



Provoking Thanksgiving

The theme for our annual stewardship campaign this year is “Enriched For Generosity On Every Occasion”. It is based on 2 Corinthians 9:11-12 (NIV) - *“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.”*

We pray that you will be enriched in your generosity once again this year as you prayerfully consider making a pledge for 2023, and also consider the possibility of a legacy gift.

November also invites us to remember the people and things in our lives for which we are thankful – from the celebration of All Saints’ Day as we remember and give thanks for the saints of our lives who are now part of the church triumphant; to our words and prayers of thanks shared around our tables on Thanksgiving Day. ‘Tis the season of thanksgiving.

But what if this year, in addition to giving thanks for our blessings which come in so many ways, we also lived our daily lives seeking to provoke thanksgiving in others. We often think of the word “provoke” in a negative way, but its definitions include “to be the cause or occasion of an emotion or response; to stir somebody to an emotion or response; or to bring something about intentionally.”

The Apostle Paul writes in the NRSV version of the same text from 2 Corinthians 9:12 these words: “for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.” Simply put, we should not just be the ones giving thanks, but by our actions and attitudes, we should be inspiring others to give thanksgiving to God. By how we live, we are to be provoking thanksgiving in others.

How do we do this? It can be as simple as giving a compliment, a hug, a smile, listening, making eye contact, writing a thank you, or showing patience and appreciation to anyone serving you. Make eye contact with that store clerk or gas attendant who is helping you. Put away your phone at check-out and say, “Thank you.” It was once said, “We are all just walking each other home.”

Dr. Brené Brown has said that the relationship between joy and gratitude was one of the important things she has found in her research. She writes: “In my 12 years of research on 11,000 pieces of data, I did not interview one person who had described themselves as joyful, who also did not actively practice gratitude. For me it was very counterintuitive because I went into the research thinking that the relationship between joy and gratitude was: if you are joyful, you should be grateful. But it wasn’t that way at all.”

She concludes, “There is a great quote by a Jesuit priest that says, ‘It’s not joy that makes us grateful, it’s gratitude that makes us joyful.’ I guess I was just amazed to see that bubble up in my research... It’s life changing.”

Friends, during this season of thanksgiving, what will you do or say, today, tomorrow, in the weeks ahead that will provoke thanksgiving – that will cause thanksgiving to “bubble up” in the life of someone else so that it will “also overflow with many thanksgivings to God”? May it be life changing.

Happy Thanksgiving,



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Stewardship 2023



Enriched for generosity
on every occasion
2 Corinthians 9:11

**RYE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2023 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN—
“Enriched for Generosity on Every Occasion”**

A pledge is a forecast of your planned contributions for 2023, not a binding commitment. Every gift counts and any contribution will help us live out God’s generosity in the world.

Commitment Sunday is November 20, and all pledges received by December 6 will be gratefully acknowledged by name in the December 11 worship bulletin.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE MISSION AND MINISTRY
OF RYE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

If you are unable to attend on Commitment Sunday, you can mail in your pledge card or [click here](#) to pledge online.



Rev. JP, Rev. Love, and some of our high school youth enjoyed an afternoon of working their way through Boundless Adventures’ rope courses.



Coming Home, Stephen Ministry, Feeding Westchester

“Will Coming Home be Coming Back?”

by John Miller



This is the question I’ve been asked recently as some programs have returned to the life of our congregation. I’ve also been asked by new members, who have never experienced our Coming Home program, “What is that?”

Let me share some history. As an outgrowth of our *Imagine Initiative* we began our Coming Home program which met each winter/spring from 2016 – 2019. We celebrated our graduates for the first four years. Then, in 2020, the pandemic caused us to suspend the program due to its “in person” format and meal gatherings. The program was not held in 2021 or this year. So the question – will we restart the program in 2023?

For those new to our congregation, The COMING HOME program is an extension of our long-standing Prison Ministry here at Rye Presbyterian Church. Coming Home seeks to em-

power those who are returning to the community from incarceration. It is based on a well-established model with a track record of success and over a thousand graduates in the New York area. This 18-week program pairs RPC congregants with the formerly incarcerated to help them transition back to their communities. Teaching sessions and a shared meal are on Thursday evenings. In 2023 we would begin on February 2 and conclude with graduation on Sunday, June 4.

This ministry offers several volunteer opportunities, including serving as mentors, who are congregants who are paired with participants, supporting and encouraging them during the course of the program; as well as cooks who prepare and serve a meal that is shared by the participants and RPC congregants who share table fellowship together.

In order for Coming Home to come back, we need a committed group of volunteers who will once again serve to make Rye Presbyterian Church a place of welcome to those who are returning home from prison. We only want to begin enrolling the next group of participants if we know that we have the volunteers

who are willing to commit to this unique and life-changing ministry.

I’d love to hear from you within the next couple of weeks if you have interest in serving as a mentor (for which we will offer training) or to cook a meal, or if you simply have questions. I look forward to hearing from you either by phone (914-967-0842, ext. 14) or by email, jmiller@rvepc.com.



There is a time to heal ourselves from the hurts that weigh us down and keep us from taking charge of our own lives," writes Joan Chittister in *For Everything a Season*, as she reflects on the timeless themes in Ecclesiastes. If you are grieving, hurt, or feeling weary, RPC Stephen Ministers want to remind you we are here to help lighten the load. A wonderful new group of parishioners is being trained this fall. Following a January commissioning, Stephen Ministers will be available to provide support when, by God’s grace, you may be learning what it means to “merge mercy with might” each day. If you or someone you know could benefit from one-to-one confidential care, please reach out to Dan Love, John Miller, or Becky Ruegger at 914-282-7733.



Sunday, November 6: Breakfast Bag Event

All are welcome to join us this fall as we partner with Mission & Outreach and Feeding Westchester to help hungry children in our community!

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, we will gather out on the front lawn to pack Breakfast Bags filled with cereal and healthy snacks. These bags will be shared with school children who receive free or reduced-priced lunches in Yonkers, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, or Port Chester. This program provides food to children for weekends and holidays to help ensure they have food between school-provided meals.

We could also use donated Fresh Direct bags to help pack up the finished breakfast bags at the end of the event.

You can either drop these off at the church beforehand or bring them with you that morning.

For further information, or if you want to help with the event, please contact Sarah Snell (sarahbsnell@yahoo.com).

Christian Education, Confirmation



This November 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:

- Nov 6:** 1 Kings 2:1-4; 3:1-15
(Solomon Prays for Wisdom)
- Nov 13:** 1 Kings 6:1-8:66
(Solomon Builds the Temple)
- Nov 20:** Jeremiah 23:5
(A Time Is Coming)
- Nov 27:** No Sunday School
(Thanksgiving)

We invite families to engage these stories together at home! This curriculum comes with its own Take-Home pages that invite families to read, wonder, and pray together. These pages will be sent home with your children every Sunday morning. We will also include these pages in our **weekly Christian Ed newsletter**. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please contact **Rev. JP** (jmarshall@ryepc.com).

Middle School Connection

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

- **Wednesday, November 2 @ 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms.** We'll take time to catch up over pizza, play some games, and remember the saints in our lives.
- **Saturday, November 12, 4:00-5:30 p.m., Larchmont Avenue Church.** We'll help sort clothing and prepare supplies at Larchmont Avenue Church for the Midnight Run into NYC later that night. *Space will be limited to 8 youth.* We will meet at Larchmont Avenue Church (60 Forest Park Ave.). Parents are welcome to join us!
- **Wednesday, November 16 @ 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms.** We'll take time to catch up over pizza, play some

games, and reflect together!

- **Friday, November 18 @ 5:30 p.m., BETA Climbing.** Join us for rock climbing at BETA in Stamford! We'll meet at 5:30 p.m. in the church parking lot and will be back by 8:00 p.m. *Limited to 10 youth.* Cost: \$30 per youth. Please RSVP to Rev. JP by Friday, November 11.

Let **Rev. JP** - (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you'd like to be on the **parent email list**. All updates about Connection gatherings will also be put on the website each month.

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!

- **Sunday, November 6 @ 11:30 a.m., Bread of Life (65 Orchard Ave.)** Join us as we help Bread of Life prepare pantry bags for local families! We will meet at the pantry at 11:30 a.m. and we should be done by 1:00 p.m.
- **Mondays, November 7 & 21 @ 6:00 p.m., Youth Rooms.** Bring your homework and join us for study hall at the church! We'll provide the snacks and midway study breaks. Juniors and seniors are invited to help out as tutors as well (community service hours will be provided!). Ends at 7:30 p.m.!
- **Saturday, November 12, 10:00-11:30 a.m., RPC Kitchen.** Join us as we pack 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, November 12 @ 7:30 p.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 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, let Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know.

- **Saturday, November 19 @ 2:00 p.m., Puzzle Parlour.** Join us as we head over to Puzzle Parlour in White Plains to solve one of their escape rooms! *Limited to 10 youth.* Cost: \$32 per youth. Please let Rev. JP know by Wednesday, November 9, if you would like to join us.
- **Sunday, November 20 @ 6:00 p.m., 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! 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!

We are on Instagram!

Username: ryepresyouth

Updates through Remind!

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

Confirmation

Sundays, November 6 & 20,
5:00 p.m.
Westminster Room



*Blessing of the Animals—
Sunday, Oct. 16*

Music Notes



by Jason Charneski

Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian Church

Michael Roth, artistic director

presents

Quintet



Joanna Maurer and Louise Owen, violin;
Danielle Farina and Michael Roth, viola; David Heiss, cello

Sunday, November 13, 2022 3:00 p.m.

Vaughan Williams: Phantasy Quintet
Piazzolla: Libertango; Oblivion; Four for Tango
Gardel: Por una Cabeza
Mendelssohn: String Quintet in A Major, op. 18

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

to reserve your seats, please call Jason Charneski at 914-967-0842, ext. 16,
or send him an email at jcharneski@ryepc.com

We follow the CDC's recommended guidance for COVID-19 safety.

Rye Presbyterian Church
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Rye
Presbyterian
Church

Cantata
Sunday

G. F. Handel

Messiah, Part 1

presented by the RPC Chancel Choir,
soloists, and orchestra



Sunday, December 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

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**Christmas Tree Lighting, Greening of the Kirk,
Thrift Shop, Rye Interfaith Gathering, Women's Discipleship Group,
2023 Youth Summer Service**



**Sunday,
December 4,
at 7:00 p.m.**

Carols around the trees on the front lawn
to welcome in the Christmas season
with dessert following
in front of the church!



THE GREENING OF THE KIRK



Yes, it feels early . . . but it's almost that time when RPC
elves gather together to
decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays.

Come by on **Thursday, December 1,**
9:00 a.m.

As usual, there will be food and drink,
music, and lots of merriment.

Please contact Ashley Ginnings
(ashleytginnings@gmail.com) if we can count
on you this year!

THRIFT SHOP

**The RPC Thrift Shop is
Open Thursdays
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

-Donations: For information on donations, please check the church website. You can also email the shop at RyeThrift10580@gmail.com.

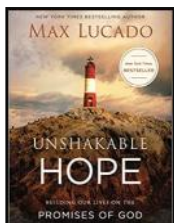
-Drop-Off Times: Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m. We could use a few more volunteers to help with both our Thursday sale and three evening programs throughout the year. No experience necessary! Join us in fellowship and help us to help others. Last year, shop proceeds of \$51,500 were donated to local non-profits. For more information, please contact Suzanne Davies at Suzannebd1@aol.com. Thank you.



RYE WOMEN'S INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING GATHERING & ORGAN CONCERT

**Sunday, November 20, 5:00 p.m.,
Christ's Church, Rye**

**You are invited to bring non-perishable food
as a donation.**



Women's Discipleship Group

**Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.,
in the RPC Library and via Zoom**

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



2023 YOUTH SUMMER SERVICE

We hope you can join us as we continue serving alongside our neighbors during the summer of 2023! This year we are planning on returning to New Orleans on the week of June 25-July 1!

For those interested in learning more, there will be an information session on Sunday, November 20, at 11:15 a.m. in the Westminster Room. Sign-ups for the trips will begin online on Monday, January 9, at 8:00 p.m. and will require a \$100 non-refundable deposit. Space is limited, so mark your calendars! Please contact Rev JP (imarshall@ryepc.com) if you have any questions.

Worship, Giving, In Memoriam, Births



SUNDAY CHANCEL FLOWERS

Each week beautiful flowers adorn our sanctuary and provide an uplifting reminder of the goodness of God. Please consider honoring the memory of a loved one or recognizing a special occasion for a \$70 donation.

The flowers are a blessing to worshippers attending the service live in the sanctuary as well as those attending via ZOOM.

Your donation will be noted in the church bulletin.

To make arrangements, contact Denise LeVan (dlevan@ryepc.com).

Worship in the Sanctuary In Person

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

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/

WILLING TO HELP ON SUNDAY?

We welcome those who would like to help out on Sunday mornings by joining the crew of people who read scripture, usher, or serve communion. If you are interested in doing so on an occasional basis, please with one of the pastors or Gary Gibson (ggibson@med.cornell.edu), chair of the Worship and Music Committee.

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

if you have any questions or need assistance.



8:30 A.M. WORSHIP UPDATE

Please note that the Worship and Music Committee has decided that 8:30 am worship will be paused for now based upon attendance patterns. The committee will re-evaluate reinstating this service at the beginning of the new year.



In Memoriam

Mary Alice Warner, October 28



*Merritt Jane Ginnings, September 30,
daughter of Ashley & Mike Ginnings*

*Isabella Cecilia Padgett
Daughter of Stephanie & Andrew Padgett*



Fall arrives at RPC

Bible Studies, Meetings

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

Sundays, November 13 & 20

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

This month we will meet on Sundays, November 13 and 20, 8:00 p.m. in person in the church library with Zoom available as needed. Soon we will be wrapping up our journey through the Acts of the Apostles, and moving on to some of the letters of Paul. All are welcome to join in as we continue our study and time together. Contact Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com) for more information.

Monday Morning Bible Discussion

NEW TIME—9:15-10:15 a.m.

Monday Morning Bible Discussion – new time!

All are welcome to jump in anytime as we continue our reading of the Gospel according to Luke! We have moved our meeting time slightly earlier and now we meet every Monday from 9:15 to 10:15 AM via Zoom. Contact Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com) to be added to the reminder list!

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, November 5 & 12, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom

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

Call for Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 13

A congregational meeting is called for Sunday, November 13, following 10:00 a.m. worship, in the Sanctuary and online, for the purpose of acting on the nominations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and members-at-large to the Nominating Committee.

—Katy Ridley, Clerk of Session

Stewardship Commitment Sunday November 20

Enriched for Generosity on Every Occasion

Thank you for joining in as you make your pledge for the coming year

NOVEMBER

Church Office Closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24-25, in observance of Thanksgiving

Board Meetings

Deacons: Wednesday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m., Library

Trustees: Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m., Westminster & Zoom

Session: Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7:30 p.m., Westminster & Zoom

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study: Sunday, Nov. 13 & 20, 8:00 p.m., Library with Zoom option

Monday Morning Bible Discussion: Every Monday, 9:15 a.m., via Zoom

Women's Bible Study: Saturdays, Nov. 5 & 12, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom

Women's Discipleship: Tuesdays in Nov., 1:00 p.m., Library

Children's Communion Workshop: Saturday, Nov. 5, 10:00 a.m., Westminster Room

Christmas Pageant Auditions: Sunday, Nov. 6, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Room

Confirmation: Sundays, Nov 6 & 20, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room

Connection:

-Wednesdays, Nov. 2 & 16, 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms

-Saturday, Nov. 12, 4:00 p.m., Larchmont Avenue Church

-Friday, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m., BETA Climbing.

High School Youth Group:

-Sunday, Nov. 6, Bread of Life

-Monday, Nov. 7 & 21, Study Hall, Youth Rooms

-Saturday, Nov. 12, NYC Midnight Run, 7:30 p.m.-midnight

-Sunday, Nov. 20, 6:00 p.m., Vespers, Chapel

Music

Chancel Choir: Meet 9:15 a.m., sing at 10:00 a.m. service, rehearsal following service (11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

Other Church Meetings

Chamber Music Concert: Sunday, Nov. 13, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 13, following worship

Feeding Westchester: Sunday, Nov. 6, 11:15 a.m., Front Lawn

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

New Members Dessert: Meet with Session, Sunday, Nov. 6, 7:00 p.m., Library

-Recognized in Worship: Sunday, Nov. 13

NOLA Information Meeting: Sunday, Nov. 20, 11:15 a.m., Westminster Room

Personnel Committee: Monday, Nov. 7, Conference Rm

Stephen Leaders: Mon., Nov. 21, 7:30 p.m., Conference Rm

Stephen Ministry: Tuesday, Nov. 8, 15, 7:00 p.m.,

Westminster Room; Retreat: Sat., Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m., RPC

3Ts: Thursday, 9:50 a.m., Nov. 17, via Zoom

Contact [Jane Mickatavage](mailto:Jane.Mickatavage@ryepc.com) (914-967-8622) or

[Nancy Steed](mailto:Nancy.Steed@ryepc.com) (914-328-9658).

Thrift Shop: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Assembly Room. *Note:* Donations taken on limited basis.

Email ryethrift10580@gmail.com for updates.

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the Rye Presbyterian Church Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar.

As a Reggio-inspired program, RPNS values utilizing community resources to enhance our curriculum and make meaningful connections. This month our fives visited the Westchester Children's Museum.

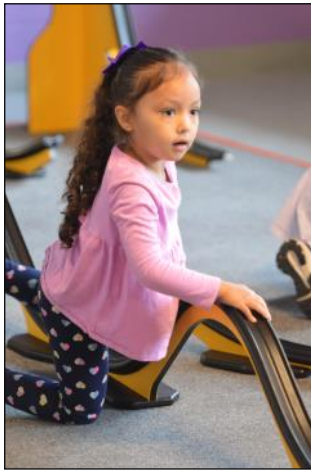
While at the museum, the children enjoyed exploring 3 STEM activities. One activity gave children the chance to learn all about building with Keva Blocks. Our guides showed us some examples of very tall structures, including one that broke a world record standing at over 5,000 feet. The children were given hundreds of Keva Blocks to use. They learned that a strong, solid, wide base made for a more stable structure.

The children loved exploring the roller coaster room. Here, children were able to connect various track pieces to create jumps, loops, and turns. To test out their roller coaster, children sent balls rolling down the tracks and made adjustments

as needed. The children learned that the balls starting at the highest points moved the fastest because they had more energy as they moved along the track.

The third station gave children the opportunity to create structures that stayed inside the wind tunnel. This required putting together streamers, paper cones, plates, and other paper items with tape. To be successful, the objects needed to be just light enough to fly but heavy enough to stay inside the wind tunnel. The children tested out their creations and made changes to make them heavier or lighter. We were amazed at how many creative ideas we saw!

This group experience stimulated the children's curiosity, and we will continue to explore the concepts of architecture, engineering, balance, and the dynamics of motion, force, and speed back in the classroom.



[The Rev. Daniel Love](#), Co-Pastor

[The Rev. Dr. John Miller](#), Co-Pastor

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