

## Faithful Waiting . . .

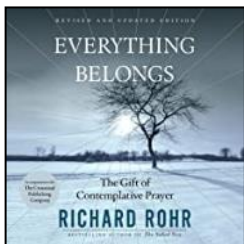
This is not the typical issue of Grace Notes. For these are not typical times. As I write this, we are heeding the wisdom of the day and seeking to do all we can for one another by remaining isolated and apart. For some, that means a house full of family – all day, every day. It means a new level of both connection and chaos, as learning, work, and family life all take place in the same space. For others, it is a time of waiting in solitude – a “wilderness” with its own set of challenges. All the while, we are mindful of those who face even deeper and life-altering realities amid this crisis.

A few months ago I wrote here of “winter pruning” – of the intentional work on apple trees to cut back, focus energy, and make space for summer fruit to emerge. Little did we know how hard our lives would be pruned.

But the lessons of the orchard speak still. Amid the challenges we all face, there is opportunity. Old ways of being and living have been removed, and in the forced newness, life can be – must be – lived in a new way. All this during Lent – a time of intentional examination, clarification and spiritual growth. Though as someone quipped, “I hadn’t planned on giving up this much for Lent.”

In the pages that follow, you will see that much of the “normal” life of the church has been pruned. Who knows when “normal” will return. Yet new ways of worshiping, connecting, studying, and serving are emerging. As a dose of fertilizer, Jason, John, JP and I have put together a list of resources for you – ways that we have found nourishment for our faith and lives. Ways that we hope may feed your roots in this spring season, as together wait what is to come when life blossoms once again. For even if we cannot be together – even as Easter this year is celebrated apart in our homes – it remains the hope at the very core of the universe – the hope in which we live as the people of God: Resurrection happens.

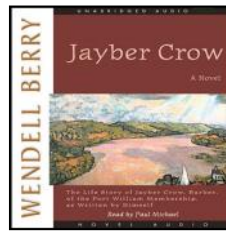
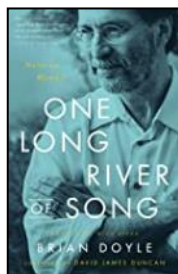
Waiting expectantly with you,



### Resources from Dan:

- Any of the books by Richard Rohr, though *Everything Belongs* is my favorite.
- Richard Rohr’s Daily Email is worth a look. Sometimes a little dense, but well worth the effort. [Click here.](#)

- The Bible Project ([click here](#)) – a terrific online video resource with wonderful short videos on reading the bible and summaries of themes and each book. These guys are good.
- The Bible Project folks have also designed a special “Church at Home” series to nurture spiritual growth during this time. Click [here](#) for the link.



- Brian Doyle – a current favorite – savoring my way slowly through *One Long River of Song* – some of the best writing on seeing the Holy amid the reality of everyday life. Cry and laugh...

- Books by Wendell Berry – his works of fiction are pieces of art rooted in real life. *Jayber Crow* is a great place to dive in.

- Books by Bill Bryson – not very spiritual, but always laugh out loud entertaining!

### JP’s list of resources:

#### Books

- *Searching for Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church* by Rachel Held Evans
- *Finding God in the Waves: How I Lost My Faith and Found it Again through Science* by Mike McHargue
- *Ash & Starlight: Prayers for the Chaos & Grace of Daily Life* by Arianne Braithwaite Lehn
- *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life* by Tish Harrison Warren

#### Podcasts:

- Harry Potter and the Sacred Text
- Poetry Unbound
- The Liturgists Podcast
- Science Rules! With Bill Nye
- Reply All by Gimlet

#### Email Lists:

- Verse & Voice ([sojo.net/subscriptions/newsletters](http://sojo.net/subscriptions/newsletters))

#### Bible/Prayer Apps:

- ReadScripture
- Hallow

#### Netflix Shows:

- The Good Place
- Stranger Things

### John’s list of resources:

Apps which are good for short daily devotions are:



#### D365

#### PCUSA Daily Prayer (BCW)

Consider reading or re-reading what I believe are some of the Christian Classics:

- “My Utmost for His Highest” by Oswald Chambers
- “The Cost of Discipleship” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- “Mere Christianity” by C. S. Lewis

Or, as a family, read C.S. Lewis’ *The Chronicles of Narnia* series with your children.

## Announcements

### Holy Week at RPC Online via Zoom and other platforms



**Palm Sunday: April 5, 10:00 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday: April 9, 8:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday: April 10,**

Noon from the Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. Family Service

**Easter Sunday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.**

*Instructions on joining by Zoom and other platforms are on the church website [here](#). Bulletins will also be available there.*

#### Flowering of the Cross

As we “stay together while staying apart” on Easter, one of the most beloved RPC traditions will continue, but modified to keep us all safe.

As a sign of hope and God’s transformative power, in past years we have “flowered the cross” together by putting carnations on a wooden cross during the 9:00 a.m. family service. There will be just a single online Easter Service at 10:00 a.m., but you are still welcome to come throughout the day to the front of the church. On the lawn in front of the main door of the sanctuary we will mark off a cross on the ground. You are invited to bring flowers from your yards or homes, and keeping our social distance, place them within the outline of the cross. Once again, and in new ways, we will see hope and new life in our midst!

#### COMMUNITY CONNECTION ONLINE

As another way that we can connect to one another and to God throughout this time, you are invited to take a look and join in the conversations on the RPC website “Strange Days Blog” ([click here](#)). There you will find two ways to connect. Under “Joy, Junk and Jesus” you are invited to leave a comment sharing those very things – a joy in the midst of this, the junky side of life in this time, and the place you are seeing God show up.

On the “Prayer Wall” you are invited to make prayer requests as we continue to pray together for all those in need throughout this ordeal. All can share anonymously, but please keep in mind that it is a public forum.

#### EASTER ASSISTANCE OFFERING

As our world faces these unprecedented health challenges, the usual Easter worship in our beautiful sanctuary filled with flowers and music won’t be necessary. All around us, however, the needs in our community are great as workers are losing jobs and income. In lieu of the traditional Easter Flower and Music Offering, Session has created an EASTER ASSISTANCE OFFERING. Monies given will go to our local agencies that are feeding and assisting people during this difficult time. Please share your offering in this way, so that others may more fully experience the joy of Easter.

Contributions can be made online by [clicking here](#) or sending a check to the church (please note “Easter Assistance Offering” on the check memo line).



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
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#### One Great Hour of Sharing

**Restoring Hope, Feeding the Hungry, Empowering the Oppressed**

Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The offering is received through Easter, April 12. To watch a brief video about the offering, [click here](#). Donations may be mailed to the church or made online ([click here](#)).



Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page. Click [here](#) to donate. Please contact Maida Robinson at [mrobinson@ryepc.com](mailto:mrobinson@ryepc.com), if you have any questions or need assistance. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the church!

#### RYE-BASED EFFORTS TO HELP OTHERS

If you're feeling healthy and safe, and are eager to find a way to HELP OTHERS during this unsettling time, we have two simple, Rye-based efforts that could really use your help!

- Sew Happy is making and delivering masks to medical personnel in the area. You need not know how to sew to lend a hand. Please click the link below for detailed instructions on how you can help (kids can get involved, too!). [www.sewhappyusa.net](http://www.sewhappyusa.net)
- As you know, medical personnel are working around the clock AND local restaurants/eateries are suffering without being able to operate as usual. RPC member, Erika Lee, is coordinating a DOUBLY-BENEFICIAL effort and collecting donations to deliver meals FROM our local restaurants TO our local medical staff members. If you'd like to contribute, no amount is too small! Please Venmo Erika directly at erika-lee-37 and make a note in the comments that this is a "RPC food donation." Any questions, please email Erika directly at [epandoesq@aol.com](mailto:epandoesq@aol.com). In both cases, anything you can do will help!

Both efforts will need to maintain over the long haul, so you're definitely not too late!

## Sesquicentennial Service Challenge, “The Voting Booth” Book Discussion

### *Volunteering at RPC . . . Singing in the RPC Chancel Choir by Nancy Platt*

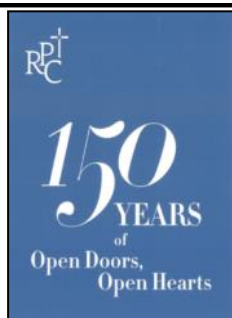
St. Paul urges us to use singing as inspiration in our spiritual life. From the King James Version of the Bible a letter from Paul to the Ephesians, Ch. 5:19, “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.”

I have had the God-given fortune to be singing all my life. Remembering back to the 1940s when we lived in the Boston suburbs I went to Miss Dow’s Nursery School and sang “Twinkle twinkle little star” at the age of 3. At that time also my father was in a summer singing quartet in New Hampshire, where we spent many summers with my grandmother in New Castle. So there must be a genetic component to my voice.

I sang in a grammar school music club, in high school with the Miss Hall’s Grace Notes, with the Mt. Holyoke College V-8s, a group formed there during World War II, and in existence today. Even when I moved to New York City after college, I sang in a quintet formed by an Amherst friend and had the good fortune to meet my future husband in that group. After we married we moved to Rye where his aunt and uncle lived, as we knew we wanted good schools for our then baby twin boys and a church that would welcome us.

I took a singing hiatus during our children’s early years but heard that RPC’s choir director, Bob Moncrieff, was looking for tenors in the RPC choir, so I called him, tried out sometime in the 1980s and have been singing here ever since, first with Bob, then Kevin Walters, now Jason Charneski. How blessed I feel to be able to share this gift from God with RPC’s congregation. For those of you reading this piece please consider how you might use your voices in service to God and the church.

*Nancy Platt joined RPC in 1983 and is a member of the Chancel Choir.*



### The Sesquicentennial Service Challenge

2020 marks the sesquicentennial of our sanctuary. 150 years of people coming in and going out through the doors of our beautiful sanctuary. People come in to find their faith strengthened and renewed as we worship together. People then go out in service to the world beyond our doors.

The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to join your fellow disciples of Rye Presbyterian Church in the 2020 Sesquicentennial Service Challenge!

**The goal:** at least 150 minutes of service from every member for every month of 2020. With 1052 members, that would mean the total number of services minutes for 2020 would be 1,893,600!

Please know that ANY volunteer service you do either with the church or in the community COUNTS. If you are giving the gift of your time, it counts. When logging your minutes, you can group your minutes together. You don’t need to log each activity separately. Simply total your minutes and then list, as briefly as possible, what activities you did. The two things we are tracking are total number of minutes (not hours), and the variety of activities that people are involved in as they give the gift of their time by volunteering.

**Minutes logged thus far: 128,980**

**TO LOG YOUR MINUTES, GO TO:** <https://ryepc.com/150>



### *The Voting Booth: A new vision for Christian engagement in a post-Christian culture.*

**Tuesdays, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 7:30 p.m.**

Via Zoom—contact [John Miller](#) for link

This brief work is presented as a three-act play and reads somewhat like *The Pilgrim’s Progress*, the Christian allegory written by John Bunyan.

How should a Christian relate to the culture? For generations, Christians have been told to either escape the culture to avoid its ungodliness, or to aggressively engage the culture by seeking power and control over it. But are those a Christian’s only options? The Voting Booth presents a third path for a new generation of Christians seeking to love both God and their neighbor.

We meet the main character, Christian, on Election Day as he considers his vote. His struggle is an internal one more so than with the candidates themselves. He understands their respective visions for the country, but he doesn’t know what future he wants and how he should live and vote in a post-Christian culture.

Dr. Miller will facilitate the discussions via Zoom. Please email him at [jmiller@ryepc.com](mailto:jmiller@ryepc.com) if you would like to participate. He will email you the monograph and the Zoom link.



## Christian Education, Confirmation, Personnel Update from Session



### Sunday School

In the midst of all that is going on with coronavirus (COVID-19) and social distancing, please know that we are here to support you and your families. If you ever need any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to [Rev. JP](#), or one of our co-pastors.

We also hope to continue supporting you through our weekly Christian Education newsletter. Each week we are sending out more resources to help you keep your children engaged alongside a variety of ways for you and your family to experience God at work in your everyday lives. During this time, we are sending the newsletter out on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to serve as a reminder for online worship at 10:00 a.m. and to provide engaging and creative resources for children that are connected to each Sunday's scripture and focus.

If you wish to receive this newsletter and these resources, please email [Rev. JP](#).



### Middle School Connection

RPC's Middle School Youth Group is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**GroupMe!** We are keeping the connections going through a GroupMe group chat! If your youth would like to be a part of our group chat, please send [Rev. JP](#) either your youth's cell-phone number or email.

**Wednesday "Gatherings":** Each week during this time of social distancing, we will "gather" on Zoom on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. for games, movie nights, and spiritual practices!

### YOUTH High School Youth GROUP Group

**GroupMe!** Join our group chat for updates and keeping in touch with one another! If your youth would like to be a part of our group chat, please have them send [Rev. JP](#) either their cell-phone number or email.

### Wednesday Instagram Devotionals:

Each week Rev. JP will go live on our Instagram account at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays to share a brief devotional that will include scripture, a short message, and some form of prayer.

### Confirmation 2020

Like so many other things in the life of the church, in this current crisis, questions remain about how the class will finish their year of study. They have begun work on their statements of faith –

always an intriguing and an inspiration to read as they put words to their thoughts about their relationships with God, and how their faith informs their lives. During this month, each confirmant will speak with a church elder to talk about their year and their readiness to confirm their faith.

As they continue fine-tuning their statements of faith, the class is scheduled to meet on April 19 at 4PM or 5PM – our final discussion about the life of faith and a time to wrap up final details and plan worship for Confirmation Sunday. The class is also scheduled to meet with the entire Session, and, if prepared to do so, be voted in as the newest members of Rye Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, April 22 at 8:00 p.m.

Currently, our schedule calls for a confirmation rehearsal on Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m., with Confirmation to be celebrated at 10 o'clock worship on Sunday, May 3. Typically, there is a breakfast on that day at 8:45 a.m. in the Assembly Room for parents and families of the confirmation class.

That all said, it remains to be seen when we can actually gather live and in person to welcome this class of Confirmants into the full community of faith.

As with so many plans, we will all stay tuned.



### PERSONNEL UPDATE FROM KATY RIDLEY, CLERK OF SESSION AND MARGARET BLUM, PERSONNEL CHAIR:

We are delighted to share this update from the Session. Our church staff and leaders have been working very hard to keep RPC running and serving in new and creative ways as we live out our mission and calling. Some on staff are working from home, but many are unable to do their work without being on-site. Out of concern for their well-being, our Personnel Committee asked the Session to thoughtfully consider the continuance of the staff and hourly payroll. Session voted unanimously to continue paying these staff members who are paid hourly through April 30th, even if they cannot come in to work. This includes our administrative staff, sextons, choir section leaders, night/weekend cleaning staff, and Sunday caregivers in the toddler room.

Their responses of gratitude have been truly powerful. Here are just a few of their words:

*... I'm actually taken aback by the kindness and generosity of this gesture. It definitely eases the anxiety that has been lurking and I'm overcome by emotion by such an unexpected and welcome email.*

*... I am sitting here in tears with my jaw DROPPED after reading your email. Thank you all so much for your and the church's generosity. After losing every job I have for the next two months, as well as my day job, this truly means the world. Thank you so much for letting us know, I'm proud to be involved with an organization that genuinely practices what it preaches.*

We want to thank you, our Rye Presbyterian family, for your continued generosity. We are blessed to be part of a community that has the resources and generosity of spirit to support the church through this difficult time.

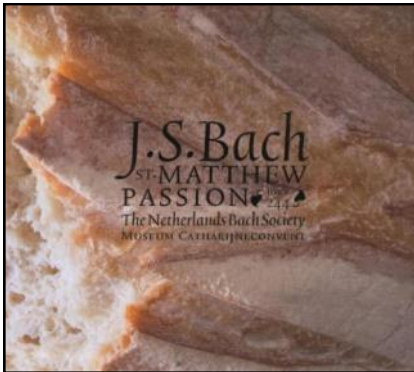
## Music News, Sunday Morning Streaming

### Musical Notes

By Jason Charneski

As we cannot sing together in these days of isolation, perhaps these few suggestions for online listening/viewing or download to your phones will be of interest, especially as the church global continues its Lenten observance and journeys again into and through Holy Week to the glorious joy of Easter.

One of the greatest works of Western music is Johann Sebastian Bach's setting of the *Passion According to Saint Matthew*. Clocking in at about 2 hours and 45 minutes, Bach wrote it for use as a part of the Good Friday liturgies in Leipzig, where – though his primary duties were centered at the St. Thomas



Church and School – he was responsible for the music in all four of the city's principal churches (all Lutheran). Here's a link to a recording by the Netherlands Bach Society. I suggest using your HDMI cable to connect your laptop/device to your television/surround sound system.

Audio/video [click here](#).

Libretto [click here](#).

The Passion begins with all singers imploring us, the “daughters of Zion,” to spend this time listening and reflecting on the story to be sung. A chorus of children interjects within this first movement the chorale that is the German vernacular equivalent of the Latin “Agnus Dei” – the Lamb of God (the symbolism is that the innocence of children's voices is a simile

to that of the lamb that was slain). The narrative then opens with the evangelist (Matthew – a tenor), beginning at the start of Matthew 26. Chorales, recitatives, and arias provide the commentary and reflection; the evangelist always advances the plot. A bass sings the role of Jesus; other soloists sing much smaller roles (Peter, Judas, etc.). The choirs also serve as the crowd (the work is scored for two choirs, two orchestras, and a children's [boys in the 18<sup>th</sup> century] choir). Part I concludes with the disciples fleeing the garden at the time of Jesus' arrest. Part II begins at Matthew 26:57 and concludes with the sealing of Jesus' tomb, after which the choirs – as if sitting Shiva – sing their words of mourning (Wir setzen uns, mit tränen – here we sit, with tears), along with a plea that Jesus will “sleep gently” (ruhe sanfte).

Given the length of the work, you may find it more amenable to your schedule and needs to listen to scenes, rather than the entire work; thus, having the libretto handy can aid in this regard.

For further education about this masterwork, you may choose to watch a series of lectures given by Helmuth Rilling. Mr. Rilling is the director of the Oregon Bach Festival and is considered one of the foremost interpreters of Bach's music. The lectures are divided into chapters (thus, no one comprehensive link is available [at least that I could find quickly]); thus, it probably is better for you to do a search for “Helmuth Rilling Bach St. Matthew Passion Lectures.”

For additional Bach scholarship, please search for articles and books by Christoph Wolff (musicologist on the faculty at Harvard) and John Eliot Gardner (founder and conductor of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment). For recordings of other Bach works (especially the cantatas and the orchestral suites), a search for more from the Netherlands Bach Society is but the tip of the iceberg. Embrace “going down the rabbit hole” in these abnormal days!

Jason





## New Members—Spring 2020



### *Nancy and RD Gauss*

Nancy and RD are both originally from North Carolina where they grew up and attended college prior to moving to New York. They lived in New York City for the past 11 years before moving to Rye this past summer. Both Nancy and RD continue to work in the city, Nancy as a journalist and RD as an investor in the energy sector. They have two boys, Mack (4) and Bruce (2), who both attend RPNS. They very much look forward to joining the community.



### *Kyla Goodner*

Kyla Goodner is a Stamford, Connecticut resident who originally hails from Ringgold, Georgia. She has lived in Connecticut for the past 8 years, where she graduated with a Master's in Genetics from Yale University. She currently works at Fusion Academy Greenwich as a school administrator. On the side, she also works as the clothing room supervisor for Neighbor to Neighbor in Greenwich, Connecticut. Outside of work, Kyla enjoys playing piano, reading, and exercising! She is also passionate about all things children and child-welfare related, and served as a foster parent for New Haven DCFS in 2017-2018.



### *Katie and Parker Lee*

Katie and Parker, along with their two boys, Henry (3) and Hector (5 months), and dog (Enzo), are very excited to become a part of the RPC community. They relocated to Westchester from Houston about a year ago, and recently bought a home in Rye. They previously lived in New York and Katie grew up and went to college and law school in New England. The family loves being active and getting outside, whether it be running, hiking, biking, or taking Enzo for long walks. They also enjoy reading, traveling, listening to music, and cooking. Katie and Parker are both transactional lawyers (Katie focuses on data privacy and Parker focuses on oil and gas) at law firms in Manhattan. They look forward to being members of RPC, worshipping Jesus Christ, growing and learning spiritually, meeting other members of the congregation, and helping out at RPC and in the city of Rye.



### *Sarah and John Richardson*

John, Sarah, Tuck, and Thomas ("Tate") Richardson moved to Rye several months ago from NYC. John originally hails from Indiana, while Sarah spent her childhood in Arkansas and Michigan. After meeting at Vanderbilt University, John and Sarah moved around the Midwest and Northeast for work and education before settling in New York. John is an investor at Cinven, while Sarah is a litigator at Greenberg Traurig. The Richardsons enjoy golf, tennis, swimming, reading, and family dinners.



### *Melissa and Rich Rutigliano*

Melissa grew up in Harrison and was baptized and confirmed at RPC. Rich grew up in Chester, NY, and was raised Roman Catholic. They met in NYC in 2015 and were married at RPC in 2017 by Dr. Miller. They lived in Hoboken until they had their son, Vincent, who was named after Rich's Dad and was also baptized at RPC by Dr. Miller. This past summer, they bought a house and moved to Harrison. Now that they are settled in, they are joining RPC to have a place to worship as a family, as Melissa did growing up.

## Worship, Bible Study, April Meetings

### WORSHIP

**Worship Together Online  
Via Live Stream!**

**10:00 a.m. Every Sunday**

**8:00 p.m. Thursdays**

**Maundy Thursday-April 9**

**Contemplative Services-April 2, 16, 23, 30**

*Instructions on joining by Zoom and other platforms  
are on the church website [here](#).  
Bulletins will also be available there.*

We look forward to "seeing" you in worship!



### CHURCH AND JUSTICE SERVICE POSTPONED

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Church and Justice Service at Rye Presbyterian Church, originally scheduled for April 19, has been postponed until further notice. In light of the coronavirus, all felt it was wiser to postpone the service, because it would not be possible to practice sufficient social distancing given the number of guests in addition to the congregation. Further, we traditionally have held a luncheon for 100 or so people after the service which would also be impractical.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is only a *postponement*. The Church and Justice service is a vivid and important part of RPC's worship calendar and a powerful reminder of the redemption experienced by men and women who have spent years, often decades, in New York prisons. We expect to be able to re-schedule this service when guidelines suggest that larger gatherings are permitted. We will let you know the new date through Grace Notes and the weekly email blasts.



Testing Live Stream

### BIBLE STUDIES

#### Men's Sunday Evening Bible Study

Sundays, April 5 and 19, at 8:00 p.m.

via Zoom – contact [Dan Love](#) for the link

Please contact [Dan Love](#) to be on the email list.

#### Monday Morning Bible Discussion

Mondays, April 6, 20, and 27

at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom – contact [Dan Love](#) for the link

Join in as we near the end of our Old Testament overview using The Bible Project. Contact [Dan Love](#) for more information and to join the email reminder list.

#### Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, April 4, 18 and 25

via Zoom to start – contact [Cynthia De Santis](#) for the link

### APRIL MEETINGS

#### Board Meetings

**Deacons:** Wednesday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

**Trustees:** Wednesday, April 15, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

**Session:** Wednesday, April, 22 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

#### Adult Education

**Book Discussion:** "The Voting Booth"

Tuesdays, April 21, 28, May 5, 12,

via Zoom—contact [John Miller](#) for link

#### Youth

**Confirmation Class:** April 19, 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.

via Zoom—contact [Dan Love](#) for links

**Connection:** Wednesday "Gatherings," 5:30 p.m.,

via Zoom—contact [Rev. JP](#) for link

GroupMe Chats: Contact [Rev. JP](#).

#### High School Youth Group:

Wednesday Instagram Devotionals, 10:00 a.m.

GroupMe Chats: Contact [Rev. JP](#).

#### Other Church Meetings

**3 Ts:** April Meeting suspended. Individual connection by phone or email encouraged. Contact [Jane Mickatavage](#) (914-967-8622) or [Nancy Steed](#) (914-328-9658).

**Coming Home Dinners:** Postponed until further notice

**Mission & Outreach:** Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.,

via Zoom—contact [John Miller](#) for link

#### Stephen Ministry:

**Leaders:** Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom

**Supervision:** To be determined

**Thrift Shop:** Closed until further notice

**Worship & Music:** Monday, April 20, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

#### NOTE:

Due to the current situation we are all dealing with, the **Race and Religion—Part II** adult education session is being cancelled.



## Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

### Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

On Saturday, February 29, Rye Presbyterian Nursery School held its 23rd annual Pancake Breakfast. This event brings the RPNS community together, with a special emphasis on welcoming new families to RPNS.



Families gathered in the Assembly Room to enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausages, bagels, and fruit served by RPNS parent and teacher volunteers.

The children also had their photo taken with Pete the Cat on the stage during breakfast. Entertainment at the event included a performance by the Robert Rogers Puppet Company. The puppet



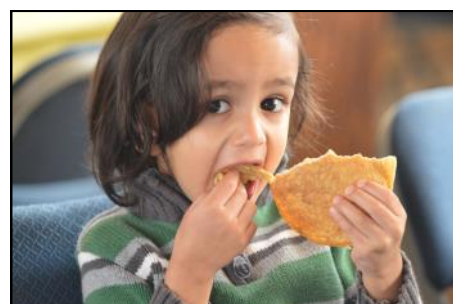
show featured scenes from Aesop's Fables. In the upstairs fives classroom children water-colored flowers on popsicle sticks and placed them in a decorated cup with shredded green paper for grass. Participants at the Pancake Breakfast also purchased books at the Scholastic



Book Fair set up in the Westminster Room.

The week leading up to the Pancake Breakfast, our twos and threes classrooms enjoyed Grandparents' Day. Grandparents were invited to visit the classrooms and have a special snack with their grandchildren. The students were dismissed to their grandparents, and they visited the Book Fair together.

There were also special Book Fair shopping days for our four and five year old students to shop independently at the Book Fair during school. It was a great way for the children to practice their math skills as they had to figure out the prices of the books they were purchasing and the amount of money they had to spend.



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