

Rosedale United Church of Christ

Rosedale Visitor



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Sundays at Rosedale

7:45 am

Spoken Service with
Communion

9:00 am (Sept. to May)

Sunday School

10:30 am

Choral Service with
Communion

Pastor

Rev. Selina Hamilton

Organist/Choir Director

Dr. Brenda Leiby

Assistant Organist/Director

Judy Becker

Secretary

Marcia Reinert

Treasurer

Timothy Becker

Income Secretary

Cindy Vesper

Sexton

Carl Wolfe

October Newsletter

Deadline

September 15, 2019

Come to Sunday School!

September 8th Classes Begin

Sunday school begins at 9:00 am every Sunday throughout the school year. Currently we have three different classes at Rosedale.



Entering through the red door on Ridgeway, go up to the second floor and through the double doors. Walk down the hallway. Turn left at the next hallway and the classroom to your right is where the **children ages 3 to 11** begin their hour. At 9:45 am the children move to the choir room with Brenda & Judy for music time. They can be picked up there on the first floor at 10:00 am.

If you continue down that 2nd floor hallway and go left at the end of the hall, that classroom is where the **confirmation students** meet. Confirmation is for ages 12 or 13 and older.

Our **Mothers and Others** class is on the first floor and is for anyone older than Confirmation age. Enter the Ridgeway door and go up one flight of stairs and go through the double doors. As you walk down the hall turn left at the next hallway and the Mothers and Others classroom is on your right.

We hope you will join us!!

Leadership

Consistory President

Steven Schory

Consistory Members

Alexis Ames

Robert Ames, V. Pres.

Jonathan Becker

Joanne Bilski

Michael Heller

Larry Kirk

Michele Payne

Marcia Reinert, Sec.

Helen Schory

Sylvia Shaner

Susan Smith

Webmaster

Betsy Blankenbiller

Facebook Editor

Alexis Ames

Sunday School Director

Robert Ames

We are a welcoming community of faith open to all. We would love to have you worship with us!



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@UCCRosedale

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RosedaleUCC

Dear Friends in Christ,

In these last few days before maternity leave begins and we meet the newest member of our family, I'll admit that I'm feeling pretty excited, a little nervous, and quite tired. Still, more than anything else, I am feeling incredibly grateful for all of your love, support, and prayers as we've waited and prepared for this moment.

Thank you to the Rosedale UCC Consistory for working with me to plan what maternity leave will look like. As a reminder, I will be on leave for 12 weeks, and I know that while I am away, your Consistory will be working hard to keep everything at church running smoothly, as they always do.

Thank you to the Revs. Rebecca Brenner and Bob Aregood, who will be leading worship and preaching, and who will be available for funerals and pastoral care if there is need throughout my leave.

Thank you to the Women's Guild for organizing the beautiful Sprinkle for us and our baby girl, and thank you to everyone who came to celebrate and everyone who sent gifts and everyone who has been praying for us throughout this season of preparation and waiting. It was a wonderful celebration, and we are so grateful your kindness and generosity! It is such a gift to be part of this church community.

And thank you all for your continued love, support, and prayers as we welcome our baby girl into our family, and for your patience as we all wait for the moment when we'll be ready to introduce her to our church family. I will be back from leave before Thanksgiving, and I am already looking forward to being back together in worship and in prayer and in our work in the world.

In Christian Love,

Pastor Selina



Sundays in September

Pentecost 12 Sept. 1

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Pentecost 13 Sept. 8

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Pentecost 14 Sept. 15

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

Pentecost 15 Sept. 22

Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Pentecost 16 Sept. 29

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31



Rosedale Readers

Don't forget to pass your books on **September 1st!**

Do we have your email address?



Send it to us at

rosedaleucc1301@yahoo.com

Women's Fellowship

Women's Guild News

I hope you all enjoyed your summer! Now that we are in September, it's time for the Women's Guild to get back to business.

Please remember to use your Margherita Pizzeria coupons for a sandwich or pizza. Hand them out to your friends, family, and/or coworkers. Coupons can be found in the back of the sanctuary, or see Nancy Henn. Coupons can be used through September 30. Remember that Rosedale receives money for each coupon used!

We invite all women of Rosedale to attend our monthly meetings. Meetings are held the **2nd Tuesday evening at 6PM** each month! We are always looking for new faces and ideas to help Rosedale! Meetings are usually 1 hour and we always have snacks and refreshments.

Our 1st bake sale of the fall will be Sunday, **September 8th**, held before and after each service. If there is something you would like to see us make, or are looking for something special for you (or a special occasion), please see Alexis. We welcome donations and baked goods. For those baking, please have your baked goods at the church in time for the first service.

Our next sandwich sale will be **Saturday September 14th**. If you have not ordered before and would like to be placed on a regular call list, contact Alexis. "Red Alert!!!!!" Each month we will feature a "sandwich of the month" in addition to our Italians and Hams. September's sandwich will be a smoked turkey with provolone and lettuce, tomatoes, and onions.

Our next raffle will start **October 1st**. Entry is \$2 each for a chance to win a whole turkey, just in time for Thanksgiving!

Please stay tuned for more upcoming events! You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, and Nextdoor!

Ciao!

Alexis Ames
President

Ladies' Night Out

Our next Ladies' Night will be September 20th at 6:30 pm. If you can join us, please let Alexis know.



September at a Glance

- 9/1 Evangelism at noon
- 9/4 Darts
- 9/5 Adult choirs begin
- 9/7 Property 9 am
- 9/8 Sunday School Begins
Consistory at noon
- 9/10 Women's Guild 6 pm
- 9/11 Darts
- 9/12 Choirs
- 9/14 Property 9 am
Sandwich Sale
- 9/18 Darts
Choirs
- 9/19 Muhl. Pantry
- 9/20 Ladies' Night
- 9/21 Property 9 am
- 9/25 Darts
- 9/26 Choirs
- 9/27 Apple Dumplings
- 9/28 Property 9 am
Apple dumplings
Laureldale Fall Fest at
Playground 11-3:00
- 9/29 Harvest Home – Merge
Baptismal Waters



Creator
God,
remind
us that
even as
one season
fades, another
begins; you are always doing
something new and bringing
life out of death.

Church In Society

38th Annual CROP Walk

Sunday, October 13, Gring's Mill

Registration at 12:30 PM, Walk begins at 1:30 PM

Choose 1 mile, 3 mile or 5 mile loop and walk at your own pace. Walkers who collect at least \$100 in sponsorships will receive a free event shirt. Donations can also be made at www.crophungerwalk.org/readingpa. Walkers donation forms will be available soon.

On September 5th you can help raise money by eating at Isaac's in Wyomissing between 11:00 am to 8:30 pm. Pick up a flier or show it on your phone and hand in when paying.

Pantry Help Needed

The Muhlenberg Churches Food Pantry is looking for a few additional folks to help roll out and load shopping carts of food into clients' vehicles during our monthly distributions. The time for this volunteer opportunity is 3:15 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. If you are interested in helping with this, please see Brenda. In September the pantry is on the 19th.

Laureldale Fall Festival

The Laureldale Fall Festival will be **September 28** from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Rosedale Ave. Playground. The Laureldale Borough wants to make this festival a fun day for the kids. There will be **free** activities including a bouncy house, pumpkin painting, music, prizes, etc. Last year Rosedale sold sandwiches, chips, baked goods, apple dumplings, and water. We will be asking for donations of baked goods like brownies, cupcakes, Rice Krispy squares, and cookies to sell again this year at our table.



If you would like to have a stand at this event, please call 610-929-8700. Last year vendors sold jewelry, candy, & handmade items.

Margherita's Fundraiser

Pick up a coupon in the rear of the sanctuary for pizza or a sandwich, chips and drink. Rosedale receives a portion of each sale. Mention the coupon when ordering. This fundraiser will last through the end of September.

Harvest Home

We will celebrate Harvest Home on the 29 of September. The offerings collected in the Harvest Home envelopes will go to the Muhlenberg Churches Food Pantry.

Students Experiencing Homelessness

We continue to collect hygiene items year-round for Students Experiencing Homelessness.



Giant & Redner's

Buy gift cards to use at Giant and Redner's to help Rosedale financially.

Rosedale then gets 5% of the gift card sales. It is money you will spend anyway, so why not help Rosedale at the same time? Cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 amounts.

If you have a Save-A-Tape card at Redner's, and you hand in your grocery receipts to us, we receive 1% of the total submitted.



Gift Card Totals as of 7/31:

2015	2016	2017
\$700	\$1000	\$700

2018	2019
\$800	\$800

Total profit to Rosedale since the beginning: \$9,645.00!

Property Committee

Our Property Committee is looking for volunteers to help with projects around the church now that fall is soon here. They have changed their scheduled work day to Saturdays at 9:00 am, and welcome any interested people to join them whenever they can.



Veterans Making a Difference

Thank you to all who signed up to sponsor our local veterans for one month. The cost to sponsor a month is \$30.

Summer Outreach

Thanks to all who donated pants and leggings for the Muhlenberg Elementary Center.

Worship Resources

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Sponsors

There are a few open dates to sponsor altar flowers and bulletins. The open dates coming up for flowers are 9/29, 10/5, 10/27, 12/1 12/15 and 12/24. To sponsor the altar flowers it costs \$30 and bulletins are \$15.

Mums For Sale

For Harvest Home Sunday we are offering Mums for sale. You may place them in honor of, or in memory of someone. The cost is \$10 each.



Mums \$10 – Deadline 9/22

Name _____

How many _____ Total Amount \$ _____

In honor of, in memory of _____

Baptismal Waters

On September 29th bring the water you collected over the summer to church where we will combine all of the water with the intent that it will be used as baptismal water.

Summer Singers

Thank you to those who sang solos, duets and in groups over the summer while the regular choir was on a break. Thanks to **Carl Wolfe, Bob Ames, Sue Kirk, Rebecca Brenner, Joanne Bilski, Marcia Reinert, Faye Cochran, Judy Becker, Peg Hoyt, Helen Schory, Steve Schory, Curt Hoyt, Dennis Blair, Mike Fowler, and Beth Vesper-Atkins** for her accompaniment. Thanks to **Sue Kirk** who played for the entire service on August 11 when Brenda & Judy were away.

Rosedale Happenings

Rosedale Lunch

We will meet for lunch at Margherita's at noon on September 30. Let Marcia know if you plan to come. Bring your coupon.



Rosedale Members,
We need you!

You won't find more
supportive and caring people
than you find at Rosedale.
You/We are the church.

In two years we celebrate
our 100th anniversary.

Take time this Sunday to
come to church again and
bring a friend.

**Come to worship! You are
the church!**



**Join a committee – get
involved!**

- Or –
- Join Women's Guild.
- Help at a dinner.
- Express an interest in
serving on Consistory.
- Volunteer to be a counter.
- Help on Saturday mornings.
- Bake for bake sales or
dinners.

Rosedale Readers

In September we should be passing books for the last time in this cycle and on October 6 we get our own book back. Let's take October to pick out a good hardcover book to enter into the next cycle. If anyone wants to get into the Rosedale Readers just let Marcia know. You can get your book titles to Marcia by **October 20th**. We will then begin passing our new books on November 3rd.



If you like to read, what we do in the Readers is purchase a recently published hardcover book. On October 27 you will get a list to paste inside the front cover of your book. That list shows who you pass your book to on the first of each month. You have a month to read each book and if you don't care for a certain book, you don't have to read it. In this way we purchase one new book, but we get to read about 10 or 11 books free, depending how many are in the cycle.

Please let Marcia know if you would like to join the group.

Continuing to Grow in Christian Faith

Rosedale UCC has a long history of welcoming people from all walks of life to worship with and become members of family. In an effort to continue to be progressive, to grow in Christian faith, and to build on our tradition of being a warm and welcoming congregation, a committee has been formed with the goal of having Rosedale gain the public designation of being an Open and Affirming church.



What this means is that Rosedale would openly welcome a wide diversity of people, including members of the LGBTQ+ community, racial, cultural and ethnic people whose backgrounds and experiences may be different from our own experiences, and all others, to visit and worship with us and join our congregation without fear of judgement or persecution. We would proclaim the common UCC doctrine that all are welcome, regardless of who they are, to learn, worship, and celebrate the glory of God within our congregation.

More information about our journey of discerning our commitment to this designation will be provided over the coming months, and We look forward to including all members in that process. Should anyone want to learn more about this process or have any questions in the meantime, you are urged to speak with one of our committee members - Beth Vesper-Atkins, Linda Kemmerling, Alexis Ames, Bob Ames, Nancy Henn, Jim Shaner, Carl Wolfe, Debbie Greenawald, David Lawton, Helen Schory and Michele Payne.

Theology With A Twist

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019
Rev. Kim Kendrick will be speaking about immigration and children.

The second Tuesday of the month. 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Kutztown Tavern, 272 Main St., Kutztown, PA 19530

Spirit on Tap

Sept. 24, 2019, 7:00 pm
Dr. Robert Seesengood will speak on, "Apocalypticism and Conspiracy Theory". He is a professor of religion at Albright College.

Spirit on Tap is usually held the last Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Doubletree, 701 Penn St., Reading, PA



Weeders and Mulchers

Muchas Gracias to all our intrepid gardeners who labored in the hot August sun to restore Rosedale's flower beds to their accustomed splendor: **Gerry Weyandt, Deb Greenawald, Jim and Sylvia Shaner, Ed Stewart, Brenda, Brian, Steve Schory, Tim and Judy, Curt and Peggy, Ron Volanski and Dennis Blair.** Gracias Especial to **Chilo, Antonia and Alex,** from Anewalt's Landscaping for their unsolicited help. And thanks to Anewalts for delivering the mulch without a delivery charge and to our generous members who helped pay for the mulch.

Larry K

Honor Crucifers

We plan to honor crucifers on September 15 at the 10:30 am service. We will thank the following for their service:

Austin Heller	Sarah Love
Robert Blankenbiller	Taryn Yelk
Sara Blankenbiller	

Dart Baseball Team



Our team is looking for new members. The games start in September. If you are interested, please talk to Tim Becker. Most games are on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm – they move to Tuesdays during Lent. Join Rosedale's winning team!

Adult Choirs

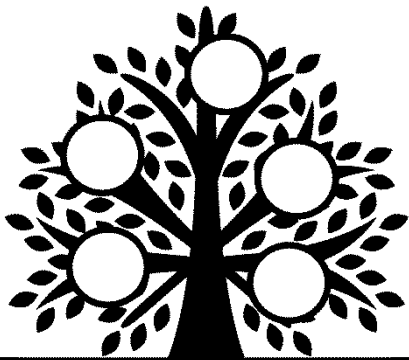
The Rosedale Ringers and Cathedral Choir will begin practicing September 5th at 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm respectively.

Apple Dumpling Time!

Come to the fellowship hall Friday, **September 27**, any time after 5 pm with a rolling pin to roll dough, or a knife or vegetable peeler to peel apples. There are a few extra rolling pins at church.

Saturday, **September 28**, come after 7:00 am and we're usually finished by noon. We will be peeling apples and assembling the dumplings. Any amount of time you can give will be greatly appreciated. Please let Judy or Tim know if you can help.

Apple Dumpling Order Form	
Name	_____
# of Dumplings	_____
Total \$	_____ Dumplings are \$3.50 each



GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.

Kids Choir

Anyone interested in singing with the Chapel Choir should come to the choir room on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. The children sing once a month, September through April, and Christmas Eve.



Financial

YTD (June) Income	\$59,383.10
YTD Interest Income	5,525.52
YTD Expenses	82,916.19
YTD Variance	18,007.57
Total Debt	39,344.89

Have you tried the donation button on our website?

Strengthen the Church

We received \$40 in offerings for Strengthen the Church in June.



Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.

ACROSS

2. David's grandfather
5. Jacob's grandfather
6. Esau's grandmother

DOWN

1. Judah's grandmother
3. Joseph's grandfather
4. Solomon's grandfather
7. Jesse's grandmother

One G _ _ N _ _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obad, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation