

As we begin the month of March, we are well into the Lenten season, which began on February 17 with Ash Wednesday. Little did we know a year ago at this time what was in store for us. Who would have ever thought that we'd still be practicing our pandemic protocols a year later. And what a year it has been. We've had to ask ourselves many soul-searching questions. We've had to rethink what is really important in our lives. And we've also had to give up many of the cherished routines of our lives. In many ways, it has felt like a year-long Lenten experience. But we need to remember, Lent ends with the joy of Easter Sunday.

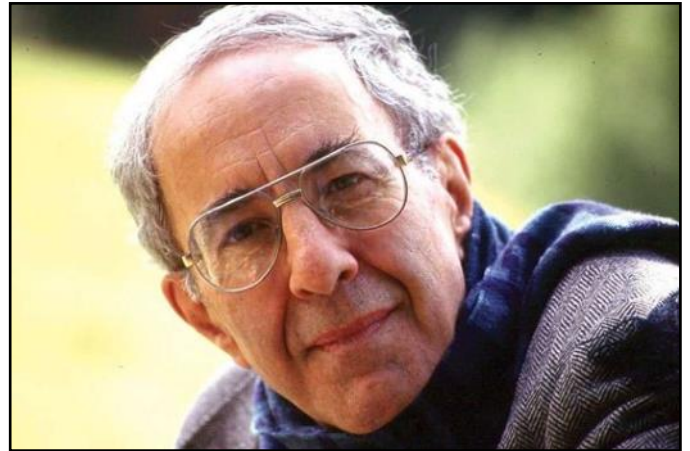
As more of us are vaccinated and as this deadly virus begins to subside, this year-long Lent will end, hopefully with something akin to the celebration of Easter at the end of it. We will appreciate life more because of what we have been through and because of whom we have lost. As we move through Lent, I invite you once again into a season of spiritual contemplation. Will Lent feel different this year because of all that we learned and experienced over the past year?

Earlier in my ministry, I had the opportunity to come to know personally Henri Nouwen, whose books I was introduced to while in seminary. Nouwen (1932–1996) was a Dutch Roman Catholic priest, writer, lecturer, and spiritual director. He taught for a time at Yale Divinity School, and introduced many Protestant clergy to previously unfamiliar spiritual disciplines from his tradition. Later in his life he was a leader at the L'Arche Daybreak Community for people with mental and physical disabilities. The first book of his that I read was *The Wounded Healer*. It is a book that is still worth revisiting. It is one of my required reading texts for the Introduction to Counseling class that I have taught at Sing Sing Correctional Facility for Rising Hope.

Here is something else by Father Nouwen which speaks to me this season, a prayer for these days of Lent:

How often have I lived through these weeks without paying much attention to penance, fasting, and prayer? How often have I missed the spiritual fruits of the season without even being aware of it? But how can I ever really celebrate Easter without observing Lent? How can I rejoice fully in your Resurrection when I have avoided participating in your death? Yes, Lord, I have to die—with you, through you, and in you—and thus become ready to recognize you when you appear to me in your Resurrection. There is so much in me that needs to die: false attachments, greed and anger, impatience and stinginess.... I see clearly now how little I have died with you, really gone your way and been faithful to it. O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen.

(From *A Cry for Mercy: Prayers from the Genesee, Orbis*)

Father Henri Nouwen



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Adult Education



21 DAY RACIAL EQUITY CHALLENGE

Over the past several years the Adult Education Committee has offered a variety of studies and discussion groups which have focused on the issues of race and religion. One study included using Debby Irving's book, *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*. In the summer of 2020, in response to the racial and social unrest taking place across the country, our Mission and Outreach Committee, with Session approval, responded by presenting "Panels for Peace." Prior to the pandemic, we were poised to engage in conversations about race with our Black brothers and sisters in Port Chester. It is our hope to do so in the future when we can meet again in person face-to-face.

As a next step to understanding racism in our lives and personal relationships, we invite you to join us for the **21 Day Racial Equity Challenge**.

Creating effective social habits, particularly those dealing with issues of power, is like any lifestyle change – we have to work at it. Setting intentions and adjusting what we spend our time doing is essential. It's about building new habits. Sometimes the hardest part is just getting started. The good news is there's an abundance of resources to share and the family of faith to accompany one another. Debby Irving, author of "Waking Up White," and Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr. have formulated a 21-Day Action Plan designed to introduce people to new ideas and perspectives. For 21 days, from March 7 – 27, you are invited to choose one action per day in order to develop and/or deepen a racial equity practice built on education and engagement. In engaging, you will be exposed to voices and perspectives different than your own through articles, videos, and podcasts. Each day you will choose one way of engagement.

There are two ways to participate in this challenge: You may do it independently as an individual or family, and/or you may sign up for the small groups that will meet via Zoom throughout the challenge on the three Thursday nights during the challenge – **March 11, 18 and 25 at 7:30 p.m.**

Note that these small groups are being offered with the following intentions:

- To cultivate a space for participants to be fully present to each other, themselves and God;
- To foster an awareness that allows these voices and experiences to stir within our hearts and spirits;
- To invite each person to engage wherever they are in the present moment as they reflect on experiences and learnings through sharing and listening; and
- To reflect and share, not discuss, debate or problem-solve.

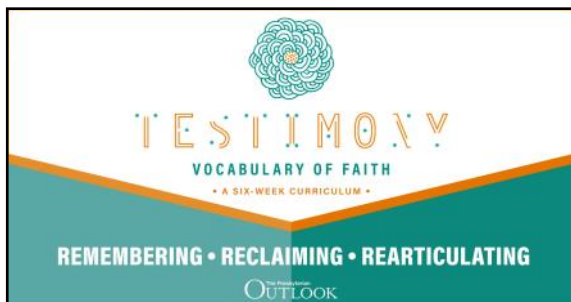
To sign-up for the small groups and to receive the Zoom invitation, please email John Miller at jmiller@ryepc.com.

[Click here](#) for the resources. Remember, choose one per day.

[Click here](#) for resources that you can use with your children.

[Click here](#) for a tracking tool to keep track of the resources you use.

Note: You may also access these resources on the RPC website—<https://ryepc.com/article/adult-education-21-day-racial-equity-challenge/>



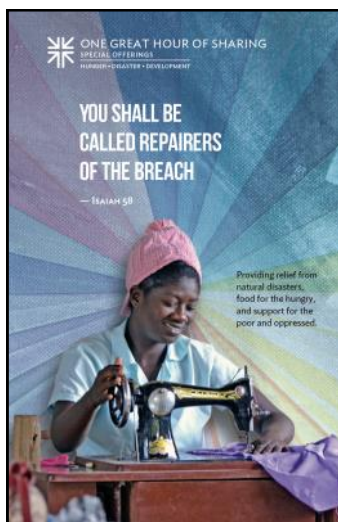
ADULT EDUCATION

Thursday, March 4, 7:30-9:00 p.m., via Zoom

We gather on Thursday, March 4, virtually for the last session in this course.

Contact John Miller (jmiller@ryepc.com) for more information, materials, and Zoom link.

One Great Hour of Sharing, Stephen Ministry, Thrift Shop



One Great Hour of Sharing – Winter 2021

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, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People committee, all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to on-

going community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need.

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 events. Prior to COVID-19, PDA deployed National Response Team members who would travel into presbyteries following a disaster. Now, members are virtually deployed to support presbyteries as they prepare for or respond to a disaster. Internationally, PDA is working with ACT Alliance, Presbyterian and community-led partners to respond to

natural disasters and working with Presbyterian World Mission and the Presbyterian Hunger Program to extend COVID grants to partners outside PDA’s existing network.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP) works to alleviate hunger and eliminate its root causes. In 2019, PHP gave 94 grants totaling over \$1 million, impacting 20 countries, including the United States. This included \$161,000 that specifically went to alleviate famine in South Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, and Northern Nigeria. PHP partnered with 17 presbytery Hunger Action Advocates, 175 Hunger Action Congregations, and 234 Earth Care Congregations across the country.

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People works with low-income communities to overcome oppression and injustice. In 2020, National SDOP entered partnerships with projects focused on advocacy, youth-led initiatives, skills development, farming, worker rights, immigration/refugee issues, and capacity building. Through One Great Hour of Sharing, projects in economically poor communities around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the largest way Presbyterians come together to do mission and ministry with those whom we see are in need. Through these gifts, we declare that the Church belongs with people whom we see suffering from the terrors of howling winds and natural disasters, those from whom we see COVID-19 took futures and livelihoods, and the whole cultures threatened as a result. Supporting the One Great hour of Sharing supports hunger, thirst, disaster recovery, refugee assistance, education, and community development for people in the United States and around the World. Please give generously. **This offering will be received through Easter Sunday, April 4.**

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING PANDEMIC FATIGUE?

Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you, or someone you know, struggling with challenges like . . .

- Isolation and loneliness
- Anxiety over health
- Grief due to many different kinds of losses
- Tension from juggling work, childcare, and schooling
- Financial strain or job loss
- Uncertainty about the future
- Other unexpected life challenges?

If so, you don’t have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support. It’s free and completely confidential.

For more information, contact the RPC clergy.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” - Matthew 11:28.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

The RPC Thrift Shop
is temporarily closed.

**THRIFT
SHOP**

At this time, our ability to take donations is limited. If you have specific items you would like to donate, please email rvethrift10580@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support!



The Peter Bishop Scholarship, Davidson T. Gordon Award, Israel Virtual Journey

THE PETER BISHOP COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Since 1968, Rye Presbyterian Church has awarded grants to graduating high school seniors who are going on to college studies. The award is in memory of Peter Bishop, son of a former pastor of RPC.

The number of grants and the amounts awarded each year vary, but it is a one-time award given to students demonstrating academic promise and financial need, with priority consideration given to those seniors who have been active in the life of Rye Presbyterian Church.

If you are a Rye High School senior, application for this scholarship is done through the guidance office at RHS.

If you are not a student at Rye High School, but wish to apply for the scholarship, please contact [Rev. Love](#) for more information.

THE DAVIDSON T. GORDON QUIET SERVICE AWARD

Presented on Sunday, February 7, by the church Session to:

**Charles Park
and
Jonathan Blum**

in recognition for their critical work helping RPC initiate and navigate online worship throughout this last year.



Still wishing you made that trip to Israel with the synagogue several years ago, or the trip just last year? Here's your slightly easier chance! One of our trusted guides from the RPC/synagogue trip will be hosting the "virtual tour" described below. Mike is a font of knowledge, and this tour, from the safety of your home, looks to be a top-notch way to visit Israel. Read on!

MIKE HOLLANDER'S ISRAEL VIRTUAL JOURNEY MARCH 6, 20, AND APRIL 11, 2-3 P.M.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84864605416?pwd=bFdkQ0JpM2hQL2t3THpLTG5FdTN5Zz09>

Session 1: March 6 - Virtual Tour of Machaneh Yehudah: Since physical travel to Israel is limited these days, we will go on a virtual tasting tour to see the sights, smell the smells, hear the sounds, and meet some of the people in Jerusalem's Shuk Machaneh Yehudah, one of the world's most popular markets and one of the world's most popular markets and a Mecca for foodies.

Session 2 - March 20 Jerusalem - Mike Hollander's Yet to be Patented 5-to-1 Model of the Holy City. This session explores the complexity of Jerusalem and its sanctity to almost 4 billion Jews, Christians, and Muslims. Since one cannot begin to understand the millennia of this important city's history in one hour, this session presents a fool-proof model to learn about the fundamental importance of Jerusalem as we explore the four quarters of the Old City and create a pallet upon which all other history can be understood.

Session 3 - April 11 Water, water, water! This session will explore the parched Land of Israel, from the Biblical Period

though Start Up Nation, and explore the challenges of an area with few natural water resources. The Bible describes Israel as "...a land with streams and springs and fountains issuing from plain and hills" and not a land of great rivers like the Nile, Tigris and Euphrates.

This session will explore how for millennia, from our ancestors until the modern era, residents of Israel have had to ensure enough water to farm and live here. The challenges have been enormous but not insurmountable, as Israel has become a world-renowned leader in water technology.



Mike Hollander is CSR's go-to guide for our congregational trips to Israel. Mike Hollander was raised in Vancouver (attending the same Jewish day school and High School as Rabbi Gropper) and made Aliyah in 1988. From 2001– 2004, he was a Jewish Agency educational emissary in Great Britain for the Federation of Zionist Youth. He was also a consultant to the "Israel Experience" and helped British youth movements and organizations design new programs and construct their educational storyline for their short-term summer Israel programs. He completed his MA from the Cambridge Center for Jewish-Christian Relations in 2008.

Mike's diverse and extensive experiences and opportunities have influenced his ability to provide a rich Israel experience to a wide range of groups, including Federations, Birthright, Interfaith groups, political groups, congregational trips, families, adults and more. His areas of expertise include history, politics, Middle Eastern and interfaith studies. Mike is married to Michele and has 3 Israeli-born children. When not guiding, he enjoys running, reading, yoga, and music.

Christian Education, Confirmation, Gospel According to Peeps



As we continue our journey through the season of Lent, we will continue using Illustrated Ministry's **An Illustrated Lent: Reflections on the Heart**. By exploring Gospel passages about treasures and matters of the heart, we will wonder more deeply about what kinds of treasure matter, why we store treasures, and the power these treasures have in our lives. Each week we will focus on a different theme:

March 7: Knowing the Good

March 14: Consider the Lilies

March 21: Becoming Someone New

March 28: Shifting Our Gaze

Each Sunday we will start off 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/>.

With this format, we invite you to help out as a virtual Teaching Volunteer! All discussion questions and activities will be sent out beforehand so volunteers can reflect on them ahead of time. Rev. JP will be hosting the Zoom class each morning, so he will be around to check in and assist when needed. He is also up to leading any Zoom training beforehand, if needed, as well!

If interested in being a virtual Teaching Volunteer, please contact Rev. JP at jmarshall@ryepc.com.

Families are also invited to join us in reflecting on treasures and matters of the heart at home! This curriculum comes with its own Family Devotions, consisting of a brief reflection, an 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). We hope you and your families will join us on this Lenten journey!

Middle School Connection

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

•**Wednesday, March 10, 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 (jmarshall@ryepc.com).

•**Wednesday, March 24, 5:30 p.m., Assembly Room:** Join us as we spend time catching up, playing games, and reflect together with a Lenten focus!

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

<https://www.remind.com/join/rpcecon>.

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 GROUP Youth Group

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

•**Sunday, March 7, 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, March 21, 6:00 p.m., Assembly Room & Zoom:** 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 Lent and Holy Week, we will journey through the stations of the cross, which honor the ancient story of Jesus' death while recognizing the ways this narrative repeats itself again and again throughout the past and present. 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 are unable to attend! If you would like to join virtually, please contact Rev. JP for the Zoom link.

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.

Updates through Remind!

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

Confirmation 2021

We won't meet that day, but draft Statements of Faith are due March 7.

Class meets this month on
Sunday, March 28,
3:45 p.m. and
5:00 p.m. on Zoom.



The Gospel According to Peeps

Sunday, March 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m.



This year we are bringing the joy of the Gospel According to Peeps to your home! We invite families to use Peeps and other art supplies to create a diorama of their favorite Bible studies. If your family would like to receive a package of Peeps with some art supplies, please register on our website (<https://ryepc.com/article/the-gospel-according-to-peeps/>) from **Monday, March 1**, through **Thursday, March 18**. Supplies are limited, so please register early!

Families are invited to pull up in their cars (with masks on!) by the **Grape Arbor** on **Sunday, March 21**, from **2:00-3:00 p.m.** to pick up their Peeps and supplies. We then encourage you to share a picture of your completed PEEPS diorama at: <https://padlet.com/ryepreschurch/Peeps> so our whole church community can join in on the fun!

Music Notes, Easter Flowers & Music



From Jason Charneski



Jason explains the workings of the new Chapel organ to those who attended the demonstration on January 31.

Update on Reading the Bible

On June 1, 2020, I began my pandemic-days discipline of 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 do not feel rushed, nor compelled to complete x-number of chapters or pages.

Since my last update, I have read a significant number of the books of the New Testa-

ment: The four Gospels, Acts, and the letters attributed to Paul to the churches in Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Colossae, and Thessalonica (I write this update on February 18). A few reflections:

1. While the actions and questions of the disciples and the Jewish leaders are important (by keeping the plot moving and diving into the tenets of societal life – God’s community, forgiveness, and grace includes each person, regardless of x, y, or z). I am reminded how the seemingly-minor characters (all who were healed and, even, those repudiated) in the Gospels testify to a deep faith and to living the “spirit” of the Law.
2. The zeal and the fortitude of the apostles, per the accounts in Acts, in doing as Jesus commanded in the Great Commission

(the closing verses of Matthew) was exciting to encounter in its entirety (our Sunday lectionary cycle readings leave out quite a bit of material). Again, we see the testimony of including one’s community (even when in prison or adrift at or in the sea – Paul’s experiences) to demonstrate God’s love.

3. Paul’s letters to the churches – they are a topic unto themselves! While there are many questions about authorship (mindful this would apply to most documents that survive from antiquity), I think the intents of each are clear: encouragement and instruction (and attendant reasons why).

A Hymn for These Days

As we now are one year into COVID-19 pandemic life, this hymn by Thomas Troeger, seems particularly fitting. J-P stated in his homily on Ash Wednesday that we are very aware of mortality all around us; therefore, what about life? Perhaps Dr. Troeger’s words serve to paint a portrait of how so many are doing so much to bring about healing – acts of love and compassion that can inspire us. The words below find their genesis in Mark 2:1-12.

We have the strength to lift and bear a friend’s immobile weight,
the strength to watch and nurse and care through hours long and late,
because we trust in ways unknown the springs of health are stirred,
and thus the mind, the flesh and bone receive Christ’s healing word.

It was this hope and trust that filled the four who walked the road
and bore their friend whose limbs were stilled beneath
some hidden load.

Each foot a stone, each leg a rod, for years he lay in bed,
in terror of a judging god and paralyzed by dread.

The awkwardness of matching strides and one another’s pace
while holding up the bed’s two sides to keep their friend in place,
the crowded street, the roof of clay, the scribes who took offense—
not all of these could turn away those stubborn loving friends.

Christ, give your church that single hope by which those faithful four
could lower down their friend by rope while others blocked the door.
Though we may lack the gift to heal, this task is surely ours;
to bring to you the lost who feel their need of gracious powers.



Easter Flowers & Music

As we return to in-person worship services as well as continuing to stream online, this year’s Easter service will include beautiful flowers and music to celebrate the Resurrection. We invite you to help defray the cost of our Easter flowers and music by making a donation. Your donation can be recognized in the Easter bulletin in one of two ways:

-As an **acknowledgement** showing only your name (can also include your family names). We will need to know how you would like your name to be shown.

-As a **dedication** (as we have done in previous years). You will need to provide the following information:

From: _____ (how you wish your name shown)

Indicate **one** of the following dedications:

In Loving Memory of _____

or ... In Honor of _____

or ... In Gratitude for _____

To Pay: Check payable to RPC (indicate Flowers & Music on the memo line), to Rye Presbyterian Church, 882 Boston Post Road, Rye, NY 10580—or **Online** click here: <https://rvepc.com/article/easter-flowers-music-donation/>

To submit your information: By **check**, include a note with the information; **online**, you can enter the information in the notes section of the form; or, you can **email** the information to Denise LeVan (dlevan@rvepc.com).

Donations **must** be received no later than **Monday, March 22**, to be included in the bulletin.

If you have any questions, please contact Denise LeVan (dlevan@rvepc.com).

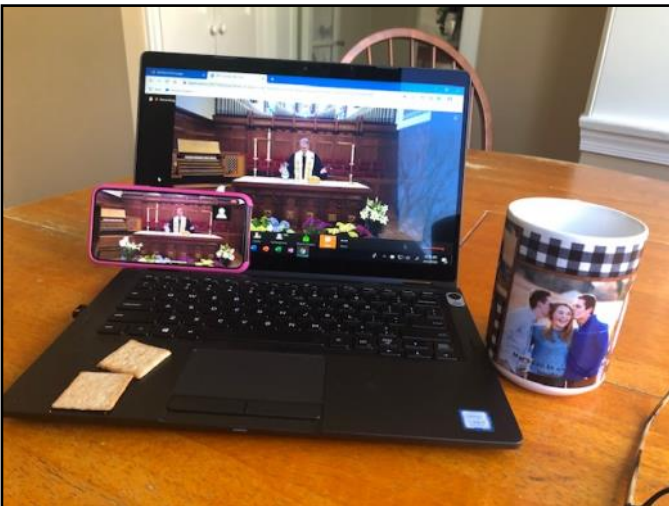
Worship

Weekend Worship

As we move into March, 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 ryepc.com/worship/worship-at-rpc/ to reserve a pew.)

Please read our worship safety guidelines which can be found online: ryepc.com/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/*

*Instructions on joining by Zoom
and other platforms
are on the church website:
ryepc.com/worship/worship-at-rpc/*



Palm Sunday

March 28
10:00 a.m.



In Person and
Online Zoom and YouTube

Palms will be distributed at in-person service.

Bible Studies, March Meetings, *In Memoriam*

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

**Sunday, March 14 & 28,
at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom**

We continue our work on the Gospel according to Luke - all are welcome to join in! If you'd like to be on the email reminder list for this gathering, please contact Dan Love, dlove@ryepc.com, for more information.

Monday Morning Bible Discussion

**Mondays, March 1, 15, 22, & 29,
at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom**

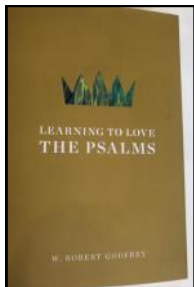
With our tour of all the books of the bible complete, we will be starting in a new direction yet to be determined! Come join in, wherever we may be going as we study together. Contact Rev. Love (dlove@ryepc.com) for more information for more information.

Women's Bible Study

**Saturdays, March 6 & 13,
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



Join us for
our study:

Learning to Love THE PSALMS

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



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

MARCH MEETINGS

Board Meetings

Deacons: Wednesday, Mar. 17, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Session: Wednesday, Mar. 24, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Trustees: Tuesday, Mar. 31, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study: Sundays, Mar. 14 & 28, 8:00 p.m.,
via Zoom

Monday Morning Bible Discussion: Mondays, Mar. 1, 15,
22, & 29, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom

Women's Bible Study: Saturdays, Mar. 6 & 13, 10:00 a.m.,
via Zoom

Youth

Confirmation Class: Sunday, Mar. 28, 3:45 p.m. &
5:00 p.m., via Zoom

Connection: Wednesdays, Mar. 10, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom,
and Mar. 24, 5:30 p.m., Assembly Room

High School Youth Group: Sundays, Mar. 7, 6:00 p.m.,
Assembly Room & Mar. 21, 6:00 p.m., Vespers,
Assembly Room and via Zoom

Children's Choir: Thursdays, 3:30 p.m., via Zoom

Youth Choir: Sundays, Mar. 7 & 21, 11:00 a.m., via Zoom

Other Church Meetings

Adult Education: "Testimony," Thursday, Mar. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Education: 21 Day Racial Equity Challenge small
groups, Thursdays, Mar. 11, 18, & 25, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

3 Ts: Tuesday, Mar. 16, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom.

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

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

Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, Mar. 3, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Personnel Committee: Monday, Mar. 1, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Stephen Ministry meetings via Zoom:

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

Even Stephens: Monday, Mar. 1, 5:00 p.m.

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, Mar. 2, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom

True Blues: Wednesday, Mar. 3, 7:00 p.m.

Thrift Shop: Currently closed. See page 3 for information.

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

Worship & Music Committee: Monday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.,
Via Zoom

In Memoriam Recent Passings in our Church Community

Jessie Harper, on January 10

Connie Reilly, on January 29,
mother of Katie Reilly
and grandmother of Maddie Reilly.



Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

An important element of establishing relationships in young children is having them recognize and engage in collaboration. The children are encouraged on a daily basis to play cooperatively in the learning centers and on the playground and are supported in the problem-solving aspect of managing peer relationships. Negotiating the complexities of working together becomes more manageable when the children are able to discuss strategies and scenarios, as well as experience the benefits, of successful collaboration.

Collaboration has been evident over the past few weeks in one of our four-year-old classrooms as the children worked together to create a train. The children have been engaged in child-driven conversations about what colors they should paint their train and the materials they would use for the windows, doors, wheels, and track. The discussions and compromises taking place are a wonderful example of what can be accomplished by working together and provide an opportunity for us to reflect as a group on the visible benefits of collaboration.



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