Rye Presbylerian Church

Grace Notes

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Will Easter Ever Come?

As Covid restrictions were lifted in March, there was hope that this spring, this Easter, would be different. We would be fully together again as we worshipped and sang, and saw fully again one another's faces. We would once again rejoice in the joy of singing "Alleluia"! But then weeks ago Russia began its invasion of Ukraine. Cities and towns have been destroyed. Thousands of lives have been lost. Millions of refugees have left the country and have been displaced. Can we yet sing "Alleluia"? Will Easter ever come?

With its bunnies and butterflies and other images of new life and rebirth, the world tries to wrap our "holiday" in pastel colored images as we are encouraged to smile and move on. Let's get on with life. It's been two years of pandemic and death. But as Christians we need to remember that death *is* the prelude to Easter. On Good Friday Jesus doesn't just go to sleep for a while, he dies. He is dead for three days. That is the prelude to Easter. There is no story of resurrection unless death precedes it. There is no cry "He is risen" unless we first hear the words, "It is finished."

Frederick Buechner, in his book, *Whistling in the Dark*, frames it this way as he defines Easter:

"We know about the birth in all its detail... The manger is as familiar as home. We have made a major production of it... With Easter it is entirely different. The Gospels are far from clear as to just what happened. Confusion was everywhere. There is no agreement even as to the role of Jesus himself. Did he appear at the tomb or only later? To whom did he appear? What did he say? It is not a major production at all, and the minor attractions we have created around it—the bunnies and baskets and bonnets, the dyed eggs—have so little to do with what it's all about that they neither add much nor subtract much.

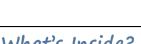
It's not really even much of a story when you come right down to it, and that is, of course, the power of it. It doesn't have the ring of great drama. It has the ring of truth... Here there is no skill, no fanfare. They seem to be telling it simply the way it was. The narrative is as fragmented, shadowy, incomplete as life itself. When it comes to just what happened, there can be no certainty. That something unimaginable happened, there can be no doubt.

The symbol of Easter is the empty tomb. You can't depict or domesticate emptiness. You can't make it into pageants and string it with lights... He rose. A few saw him briefly and talked to him. If it is true, there is nothing left to say. For believers and unbelievers both, life has never been the same again. For some, neither has death."

As we move from one season of death, a two-year pandemic, to another, a bloody and senseless war, we know what it is to live in Good Friday. Will Easter ever come? Yes! It comes again and again in both big ways and small, as we see and experience resurrection in the world around us. I wonder if fellow Christians who live in the southern hemisphere have a different sense of all of this. We often look to nature and the coming of spring for our images of new life and rebirth at Easter. Those in the southern hemisphere are marking Easter at the beginning of autumn. It makes me wonder what their predominant Easter images might be.

Will Easter ever come? Yes! As Tony Campolo preached and wrote many years ago, "It's Friday, but Sunday's Comin'!"

Easter blessings,



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One Great Hour of Sharing, RPC to Host Hudson River Presbytery



OUR OFFERINGS AT WORK

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%), the Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), and Self-Development of People (32%)— all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Find an interactive world map with OGHS recipients at www.pcusa.org/oghsmap.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It enables our congregations and mission partners to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event. In 2020, PDA granted \$6.5 million as more than 500 grants in the United States and 56 countries. Of that, \$3.5 million was for COVID-19 response.

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP) In 2020, you helped PHP give 131 grants totaling nearly \$1 million, impacting 20 countries, including the United States. This included 46 COVID grants that were provided to congregations and organizations for addressing the food insecurity and other emergency needs emerging at the beginning of the pandemic. In 2020, PHP also consulted with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in order to support \$420,000 in PDA grant funding for 21 PHP international grant partners for emergency COVID-19 work and for the Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP) The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People works with low-income communities to overcome oppression and injustice. In 2021 (Jan -May), National SDOP entered into partnership with the projects below. Mid Council SDOP projects will be awarded later in 2021. Projects focus on advocacy; youth-led initiatives; skills development; farming; disabilities; immigration/refugee issues and capacity building. Through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, projects in economically poor communities around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges.



RPC TO HOST HUDSON RIVER PRESBYTERY SATURDAY, APRIL 30

On Saturday, April 30, we will host the first in-person regular stated meeting of Hudson River Presbytery since January of 2020. We welcome your help and participation. We need people willing to be "hosts," helping serve early arrivers a continental breakfast (provided by the church), parking lot and building guides, ushers for worship, etc. People begin arriving by 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will most likely go until 1:30 p.m. If you can volunteer for all or a portion of that time, please reach out to John Miller at jmiller@ryepc.com, or Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Holy Week Services, Stephen Ministry, Planned Giving



Palm Sunday: April 10, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary and online **Maundy Thursday:** April 14, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary and online

Good Friday: April 15

-Noon, Sanctuary and online

-Family Service, 3:00 p.m., beginning in the Westminster Room

Easter Sunday: April 17

-Sunrise Service, 6:00 a.m., on the beach at Rye Town Park -Family Service with Flowering of the Cross, 9:00 a.m.. Sanctuary -Worship with Communion, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and online

Instructions on joining by Zoom and YouTube are on the church website:

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



CARING CONNECTIONS

Save the Date! Stephen Ministry Course Fall 2022 at RPC

Caring Connections, a Stephen Ministry-based training course, has been helping RPC members become better listeners and caregivers since 2004. Planning is in the works for our eleventh offering, now open to all who wish to explore and improve skills which help people in need. The 8-week program begins with a September Saturday retreat and ends before Thanksgiving. Those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister should definitely take the course, which includes additional sessions in 2023.

Classes will be led by our clergy and RPC Stephen Leaders. For more information and to register, contact Carol Love:

cloveny@optonline.net

or any of the other following Stephen Leaders: Patti Adimari, Elizabeth Lukes, Allison Reynolds, and Becky Ruegger.

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Sunday, March 13 saw the official launch of Rye Presbyterian Church's Planned (also called Legacy) Giving Program. Reverend Dr. Rose Niles of the Presbyterian Foundation put our effort in context with an inspiring sermon which can be accessed by clicking here. You can find additional information about Planned Giving options on the church's website www.ryepc.com and clicking the Giving tab. Please reach out to Dr. Miller or Rev. Love with any questions you may have.

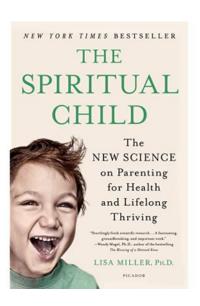
We are working to assemble information as to church members who have already recognized Rye Presbyterian Church in their estate plans. We look forward to recognizing these families, along with new donors, to our newly established 1870 Legacy Society. Please inform us if we can include your family in this special group.

Thank you for considering this important opportunity.

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Adult Education

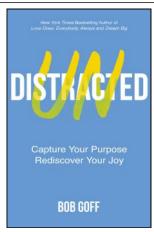


SPRING BOOK STUDY Tuesdays - April 19, 26, May 3, 10 and 17 7:30 PM in the Church Library

In *The Spiritual Child*, psychologist Lisa Miller, author of the recently published book *The Awakened Brain*, writes about the science and the practical power of spirituality. Combining her scientific study with her practice in clinical work, she explains the strong link between spirituality and health. She shows that children who have an active spiritual life show significantly less likelihood to struggle with substance abuse and depression, and have more positive indicators for physical and mental health.

Over the course of five Tuesday evenings we will discuss her book and explore the practical ways, as a church and as parents, that we might encourage spirituality as a foundation to our children's well-being.

Please feel free to order the book on your own and to contact Dan Love (<u>dlove@ryepc.com</u>) for more information.





WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Our new study is *New York Times*' bestselling author Bob Goff's new book *Undistracted*.

We meet in person in the Library and on Zoom every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Please e-mail questions to:
 Alicia Baldwin
 (alicia.baldwin@verizon.net)
 or
 Courtney Bennett
(Courtneybennett910@gmail.com)

In Memoriam

Robert (Bob) Sawyer, Feb. 2
James Schoff, Feb. 6
Joseph E. Knizewski, Feb. 17,
brother of Julianne Laverty
Ann Herron, Feb. 28,
mother of Ruth Smalt
Priscilla French Curry, Mar. 2,
mother of Susan Fulenwider
Shirley Zimmerman, Mar. 6
Rose Farver, Mar. 8,
sister of Susan Chassagnoux
Doris S. Mortola, Mar. 25
mother of Elaine Mortola Clark





Burbank Charles Davies, March 6, son of Brittany and John Davies, and grandson of Suzanne and Charley Davies Angus Spencer Lee, March 8, son of Katie and Parker Lee

Christian Education, Confirmation



This April we continue our journey through our Sunday School curriculum called **Celebrate Wonder**, which seeks to engage our children's natural sense of wonder and curiosity to help them understand God's love. Through opportunities for reflection, music, engaging activities, and spiritual practices, our children will be given a safe space to ask big questions and help them live into their identities as beloved children of God. Below are the stories we are engaging this month:

Apr. 3 Matthew 26:69-75 (Peter's Denial)

Apr. 10: John 12:12-19 (Palm Sunday)

Apr. 17: No Sunday School (Easter Sunday)

Apr 24: John 21:1-19 (Breakfast on the Beach)

stories together at home. This curriculum comes with its own Take-Home pages that invite families to read, wonder, and pray together. These pages will be sent home with your children every Sunday morning. We will also include these pages in our weekly Christian Ed news-

We invite families to engage these

letter. If you would like to receive these pages and are not already signed up for our newsletter, please contact **Rev. JP** (<u>imarshall@ryepc.com</u>).

Ukrainian Easter Egg Event

In lieu of our traditional Gospel According to Peeps event, all ages are invited to join us in the Assembly Room on Sunday, April 3, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service, where we will pray for Ukraine together and decorate wooden eggs with pysanky designs! While the traditional "pysanky" method uses real eggs with wax and dyes, we will provide wooden eggs with paint pens and instructions on how to make pysanky designs. All participants are encouraged to donate to the Ukrainian Refugee Relief fund.

So we can make sure to have enough supplies for everyone, please sign up for the event on our website (https://ryepc.com/article/ukrainian-easter-

egg-event/) before Friday, April 1. If you are unable to sign up beforehand, no worries—walk-ins will be welcomed!

Middle School Connection

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

• Wednesday, April 6, 5:20-6:30 p.m., Community Synagogue (200 Forest Avenue).

Join us as we visit our friends at Community Synagogue of Rye. We will join them for their youth service at 5:30 p.m. and then move to their sanctuary for a conversation about Judaism and Community Synagogue. Please arrive at the synagogue by 5:20 p.m. so we can sit down together before the service starts.

• Wednesday, April 20, 5:30-6:45 p.m., Youth Rooms

We'll take time to catch up with one another over pizza, play some games, and talk about caring for the earth! Let Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you'd like to be on the parent email list. All updates about Connection gatherings will also be put on the website each month.

YOUTH High School Youth GROUP Group

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

Sunday, April 3, 10, 24
12:00-2:00 p.m.
Jay Heritage Center (210 Boston Post Road)

Join us as we partner with Jay Heritage Center in planting, maintaining, and harvesting organic garden beds on Sunday afternoons. All the produce harvested from the beds will be given to Caritas to distribute to families in need. Please let Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you are planning on joining us.

Mondays, April 4 & 18 6:00-7:00 p.m., Youth Rooms & Westminster Room

Bring your homework and join us for an hour study hall at the church. We'll provide snacks and midway study breaks. Juniors and seniors are invited to help out as tutors as well (community service hours will be provided.) Let **Rev. JP** (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you

are interested in being a tutor and what subjects you are willing to help with.

• Sunday, April 24, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Vespers, Chapel

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. We will begin our time together centering ourselves using various faith/mind-fulness practices, and then end with a moment of connection and food. Please let Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know beforehand if you plan on joining us for Vespers. Also, if you have a specific concern you would like us to pray for, please feel free to reach out, even if you re unable to attend.

We are on Instagram: Username: ryepresyouth

Updates through Remind!

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

Confirmation 2022

This month, the class will be working on their statements of faith—in which they are wrestling to put words to their thoughts about their relationship with God, and how their faith informs their lives. Soon, with finalized statements, each confirmand will speak with a church elder to talk about their year and their readiness to confirm their faith.

As they continue their class work, we are scheduled to meet on April 3 and 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the Westminster Room.



Fun Times at Nola Bingo!

Events

NEW MEMBER GATHERING SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 7:30 P.M. ASSEMBLY ROOM

If you've recently joined RPC, you are invited to come to the Assembly Room on Sunday evening, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. The church Session will just be finishing up meeting with the very newest members of RPC, and this is a great chance for them to meet you, and for all to get to know one another. Refreshments will be served!



AN EVENING OF THRIFT SHOPPING

Wednesday, May 4

Our December sale was so successful, we once again invite the congregation and their friends for a special evening at the Thrift Shop on Wednesday, May 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m. The sale will be held in the Assembly Room and will feature our finest treasures, just in time for Mother's Day.

Hope to see you there!

Register by April 14 – go to https://bit.ly/34rN54Q

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

A CERTIFICATION COURSE FOR RYE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LAY LEADERSHIP AND PARENTS

Saturday, May 7th, 9am-2:30pm Rye Presbyterian Assembly Room

Learn how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders in youth

Course includes 2 hours of online pre-work &an in-person instructor-led 5.5-hour workshop.

Space is limited.

Register by April 14th at https://bit.ly/34rN540

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DID YOU KNOW . . .

1 in 4 teens and young adults live with a diagnosable mental health condition.

54% of youth with major depression do not receive any mental health treatment.

50% of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14.

The course introduces common mental health challenges, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for crisis and non-crisis situations.

Music Notes



by Jason Charneski

Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian will present its second concert of the season – a program for a string sextet (violins, violas, and celli) – on Sunday, April 10 (Palm Sunday), at 3:00 p.m. Two major works will be offered: *Verklärte Nacht* (Transfigured Night) by Arnold Schönberg (one of the composer's last tonal works, before his journey into atonality), and the *Sextet in G Major* by Johannes Brahms. Please see concert details on the flyer published elsewhere in this newsletter.

One Little Gem that Came My Way

A part of RPC's acquisition of All Souls' Parish Presbyterian Church in Port Chester includes items in its music library. Joanna Nilsen, All Souls's music director, has been so kind to do a good bit of the initial work of determining what could be of use and what might not.

One little gem Joanna passed on to me is a simple print of a scene along a stream in a forest, with some birds flying above. It now is placed in one of the window sills in my office. A beautiful sentence captures the moment and applies, I think, to what each of us can do we tell the stories of faith to a world so in need: "The woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang the best." Sing, dear people, sing!

Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian Church

Ronald Arron, artistic director

presents

Sextet













Xiao-Dong Wang and Ming-Feng Hsin, violins; Kaya Bryla-Weiss and Nardo Poy, violas; David Heiss and Joel Noyes, celli

Sunday, April 10, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Schönberg: Verklärte Nacht Brahms: Sextet in G Major

Admission: \$20 for RPC members and friends; FREE for students

to reserve your seats, please call Ronald Arron at 914-523-4646, or send him an email: ronarron17@gmail.com

COVID-19 Safety Update: Masks are optional; all pews have been reopened for seating. (subject to the CDC's Community Level standards)

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Weekends in April, Worship, Giving

Weekends in April

Saturday, April 2

5:00 p.m. Contemplative Service / Chapel

Sunday, April 3

9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up / Chancel

10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion / Sanctuary & Online **11:00 a.m.** Ukrainian Easter Egg Event / Assembly Room

11:00 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal / Chapel

11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Chapel

12:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Jay Heritage Center

5:00 p.m. Confirmation / Westminster Room **7:00 p.m.** New Member Reception / Grape Arbor

(Assembly Room if rain)

Saturday, April 9

5:00 p.m. Contemplative Service / Chapel

Sunday, April 10

9:00 a.m. Children's & Youth Choir Rehearsal / Chapel

9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up / Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship / Sanctuary (gather in Assembly Room)

& online

-Children's & Youth choirs sing

-New Members received during service

11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Jay Heritage Center

3:00 p.m. Chamber Music Concert / Sanctuary **8:00 p.m.** Men's Bible Study / Library & Zoom

Maundy Thursday & Good Friday

Maunday Thursday: Thursday, Apr. 14, **7:30 p.m.**, Sanctuary, Zoom, and online

Good Friday: Friday, Apr. 15 -**Noon**, Sanctuary & online

-3:00 p.m., Family Service, beginning in Westminster Room

Sunday, April 17

6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service / Rye Town Park Beach

9:00 a.m. Family Service with Flowering of the Cross, Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up / Chancel

11:00 a.m. Easter Worship with Communion / Sanctuary & Onlin

Sunday, April 24—Church & Justice Sunday

9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up / Chancel

10:00 a.m. Worship / Sanctuary & Online

11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

12:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Jay Heritage Center

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Westminster Room

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, Vespers, Chapel

8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library & Zoom

Worship in the Sanctuary In Person

As conditions and guidances change, please <u>click here</u> for updated Covid protocols.

Worship from Home online on Zoom or YouTube

10:00 a.m. Every Sunday
Bulletin and further instructions on joining
via Zoom or YouTube
are on the website at

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

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/

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



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

To access, go to <u>ryepc.com/give</u> or scan the QR Cowith your cell phone.

Please contact Maida Robinson: mrobinson@ryepc.com

if you have any questions or need assistance.

Bible Studies, Meetings, Church & Justice

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

Sundays, April 10 & 24

8:00 p.m. in the Library with Zoom option

All are welcome to this ongoing journey with Peter, Paul, and the early church as we continue our reading of the Acts of the Apostles. Sundays, April 10 and 24, at 8:00 p.m. inperson and via Zoom. Please contact Dan Love, dlove@ryepc.com, to be on the email reminder list.

Monday Morning Bible Discussion

April 4, 11, and 25 9:30 a.m., via Zoom

Our discussion of the Gospel of Luke continues—and all are welcome! Please contact Dan Love, <u>dlove@ryepc.com</u>, for more information and to join in the email reminder list.

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, April 2, 23, & 30, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom For further information, contact Cynthia De Santis (cynthialwells@gmail.com)

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Wednesday Mornings 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the RPC Library and via Zoom

Please e-mail questions to:
Alicia Baldwin (alicia.baldwin@verizon.net) or
Courtney Bennett (Courtneybennett910@gmail.com)



CHURCH AND JUSTICE SERVICE Sunday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.

This service is led entirely by individuals who have been formerly incarcerated, many for 20 years or more, and returned to society to lead positive, productive lives giving back to the community. For 28 years, this service has been a highlight of the church calendar, bringing together in worship men and women of many faiths and backgrounds. Come and join us as we worship God.

APRIL MEETINGS

Board Meetings

Deacons: Wednesday, Apr. 20, 7:30 p.m., Library & Zoom **Session:** Wednesday, Apr. 27, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom **Trustees:** Tuesday, Apr. 26, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Book Study

The Spiritual Child: Tuesdays, Apr. 19 & 26, 7:30 p.m., Library

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study: Sundays, Apr. 10 & 24, 8:00 p.m., Library with, Zoom option

Monday Morning Bible Discussion: Apr. 4, 11, & 25, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom

Women's Bible Study: Saturdays, Apr. 2, 23, & 30, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom

Women's Discipleship: Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., Library Vouth

Confirmation: Apr. 3 & 24, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room **Connection:** Wednesdays, Apr. 6, 5:20 p.m., Community Synagogue & Apr. 20, 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms

High School Youth Group:

-Sundays, Apr. 3, 10, & 24, 12:00 p.m., Jay Heritage Center -Mondays, Apr. 4 & 18, 6:00 p.m., Study Hall, Youth Rooms & Westminster Room

-Sunday, Apr. 24, 6:00 p.m., Vespers, Chapel

Regular Choir Rehearsals

Chancel Choir: Sundays 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p,m., Choir Room **Children's Choir:** Thursdays, Apr. 7 & 21, 3:30-4:15 p.m., Choir Room

Youth Choir: Sundays, Apr. 3 & 24, 11:00-11:45 a.m. Chapel Children's Choir, Chapel, sing at 10:00 a.m. ervice,

Other Church Meetings

Chamber Music Concert: Sunday, Apr. 3, 1:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, Apr. 6, 7:30 p.m., Library & via Zoom

New Members Meet with Session: Sunday, Apr. 3, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

New Members Reception: Sunday, Apr. 3, Grape Arbor (weather permitting—Assembly Room if rains)

Personnel Committee: Monday, Apr. 4, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom Stephen Leaders: Monday, April 4, 8:00 p.m., via Zoom. And Tuesday, Apr. 12, 7:30 p.m., Library

Stephen Ministers:

-Prime Ministers: Monday, Apr. 4, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom 3Ts: Tuesday, Apr. 19, 9:50 a.m., via Zoom Contact Jane Mickatavage (914-967-8622) or Nancy Steed (914-328-9658).

Thrift Shop: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Assembly Room.

Ukrainian Easter Egg Event: Sunday, Apr. 3, . 11:00 a.m., Assembly Room

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

In March we welcomed back our annual Scholastic Book Fair! Each class had a "special visitors day" where one guest (grandparent, aunt/uncle, caregiver) was invited to visit the Book Fair with their child. Our special guests met the class under the grape arbor before shopping for books. The children performed a song for the guests, and they enjoyed decorating a bookmark and having a yummy snack of mini muffins and fruit.

Parents purchased new books at the Book Fair for their child's classroom. The teachers were thrilled to have new stories to read at Storytime and new books to add to their classroom book centers.

All the proceeds from the Book Fair go towards our scholarship fund. We thank everyone who participated in this event!









The Rev. Daniel Love, Co-Pastor
The Rev. Dr. John Miller, Co-Pastor
The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall, Associate Pastor for Christian Education
Jason Charneski, Director of Music and Organist
Lisa Rawson, Director of Choirs for Children and Youth
Theodore Cheng, Knock Intern in Sacred Music
Maida Robinson, Chief Administrative Officer
Peggy Berretta, Administrative Assistant
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