

The Tenacity of Hope

Of the many amazing trees on the church grounds, the Star Magnolia on the side of the sanctuary facing the high school is one of my favorites. (Though if you haven't ever wandered under the weeping beech in front of the columbarium, you MUST do that!) You might recognize it as the tree pictured in front of the steeple in the weekly email with a look that varies with each season of the year. But it lives in a tough spot. On the warm side of the building, it cooks in the summer heat. In the winter, snow and ice slide off the sanctuary roof and onto its branches. But every year, as winter slowly ends, I watch it closely as its blossoms peeking out are one of the first signs of spring.

This year it looked like a symbol of our lives. In the warm spell in March it started to blossom beautifully, mirroring the relief of what felt like the end of the pandemic. But then a cold snap came just as troops rolled into Ukraine, and all the blossoms went suddenly brown. It looked like all was lost.

But weeks later, near Easter, the blossoms came out again, pushing browned petals aside for another wave of beauty – imperfect with the scars of winter damage, but beautiful. A touch of resurrection. A sign that even in the worst of it all, hope remains tenacious.

As we journey forward from Easter, may that Easter spirit remain. This still is Eastertide – a season to live into resurrec-

tion together. A time to be participants in and the means of resurrection life coming into the world. Pushing aside the darkness, rising from the ashes, and emerging to bring the world not just back to normal, but forward into new life.

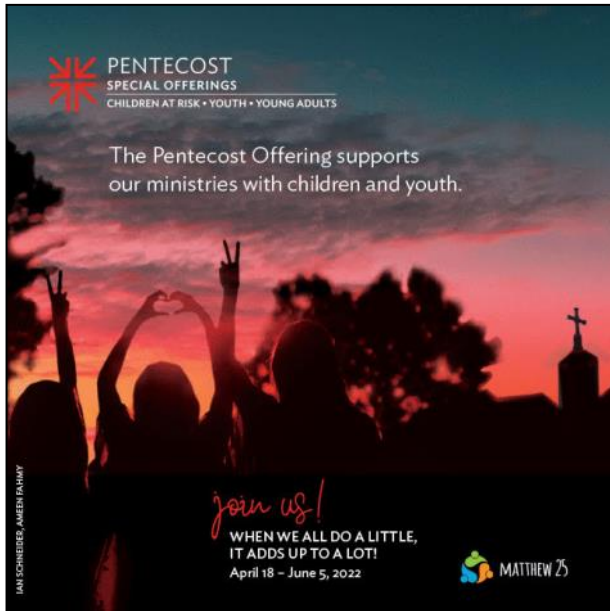
As Brian McLaren puts it in his book “We Get There by Walking”: *It feels like an uprising. An uprising of hope, not hate. An uprising armed with love, not weapons. An uprising that shouts a joyful promise of life and peace, not angry threats of hostility and death. It's an uprising of outstretched hands, not clenched fists. It's the “someday” we have always dreamed of, emerging in the present, rising up among us and within us. It's so different from what we expected—so much better. This is what it means to be alive, truly alive. This is what it means to be en route, walking the road to a new and better day.*

As we journey forward into May and life a bit more normal, may it be more than just that. May Easter not simply be a day last month of celebration and joy, but the beginning of a new way for us all. Like the tenacious Star Magnolia out front, and as one of my favorite Easter hymn says, despite all that has gone on in our lives, despite all that is going on in the world, may our lives and our life together be “evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.”



*Let the moon embrace the blessing;
Let the sun sustain the cheer;
Let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!*

Pentecost Offering



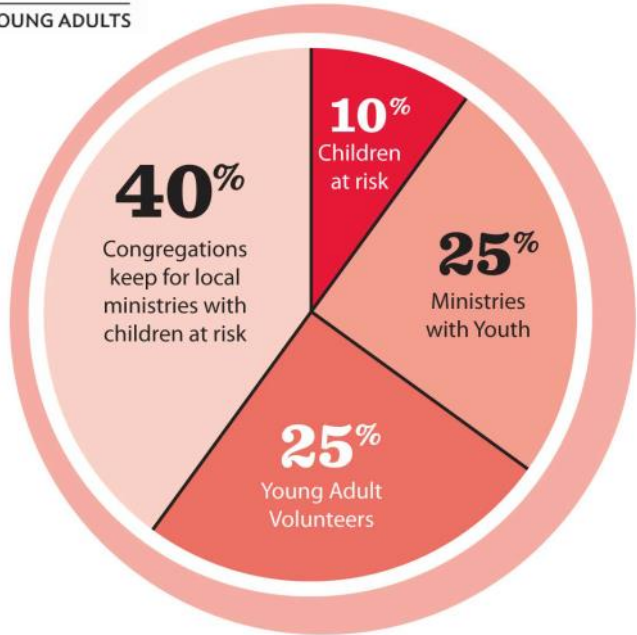
trust, O Lord, from my youth.” These youngest members of the household of faith need our support to reach their full potential in faith and life. We all have important roles to play in their journey. And while we teach and lead, we often find that these younger ones give us new insights into our own faith and in how the Holy Spirit is moving in our world. Your gifts to the Pentecost Offering, one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) that we receive at Rye Presbyterian, support ministries with children, youth and young adults in our community, across the nation and around the world.

As we prepare to receive the Pentecost Offering, remember that 40% of the offering remains in our community. As we did last year, our 40% will be used to support the Open Door Medical Clinic’s Baby Bundle program. The remainder of the offering is forwarded to the denomination so that young adults can form a foundation for their lives through a year of service in the Young Adult Volunteer Program; youth can be among the 5,000-plus having mountaintop experiences in worship, play and faith formation at events like the Presbyterian Youth Triennium; and children can receive educational support through the Educate a Child, Transform the World initiative.

During this Pentecost season, as we celebrate God’s gift to the church of Spirit-led energy, intelligence, imagination and love, you are invited to join us in celebrating our part in building lives of faith among our children, youth and young adults. These younger members of the household of faith are not just the future of the church — they ARE the church. Please give generously. The offering will be received on Pentecost Sunday, June 5.

At Pentecost, we celebrate God’s pouring out of the Holy Spirit so that everyone may hear and know a word of welcome. We are all connected in God’s household — living, learning and celebrating as the church ... together.

In this season of new awakening, we look particularly to children, youth and young adults for their new thoughts, approaches and questions. The psalmist reminds us that faith is established in our earliest years, saying, “For you, O Lord, are my hope, my



Planned Giving, All Souls Campus Update



What's Your Legacy?

Learn more about Planned Giving to benefit Rye Presbyterian Church at www.ryepc.com under the Giving tab.

ALL SOULS CAMPUS UPDATE



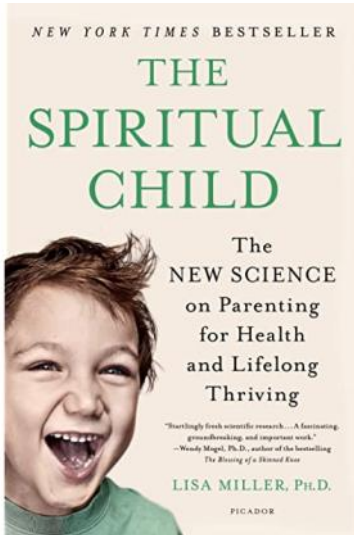
Some of you have asked about the progress with our acquiring the property and facilities of All Souls Parish, the former Presbyterian Church in Port Chester. We received all of the approvals needed by both congregations and the Presbytery of Hudson River in November, 2021. Such a “sale” (remember that our purchase price is \$1) needs to be approved by the Supreme Court of Westchester County. It took some time to get all of the necessary paperwork in order and submitted to the court. We have heard from the court that everything looks to be in order and that a decision (most likely favorable) will be made soon. Once this happens, the actual real estate closing process can take place. In the meantime, our All Souls Transition Team has been meeting as we consider the variety of ways in which the All Souls Campus can be used to serve the people and community of Port Chester. If you have questions, please contact either John Miller

Adult Education

SPRING BOOK STUDY CONTINUES

Tuesdays - May 3, 10, and 17

7:30 PM in the Church Library



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

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

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



Thank you to everyone who helped us pack over 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger!

Christian Education



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

- May 1:** Acts 9:1-20
(Paul is Changed)
- May 8:** Acts 9:21-25
(Paul Escapes with Help)
- May 15:** Acts 16:1-5;
2 Timothy 1:5-7
(Paul & Timothy)
- May 22:** Acts 16:16-40
(Paul & Silas in Prison)
- May 29: No Sunday School
(Memorial Weekend)**

Bible Sunday

Join us during the 10:00 a.m. service on May 8 as we give out bibles to our high school seniors and first graders! If interested in receiving an inscribed bible, contact Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) with the following info:

- For seniors, how would you like your name to be written?
- For parents of 1st graders, how would you like your child’s name to be written?
- Will you be present for worship on May 8?

Middle School Connection

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

- **Wednesdays, May 4 & 18, 5:30-6:45 p.m., Youth Rooms** We’ll take time to catch up with one another over pizza, play some games, and reflect together
- **Saturday, May 21, 4:00-5:30 p.m., Larchmont Avenue Church (60 Forest Park Ave.)** Join us as we sort clothing and prepare supplies at Larchmont Avenue Church for the Midnight Run into NYC that evening. Parents are welcome to join us as

well! Please let Rev. JP know (jmarshall@ryepc.com) if your youth would like to join us that Saturday afternoon.

Let **Rev. JP** (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you’d like to be on the **parent email list**.

Updates through:

Remind! Text @rpcccon to 81010 or sign up at:

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

YOUTH GROUP High School Youth Group

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

- **Mondays, May 2 & 9, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Youth Rooms 12:00– 2:00 p.m.**

Bring your AP study materials and join us for study hall at the church! We’ll provide snacks and midway study breaks. Juniors and seniors are invited to help out as tutors as well (community service hours will be provided!). Please let Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you are interested in being a tutor and what subjects you’re willing to help out with.

- **Sundays, May 15 & 22, 6:00-7:00 p.m., Jay Heritage Center (210 Boston Post Rd.)**

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

- **Sunday, May 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Vespers, Chapel**

Join us for Vespers, where we invite our high school youth to slow down in the midst of all the busyness for a time of intentional connection and prayer. We will begin our time together centering ourselves using various faith/mindfulness practices, and then end with a moment of connection and food. Please let **Rev. JP** (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know beforehand if you plan on joining us for Vespers. Also, if you have a spe-

cific concern you would like us to pray for, please feel free to reach out, even if you re unable to attend.

- **Saturday, May 21, 10:00-11:30 a.m., RPC Kitchen**

Join us as we pack 50 bagged lunches to take on the Midnight Run in NYC later that night. Youth and their families are encouraged to help collect food donations for the lunches: individual chip bags, bottled water/juice boxes/Gatorade, individually wrapped cookies/brownies/candy, and soft fruit (grapes, oranges, bananas).

- **Saturday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.—12:00 a.m., Larchmont Avenue Church & NYC**

We are partnering with Larchmont Avenue Church to hand out clothes and food to people on the streets of NYC. We will meet first at Rye Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. We should be done and back at the church sometime around midnight. *Space will be limited to 8 participants.* We will also need 4 drivers for the event who drive SUVs or mini-vans. Parents, if you are available to drive, please let Rev. JP know.

- **Sunday, May 22, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Assembly Room**

Summer Mission Trip Prep Meeting— All participants of the summer mission trip will take time to get to know one another and discuss why we are going on the trip.

We are on Instagram:

Username: ryepresyouth

Updates through Remind!

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



Music Notes



by Jason Charneski

Storytime with Music: A Program for Families and Children... and All on May 15

Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian Church will present the concluding program of its season – a 45-minute offering of stories with music – on Sunday, May 15, at 3:00 p.m. At this point, we look to present this program in the chapel; this so that children (and others) who would like to be seated on the floor close to the musicians and the narrator can do so! Plan to attend this family-oriented event AND invite other families to join you. Admission will be \$5 per person! Please see (and share!) the flyer printed below in this newsletter.

Wait a Minute! The Organ and the Choir Weren't in the Chancel?


Correct! As Pastor Love mentioned in his sermon on Easter, when the sanctuary opened in 1872 (cornerstone laid in 1870) the chancel was not what it is now. It was in the shape of an apse, occupying a much smaller area, and it had a lower, ribbed-and-vaulted ceiling (the ceiling of the nave now is as it was then).

The first organ (contract dated 1872) was built by the Odell Company of New York City. It was located in the northeast corner of the nave, on the main floor (basically in front of the doors to the chapel narthex and the new stained-glass window). It was small in comparison to the organs that succeeded it and was operated (to my knowledge and sense) without the aid of electricity; i.e., someone had to pump the bellows. Mary Parsons was the first organist.

Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian Church
 Ronald Arron, artistic director
 presents

Storytime

a 45-minute program of stories with music,
 offered to children and families...of all ages!



Jeewon Park, piano; Susan Rotholz, flute;
 Eliot Bailen, cello; Benjamin Luxon, narrator

Sunday, May 15, 2022 **3:00 p.m.**

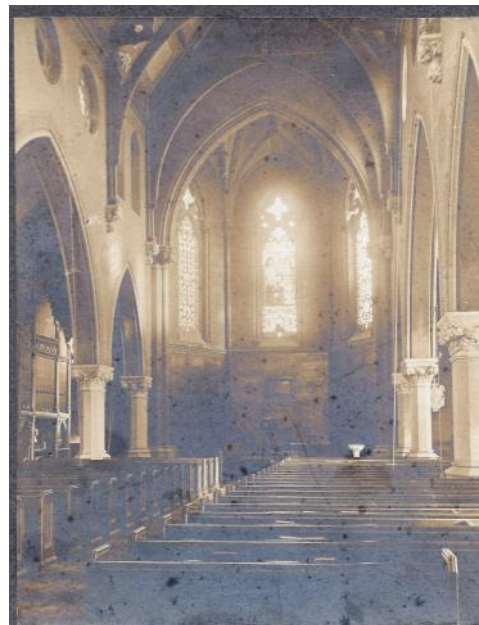
Admission: \$5
 to reserve your seats, please email Jason Charneski (Rye Presbyterian Church's Director of Music and Organist) at jcharneski@ryepc.com.

CDC "Community Level" COVID standards will apply.

Rye Presbyterian Church 882 Boston Post Rd. Rye, NY 10580



Sanctuary, original sketch



Sanctuary, pre 1942

Upcoming Events

THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

Strengthening Support for LGBTQ+ People

5/18 @ 7pm | Village Green



A cross-generational conversation about building a community that supports LGBTQ+ youth and adults.

Led by pRYEde, Student Leaders, and Rye resident Dr. Genevieve Weber, PhD, LMHC

Rain Date: 5/19 @7pm



THRIFT SHOP SPECIAL SHOPPING for RPC Members and Friends

Wednesday, May 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Mother's Day is coming ... buy a lovely gift for your mom, bring your child to buy a gift for you, or treat yourself to something fun and new - not to mention, inexpensive! The prettiest jewelry and décor items will be on display, PLUS fresh flower arrangements. All the regular Thrift Shop items will be available as well. Come, browse, enjoy, and find a treasure that will delight your loved one, or you. And remember, all proceeds are given as grants to area nonprofits.



EMPTY BOWLS IS BACK – May 22!

At long last, this much-enjoyed, team-effort fundraiser is back on the calendar! This year, for our 18th time, potters from the Clay Art Center in Port Chester will be working with the middle school youth of our church to bring **Empty Bowls** to RPC.

Following worship on May 22, all are invited to the RPC Assembly Room. There you will find beautiful ceramic bowls created and donated by local artists. With the purchase of a bowl, guests receive a meal (to stay or to go) of soup and bread donated by local merchants. A great gift or addition to any home, the bowls remain as a reminder that amid all that we have, there is always someone with an empty bowl.

With all food, bowls, and help donated by local talent, the entire proceeds will be donated to food relief efforts in Port Chester through Meals on Main Street and the Carver Center.



Baby Bundle Project

Please join our partnership with Open Door Family Medical Center to support new parents in giving their babies a healthy and safe start in life.

Between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day we will be collecting all the essentials for creating a Baby Bundle for new moms and dads at Open Door to welcome their newborns. Baby Bundles include diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream, infant thermometer, health and grooming kits, sleep sacks, sleep and play pajamas, onesies and other clothing, board books, and small infant toys. The entire baby bundle can be purchased for \$200 per newborn.

There are bassinets on display in the hall outside the first floor Welcome Area and in the RPNS entrance for the church. Please

feel free to drop your donations off in the bassinets during your month-long drive.

You can also order items to be sent directly to Open Door through the Amazon Open Door Baby Registry at: <https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes>

And if you would like to contribute “Beyond the Bundle” to help support prenatal care, education, and wellness classes, please make your check out to RPC and indicate “M&O Open Door” on the memo line. You may also donate online at: <http://ryepc.com/article/baby-bundle-project-donations/>

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?

OPEN DOOR
FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER
AND FOUNDATION

amazon wishlist

Many of these newborn items can be purchased via the Open Door Amazon Wishlist: <https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes>

ONE VERY HAPPY BABY (NOT INCLUDED)

OPEN DOOR MVP
Working together to take care of you.

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.



BIG PROBLEM SIMPLE SOLUTION HUGE IMPACT

Open Door midwives deliver over 400 babies a year. The majority of our patients live at or below the federal poverty level. They struggle with inadequate housing, food insecurity, low health literacy and cultural/language barriers.

Even under the best circumstances, the birth of a new baby can be overwhelming. Then consider the stress of living in poverty and not being able to provide the most basic necessities for your child.

The Baby Bundle provides Open Door prenatal patients with basic newborn essentials: diapers, wipes, onesies, hats, mittens, socks, bib, thermometer, and seasonal clothes.

Addressing systemic health problems takes more than a simple bundle. All women who deliver their babies with Open Door are supported by a Patient Advocate who provides prenatal information, postnatal support, nutrition and wellness guidance, and access to insurance benefits.

The Baby Bundle is supported only through donations. Help our patients keep their lives on track and give their babies a healthy and safe start in life.

BABY BUNDLE WISH LIST ESSENTIALS

Sleep Sacks

Wearable non-swaddle blanket, sizes newborn/small

Infant Rapid - Read Rectal Thermometers

Diaper Rash Cream

Baby Body Wash

Newborn Hats, Mittens, and Socks

Bibs & Burp Cloths

Infant Washcloths and Towels

Onesie and Bodysuits

(3 - 6 months)

Sleep and Play Pajamas

(3 - 9 months)

Baby Outfits

(3 - 9 months)

Small Infant Toys

Bilingual English - Spanish Books

Diapers (size 1) & Baby Wipes

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

WAYS YOU CAN HELP AND GET INVOLVED

★ HOST A DRIVE

Start an in-kind campaign to collect newborn essentials with your family, friends, coworkers, social groups, and community-based organizations. For more information contact Jane Levy, Senior Manager of Volunteer Programs, jlevy@odfmc.org.

★ LEND YOUR SUPPORT

The cost of the Baby Bundle program is \$200 per patient. Your financial support ensures that Open Door can provide infant necessities to our families. <https://opendoormedical.org/foundation/donate>

★ SHOP ON AMAZON

SAVE TIME AND SHOP ONLINE. Select from our Open Door Wish List of Baby Bundle items on our Amazon registry: <https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes>

ABOUT OPEN DOOR

Founded in 1972, Open Door Family Medical Center provides health care and wellness programs to individuals and families in need throughout Westchester, Putnam, and Ulster Counties. Our integrated medical services and holistic approach achieves clinical results that consistently surpass national benchmarks for patient outcomes. Visit our website: www.opendoormedical.org for additional information.

Rye Presbyterian Church

New Members—Spring 2022



Carolee and Dan Brakewood—Dan and Carolee grew up in Midcoast Maine, where they continue to spend the summer months and many vacations. They lived in Rye for one year before establishing their home in Port Chester in 1998. They were active members of All Souls Parish / The Presbyterian Church in Port Chester, with Dan serving as Treasurer and Carolee serving as an Elder. Dan graduated from Bowdoin College before earning a PhD at Indiana University. He is currently employed by Gartner in Stamford for the past seven years, where he conducts research. Dan recently completed his 16th (and final) year of service as an elected Trustee for the Port Chester Village Board. Carolee graduated from Northwestern University before earning a Master's degree from Indiana University. She is a certified instrumental music teacher who maintains a private studio as well as a college counseling business. She served for nine years on the Port Chester Board of Education, and is currently on the board for *5 Steps to Five*. Their two children, William and Molly, attended Port Chester Schools and were active in music, athletics, and scouting activities. William (age 21) is a senior majoring in chemical engineering at Brown University, with plans to attend graduate school next fall. Molly (age 19) is a sophomore majoring in biomedical engineering at Cornell University.



Carol and Don Davis

Carol and Don have been active members of All Souls Parish for the last 12 years, and former active members of Summerfield United Methodist Church in Port Chester. They raised their three children in Port Chester. Their oldest daughter lives in Stamford; their second daughter lives in Menlo Park, CA; and their son lives in Falmouth, ME. They also work weekly on Food to Grow On.



Eva Grzelak

Eva is a resident of Port Chester and was a member of All Souls Parish. She enjoys travel, animals, current events, and the markets – particularly emerging markets. Eva is looking forward to meeting the members of RPC and loves discussions over lunch or snacks!



Penny and Sim Kovacic We are a retired couple, living in Rye for almost 50 years. Sim was born in Banj, Croatia, and emigrated to the US in 1956. After serving in the Air Force, he worked as a banker, retiring from the former Merchants Bank of New York (now Valley National Bank) in 2002. Penny was born in San Antonio, TX, and raised in Kenosha, WI. In 2008 Penny retired from the Rye City School System, where she was employed as an RN/Director of Health Care Services. They have three sons: Gregory, Charles, and Andrew, and five grandchildren, ages, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 18. They are our joy. Sim's passion is definitely soccer. He has spent most of his life playing in men's leagues, coaching, refereeing and glued to the various televised games, "Cups" and especially the World Cup. Penny enjoys yoga, reading, volunteering and learning. Both cherish times with family and friends. They are coming full circle back to Rye Pres. where they had been members for many years before joining All Souls Parish.



Kellie and David Lloyd

We are the Lloyd family - David, Kellie, and Finley, with a baby girl arriving at the end of April. The Lloyds recently moved to Rye from Manhattan during the pandemic. David was born and raised on the other side of the pond, in England, and is an avid soccer fan, while Kellie is from Suffern, New York and enjoys the Peloton and cheering on the Jets during football season. Finley is 3 years old and loves sports, cookies and all things Disney. We look forward to meeting everyone!



Joanna and Ken Nilsen

Joanna grew up in Cleveland, and came to New York City in 1965 to earn a Master's Degree in Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary. She has served in churches in The Bronx, Bronxville, New Rochelle, and Port Chester. She retired a few years ago. Ken and Joanna have been married for 52 years, and have three grown children plus five grandchildren. Joanna loves knitting baby blankets for charity, baking in the kitchen with grandchildren, and sharing her garden produce with (the uninvited) wildlife.

Ken grew up attending a Lutheran church in The Bronx founded by Norwegian immigrants. That church merged with a Presbyterian church nearby. After moving to Pelham we became members of Huguenot Memorial Church, and then the Port Chester Presbyterian Church, where he served as Treasurer, Elder, member of the choir, and adult group leader. Ken received a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering from Northeastern University, a Master Degree in Operations Research from N.Y.U., and studied accounting and finance at N.Y.U. He started his working career at a major engineering consulting firm in New York, and worked as a management consultant with Peat Marwick, before founding Nilsen Management Company, a real estate investment and management firm, which he still leads. Ken enjoys tennis, platform tennis, golf, and grandchildren.



Colleen and John Proven

Colleen and John are both natives of Western Pennsylvania who spent more than a decade living in NYC and Hoboken. John works in finance and Colleen is in marketing. They moved to Westchester in 2020 after the birth of their son, John, who is attending RPNS in the Fall ('22).



Elizabeth Rooney

Elizabeth Fabiani Rooney and her husband, Michael Rooney, recently moved to Rye from Manhattan with their two children, Collins Caroline Rooney (2½ years) and William Naughton Rooney (3 months). Elizabeth works in marketing at Google and loves traveling and running in her free time. The Rooney family is very much looking forward to joining the community at Rye Presbyterian and meeting other members.

Weekends in May, Worship, Giving

Weekends in May

Sunday, May 1

- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up / Chancel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion / Sanctuary/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Rise Against Hunger / Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Chapel
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library/Hybrid

Sunday, May 8—Bible Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal / Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up / Chancel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship / Sanctuary/Hybrid
-Children's choir sings
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal / Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary

Sunday, May 15

- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up / Chancel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship / Sanctuary/Hybrid
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal / Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Storytime Music Concert / Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group—NOLA / Assembly Room
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library/Hybrid

Sunday, May 22

- 9:00 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal / Chapel
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up / Chancel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship / Sanctuary/Hybrid
-Youth choir sings
- 11:00 a.m. Empty Bowls / Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group—Vespers / Chapel

Sunday, May 29

- 10:00 a.m. Worship / Sanctuary/Hybrid

Worship in the Sanctuary In Person

As conditions and guidances change, please [click here](#) for updated Covid protocols.

Worship from Home online on Zoom or YouTube

10:00 a.m. Every Sunday

Bulletin and further instructions on joining via Zoom or YouTube are on the website at

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

Sunday Services also Online via Live Stream!

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

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

DIAL IN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!

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



Online donation options are available on the RPC Website 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



In Memoriam

Albert J. Cardinali, March 18



Carter Bruce Kennedy, April 12, son of Kristen and Peter Kennedy, and grandson of Nancy and Kevin Kennedy

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP TO RESUME

8:30 a.m. worship with communion in the Chapel will resume for the summer, beginning June 19.

Bible Studies, Meetings

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

**Sundays,
May 1 and 15**

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

Join in the ongoing journey through the Acts of the Apostles! Sundays, May 1 and 15, 8:00 PM in person in the church library with a Zoom option.

Please contact Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com) to be on the email list.

Monday Morning Bible Discussion

**May 2, 9, 16, and 23
9:30 a.m., via Zoom**

All are welcome to join in as we continue discussing our way through the Gospel according to Luke! Contact Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com) for more information and to join the email reminder list.

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, May 21, via Zoom

For further information, contact Cynthia De Santis

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

**Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
in the RPC Library and via Zoom**

Please note that the time has temporarily been changed for the next few months to 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Please e-mail questions to:

Alicia Baldwin (alicia.baldwin@verizon.net) or
Courtney Bennett (Courtnevbennett910@gmail.com)

Confirmation 2022

Looking forward to Confirmation Sunday on June 5, the Confirmation class will be wrapping up their good work this month. Final statements of faith – their personal thoughts on where they are in their journey of faith - were hammered out at the end of April, and are now in the hands of the elders of the church. Each confirmand will this month meet individually with one of the church elders to talk about their statements and their plans for beginning their adult life as a follower of Christ and as a member of this church. There is a regular class meeting to plan for Confirmation Sunday on Sunday, May 15 at 5 p.m., and on Wednesday, May 25 at 8 p.m. the class will meet with the full Session to be approved for confirmation and full adult membership.

We look forward to celebrating their Confirmation next month on Sunday, June 5!

MAY MEETINGS

Board Meetings

Deacons: Wednesday, May 11, 7:30 p.m., Library/Hybrid

Session: Wednesday, May 25, 7:00 p.m.,
Westminster Room

-8:00 p.m., meet with confirmands, Sanctuary

Trustees: Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.,
Westminster Room/Hybrid

Book Study

The Spiritual Child: Tuesdays, May 3, 10 & 17, 7:30 p.m.,
Library

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study: Sundays, May 1 & 15, 8:00 p.m.,
Library with, Zoom option

Monday Morning Bible Discussion: May 2, 9, 16, & 23,
9:30 a.m., via Zoom

Women's Bible Study: Saturday, May 21, 10:00 a.m., via
Zoom

Women's Discipleship: Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., Library

Youth

Confirmation: Sunday, May 15, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Rm.
and Wednesday, May 25, 8:00 p.m., meeting with Session

Connection: Wednesdays, May 4 & 18 5:30 p.m., Youth
Rooms

High School Youth Group:

-Mondays, May 2 & 9, Study Hall, Youth Rooms

-Sunday, May 15, 6:00 p.m., Vespers, Chapel

-Sunday, May 22, 6:00 p.m., Summer Mission Trip Prep.
Assembly Room

Regular Choir Rehearsals

Chancel Choir: Sundays, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,
Chapel or Sanctuary

Children's Choir: Thursday, May 5, 3:30-4:15 p.m., Choir
Room; Sunday, May 8, 9:00 a.m., Chapel (sing at service)

Youth Choir: Sundays, May 8 & 15, 11:00 a.m. Chapel;
Sunday, May 22, 9:00 a.m., Chapel (sing in worship)

Other Church Meetings

Chamber Music "Storytime" Concert:

Sunday, May 15, 3:00 p.m., Chapel

Empty Bowls: Sunday, May 22, 11:00 a.m., Assembly Room

Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, May 4, 7:30 p.m.,
Library/Hybrid

Nominating Committee: Monday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.,
Westminster Room

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, May 10, 8:00 p.m., Library

Stephen Ministry Leaders: Tuesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.,
2nd Floor Conference Room

Stephen Ministers:

-**Prime Ministers:** Monday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

-**True Blues:** Wednesday, May 4, via Zoom

3Ts: Tuesday, May 17, 9:50 a.m., via Zoom

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Thrifty Shop Special Shopping, Tuesday, May 3, 5-7 p.m.,

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community From Kristin Bassett Kumar

Friday, April 22nd was Earth Day! All week prior the children were busy learning about Earth Day, and ways to help our earth. The classes read stories about Earth Day and important steps they could take to better our planet. The children learned that they could help the Earth by turning the lights off when they leave a room, turn off the television when they are done watching a show, take shorter showers or baths, and even turn off the water when we are brushing their teeth! They children practiced using only one paper towel in the bathroom when they washed their hands, and as always, they threw their trash in the garbage and never litter!

The classes talked about planting, and how people can plant flowers and trees to make our neighborhoods beautiful! The classes planted flowers around the school on Earth Day! They worked together. Some children scooped the soil out to make a hole, while others put the flowers in the soil. Some children raked the soil back to cover the roots, while other friends watered the flowers!

We also discussed how it is important to take care of the animals that share our planet. Every child had the opportunity to make a special bird feeder in our outdoor classroom. First, the children covered a pinecone in Crisco. Then they rolled the pinecone in birdseed. A teacher helped tie a string to the pinecone and the children took them home to hang on a tree at their house. We were so excited to hear about what types of birds visited!



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