

Grace Notes

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A New Light Dawns



During March and the slow Lenten/pandemic journey toward the hope of Easter, we had the joy of watching our new Sarah and Abraham window finally make it from remote idea, all the

way to being installed as a completed work. What a thrill to watch that corner of the sanctuary fill with new color and imagery, and what a lovely way to celebrate the 150th year of our sanctuary!

Like the biblical characters in the window and their often complicated journey of faith, it was fascinating to observe the process of the window being made. The window began to take shape in England, where an artist began work with the church committee to bring Abraham and Sarah to light for us. After several iterations, the finalized artwork then



moved into the hands of the craftspeople at Rohlf's Stained Glass studio in Mount Vernon. The original rendering became a full size "cartoon," and then over 400 individual pieces of beautiful stained glass were carefully chosen to bring the drawing to

Perhaps the most fascinating step was what happened next. Instead of drawing the detail of the window on the glass, an artist at Rohlf's covered each piece of glass in dark paint. Essentially working in reverse, she then slowly removed portions the dark paint in places to allow the light to shine through, leaving the paint on the rest of the glass to create the image we will see. It is a skill that only a few people in the world are likely to have - and amazing to watch. As she finished, the individual pieces were then fired to bond the paint to the glass. Then other craftspeople used lead came to assemble all the pieces into the window that came to the sanctuary.

In the end, we have Abraham and Sarah, along with their servant girl, Hagar, and Abraham's two sons, Ishmael and Isaac the whole complicated family of faith that God chose to receive



blessing and to be a blessing to the world. Centuries later, we find our own place in that extended ancestral family - descendants of Abraham and Sarah, by birth or by adoption. We, too, are invited to the blessing God offers. We, too, are invited to the journey of faith. We, too, are called to be a blessing to others. We, too, are like those small pieces of

glass in an artist's hand.

We are all created with inherent worth and beauty - all of us born with the great potential to shine with the image of God. Yet, like the dark paint that covers the glass, we make decisions that obscure the light and mar the image of God as it seeks to shine through us. Yet faithful and skilled is the Artist. Light

dawns amid darkness on Easter morning. Resurrection is God's way. Carefully we are cleansed and renewed – and once again, in our own unique way, the Light shines through our piece of the grand puzzle. As we are joined together, the dim light of Easter morning grows and spreads, refracted and multiplied. We practice resurrection, and the world moves one step closer to God's new heaven and new earth.

May you be blessed this Easter season. May God fill you and shine through you with joy and light and life. May you be a blessing to all the world around you.

Happy Easter -



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Holy Week, Flowering of the Cross, One Great Hour of Sharing, Rye Vets

Holy Week at RPC

Maundy Thursday: April 1, 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary and via Zoom & YouTube)

Good Friday, April 2

- -Noon (Sanctuary and via Zoom & YouTube)
- -3:00 p.m. Family Service (Zoom & YouTube only)

Easter Sunday, April 4

- -Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m., on the beach at Rye Town Park (in person only)
- -Traditional Service with Communion,

10:00 a.m. (Sanctuary & via Zoom & YouTube)

Instructions on joining by Zoom and other platforms are on the church website:

https://ryepc.com/worship/worship-at-rpc/

Bulletins will also be available there.



Flowering of the Cross

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 family service. As we did last year when

we began this unique time, we will flower a cross on the ground in front of the church. For those attending inperson at 10 AM, we will have flowers available to be placed on the cross outside on the ground in front of the church. If you are not able to attend in person, you are welcome to come throughout the day to the front of the church. You are invited to bring flowers from your yards or homes, and place them on the cross. Once again, we will see hope, beauty, and new life in our midst!





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This offering will be received through Easter Sunday,
April 4.

To donate online click here:

https://ryepc.com/article/onegreat-hour-of-sharing/

Around the world millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference in the world and is the largest way Presbyterians come together to do mission and ministry with those whom we see are in need.

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural human-caused disasters, and support for refugees.
- Presbyterian Hunger Program takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.
- The Self-Development of People invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty, and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. Please give generously.



GIVING BACK TO THOSE WHO GAVE MUCH – THE VETERANS OF RYE

Recently the church was contacted by the Rye Veterans group as they embark on a community effort to honor those from this community who served in the armed forces. Their project, with help from the Rye Historical Society, youth in our schools, and many volunteers, is to put together biographies of those who have served in WWI, WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. From the membership of this church alone, that is over 150 people!

One of our high school youth, Lili Waters, jumped into the project after reading about it in the Rye Record. Here is what she said about the experience: I've always loved history, especially the personal side, and this helped me explore that on a level as close to home as you can possibly get. I saw The Rye Record article on the incredible life of James W. Frankowsky and the request for written biographies for the over 1,450 WWII veterans of Rye and immediately wanted to write one. Our community has so many untold stories and with COVID many of us have extra time on our hands, so this seemed the perfect way to spend it. They had an incredibly straightforward guide, so the process was enjoyable. I felt I got to know and connect with my assigned veteran, Eugene White; however, when I finished I found myself with more questions about him than when I started. As a Rye High School student, it was fascinating to see how the school and town has evolved and what has always been part of what makes Rye such a great community. This also gave me a better understanding of the stories and people behind the millions who bravely serve in the Armed Forces, and see the

necessity of projects like this one.

If you, like Lili, have some time to give and would be interested in participating in this endeavor, you are encouraged to do so. You can

learn more at <u>RyeVets.org</u>. To be matched with a veteran, please send an email to:

info@ryevets.org.

To read Lili's work on Eugene White click here: https://www.ryevets.org/ProductDetails.asp?
ProductCode=USArmy-686

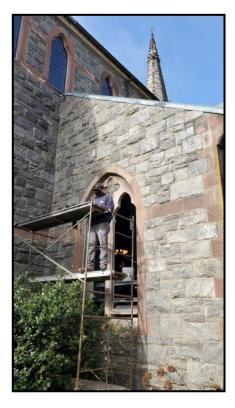
Eugene White, Rye High School, class of 1940

Abraham & Sarah Window Arrives at RPC

As noted on the front page, our new stained glass window has at long last been installed! As with Abraham and Sarah, God has called us to this often unpredictable journey of faith together. Along the way, God promises to bless us, and to make us to be a blessing to others. May this new window be a part of that blessing for many years to come! If you haven't had a chance to make a donation toward this project, all gifts are welcome, no matter the size. If every household gave \$150, it would be fully paid for. In addition, one generous family is matching all gifts toward the window. To learn more about the window or to make a gift online, click here: https://ryepc.com/article/the-new-abraham-sarah-window/. If you'd prefer to send in a check, please just note 'new window' in the memo line on your check.



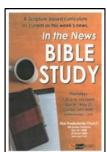








Adult Education, New Members, Church & Justice, Peeps



NEW Adult Education Thursday Night Discussion

7:30 p.m. via Zoom April 8 – May 27

We will be using **The Wired Word** adult Bible study curriculum as our final course of study this spring. This new and unique curriculum takes current events from today's news and relates them to

Scripture, as we seek to apply God's word to everyday life. Each week participants will be emailed a news article and related scriptures along with discussion questions in advance of our Thursday evening gathering. To participate and to receive the emails along with the Zoom link, please contact John Miller at jmiller@ryepc.com.



Church & Justice Sunday April 25

On April 25, Rye Presbyterian Church will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Church and Justice worship service. This service is led by graduates of the New York Theological Seminary's Masters in Ministry program at Sing Sing Correctional Facility—a program RPC has supported for more than 24 years through monthly meetings with students in each year's class, as well as with graduates who remain incarcerated at Sing Sing or Fishkill correctional facilities.

This year's service will be different from those in prior years, mainly because of Covid limitations. Since this is a regular Sunday worship service, we will follow the usual Sunday liturgy and use the lectionary as the source of the Scripture readings. In addition to the preacher, only four other formerly incarcerated will participate in the service.

Eric Waters, who has preached at RPC before, will be the guest preacher. Since he has been instrumental in creating a special program for graduates who are still at Sing Sing and goes into the prison weekly to lead meetings of that group, part of his message will address how the pandemic is affecting inmates, guards, and other prison staff..

Invitations will be sent to all graduates of NYTS at Sing Sing who have been released. Due to Covid restrictions, there will be no luncheon after the service.

Hopefully, by the time of this service in 2022, the pandemic will be in the rear-view mirror and we can return to the more expansive Church and Justice service we've had in the past, including a luncheon for all graduates and their families. May it be so.

Become Part of Our Church Family

New Member Welcome Discussions April 11 & 18

ChurchFamily

Perhaps you've been coming to RPC a long time, or perhaps you are brand new to the area or the church. Either way, if you've

thought about taking a further step into the life, community, and mission of RPC, this is a great time to explore it. All those who are interested in finding out more about what it means to be a member of Rye Presbyterian Church are invited to take part in the New Member classes. The classes are Sundays, April 11 and 18, at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom. In these classes, we will explore what it means to be a Presbyterian in general, and what it means to actively live out our faith together as a part of this particular church. In addition to the Sunday classes, for those choosing to join the church, there will be a Zoom meeting with the leadership of the church on Sunday evening, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. This is a time to meet the officers of the church and for the Session to meet briefly to approve the new class for church membership. Public welcome and recognition of the new members will take place during worship on Sunday, May 9.

Anyone wishing to find out more about joining the church should contact Peggy Berretta in the church office – **pberretta@ryepc.com** or 967-0842 x19.

The Gospel According to Peeps

Sunday, April 11, 2:00-3:00 p.m.



Families are invited to join us out by the **Grape Arbor** on **Sunday, April 11**, from **2:00-3:00 p.m.**, where we will use Peeps and other art supplies to create dioramas of our favorite Bible stories!

If you are unable to join us in person, we will also provide Peeps and supplies for families to pick up on that day so they can create a diorama at home! Please select the "Pick-Up" option when registering if this is what you would like to do.

Registration is required—no walk-ins will be allowed. Registration for the event will be found on our website (https://ryepc.com/article/the-gospel-according-to-peeps/) until Wednesday, April 7. Space and supplies are limited, so please register early!

Please make sure to wear a mask for the event! Also, please know that a health check via a sign-in sheet will be required upon arrival.

Christian Education, Confirmation



Easter Sunday marks the end of our journey through the wilderness of Lent as we gather to celebrate the good news of the empty tomb. From there, we enter the season of Easter and learn what it means to live into God's new creation.

Starting on Sunday, April 11, we are switching over to Illustrated Ministry's *An Illustrated Earth: Celebrating God's Creation.* By engaging Bible stories that celebrate water, plants, food, and animals, we will reflect together on the wonderful diversity and beauty of God's creation. Each week we will focus on a different theme:

April 4: Easter Sunday -

no Sunday School

April 11: Separation on the Water

(Genesis 1:6-10)

April 18: Parting of the Sea

(Exodus 14:15-31)

April 25: Baptism of Jesus

(Matthew 3:13-17)

Each Sunday we will start off our Zoom class together at 9:00 a.m. to introduce the theme. Then we will split into two breakout rooms based on age (PreK-2nd and 3rd-5th) for discussion and activities.

If you would like your child(ren) to participate via Zoom, please fill out the registration form on our website:

https://ryepc.com/ministries/children/.

Families are also invited to join us in reflecting on God's creation at home! This curriculum comes with its own Family Devotions, consisting of wondering questions, coloring sheets and story cards, a family activity, and a prayer. If you would like to receive these materials and are not already signed up for our weekly Christian Ed newsletter, please contact **Rev. JP**:

jmarshall@ryepc.com.

Middle School Connection

All 6th – 8^h graders are welcome at RPC's Connection!

•Wednesday, April 7, 5:30 p.m.,

via Zoom: Join us as we spend time catching up, playing games, and praying together! Please contact Rev. JP for the Zoom link (<u>imarshall@ryepc.com</u>).

•Wednesday, April 21, 5:30 p.m., Assembly Room & Great Lawn: Join us as we spend time catching up, playing games, and talking about caring for the

Let Rev. JP (<u>imarshall@ryepc.com</u>) know if you'd like to be on the parent email list. You can also sign up for updates through Remind: text @rpccon to 81010 or sign up at:

https://www.remind.com/join/rpccon.

GroupMe - 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 -

jmarshall@ryepc.com.

YOUTH High School Youth GROUP Group

All 9th – 12th graders are welcome at RPC's High School Youth Group

•Sunday, April 11, 6:00 p.m.,

Assembly Room. Join us as we continue our conversation on youth mental health in our community! We will discuss how we can join other youth groups in raising awareness, educating and training parents and youth on how to manage mental health challenges, and working on reducing stigma.

•Sunday, April 18, 6:00 p.m.,

Assembly Room: Join us as we spend time serving our community together! More information coming soon! If you know of a certain need within our community, please contact Rev. JP.

•Sunday, April 25, 6:00 p.m.,

Assembly Room: Join us for Vespers, where we invite our high school youth to slow down in the midst of all the busyness for a time of intentional connection and prayer. In recognition of Earth Day and the season of spring, we will gather outside with a creation-centered focus. Let Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know beforehand if you plan on joining us for Vespers so we have enough personal plants for everyone. Also, if you have a specific concern you would like us to pray for, please feel free to reach out, even if you are unable to attend!

We are on Instagram!

Username: ryepresyouth

(www.instagram.com/ryepresyouth/).

Updates through GroupMe!

Join our group chat for updates and keeping in touch with one another!

Please send Rev. JP

(<u>imarshall@ryepc.com</u>) either your cell-phone number or email.

Updates through Remind!

Text @ryepre to 81010 or sign up at https://www.remind.com/join/ryepre.

Confirmation 2020 and Confirmation 2021

As we continue to see some light dawning at the end of this year-long tunnel, this year we get a unique double dose of Confirmation!

During worship on April 11, we will celebrate with last year's Confirmation Class as they make their public promises, and as we recognize their work a year ago when they completed their time of study during the opening weeks of the pandemic. Like just about everything else, it will still feel a bit different, but the class and their families are invited to be in worship and there join officially in the life and ministry of the church.

A few weeks later on May 2, we will celebrate again as the Confirmation class of 2021 brings their year of study to a close, and as they too profess their faith and join the ongoing journey with God as a part of the Church.

This month, the current class will be wrapping up their statements of faith — where they are wrestling to put words to their thoughts about their relationship with God, and how their faith informs their lives. During this month, each confirmand 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 11 and 18 on Zoom or in person. 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 28 at 8:00 p.m.



Music Notes, Rye Women's Interfaith Conference



From Jason Charneski

Some Symbolism in What You Will Hear and See in Worship on Good Friday and Easter

The Rev. George Sullivan, the Franciscan priest who served as the pastor of the Our Lady of Fatima chapel in Winston-Salem, N.C. (where, when in graduate school, I played the organ for the Saturday vigil and Sunday evening Masses; I was at First Presbyterian in Thomasville on Sunday mornings), described Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection as "the greatest love story ever told."

Pay attention to how this love appears in word and sound on Good Friday and Easter. Some instances are obvious: the word itself sung in the hymns or anthems, or read in scripture. On Good Friday, in particular, there is more to "Aus liebe," (an aria from the Bach *St. Matthew Passion*) than the word love (liebe, in German) sung by the soloist. The accompaniment of the aria is scored for a solo flute and two oboes (a flutist will join us; I'll play the oboe parts on the organ). The second oboe's lowest pitch is F below middle C; the flute's and the soprano's lowest pitch is E above middle C! This high tessitura is considered to be a representation of Jesus suspended on the cross (his feet do no touch the ground).

Now, a bit of homework for you to make an educated guess about the symbolism you will see in worship on Easter: Please read the accounts of the resurrection in Mark 16:1-8 and Luke 24:1-12, then compare those to Matthew 28:1-10 and John 20:1-18. Hint: it has to do with what is possible, musically, in light of the pandemic-drive safety protocols.

Update on Reading the Bible

On June 1, 2020, I began reading the Bible (*The New Oxford Annotated* version of the NRSV) in published order (beginning with Genesis, ending with Revelation; not including the books of the Apocrypha). I set a timer for 30 minutes and read at a pace wherein I did not feel rushed, nor was I compelled to complete xnumber of chapters or pages. Sometimes a logical stopping point occurred prior to the expiration of the 30-minute timeframe. I completed this pandemic-days discipline on March 8, 2021.

Five summary thoughts. First, I'm glad I did this. It was not onerous (yes, there are tedious passages). Second, I'd like to return to each book and re-read it, this time using the annotations for context, supplemental information, or reference to other passages. Such a process is what good Bible study is all about. Third, I next will read the books of the Apocrypha. Fourth, I am reminded of a slogan used by the United Church of Christ approximately fifteen years ago: God is still speaking,... This makes me thankful for the written witness of so many persons to God's work and presence in their lives and the lives of others in the nearly two thousand years since the New Testament books were written. And, fifth, I ponder the accounts and letters that were not included in the final product that emerged from the early days of the established/Rome-sanctioned church. The more I learn, the less I know!

Jason



The Rye Women's Interfaith Annual Conference

Finding Hope in Prayer

Sunday, April 25, 2021 2:30pm via ZOOM

Featuring: Fr. James Martin, SJ



Fr. Martin will be speaking with us on his newest book:

Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone.

Rev. James Martin, SJ, is a Jesuit priest, editor at large of *America* magazine, consult to the Vatican's Secretariat for Communications, a *New York Times* best-selling author and a frequent commentator in the national and international media. Before joining the Jesuits in 1988 he graduated from the Wharton School of Business.

This event will be presented on Zoom. Registration is required – simply click on the link below. Once you are registered a link to the Zoom event will be sent to the email you provide. Email any questions to:

findinghopeinprayer@gmail.com

Please register here: http://urldefense.com/v3/ http://urldefense.com/v3/ http://urldefense.com/v3/ http://urldefense.com/v3/ http://urldefense.com/v3/ http://urldefense.com/v3/ https://urldefense.com/v3/ https://urldefense.co

In lieu of a fee please consider making a donation to Caritas of Port Chester, a local soup kitchen and food pantry. Donations can be made on their website at CaritasPC.org or mail your donation to: Caritas PC, P.O. Box 682, Port Chester, NY 10573.

Thrift Shop, Mobile Shredder

THE RPC THRIFT SHOP HAS REOPENED

(weather permitting)

We will finish our year with outdoor sales in the parking lot on Parsons Street side of the church. The shop will be open in good weather, Thursdays, through June 10, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be open to take donations on Wednesdays (10:00-11:30 am) and Thursdays (10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). Our list of acceptable donations has changed and we ask that you be very patient with us as we have storage limitations at this time.

We will take the following:

Household goods, china and dinnerware in sets of at least four (we can no longer take single plates and glasses), fine china, all flatware, jewelry, artwork, silver

We currently cannot take any of the following:

Toys, single glasses, plates, etc., clothes, draperies, electronics, small picture frames, furniture (except very small items.)

If you are uncertain about a donation, please email revertifit10580@gmail.com and we will be happy to answer your questions. As our list of acceptable donations changes, we will be updating on our website.

Thursday, March 25 - A bright sunny day welcomed the reopening of the Thrift Shop for outdoor sales.



WESTCHESTER COUNTY MOBILE SHREDDER

On-site at RPC, Tuesday, June 22, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



- Bring your confidential personal papers for shredding.
- Remove all large binder clips and covers.
- Paper clips and staples are ok.

Can't come Tuesday? A locked bin will be available in Assembly Room for drop-off of materials beginning Friday, June 18.

Shredding personal documents serves a double purpose-- to recycle paper as well as protect sensitive information against identity theft -- the fastest growing crime in the nation.

Remove all metal clips, fasteners, binders, folders and hard covers – like those on ledger books and marble composition notebooks, and place the papers/pages loosely in a box. (The covers should be discarded in regular household trash).

Up to four file-sized (10"x12"x15") boxes per household are allowed for shredding.

Please wait on line in the parking lot and stay in your car at all times, the Staff will remove the boxes from the trunk of your car. For the safety of everyone, you must wear a mask when speaking with anyone outside of your vehicle.

Worship, In Memoriam & Births

Weekend Worship

As we move into April, we will continue with a single service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. As we have done since the summer, that service will have limited in-person attendance and we ask that you sign up online to reserve a space each week. In addition, the online option through Zoom and YouTube will continue. As we keep an eye on demand and safety, we will add services as needed – bringing back the Saturday 5:00 p.m. service or an early Sunday service. Please watch your weekly emails for updates!

Online Worship

As mentioned above, live-streamed worship will continue this winter and will become a permanent feature of RPC. This month the installation of a permanent system in the sanctuary with multiple cameras, more microphones, and an upgraded sound system will be completed. The live feed will be available for now in Zoom and YouTube. But, if you don't have computer capability you can also dial in to hear the service on your phone. That information is in the box below. A special thank-you to the virtual worship crew, the Worship & Music committee, and the in-person usher corps for working so hard to make worship in the Covid-19 era go so smoothly!



DIAL IN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!

To attend worship by using your phone, call 1-646-558-8656 then enter this Meeting ID: 560 770 303

SATURDAY AT 5 WORSHIP



ON HOLD STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES

Worship in the Sanctuary In Person

(Reservation required—go to <u>ryepc.com/worship/</u> worship-at-rpc/ to reserve a pew.)

Please read our worship safety guidelines which can be found online: repercoom/article/worship-reopening-plan-and-guidelines/

Sunday Services also Online via Live Stream!

Bulletin and instructions on joining via Zoom or YouTube are on the church website: ryepc.com/worship/worship-at-rpc/

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In Memoriam Recent Passings in our Church Community

Thomas Wooley, on March 14

Yvonne Hall, on March 9, mother of Kyle Kohn

Jeffrey Sawyer, on March 14, son of Bob Sawyer & Sally Beatty



Birth Announcements

Charlotte Grace Reddington, on February 27, daughter of Jennifer and Brandon Reddington Olivia Anne Bergman, March 27, daughter of Lori and Dan Bergman, and granddaughter to Patti and Frank Adimari

Bible Studies, April Meetings, Giving

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

Sundays, April 11 & 25, at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

Please contact Dan Love, <u>dlove@rvepc.com</u>, to be on the email list.

Monday Morning Bible Discussion

Mondays, April 12, 19, & 26, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

Having completed our full overview of the bible, we have just begun taking a closer look at Jesus' parables. All are welcome! Contact Dan Love (<u>dlove@ryepc.com</u>) for more information and to join the email reminder list.

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, April 10 & 24, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

For further information, contact Cynthia De Santis (cynthialwells@gmail.com)



Wednesday Mornings Women's Discipleship Group

8:30-10:00 a.m., via Zoom

We are currently exploring: *In All Things*, a study of Paul's letter

to the Philippians. Please join us at any time! For details, email either

Alicia Baldwin (<u>alicia.baldwin@verizon.net</u>), or Courtney Bennett (<u>Courtneybennett910@gmail.com</u>).



Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page.

To access, go to ryepc.com/give or scan the QR Code to the right with your cell phone.

Please contact Maida Robinson:

mrobinson@ryepc.com



APRIL MEETINGS

Church Office Closed on Monday, April 5, in observance of Easter

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday: April 1, 7:30 p.m.,

Sanctuary & online

Good Friday: April 2, Noon, Sanctuary & online; 3:00 p.m., Family Service, Zoom & YouTube only Easter Sunday: April 4, 6:30 a.m., Sunrise Service, beach at Rye Town Park, in person only; 10:00 a.m., Traditional Service with Communion, Sanctuary & online

Board Meetings

Deacons: Wednesday, April 21 7:30 p.m., via Zoom **Session:** Wednesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study: Sundays, April 11 & 25, 8:00 p.m., via Zoom

Monday Morning Bible Discussion: Mondays, April 12,

19, & 26, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom

Women's Bible Study: Saturdays, April 10 & 24, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom

Youth

Confirmation: Class of 2021: Sundays, April 11 & 18 at 3:45 p.m. online and 5:00 p.m. Assembly Room, and Wednesday, April 28, 8:00 p.m., meet with Session via Zoom

Connection: Wednesdays, April 7, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom, and April 21, 5:30 p.m., Assembly Room & Great Lawn

High School Youth Group: Sundays, April 11, 18, & 25, 6:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Children's Choir: Thursdays, 3:30 p.m., via Zoom *Note:* No choir April 1.

Youth Choir: Sundays, April 11 & 25, 11:00 a.m., via Zoom

Other Church Meetings

Adult Education Discussion Group: Thursdays, April 8-May 7, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Church & Justice: Sunday, April 25, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary & online

Gospel According to Peeps: Sunday, April 11, 2:00 p.m., Grape Arbor

Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom New Members: Sundays, April 11 & 18, 11:15 a.m., via Zoom; Meet with Session: Sunday, April 25, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom

Personnel Committee: Monday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Stephen Ministry meetings via Zoom:

Prime Ministers: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom **Even Stephens:** Monday, April 5, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, April 6, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom **True Blues:** Wednesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom

3 Ts: Tuesday, April 20, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom.

Contact Jane Mickatavage (**Swingramm@aol.com**) or (914-967-8622); or

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Women's Discipleship Group: Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m., via Zoom

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

One of our three-year-old classes is very interested in transportation, and they have decided to build their own replica of a car! One of the questions that the children had was how exactly a car moved. Some children knew it was something called an engine, but they were not sure how it worked. Over the last few weeks, the class explored various ways cars could move including push cars and balloon cars. The teachers decided to give the children a look at a real engine. They went out to the parking lot and popped the hoods of the teachers' cars. The class looked at the different engines and compared them. After looking at what was under the hood, the children explored the whole car. The children were so excited! They pointed out how many doors and wheels each car had. They distinguished between the driver's side and passenger side. This was a great handson experience for the children. It is a hard concept to understand exactly how a car works and it was so helpful for the children to have something to physically look at and explore. Being able to look at the different parts of the car even inspired some more questions about the topic.









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