



As I have confessed before in this space, I have a bit of a problem when it comes to the gardens at our house. It starts in January with the arrival in the mail of a stack of seed catalogs filled with glossy photos of all kinds of plants - vegetables, flowers, perennials, fruit trees! There are reliable favorites that have been around for years, and every year, brand-new varieties that promise better color and better fruit- something new to try!

In March, the box comes, or rather, they start coming. When May arrives and it is time to plant, as I spread the seed packets out on the kitchen table, I realize I've done it again. Way too many seeds. Even with a Covid expansion of the garden beds. Way too many. And now the hard choice is before me. Do I plant with the spacing actually recommended on the packages? Do I leave extra seeds just sitting there in the packets in the garage? Do I make more garden beds? Or, as I usually do, do I jam it all in. It is fun to watch as they start emerging, but it is also a recipe for crowded overgrowth and mediocre fruit.

As we stand in what hopefully is the "spring" after a long 15 months of this pandemic, our individual experiences of this time have been varied. All of us have our stories to tell of how we journeyed through this time. But perhaps many of us in this season face a version of my garden dilemma. Covid has cleared out some space in many of our lives. For some, new challenges of work and family life moved in to fill the void. But I believe we all face very real choices now as life opens up and the world picks up speed once again. Many things put on hold will begin calling for our time and energy. Good things! Fruitful things! New things! Our own desire to reconnect with one another will need ways to come to reality. Quickly we will face again the pre-pandemic dilemma - living hectic lives in which we are spread too thin - our gardens overgrown - lush, but, in the end limited in the fruit they will bear.

During these last 15 months, hopefully we learned a few things. Whether by their absence or by having time to explore new avenues of growth, hopefully we learned lessons about what really matters, what nourishes us best, and what gives us joy and meaning. Perhaps we found a few new things to fill the time that are now best left behind.

Either way, this is a decision point. To what will we say yes? What seeds will we plant and give space and work to keep the weeds away from? What seeds will we leave in their packet? How will our gardens grow? How will we prioritize the things that give us life and "make us complete," as John said in his sermon recently. What things will make God's joy complete?

There are lots of seeds in the catalog calling out to us. Will we give space and time and attention to the ones that will bear the fruit of the spirit? Love. Joy. Peace. Patience. Kindness. Generosity. Faithfulness. Gentleness. Self control.

How will our garden grow? It's time to decide.
Growing in faith together,

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Confirmation Class of 2021

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021!

While we missed the traditions of a Confirmation breakfast, complete with baby and baptism pictures, nonetheless on May 2 we welcomed the following young people as they confirmed their baptismal promises and joined in adult membership of RPC. It was tough sledding doing most of the year over Zoom, but our elders confirmed their thoughtful engagement with the questions of faith and the promises of church membership. May we join them in continuing that journey of growth in faith.

Congratulations to them all!

Jackson Beatty, son of Karen and Graham Beatty
Ty Bibas, son of Yvonne and John Bibas
Spencer Boxford, son of Molly and Justin Boxford
Cole Denson, son of Denise and Terry Denson
Charlotte Derman, daughter of Sarah and Dan Derman
Charlotte Duchanaud, daughter of Beth and Stephane Duchanaud
Margaux Duchanaud, daughter of Beth and Stephane Duchanaud
Shannon Haines, daughter of Mary Ann and Craig Haines
Niklas Hofmann, son of Camilla and Christoph Hofmann
Cameron Holler, son of Nicole and David Holler
Teddy Holtman, son of Gloria and Jeffrey Holtman
Margot Kelly, daughter of Virginia and Kevin Kelly
Jack Kidder, son of Johanna Zeilstra and David Kidder
Josey King, daughter of Lisa and Toby King
Bryan Laverty, son of Julianne Laverty
William Olsen, son of Katherine and Peter Olsen
Isabella Pedone, daughter of Rebecca and Mike Pedone
Tripp Redd, son of Diantha and Robin Redd
Olivia Sica, daughter of Linna and David Sica
Caroline Snell, daughter of Sarah and Scott Snell
Charlie Stevens, son of Jennifer and Scot Stevens
Sophie Grace Stevenson, daughter of Debbie and Jeff Stevenson
Laura Svoboda, daughter of Catherine and Donald Svoboda
Cole Thomas, son of Julia and Darren Thomas
Hailey Thompson, daughter of Sarah and BJ Thompson
Mali White, daughter of Masako and Michael White
Charlie Williams, son of Cate Porter and Andrew Williams
Shannon Winston, daughter of Sally and Christopher Winston
Michael Yeager, son of Helen and Scott Yeager



Updated Worship Guidelines



Guidelines for In-Person Worship at Rye Presbyterian Church Updated May 2021

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Psalm 122:1

In June of 2020, a reopening task force was established by the Session to deliberate carefully regarding the most prudent course going forward for our church. It has continued to study recommendations and guidelines from the NYS Department of Health, the CDC, and Presbytery. The guiding principle of the task force has been to ensure the health and safety of our congregants and of our leadership.

In light of recent decisions by the CDC and New York State reflecting the improving situation regarding COVID-19, the Session has adopted revised guidelines regarding in-person worship and other gatherings at the church facility. Below are the new worship guidelines. We realize that some people may not yet be fully comfortable with changing safety precautions. Know that our live-stream services are going well and will continue in some form for the foreseeable future.

The following are procedures for in-person worship in the RPC sanctuary:

Worship attendance remains limited to allow for safe distancing for all present. For our sanctuary, that is about 150 people, depending on household size.

Those fully vaccinated may remove their masks if comfortable doing so, while those not yet vaccinated will be asked to wear masks and refrain from singing.

Pews will remain marked off to maintain social distancing. Please only sit in pews with the cushions turned down.

For the time being, we will not be requiring reservations to attend in person. This will be revisited for the fall season.

We request that you attend only if you are healthy, and are showing no signs or symptoms of illness. In addition, if you have not been fully vaccinated, please attend only if you have not had any known exposure to COVID-19 in the preceding two weeks.

Entry into the church will continue to be through the main sanctuary doors facing the Post Road.

Through the summer there is no Sunday School, but children are welcome to sit with their families during worship. Unvaccinated children over two years of age are required to wear masks. We will provide coloring pages and illustrated children's bulletins that will be connected to each Sunday's readings.

As has been our practice over the last year, the following remains true:

Families of five or less will be able to sit together. If your family group is larger, we ask that you split up and use two separate pews.

To increase air circulation, while the AC will be running, we will also have windows open. Please feel free to dress comfortably.

The offering plate will not be passed. Offerings may be put in the offering plates at the exits.

Coffee and refreshments will be available after worship in front of the sanctuary.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. It is good to be celebrating real progress together!

**Katy Ridley
Clerk of Session**

Nominating Committee, Adult Education, Church & Justice Service



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is compiling a list of church members interested in serving as church officers or as members of the Nominating Committee. Please feel free to suggest yourself or someone you know for consideration. The Nominating Committee values and encourages self-nominations. Before nominating someone, please review the brief description of each Board found following the Recommendation Form found on the link below.

Each elder, trustee, and deacon serves a three year term. Members of the Nominating Committee serve a two year term. Terms begin in January 2022.

The Nominating Committee would appreciate receiving your ideas and expressions of interest now.

The Recommendations Form can be accessed at

<https://ryepc.com/article/call-for-recommendations-for-church-officers-and-nominating-committee/>

Please return the form to the church office or via email: nominations@ryepc.com.

Note that there is also an option on the site to submit your recommendations directly online.

The Wired World Plugged into RPC

We all get our news from many sources—newspapers, magazines, Facebook and other internet providers, blogs, friends, and more. On April 8 RPC's Adult Ed program added *'The Wired Word'*—providing news articles, discussion, and a connection with the Bible, all in 90 minutes, on Thursday evenings, led by John Miller. This program has proven to be a dynamic engaging resource to probe deeply into interesting current news stories, how they connect to the lives and values of the participants in the program, and selected Scriptural passages relate to them.

The group which picks the articles and some key questions about them, plus a few Biblical references for context does a remarkable job of choosing a wide range of subjects, while staying with current news. Some examples:

- The first article, from back on April 8, covered the freighter that got stuck in the Suez Canal for weeks—yielding both rich opportunities for humor and an understanding of the complexity of international trade, its impact on the world and the perils that can come from some of the possible chokepoints in trade routes.
- On May 20, the article related to a premature baby born at 29 weeks on a Trans-Pacific flight which also “happened” to have on board as passengers three neo-natal intensive

care nurses and a family medicine doctor. Was that chance, good luck, fate? Or was it perhaps Providence—God's hand providing positive help when needed? And would it also be God's hand at work when no nurses were on board and the child died? The answers often arose from one's views of faith.

- A week later, we leaped to the Israel/Gaza conflict. Though this was is “only” 100 years old, efforts at solving it have never succeeded. While a new cease fire was delicately holding we explored all the reasons why it might not, including the idea that it involves the land viewed as the ancestral homeland of both sides, the status of generations of refugees, and perhaps most important, the confluence of the Holy places of all three religions which sprung from Abraham—Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. We considered what a wonder it would be if, in the fact of those powerful passions, a lasting peace can be created in this volatile part of the world.

Fittingly, perhaps, the Wired Word program ended on May 27, with the conclusion of the Spring “semester” of Adult Ed. We will soon begin planning for the Fall. If you have ideas about programs the Adult Ed Committee should consider, contact Gary Gibson, Bob or Nancy Steed, or John Miller, the co-pastor who oversees Adult Ed.

CUPBEARERS at Church & Justice Service

On April 25 RPC held it's 26th Church and Justice Service, after having missed a year in 2020 because of Covid-19 restrictions. To ensure social distancing in the sanctuary, only five formerly incarcerated individuals led the service—Kevin Bartley, David Coleman, Fermin Mateen Flores, Anthony Dixon, and Eric Waters, our guest preacher for the day.

Eric's sermon, titled “The Moral Imperative of the Cupbearer,” focused on the role and responsibility of each of us, as Cupbearers of the word of God, to be active and positive influences in the world. We have a moral imperative to reach out to those in need, seek peace and unity in the world, do justice, walk humbly, and fight all forms of bias and prejudice. That is, of course, the life that Jesus taught us to lead; and it is pre-figured as far back as Genesis in the description of the role of the Cupbearer to the king.

In addition to members of RPC, there were several guests in the sanctuary—other formerly incarcerated people and individuals involved in other ways in prison ministry.

All were uplifted and challenged by Eric's sermon and the responsibilities it outlined.



Christian Education



For the first two weeks of June, we will finish off our reflection on the wonderful diversity and beauty of God's creation using Illustrated Ministry's *An Illustrated Earth* curriculum. Each week we will focus on a different theme:

June 6: Parable of the Sower
(Mark 4:1-9)

June 13: Creation of Animals
(Genesis 1:20-25)

Starting Sunday, June 20, we will take a break from Virtual Sunday School so we all can come back refreshed for the beginning of the program year in September! Later this summer we will update families on our plans for Sunday School in the fall.

During the summer, we will continue to support our families through our regular weekly Christian Ed newsletter! If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, please contact Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com).

Middle School Connection

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

• **Wednesday, June 9, 5:30 p.m.,**

Grape Arbor & Great Lawn:

We'll meet for hamburgers, hot dogs, and some end-of-the-year fun! Current 5th graders are invited to come hang out with the Connecticut youth group!

• **Saturday Morning Donuts & Lawn Games:** Throughout the summer, we will meet **on the Great Lawn** on Satur-

day mornings at 10:00 a.m. for donuts, lawn games, and connection! Please let Rev. JP know (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if your youth will be joining us so we can make sure to have enough donuts. We will gather on the following Saturdays:

June 26, July 10

August 14, August 28

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

• **Local Service Week**

June 28-July 1, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Join us as we partner with local organizations such as Caritas, Rye Town Park, and Carver Center! We will meet each morning at 9:00 a.m. and work until 4:30 p.m. Please make sure to bring a bagged lunch, a water bottle, and work gloves! We will provide snacks, drinks, and plenty of things to do each day. If you wish to join us for this service week, please contact Rev. JP :

(jmarshall@ryepc.com)

• **Summer Book Study.**

Join us as we read *This Book is Anti-Racist* by Tiffany Jewell. We will meet four times throughout the summer to discuss the four sections of the book. Participants are also encouraged to work

through the companion guided journal, *This Book is Anti-Racist Journal*. Please consider purchasing both books at our local bookstore, Arcade Booksellers!

We will meet on the following dates at **6:00 p.m.** in the **Assembly Room:**

June 13—Waking Up: Understanding & Growing Into My Identities

July 25—Opening the Window: Making Sense of the World

August 15—Choosing My Path: Taking Action & Responding to Racism

August 29—Holding the Door Open: Working in Solidarity Against Racism

If you wish to join us for this book study, contact Rev. JP

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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**

(jmarshall@ryepc.com) either your cell-phone number or email.



High School Seniors receive Bibles

Music Notes, Food Truck Social



From Jason Charneski

A Concert Using the New Organ in the Chapel

Please plan to attend a post-worship concert: Sunday, June 13 (beginning at approximately 11:00 a.m.), in the chapel. The 30-minute program will include works that demonstrate the new organ's individual stops and its overall ensemble. In addition, Ryan Capozzo (one of the Chancel Choir's section leaders) will sing a piece or two, this to demonstrate a bit of how the new organ can accompany solo singing; and we all will sing a hymn, this to experience the better support for congregational singing through placement of the new organ.

Seating will be limited to 30-40 persons due to continued distancing requirements. There is no need to register to attend.

A formal dedication of the new organ will take place in the fall, when we plan to return a normal schedule of worship services.

Choirs! And Looking Out for One Another

Given the CDC's guidelines (the science) that fully-vaccinated persons may sing in groups, inside, unmasked, and not distanced, we are planning to resume the ministries of our choirs

come the fall. Where does the science meet our levels of comfort and how do we provide for the safety of our singers, mindful that some may not be able to be vaccinated or that some may have other medical conditions who, even though they are vaccinated, need to be maintain more caution in their interactions with others? In other words, how might we look out for one another?

The answers are many and might be temporary or permanent. 1. All non-vaccinated and non-fully-vaccinated persons will need to wear a mask until it is deemed safe not to do so (due to achieving "herd immunity" or some other scientific metric[s]). All fully-vaccinated persons may continue to wear a mask if they so choose. The honor system will apply to all aspects of mask-wearing practices. 2. We will honor as best we can recommended distancing between singers. 3. Rehearsals will be held in spaces where there is good air circulation/ventilation. 4. If singers are ill, they should stay at home in order to avoid transmitting the illness to others (again, the honor system will apply). 5. Hand sanitizer stations will be available at building entrances/exits. 6. Attendance will be taken at all times the choirs gather (this to have a record should there be need for contact tracing).

Jason



Save the Date! RPC Food Truck Social, Sunday, June 27th

**Please bring your family and join us for lawn games and Pizza, Taco, and Ice Cream trucks
from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on the Great Lawn in the back of the church.**

**Please sign up on the church website - <https://ryepc.com/article/rpc-food-truck-social-sunday-june-27/> -
by June 20 with the number attending**

Thrift Shop, Mobile Shredder, F.A.C.T.

**THRIFT
SHOP**

**THE RPC THRIFT SHOP
OPEN UNTIL JUNE 10,
THEN CLOSING FOR THE SUMMER**

We will finish our year on Thursday, June 10, with outdoor sales in the parking lot on the Parsons Street side of the church (*weather permitting*).

**We are unable to accept donations at this time.
Stay tuned for Fall update.**

**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.



F.A.C.T.

Facing Advanced
Care Together:

*All You Want to Know
but Were Afraid to Ask*

**TUESDAY,
JUNE 8TH**

12:30 - 2:00pm
Online Workshop

RSVP by Sunday, June 6th

A link to the virtual session
and all related materials
will be sent out via email
prior to the workshop.

F.A.C.T. is an educational program presented by Westchester Jewish Community Services in partnership with and made possible through a generous grant from SOUL RYEDERS. The program aims to promote conversations about advanced care planning. It consists of short videos, materials and conversation tools that are used to assist families in improving the experience of illness.

We will discuss understanding and communicating personal values, enhancing communication among family members regarding wishes, medical treatments and interventions, and the use of appropriate legal healthcare documents.

Log in and learn the F.A.C.T.'s about Health Care Proxy, Advanced Directives documents and important conversations on Tuesday, June 8th.

Click here for further information and for link to register:
https://soulryeders.salsalabs.org/factworkshopjune2021_invite

Rye Presbyterian Church

New Members—Spring 2021



Lisa Benmeir

Lisa is a North Carolina native and graduate of Wake Forest University. She moved to Westchester in 2002. She enjoys reading, tennis, baking, travel, and crossword puzzles. Lisa lives with her husband, Jake, two teenagers, Margaret and Zachary, and a beloved lab/shepherd rescue dog.



Lena & Matej Cresnik

The Cresnik family moved to the area from New York City in 2020 during the pandemic. They are excited to join the RPC community and look forward to meeting and getting to know many members in the years ahead. They are former members of fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in the City, and were married at Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Their son, Lucas (age 3), was also baptized at Bloomfield Hills. Most days our toddler keeps them active and busy with lots of energy, and they have really enjoyed spending time outdoors, hiking, taking nature walks, and BBQing.



Jennifer & Todd Eyer

Todd grew up in Rye from 4th grade on, and was confirmed at RPC nearly 25 years ago. He is a graduate of RHS, went to Vanderbilt, moved to NYC where he met Jen in 2015, and married in 2019. He works in commercial real estate portfolio restructuring and advisory at A&G Realty Partners. Jen has lived in many areas including Michigan, Chicago, London, NYC, but considers herself from St. Louis where she went to high school and her family still resides. She graduated from University of Missouri and has worked in retail operations since then, currently as a regional director for Old Navy. Jen and Todd have a daughter named Charlie who was born in June, 2020.



Katie Fagan

Katie, her husband, Erik, and three sons (Henry, 6, Miles, 3, and Reed, 10 months) moved to Rye in September 2020. Katie was raised in Shaker Heights, OH, and attended Fairmont Presbyterian Church, went to college in Richmond, VA, and then spent 13 years in Manhattan. Katie and her family are very happily settled in Rye and looking forward to meeting many of you soon!



Alex & John Hagens

The Hagen family recently moved to Rye and are happy to be here! Ariella, 3.5, attends the 3's program at Rye Presbyterian Nursery School and loves it there; she especially enjoys all dramatic play. Jack, 2, asks to go to school with his sister every day; he loves anything with wheels and being outdoors. Alex went to school in Rye, so is particularly happy to return to the area. She is a mental health counselor and loves working with kids. John grew up in Northern Westchester and is thrilled to be living by so many parks and beaches. He is an investment banker who works too many hours! They are so looking forward to joining the Rye Presbyterian community and getting to know fellow members.

Rye Presbyterian Church

New Members—Spring 2021



Ginger Plath-Kelly

Ginger has lived in Rye since 2011 with her husband, Kevin, and 13-year-old daughter, Margot, who attends Rye Middle School. Ginger has been a high school Special Education Teacher for 10 years and loves it! Some of her hobbies are fitness, reading, loves the beach, and it is her hope to finally grow a garden this summer!



Madison & Kevin Walsh

The Walsh family - Kevin, Madison, Emerson (4), James (2) and Nate (3 months) moved to Rye in September 2020 and have absolutely loved this beautiful town and sense of community. They were members of a Presbyterian church in New York City and knew that they would want to seek membership at RPC once they arrived in Rye. Their daughter, Emerson, attends RPNS, which has been a great exposure to the church. They look forward to becoming more involved and meeting new people!



Mary Alice & Kent Warner

Mary Alice, 91, worked with all kinds of help organizations after Smith College. Mary Alice and Kent were married in 1951. She studied at Maryknoll while they lived on Squam Lake in Center Harbor, NH. She did the program "alternatives to violence" in the local prison for many years. Along the way she received a degree in pastoral counseling. Kent, 95, graduated from Princeton in 1951 with an MSME after serving in the navy on a minesweeper in the East China Sea, preparing for the invasion of Japan. After living in Scarsdale and White Plains, they moved to New Hampshire for 17 years and returned 9 years ago to be near their daughter in Rye. Kent started W&H Systems, an engineering construction company, after working as an engineer at several small companies. W&H designed and built one of the first barcode reading systems for conveyor sorting. The organization

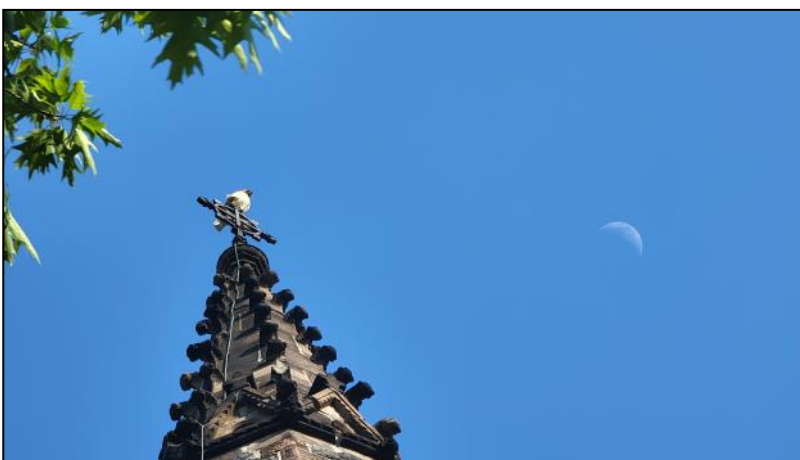
Mary Alice and he are most proud of is 5 Steps to Five which teaches immigrant mothers how to prepare their newborn infants to do well when they reach school age. In their 90s now, they have turned over operations to a very competent staff.



Christopher Winston

Chris lives in Pelham Manor, NY, and has been happily married for 20 years to his wife, Sally. They have 3 daughters (Caroline 19, Caitlin 17, and Shannon 13) as well as a mini Goldendoodle dog named Pepper. Chris works as a Technology Consultant and has a professional background in Finance and Accounting. Chris is an avid reader, enjoys running, skiing, and being outdoors. Chris is excited to be joining RPC!

Also new to the RPC community - a pair of hawks have laid claim to the steeple.



Baby Bundle

Mission and Outreach Invites you to Make an Impactful Difference in Local Families' Lives

Please join **Mission and Outreach** between Mother's Day and Father's Day to honor mothers, fathers, and babies everywhere by donating to our **Fifth Annual Baby Bundle In-kind Campaign with Open Door**.

Open Door makes donating easy – just click on the Open Door Amazon Wishlist link and select from the baby items needed– and please make sure to include your name and contact information so they know who to thank.

<https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes>

Or, leave your items in one of the Donation boxes located in the hallway of the Church by the main office.

Why We Partner with Open Door

Health inequities in our communities have never been more evident than this past year. Throughout the COVID-19 health crisis, we have witnessed the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on those most vulnerable in our communities.

Open Door has been at the forefront of COVID-19 testing and treatment, and as a Federally Qualified Health Center, they are making sure vaccinations are accessible to those most in need.

At the height of the pandemic, Open Door quickly transitioned to providing telehealth and virtual visits and altered their programs to make sure that their patients still were provided with comprehensive health and wellness care. Health Centers were reconfigured to maintain safety. Fresh Food Markets pivoted into an Emergency Food Delivery program enabling 4,000 bags of fresh food to be delivered to those isolated at home. Santa Day became a toy distribution ensuring that every child would have a special gift during the holiday season.

Despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, Open Door remained committed to addressing the needs of prenatal patients, by modifying its signature Baby Box prenatal program. Now called the Open Door "Baby Bundle" Program, patients continue to have access to essential newborn and educational resources while social distancing and keeping everyone safe.

To learn more about the Baby Bundle program, please contact Jane Levy, Senior Manager of Volunteer Programs at jlevy@odfmc.org.

Open Door Baby Bundle

The Baby Bundle provides Open Door prenatal patients with newborn necessities and information about resources available at Open Door and in the community. Each Bundle is packed with essential baby items. Please help us fill the bundles and ensure that our mothers can give their babies a healthy and safe start in life.

What's in the Baby Bundle?



The Entire Baby Bundle Costs \$200 Per Patient.

The support of the community helps ensure that Open Door can provide this essential program for our prenatal patients.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Jane Levy, Senior Manager of Volunteer Programs, at 914-502-1468, jlevy@odfmc.org.



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Ways You Can HELP and GET INVOLVED

- ★ **HOST A DRIVE**
Start a collection of Baby Bundle items with your family, friends, coworkers, social groups, and community-based organizations.
- ★ **HELP ASSEMBLE**
Come to Open Door and assemble Baby Bundles. Organize the essential items, personalize a Bundle, and help to ready the Bundles for delivery.
- ★ **LEND YOUR SUPPORT**
The cost of the Baby Bundle program is \$200 per patient. The financial support of the community helps ensure that Open Door can provide these essential items.
- ★ **SHOP ON AMAZON**
Select from a number of Open Door Baby Bundle items on our Amazon registry: <https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes>

Open Door Baby Bundle Wish List Essentials

- Sleep Sacks**
Wearable blanket, non-swaddle type; sizes newborn or small; microfleece for colder weather and cotton for warmer weather.
- Infant Rapid-Read Rectal Thermometers**
- Sleep & Play Pajamas**
(3 - 6 months)
- Diaper Rash Cream**
- Baby Body Wash**
- Burp Cloths**
- Onesie or Bodysuits**
(3 - 6 months)
- Small Infant Toys**
- Baby Wipes**
- Newborn Hats, Mittens, and Socks**
- Baby Washcloths and Towels**
- Bilingual English-Spanish Board Books**
- Newborn & Size One Diapers**
- Seasonal Newborn Outfits**

We need 40 of each items every month. The more we items collect, the more we can put inside the bundle.

ABOUT OPEN DOOR

Open Door provides health care and wellness programs to individuals and families in need throughout Westchester, Putnam and Ulster Counties. A pioneer Federally Qualified Health Center, Open Door provides more than 300,000 patient visits annually and serves nearly 60,000 individual patients who might not otherwise have access. Open Door offers integrated services and a holistic approach to building healthier communities. Primary medical care,

dental care, integrated behavioral health care, clinical nutrition, wellness programs, and chronic disease management are the foundation of its clinical programs. Founded as a free clinic in 1972, Open Door's mission of building healthier communities through accessible, equitable, culturally competent health care has led to site and service expansions. Today, Open Door operates centers in Brewster, Mamaroneck, Mount Kisco, Ossining, Port Chester,

and Sleepy Hollow, in addition to seven School-Based Health Centers in the Port Chester and Ossining School Districts, a mobile dental van in Mount Kisco, and a dental practice in Saugerties, NY. Open Door achieves clinical results that consistently surpass national benchmarks for patient outcomes, and is recognized as the number one New York State Health Disparity Reducer and a leading Access Enhancer by the Health Resources Service Administration (HRSA).

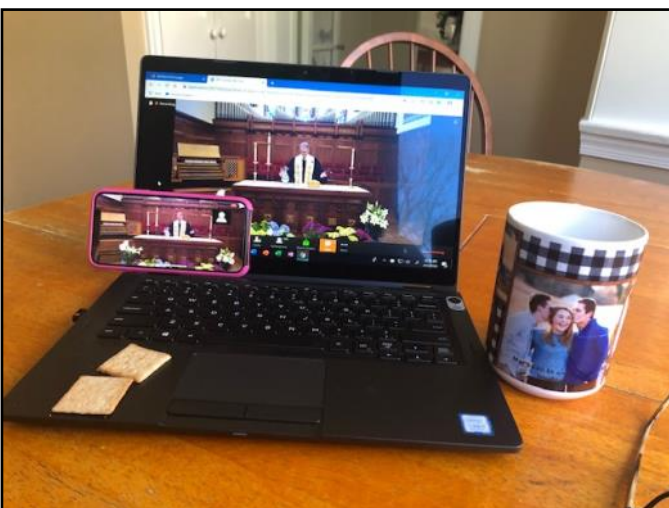
Worship

Weekend Worship

As we move into June, 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. 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 spring and will become a permanent feature of RPC. The installation of a permanent system in the sanctuary with multiple cameras, more microphones, and an upgraded sound system has been completed. The live feed will be available for now on 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!



Worship in the Sanctuary In Person

NEW GUIDELINES

Reservations are not needed for the time being.

Masks are optional for the fully vaccinated!

For a full update on our worship guidelines, go to page 3 of this publication or click here:

<https://rvepc.com/article/updated-worship-guidelines-may-2021/>

Sunday Services also Online via Live Stream!

*Bulletin and instructions
on joining via Zoom or YouTube
are on the church website:*

rvepc.com/worship/worship-at-rpc/

*Instructions on joining by Zoom
and other platforms*

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 Giving page.

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



Please contact Maida Robinson:

Bible Studies, May Meetings, Giving

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

Sundays, June 13 & 27
at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

Our Sunday evening reading and reflection on the Gospel of Luke continues steadily on, but the end is beginning to come into view. We will meet at 8:00 p.m. in person in the church library on Sundays June 13 and 27. For those who can't make it in person, we will have a Zoom option to tune in. If you'd like to be on the email reminder list, please contact Dan Love, dlove@ryepc.com.

Monday Morning Bible Discussion

Mondays, June 14 & 21
at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom

As June begins, the Monday study will be continuing its work on the parables of Jesus, but slowing the pace down just a touch. All are welcome to join in on Mondays, June 14 and 21, at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. After these two meetings, we will be pausing for the summer and restarting on September 13. Please contact Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com) for more information and to receive the Zoom link.

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, June 12 & 26
at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

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

Wednesday Mornings
Women's Discipleship Group
is on hiatus until September!
For information contact:

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



JUNE MEETINGS

Church Office Closed on Monday, May 31,
in observance of Memorial Day

Board Meetings

Deacons: Wednesday, June 9, 7:30 p.m., Love Manse

Trustees: Wednesday, June 16, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Session: Wednesday, June 23, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study: Sundays, June 13 & 27, 8:00 p.m.,
via Zoom

Monday Morning Bible Discussion: Mondays, June 14 & 21,
9:30 a.m., via Zoom

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via Zoom

Youth

Connection: Wednesday, June 9, 5:30 p.m.,

Grape Arbor & Great Lawn;

Saturday, June 26, Donuts & Lawn Games, 10:00 a.m.,
Great Lawn

High School Youth Group:

Sunday, June 13, Book Study, 6:00 p.m., Assembly Room;

Saturday, June 26, Donuts & Lawn Games, 10:00 a.m.,
Great Lawn

June 28-July 1, Local Service Week, 9:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m.

Other Church Meetings

Chancel Choir Gathering: Sunday, June 13, 11:30 a.m.,
Grape Arbor

Chapel Organ Concert: Sunday, June 13, 11:00 a.m.

Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Mobile Shredder at RPC: Tuesday, June 22, 11:00 a.m.

Nominating Committee: Tuesday, June 1, 7:30 p.m.,

Westminster Room; Tuesday, June 15, Location TBD

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

Stephen Ministry meetings via Zoom:

Prime Ministers: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom

Even Stephens: Monday, June 7, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, June 1, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom

True Blues: Wednesday, June 2, 7:00 p.m., via Zoom

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

Nancy Steed (steedheart@aol.com) or (914-328-9658).

Thrift Shop: Thursdays, June 3 & 10, 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.,
outdoors (weather permitting). See page 7 for info.

Worship & Music: Tuesday, June 22, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom
or in-person

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School



Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

The Rye Presbyterian Nursery School Community celebrated "School Spirit Day!" The faculty and staff wore RPNS shirts to show pride for our school. We started off with school cheers and danced the "Rye Pres Shuffle." Then the children participated in a variety of relay races and parachute games on the Great Lawn! The classes enjoyed ice pops for snack! Each child went home with a stuffed bear wearing an RPNS shirt!



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[The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall](#), Associate Pastor for Christian Education
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[Lisa Rawson](#), Director of Choirs for Children and Youth
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[Peggy Berretta](#), Administrative Assistant
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