have a 60's theme Tickets are \$30.00 each with \$5.00 going towards the Men's Club DVD Program Please see Ken Elstone or Ken Stempien for tickets

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.

Our FaithWorks and Pathways to Worship children will spend the month of December preparing their hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We will especially focus on the shepherds and angels. How did the shepherds feel when the angels appeared? What message did the angels share with the shepherds? Why did God choose shepherds to visit baby Jesus? How are we like the shepherds? Who can we tell about Jesus?

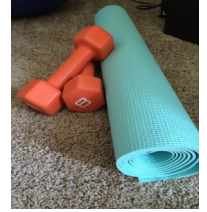
Parenting Christian Kids – Our monthly resource for families has wonderful information and activities to help you build a faith-filled home environment. Be sure to see our August edition on our website at www.rosedalegardens.org.

ARE YOU A CAREGIVER? WHO CARES FOR YOU?

Please join us on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 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 info will follow in the coming weeks. If you have questions, please call Jan Myers at 734-673-2731. **Please note that the group meets earlier in December - the date is Wednesday, December 18th.**



EXERCISE CLASSES are held at Rosedale on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. If you have an exercise mat, dumbbells or bands bring them, along with water. \$5.00 donation requested. Questions? Call Dave Laycock at 734-765-5595 or email Dave at delaycock@yahoo.com



CHAPEL FRIDAYS - Every Friday the Chapel is open from 12:00-1:00 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.

THE DEACONS CHRISTMAS FOOD DELIVERY will be on Saturday,

December 21st and our food pantry is in need of the following food items for the upcoming delivery:



stuffing mix, yams, cereal, soup, peanut butter and jelly, mac and cheese, pasta and spaghetti sauce, mixed vegetables, canned fruit, baked beans, tuna, and brownie or cake mix. Items may be left in the baskets outside of the Chapel. Thank you for your support.

DID YOU KNOW? The Church & Society Committee offers an Alternative Gift Giving Catalog with ideas of how to say "I volunteered/donated in honor of you" this Christmas season. Copies are available in the church office or at the welcome center.

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



We are pleased to announce that **Joyce Backus and Beverly Hertenstein** are the recipients of the 2019 Honorary Memberships in the national Presbyterian Women Association. These two women give generously of their time and talents to the life of this congregation. Their public acknowledgement will be held after the advent season.

Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone who participated in the Thank Offering. To date, we have received \$434.00, which will be split between the national PW designated projects and our own Tabitha Circle's fleece blanket ministry. We truly appreciate the generous support we receive for our mission activities.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

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 through a difficult time, please 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**

**PUB THEOLOGY GROUPS MEET THE
3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (SEPT TO
MAY) FROM 7-8:30 P.M.**

**PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO MEETING
IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ann Maier
- 2 Jack Brake, Jeff Jackson, Samantha Roffi
- 3 Trevor Turko
- 4 Mark Meade
- 9 Marie Plester, Bruce Walrad, Emma Weyer
- 10 Camryn Sather
- 11 Betty Evenden
- 12 Bob Clinard, Eric Cruickshank
- 13 Rachel Miller, Joe Roos, Susan Sather, Michelle Ward
- 15 Kristen Herrick
- 16 Rodrigo Flamenco, Shannon Lubig, Virginia Parent
- 17 Austin Johnson, Chris Johnson, Rachel Martin
- 20 Leslie Selden
- 21 Roy Birmingham, Patty Martin, Tyler Turko
- 22 Jim Kuykendall
- 23 Nicholas Everson, Ginna Williams
- 24 Valerie Culler, Bill McIntyre
- 25 Carol Johnson
- 26 Ian Kennedy, Joe Kosinski, Tom Prentice
- 27 Dyche Anderson, Rob Seiter, Logan Sowerby
- 29 James O'Connor
- 30 Jim Redick
- 31 Jan Afonso, Sandy Cruickshank, Nicole Kinville

YOUTH MISSION TEAM FUNDRAISERS!

Bottle Drive: Please hang on to your returnables and consider donating them to the Youth Mission Team in the month of January.

Old Electronics: If you have any of the following items lying around, the Youth Mission Team will be happy to take them off of your hands: desktops, laptops, flat panel computer monitors (no CRTs), computer cables, computer parts, game consoles (and games themselves). Please bring them to Youth Hall during the month of January and we will recycle them for you!

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

Karen Killingbeck and Alex Roffi - Nursery Staff

Katy Davis - Director of Children and Youth Bells

Gretchen Hocking - Kitchen Coordinator

Leslie Selden - Wedding Coordinator

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