



## The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to join The Sesquicentennial Service Challenge

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

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

The goal: at least 150 minutes of service from every member for every month of 2020. With 1,180 members, that would mean the total number of service minutes for 2020 would be 2,124,000!

### How does the challenge work?

Whether you are serving in some way within Rye Presbyterian Church, or engaged in some form of service in the community, “if you are serving, it counts!” Some examples are provided below for your convenience. This is not a comprehensive list.

Everyone is asked to log their service minutes in one of two ways; by either logging your minutes online at: [www.ryepc.com/150](http://www.ryepc.com/150) or by filling out a simple form and depositing it in the box at the receptionist window. A running tally will be displayed in the sanctuary throughout the year. 2,124,000 is a lot of minutes! And we know that not every one of our 1,180 members may be able to participate in this challenge, so it’s important for all of us who can to join in this exciting challenge.

#### Here at RPC:

- Choir (Children, Youth, Adult)
- Church Events/Picnics
- Coffee Hour
- Coming Home (Mentor/Meal)
- Flower Delivery
- Friendly Visitor
- Layreader
- Service on Committee/Board
- Stephen Ministry
- Sunday School Teacher or Assistant
- Thrift Shop
- Usher/Greeter
- Visiting the Homebound

#### RPC in the Community:

- Baby Box
- Dinner at Noon
- Feeding Westchester
- Helping Hands
- Rise Against Hunger
- Rye Writes
- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Visiting Prison
- Youth Mission Trips
- Caritas—Port Chester
- Coaching
- Scouting
- Tutoring/Mentoring
- Visiting Hospitals or Nursing Homes

These are only some of the suggested places and ways to serve. Your individual choice of service may not be listed here. That’s okay – go and serve where you feel called.

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## Stewardship 2020, Stephen Ministry, Greening of Kirk, Cantata Sunday



### STEWARDSHIP 2020

A heartfelt thank-you to all who have sent in your 2020 pledges—you have stepped up with faithfulness and generosity!

**As of December 30, here's where we stand:**

310 pledges for \$1,254,000 – *our highest pledge total ever!*

**Now is the time to be included!**

To make a pledge, envelopes in the pews can be put in the offering plate, or you may contact the church office or pledge online:

<https://ryepc.com/stewardship-2020/>

### Everyday Life

By Coldplay

What in the world are we going to do  
 Look at what everybody's going through  
 What kind of world do you want it to be  
 Am I the future or the history  
 Cause everyone hurts  
 Everyone cries  
 Everyone tells each other all kinds of lies  
 Everyone falls  
 Everybody dreams and doubts  
 Got to keep dancing when the lights go out  
 How in the world am I going to see  
 You as my brother not my enemy

Cause everyone hurts  
 Everyone cries  
 Everyone sees the colour in each others' eyes  
 Everyone loves  
 Everybody gets their hearts ripped out  
 Got to keep dancing when the lights go out  
 Gonna keep dancing when the lights go out  
 Hold tight for everyday life  
 Hold tight for everyday life  
 And at first light  
 Throw my arms out open wide

Hallelujah  
 Hallelujah  
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 Hallelujah

stephen  
 MINISTRY.

Thank you to our  
 2019 Christmas Elves  
 for  
 The Greening of the Kirk



Daya Carunia, Chrissy Connor, C.J. DeSantis,  
 Ashley Ginnings, Krysta Holland, Kristin Jautz,  
 Nancy Kennedy, Kevin Kennedy, Charlotte  
 Koster, Pam Moyer, Roger Moyer,  
 Ron Sizemore, Sarah Snell, Cindy Young,  
 Elizabeth Zahm, Bob Zahm, and,  
 of course, a very special thank-you  
 to our sextons,  
 Juan Velasquez and Alonso Osorio.



### Cantata Sunday

Approximately 370 people attended this year's Cantata Sunday (December 15). The Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra performed works by Monteverdi, Vivaldi, and Bach. A festive reception followed.

## Adult Education, Coming Home

### Sunday Mornings



9:00-9:45 a.m.  
Westminster Room  
January 5-June 14

Join us for coffee and conversation as we explore the scriptural texts that will be used in worship each Sunday using the lectionary-based curriculum, *Feasting on the Word*. Each session is a stand-alone session, so participants can join the study at any point.



(There will be **no** class on the following weekends:  
1/19, 2/16, 4/12, 5/24.)

### Thrift Shop Christmas Sale



*High School Youth  
Sharing Christmas Cheer!*



### COMING HOME is Coming Back in 2020, beginning February 6

Our **COMING HOME** program seeks to empower those who are returning to the community from incarceration. This 18-week program pairs RPC congregants with the formerly incarcerated to help them transition back to their communities. Coming Home provides life skills, goal-setting, and sharing personal stories in a safe, supportive community.

A key component of this program is the relationships that develop between mentors (volunteers from our congregation) and program participants. We are in need of those who are willing to serve as mentors. If you are willing to do so, or simply want to know more about this ministry opportunity, please contact John Miller at:

[jmiller@ryepc.com](mailto:jmiller@ryepc.com), or at (914) 967-0842.

We will also need folks who are willing to serve as cooks and hosts as each evening includes a meal prepared and served by RPC congregants, who share table fellowship as well. Again, please contact John Miller if you could assist in this important role.

For more information, contact Pastor John Miller at [jmiller@ryepc.com](mailto:jmiller@ryepc.com), or at (914) 967-0842.



*Show Up & Make—All Saints*



*Synagogue meets RPC*

# Christian Education, Confirmation, Rise Against Hunger, NOLA

## Sunday School

This month we are celebrating the season of the Epiphany, a season that invites us to open ourselves to new insights, new understandings, and new ways! This season encourages us to strive, live, and grow into the people God intends.

During this new year, we will continue to invite our children to live into and out of God's story of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. We invite families to engage these stories together at home! You can do this by following along at <https://digital.dwellcurriculum.org/>, which gives parents a glimpse into what we will focus on each week.

## Middle School Connection

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

We meet twice this month—  
**Wednesdays, January 8 and 22**  
**5:30-6:45 p.m., Youth Rooms**

We'll meet for a pizza dinner, games, learning, and fun!

Please let Rev. JP ([jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com)) know if you'd like to be on the email list.

Also you can sign up for updates through Remind: text @rpcon to 81010 or sign up at <https://www.remind.com/join/rpcon>.

## High School Youth Group

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

**Sunday, January 12,**  
**6:00-7:30 p.m., Youth Rooms**

•NOLA Prep Meeting #1: All participants of the NOLA mission trips will take time to get to know one another and discuss why we are going on these trips.

•Waiting to hear back on a couple service opportunities for this month, so keep an eye out for more information.

**We are on Instagram!**

Username: ryepresyouth (click [here](#)).

**Updates through GroupMe!**

Please email/text your name and phone number - [jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com).

**Updates through Remind!**

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



**Rise Against Hunger**  
Sunday, January 12  
following 10:00 a.m. worship,  
Assembly Room

*Coffee, lemonade, and lunch will be served!*

All are welcome to join us for our annual Rise Against Hunger event! We will come together in the Assembly Room following the 10:00 a.m. service to help package 10,000 meals. The meals we put together that morning will be used as part of school feeding and crisis relief programs.

Please RSVP to Rev. JP ([jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com)).



**2020 Summer**  
**High School**  
**Mission Trips to**  
**New Orleans**

Continuing our work in places of need, this year there will be two trips to New Orleans: June 28-July 4 and August 2-8. We will continue our partnership with Rebuilding Together New Orleans and will stay at Camp Restore of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School for lodging. Sign-ups for the trip will begin online on January 6 at 8:00 p.m. and will require a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Space is limited, so please mark your calendars.

Any questions, contact Rev. JP ([jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com)).



Connection Midnight Run Prep



HSYG Dinner at Noon

**Confirmation 2020**  
Sundays, January 12 and 26  
4:00 or 5:00 p.m. in the  
Westminster Room



## Rye Presbyterian Church

### New Members—Fall 2019



***Danielle and James Bass***

James grew up nearby in Bronxville, NY. Danielle was born in Lebanon and grew up in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. They met in 2003 during their junior year at the University of Notre Dame. They then moved to NYC in 2005 where Danielle worked in marketing and James in finance. In 2010, Danielle switched gears and got her Masters in Early Childhood Ed and Special Education. They now have one boy, Gray (4), and one girl, Ryan (1½). James enjoys tennis and golf while Danielle enjoys painting and photography. They just moved to Rye four months ago and are enjoying it.



***Denise and Terry Denson***

Denise and Terry moved to Rye from Tribeca in August 2018. They have five children, with three currently going to schools in Rye (Blaise, 9th grade, Rye HS; Cole, 8th grade, Rye Country Day School; Ailey, 4th grade, Midland School). Denise and Terry both have worked for decades in the media sector. Denise grew up in Palos Verdes, CA, and graduated from USC. Terry grew up in Webster, NY, graduating from Harvard and Georgetown Law School.



***Kim and Brian Higgins***

Brian and Kim both grew up in the suburbs outside of Boston; Brian in Hingham and Kim in Framingham. Brian attended Williams College and Kim attended the University of Michigan. After college, they both worked in Manhattan and that is where they met. Brian continues to work in finance and Kim is home with the kids. They moved to Rye in the summer of 2013. They have three children and a dog: Teddy, age 9, Grace, age 7, Timmy, age 4, and Navy, their golden “non-retriever,” is 10. Teddy and Grace attend Midland Elementary School and Timmy is in the 4s at Rye Presbyterian Nursery School. They have lots of sports and other activities that keep them busy! Brian is a volunteer coach for Teddy’s soccer and hockey teams. When they aren’t running from the field to the rink, they enjoy dog walks, bike rides through Edith Read, spending time with friends, and visiting family in Boston.



***Charlotte and Simon Koster***

The Koster family moved to Rye in June from New York City. Charlotte grew up in Rye. She is a graduate of Bates College and received her Masters in Education from Manhattanville. She has been an elementary school teacher for the past 10 years and is currently tutoring while enjoying time with Addie, their 11-month-old daughter. Simon is from Alberta, Canada. He graduated from Rutgers and received his Masters in Engineering from the University of Michigan. He is currently the head of northeast development for The Collective. The Kosters are excited to be part of the Rye Presbyterian Church community!

## Rye Presbyterian Church New Members—Fall 2019

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### *Deborah Watson*

Deborah moved to White Plains this year (2019) to be near her son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren: a 3-year-old and a 5-month-old. She has been sharing in the childcare of her grandchildren with the other grandparents. Deborah had been living in Cornwall, NY, and moving here has made her commute much shorter! She also has a daughter living in San Diego, CA. Deborah retired in 2014 from Orange County after 25 years working with children and adults with emotional, educational, and legal challenges. In her spare time she enjoys playing bridge and traveling.



### *Nicole and Rob Weber*

The Weber family - Rob and Nicole - moved to Rye in 2012 from the city where their two sons William (14) and Max (11) were born and raised until elementary school. Rob is originally from NH and works in finance. Nicole was raised between Europe and the US and runs her own consulting practice. They both attended Trinity College in CT and later earned their Masters from Columbia and Cornell. Nicole previously served on the Rye School board and Rob is currently on the Rye Arts Center board. William and Max are active in the local soccer and lacrosse programs, ski race in the winter, enjoy some theater and classical guitar, and playing with their puppy, Rocky. They are excited to be part of the RPC community!

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## Christmas Pageant 2019



Sunday, December 8, at RPC



*Tree-lighting  
and Caroling*



**Gingerbread  
House  
Party**



## Weekends in January, Bible Study

### Saturday, January 4

5:00 p.m. Worship & Communion / Chapel

### Sunday, January 5

8:30 a.m. Worship & Communion / Chapel

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room

10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion / Sanctuary  
Sunday School

-Children attend worship through children's message

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

### Saturday, January 11

5:00 p.m. Worship & Communion / Chapel

### Sunday, January 12

8:30 a.m. Worship & Communion / Chapel

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room

10:00 a.m. Worship / Sanctuary  
Sunday School

-Children attend worship through children's message

11:00 a.m. Rise Against Hunger / Assembly Room

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

4:00 & 5:00 p.m. Confirmation / Westminster Room

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Youth Room

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

### Saturday, January 18

5:00 p.m. Worship & Communion / Chapel

### Sunday, January 19

8:30 a.m. Worship & Communion / Chapel

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

10:00 a.m. Worship / Sanctuary  
No Sunday School

-Enrichment Sunday

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

### Saturday, January 25

5:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship / Chapel

### Sunday, January 26

8:30 a.m. Worship & Communion / Chapel

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room

10:00 a.m. Worship / Sanctuary  
Ordination & Installation of Officers  
Sunday School

-Children attend worship through children's message.

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

4:00 & 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Westminster Room

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

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Men's Bible Study

Sundays, January 12 and 26, at 8:00 p.m. in the Library

This month, the men of Sunday evenings will be continuing their work through the Gospel according to Luke. If you'd like to join in and be a part of this ongoing fellowship and conversation, plan to gather on Sunday evenings, January 12 and 26. Contact [Dan Love](#) if you'd like to be on email reminder list.

### Monday Morning Bible Discussion

Mondays, January 13 and 27,  
at 9:30 a.m. in the Library

Our journey through the Hebrew Scripture with video series "[The Bible Project](#)" continues this month. We've just finished a brief respite in the Psalms and we are on to "the writings" - Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. All are welcome to join in this ongoing reading and discussion. Contact [Dan Love](#) if you'd like to be on email reminder list.

### Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, January 11 and 25,  
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

Please join the Women's Bible Study twice monthly on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the RPC Library. A warm welcome and hot coffee await!

For further information, contact Cynthia De Santis  
([desantiscw@aol.com](mailto:desantiscw@aol.com)).



### ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Sunday, January 26,  
during 10:00 a.m. worship

### NEW OFFICER ORIENTATION

Saturday, January 11, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Westminster Room

### RPC OFFICER RETREAT

Saturday, January 11, 12:00 noon-3:30 p.m.  
Westminster Room

### Contemplative Saturday at 5 Service January 25 in the Chapel

*Come, enter God's presence.  
Find your center.*

### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 2,  
following 10:00 a.m. worship



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## January Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

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**CHURCH OFFICES AND BUILDINGS CLOSED  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY  
AND MONDAY, JANUARY 20, MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

### BOARD MEETINGS

**Deacons:** Wednesday, January 15, 7:30 p.m., Library  
**Trustees:** Wednesday, January 15, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room  
**Session:** Wednesday, January 22, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

### WORSHIP AND STUDY

#### **Worship on Saturday evening:**

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m., January 4, 11, 18, & 25 (Contemplative Worship)

#### **Worship on Sunday:**

8:30 a.m. Worship & Communion in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

**Prayer Gatherings:** Sundays in the Library at 8:40 a.m.

#### **Adult Education:**

**Sundays, 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room:**

**Coffee & Conversation:** January 5, 12 & 26 (*no class on January 19—MLK Day weekend*)

**Sunday School:** Regular Sunday School on January 5, 12, & 26. Enrichment Sunday on January 19.

**Confirmation:** Sundays, Westminster Room, 5:00 p.m., January 12 & 26

**Men's Sunday Bible Study:** January 12 & 26, 8:00 p.m., Library

**Monday Morning Bible Discussion:** January 13 & 27, 9:30 a.m., Library

**Women's Bible Study:** Saturdays, 10:00 a.m., January 11 & 25, Library

**Women's Discipleship:** Tuesdays, January 14 & 28, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Library.

### YOUTH

**Boy Scout Troop #2:** Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

**Connection:** Wednesdays, January 8 & 22, 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms;

**High School Youth Group:** Sunday, January 12, 6:00 p.m., Youth Rooms; Sunday

### MUSIC

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** Sundays, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

**Children's Choir Rehearsal:** Thursdays, 3:45 p.m., Choir Room

**Youth Choir Rehearsal:** Sundays TBD

### OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

**3 Ts:** Tuesday, January 21, 10:00 a.m., Library

**Mission & Outreach:** Wednesday, January 8, 7:30 p.m., Library

**Rise Against Hunger:** Sunday, January 12, following 10:00 a.m. worship, Assembly Room

**RPC New Officer Orientation:** Saturday, January 11, 9:00 a.m., Westminster Room

**RPC Officer Retreat:** Saturday, January 11, 12:00 p.m., Westminster Room

#### **Stephen Ministry:**

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, January 7, 5:30 p.m., Library

Continuing Education and Supervision: Tuesday, January 7, 7:00 p.m., Library

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

**Women's Association Monthly Meeting:** Monday, January 6, 9:00 a.m., Library

**Worship & Music:** Tuesday, January 14, 7:30 p.m., Conference Room

### OUTREACH AND SUPPORT GROUPS

**AA Rye Harrison Group:** Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room

**AA Group:** Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

**Mr. Westchester/Al-Anon Group:** Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Library

**Helping Hands:** Thursday, January 16, 10:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

## Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

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



Rye Presbyterian Nursery School held its annual Holiday Caroling Party on Saturday, December 7. The event is funded by sponsorships and all proceeds go

towards tuition scholarships for the upcoming school year. Parents and staff volunteered to organize and run the event. The festivities for the party included a sing-along with children's musicians from Songs for Seeds, an outdoor petting zoo, and a horse-drawn hay ride. Our studio teacher, Gail Walter, organized a fun art project for the children using popsicle sticks, ribbon, beads, and bells.

Families enjoyed buying delicious homemade treats from the bake sale and getting their photo taken with Santa. Beautiful themed baskets for children were given away in our annual raffle.



During the week before the party, the students in each classroom made an ornament to adorn the Christmas tree in the Church Assembly Room.



[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*  
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