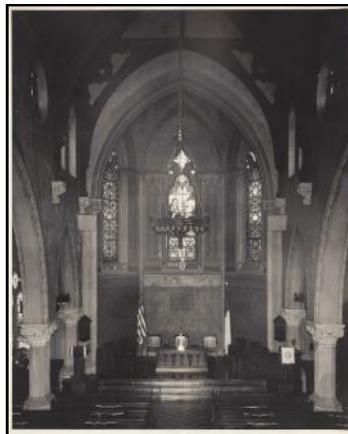


As you will soon see in your Stewardship 2020 mailing, this coming year marks the 150th year of the beautiful sanctuary that is at the center of our life as a church.

Over the recent years, and especially through our recent Imagine Initiative, we have been excellent stewards of the structure created for our inspiration by those who came before us. We have sought to faithfully repair and restore that which 150 years of use require.

Decades of old paint were stripped off before fully repainting the sanctuary in 2014. And as the new clerestory windows are installed, all but two of the stained glass windows have been re-leaded and fully restored.



While the sanctuary may seem to be a constant in our lives, it has seen significant change over the years. In 1908, the organ was moved from the front corner to a newly constructed balcony. In the late 1940s, the original east wall was completely removed, and a new expanded chancel was built along with the amazing stained glass window it contains.

While not on as grand a scale as those historic changes, your leadership has been considering the installation of a new stained glass window to replace the current one at the front of the sanctuary near the door to the chapel, as our way to mark and celebrate 150 years of the sanctuary's presence.

"Why replace? Why not restore?" are questions which have been asked. As our stained glass experts have said to us, "It is not your best window" - both in terms of subject matter and artistry. In addition, at present all our other aisle windows portray both men and women of faith, but this one, only men. And thus far, all our other windows portray only people from the New Testament, with no one from the Hebrew Scriptures to be found.

To remedy these things, we are looking at plans for a new "Abraham and Sarah" window. All three monotheistic religions trace their roots to Abraham, and in these divisive days, acknowledging our common heritage seems both good and important.

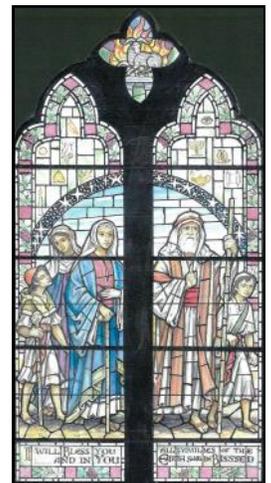
As you can see from some of the proposal sketches, it is a work in progress. Like most

bible stories (and human stories), it is more complicated than at first glance. As Abraham and Sarah struggled to trust God's promise of a child, Abraham has a child by Sarah's slave-girl Hagar. The child is Ishmael, and it is through him that the Muslim religion traces their lineage. Complicated, but a part of the story. Both Ishmael and his mother are included in our latest design proposal.

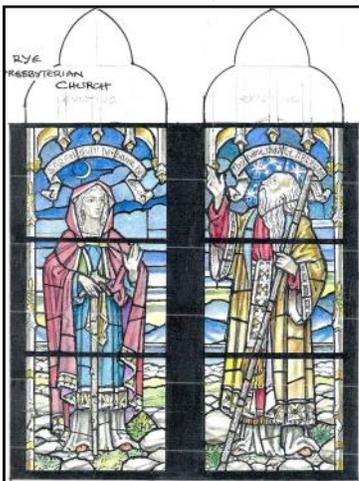
Perhaps most important is the added line at the bottom of the window: "*I will bless you, and in you all families of the earth shall be blessed.*" It is the promise made by God to Abraham, and through him to each one of us who trace our spiritual lineage through him. As the people of this church have experienced in the sanctuary and in life, God promises to bless us. God promises to keep us in times of difficulty, to strengthen us in adversity, and to lead us into the future, but always with the larger world in view. Abraham and his whole complicated family were greatly blessed, and through them, all the world continues to be blessed with a rich and dynamic heritage of faith.

So, too, with us. May we all be blessed - both in our sanctuary, as we enter the next chapter in the story of this church, and in all of life. As we leave that beautiful space blessed and inspired, may we all go out to be a blessing to the people and the world around us.

In faith,



Turn the clocks
back one hour
on Sunday,
November 3rd

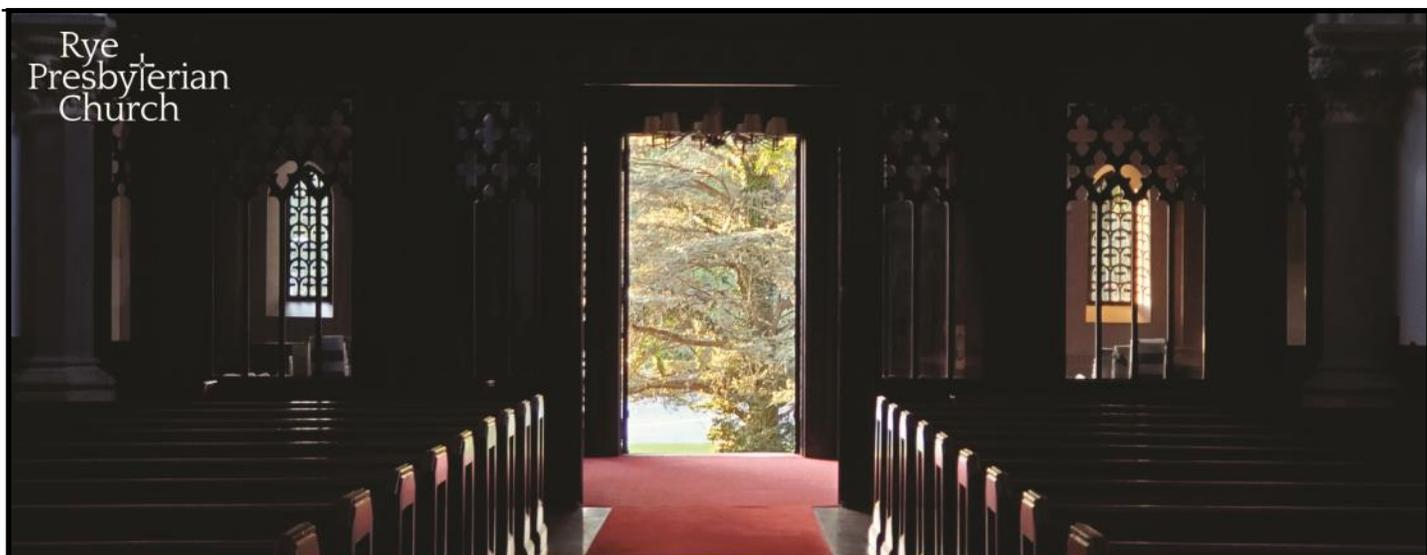


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Stewardship, Charitable Deductions, Donating Stock

Stewardship 2020



BLESSED SHALL YOU BE WHEN YOU COME IN, AND BLESSED SHALL YOU BE WHEN YOU GO OUT.

As we celebrate the sesquicentennial of our beautiful Sanctuary and all those who have walked through our doors, we ask that you prayerfully consider your 2020 pledge to the church.

Give generously and joyfully as we continue the work that God set forth for the next 150 years
Of worship, growth, and service together.

Stewardship Commitment Sunday is November 17.

All pledges received by December 9 will be gratefully
acknowledged by name in the December 15 worship bulletin
(Cantata Sunday).

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

YOUR CHARITABLE DEDUCTION

Church financial records will close at the end of the business day on **Monday, December 30, 2019, at noon**. Gifts may be dropped off in the reception area mailbox. All checks must be received by **December 31** to qualify for a charitable deduction in the **2019 tax year**.

PLEDGE BALANCE

If you would like to check your pledge balance online through Access ACS, please go to
ryepc.com:

<http://ryepc.com/resources/database-login-for-members/>

DONATING STOCK TO RPC

Gifts of stock to RPC are cleared through:

The Beringer Weinstock Group
Janney Montgomery Scott
800 Post Rd., Darien, CT 06820

Attn: Geoff Beringer

Tel: 203-662-6360

Credit to Rye Presbyterian Church AC #8926-9870.

To insure that your donation is accurately recorded, please also forward a copy of your letter of instruction to:
Maida Robinson, mrobinson@ryepc.com.

Prison Ministry, David Coleman Concert

Prisoners Making Exceptional Strides

On September 21, four members of RPC went to the gym at Fishkill Correctional Facility, along with almost 100 inmates, volunteers from other organizations, and some Fishkill staff. We gathered to celebrate the 5th annual Recognizing Individual Exceptional Strides Award (R.I.E.S.A.) ceremony. The event was sponsored by Community Minded Organization (CMO), an inmate-created and managed organization which works with many outside organizations, including RPC.

This was an exceptionally moving and powerful ceremony, as about 8-to-10 inmates were called up from the audience individually and introduced with a description of what they had done to earn their R.E.I.S.A. award. Each gave a brief response of gratitude and how they felt on their journey to growth and development. Awards were also given to staff members and volunteers who have served as counselors and teachers.

Your Grace Notes correspondent failed to take notes, so only a few awards will be listed below to give a sense of what was being celebrated:

- The inmate who finally conquered his substance abuse habit after several tries.
- Another who was recognized for the help he gave other inmates suffering with mental illness.
- A counselor was recognized for the tough love and constant support she gave to all with whom she worked.
- Another inmate was recognized for the strides he had made in increasing his education.

Fishkill is a medium security prison and there were no Correction Officers (guards) in the gym, although several were stationed in the hallway outside the door. We were free to move about the gym to visit with men we knew from our monthly meetings and to meet new people. During this time we were also served lunch. The picture is of the RPC volunteers and some of

the men we had known while they were earning their Masters degree from New York Theological Seminary at Sing Sing.

Part way through the event, we had to pause for “the count.” While we sat at our tables, the inmates lined up single file along the walls and walked to the front of the room where the officers were, to show that they had their pass to be at the event and to be counted so the officers knew there were the same number of men there as had originally entered the gym. Then they walked around back to where they had been.

At the end of the event, the inmates presented a play, with music, that was written and directed by one of the prisoners who had been a TV actor, featured several times on Law and Order. The play was a cautionary tale of the risks awaiting men after they are released. “Fred” and “Joe” had been friends while incarcerated at Fishkill and they are now in the same neighborhood.

While they had been in Fishkill, Joe helped Fred in many ways and feels Fred “owes” him. Fred is trying very hard to stay straight and not get in trouble with the law again. Joe pushes Fred hard to do something “fishy” and to return the help Joe had been to him. Fred feels guilty about not repaying the debt he owes by doing a favor for Joe in return. This ethical conflict is played out with increasing tension. After the play, we were told by several inmates that this is a common dilemma facing men after they are released.

The theme of the event was “The Person who has the Worst Past may be the Creator of the Best Future.” When the RPC volunteers left it seemed clear that the men who had been honored and the inmates who had created the event were making exceptional strides in making that theme a reality in their lives.



David Coleman Concert

Sunday, November 17, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room

RPC will present a concert featuring David Coleman, a multi-talented musician, singer/songwriter, and storyteller. Entitled *3 CHORDS AND THE TRUTH*, this concert is a *Journey of Hope and Redemption Through Music*. The program includes songs, many of which Dave has written, interspersed with a spoken narrative describing the arc of his life.

Dave got his first guitar at age 15, a scant two years before he was incarcerated, beginning a long period of imprisonment in the New York State correctional system. He developed his musical talents during that period, while also becoming an accomplished painter and a certified horticulturist. But Dave was always most at peace when playing his music. He uses the healing power of music to describe his struggle to get through tumultuous times. As Dave says: “People cannot be defined by the worst thing they’ve ever done. People can and do change. You may start in a bad place, but you don’t have to stay there.”

John Miller and several members of RPC who visit in prison saw Dave present this program at the Duplex Theatre in lower Manhattan, a venue for new artists. We were all deeply impressed and immediately began to arrange to bring an expanded version of the program to RPC and make it available to the public in Rye and surrounding communities.

The cost is \$10 per person, payable by cash or check at the door.

No reservations are required.

JOIN US FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENING

3 CHORDS AND THE TRUTH

A JOURNEY OF HOPE AND REDEMPTION THROUGH MUSIC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH 2019
AT 7:30PM

FEATURING
DAVID COLEMAN

ACCOMPANIED BY
ROBERT POLLACK

RYE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
882 BOSTON POST ROAD, RYE NEW YORK

TICKETS \$10.00 [CASH/CHECK AT THE DOOR]
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

DIRECTED BY LISA MOSS | PRODUCED BY DAVID COLEMAN & G. WARNER WILLIAMS

Fall Adult Education, Chancel Flowers, Coming Home

Sunday Mornings



9:00-9:45 a.m.
Westminster Room
Through December 22

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



(There will be **no** class on the following holiday weekends:
11/10 and 12/29.)

Special Event

SHOW UP & MAKE!

November 2 & 3

Following All Worship Services



Join us as we go from mind to hand and heart as we mix art media with ideas stirred by the message and music presented in worship. Thematic art and craft experiences will aim to extend worship beyond the pews and enhance faith beyond the workings of our intellect. Quarterly projects introduce new ways of relating to God for people of all ages during different seasons of the church year. Each session will be facilitated by church members, staff, or local artists who set the stage for participants to swing by, or sit down, relax, and play.

No art experience necessary!



Chancel Flowers

Each week beautiful flowers adorn our sanctuary and chapel, and provide an uplifting reminder of the goodness of God. Please consider honoring the memory of a

loved one or recognizing a special occasion by donating \$70 for the chancel flowers. Your donation will be noted in the church bulletin. To make arrangements, please contact Denise LeVan (dlevan@ryepc.com).

Evening Study

Everything You Missed or Forgot from Confirmation

See Dates and Topics below

7:30 p.m., in the Library

Perhaps each year you've read the descriptions about what our 9th graders are studying in Confirmation, or as a parent you've seen the readings they are doing . . . Maybe you are curious, or maybe it is just time for a refresher course! This fall Dan Love will be taking all those curious through the essential teachings that are at the heart of the Christian faith and our ongoing Confirmation curriculum. There will be a small amount of reading each time we meet to prime us for discussion. All are welcome to this time to see our faith refreshed and deepened. **(Each session is a stand-alone subject, so you don't have to attend all 11 sessions to benefit from this exciting program.)**

Nov. 12: Window to God II: Jesus' final week

Nov. 19: Holy Spirit - gifts and calling

Nov. 26: *Worship/Sacraments*

Dec. 17: Why Presbyterian - Evil, afterlife, other religions

COMING HOME

is Coming Back in 2020,
beginning February 6



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

A key component of this program is the relationships that develop between mentors (volunteers from our congregation) and program participants. We are in need of those who are willing to serve as mentors. If you are willing to do so, or simply want to know more about this ministry opportunity, please contact John Miller at jmiller@ryepc.com, or at (914) 967-0842.

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

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

Christian Education, Confirmation



Sunday School

Our 2019-2020 Sunday School program got off to an amazing start this year! October will be our second month of using a new Sunday School curriculum called DWELL, which is centered on the belief that God's story is both exciting and ongoing! DWELL invites children to live into God's story of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. And it encourages children to live out of God's story every day as they respond to God's call. Each Sunday morning, we will actively engage our children in God's story using interactive games, reflective wondering, dramatic storytelling, and a whole lot of fun! We invite families to engage these stories together at home! You can do this by following along at <https://digital.dwellcurriculum.org/>, which gives parents a glimpse into what we will focus on each week.

Sunday School "Helpers"

Once again, this year we are blessed with a well-attended Sunday School program! We are glad to see so many children excited to learn more about God's story! At the same time, such great attendance comes with its own challenges for our volunteer teachers, who sometimes are the only adults present in the classrooms. With this challenge and also the reality that not all people feel called to teach, we wish to invite members of our community to occasionally serve as "helpers" on Sundays.

A "helper" would assist our teachers with transitions throughout the lesson by passing out supplies and helping keep the children engaged. Such help would allow our teachers to focus on the overall flow of the lesson, which will also help the children get the most out of each morning. How often one serves as a "helper" is based solely on one's own schedule.

If interested in being a "helper," please contact Rev. JP

(jmarshall@ryepc.com).

Middle School Connection

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

Wednesday, November 6

5:30-6:45 p.m., Youth Rooms

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

Friday, November 22

4:30-7:00 p.m., BETA

Join us for rock climbing at BETA in Stamford. We'll meet at 4:30 p.m. in the church parking lot and should be done by 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Rev. JP if you plan on attending. Also, if any parents are willing and able to drive, please let Rev. JP know as well.

Saturday, November 23

4:00-6:00 p.m.,

Larchmont Avenue Church

We will help prepare supplies and sort clothing at Larchmont Avenue Church for the "Midnight Run" into NYC. *Space will be limited to 12 participants.* Also, we will need a few parent drivers to either help drive the crew to Larchmont or pick them up. Please let Rev. JP know if you can help out.

Please let Rev. JP know if you'd like to be on the email list. Also, you can sign up for updates through Remind: text @rpcccon to 81010 or sign up at <https://www.remind.com/join/rpcccon>.

Contact Rev. JP here:

jmarshall@ryepc.com

YOUTH High School Youth GROUP Group

All 9th-8^{12h} graders are welcome at RPC's High School Youth Group!

Sunday, November 17

6:00-7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

We will watch and discuss the Netflix documentary *Hello, Privilege. It's Me, Chelsea*. In this documentary, comedian Chelsea Handler explores how white privilege impacts American culture. **Note:** There is some strong language used in this documentary.

Midnight Run

Saturday, November 23

10:00-11:30 a.m.,
RPC Kitchen

All high school youth are invited to help us pack 60 bagged lunches to take on the Midnight Run in NYC later that night. Youth 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 23

8:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.,

Larchmont Avenue Church & NYC

We will join Larchmont Avenue Church in handing out clothes and food to people on the streets of NYC. We will meet first at Rye Presbyterian Church at 8:00 p.m. We should be done and back at the church sometime around 1:00 a.m. *Space will be limited to 12 participants.* We will also need 6 drivers for the event who drive SUVs or mini-vans. Parents, if you are available and willing to drive, please let Rev. JP know.

We are on Instagram!

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

Updates through GroupMe!

Please email your name and phone number - jmarshall@ryepc.com.

Updates through Remind!

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

Confirmation 2020

Class meetings—Sundays in the Westminster Room:

November 3, 17, and 24,
at 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Confirmation

Music Notes, Chamber Music, Christmas Eve Services, Live Nativity



From Jason Charneski

Two Opportunities to Sing in the Chancel Choir: Cantata Sunday (December 15) and Christmas Eve

Please let me know if you'd like to sing in the Chancel Choir for either or both Cantata Sunday (December 15, within the 10:00 a.m. service) or Christmas Eve (10:00 p.m. service). Don't be shy; give it a try!

For Cantata Sunday, we will offer two works by composers who worked in Venice: the *Beatus vir*, a setting of Psalm 112, by Claudio Monteverdi, and the *Magnificat* by Antonio Vivaldi. Rehearsals will begin Sunday, November 3, following the 10:00 a.m. service (as a part of the Chancel Choir's regular weekly rehearsal).

The 10:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve will be a Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols. This service is filled with carols and anthems, all enriched by the timbre of a string quartet. Rehearsals of Christmas Eve music will commence on December 1 as a part of the choir's regular weekly rehearsal (following the 10:00 a.m. service). The subsequent rehearsals on December 8 and 22 will focus on this music.

Chamber Music Concerts Continue: November 10 program for violin, cello, and piano

Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian Church will offer its next concert on Sunday, November 10, at 3:00 p.m., with a program of music for violin, cello, and piano (a.k.a. "piano trio") by Beethoven, Brahms, Jánáček, and Massenet. Invite your friends and family members to join you -- \$20 for RPC members and friends; students get in for FREE! Come! You will be glad you did.

Jason

jcharneski@rvepc.com



Make a note—new schedule:

Christmas Eve Services Monday, December 24

3:30 & 5:00 p.m.: **Family Services**
With Live Nativity and Candlelighting

10:00 p.m.: **Candlelight Service**
of Lessons & Carols
With the Chancel Choir and String Quartet

Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian Church

Ronald Arron, artistic director

presents

Piano Trio



Jeewon Park, piano; Theodore Arm, violin; Edward Arron, cello

Sunday, November 10, at 3:00 p.m.

Massenet: "Meditation" from *Thais*
Janáček: Pohádka
Beethoven: Piano Trio in E-flat Major, op. 1, no. 1
Brahms: Piano Trio in B Major, op. 8

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

Contact Ronald Arron to reserve seat(s)
phone: or 914-523-4646 / email: ronarron@optonline.net



Live Nativity—2019

This Christmas, the high school youth will create a live nativity scene during the 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve services.

To sign-up online, go to:

<http://rvepc.com/article/christmas-pageant-sign-up/>.

If you have questions, please email
Lisa Rawson or Jean-Paul Marshall.

RPC Upcoming Events



**Sunday,
December 8,
at 7:00 p.m.**

Carols around the trees on the front lawn to welcome in the Christmas season with dessert following at the Miller manse, 890 Boston Post Road!



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 **Wednesday, December 4,** from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

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

Please contact [Kristin Jautz](#) if we can count on you this year!

Pizza & Gingerbread House Party!



Join us for Gingerbread House decorating and a Pizza Dinner and stay for the Tree Lighting at 7:00 p.m. Once the trees have been lit and dessert enjoyed, your house will be dry and ready to take home.

**Sunday, December 8,
Assembly Room: 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

RSVP to Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) with how many houses you'll need.

Christmas Pageant 2019

Sunday, December 22, 4:00 p.m.



The Pageant is open to all children age 5 through 6th grade. If you or your children are interested in participating through acting or working behind the scenes, please sign-up online at: <http://ryepc.com/article/christmas-pageant-sign-up/>.



**RYE INTERFAITH
THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Sunday, November 17, 3:00 p.m.

Christ's Church Rye
2 Rectory Street, Rye, NY

Reception to follow hosted by the **Rye Women's Interfaith Committee.**

Please bring non-perishable food items to be donated to **Caritas Port Chester** as well as gently used **WINTER COATS** for children and adults to be donated to the **Children's Collective Coat Drive**

All 7th and 8th graders interested in helping out with narration, lighting, or ushering, please contact: Lisa Rawson, Director, at lrawson@ryepc.com.

Auditions: 4th-6th graders interested in a speaking role:
Sunday, November 3, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Room



Rehearsal Schedule:
Thursday, Dec. 5, 3:45-5:15 • Thursday, Dec. 12, 3:45-6:15
• Thursday, Dec. 19, 3:45-5:45

Feeding Westchester Breakfast Bags, November Food Collection

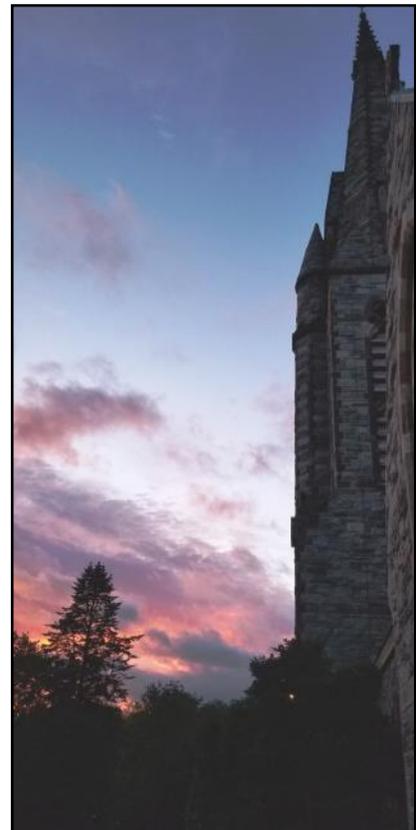


On Sunday, October 6, we celebrated World Communion Sunday in worship and our Sunday School children reflected on the active role we have in bringing “daily bread” to the whole world. Following worship, all ages gathered in the Assembly Room during coffee hour to pack Breakfast Bags in partnership with Feeding Westchester! Each breakfast bag was filled with cereal, milk and a granola bar and will be shared with Westchester school children who receive free or reduced-price lunch. Breakfast Bags are part of a Feeding Westchester program that provides food to children for weekends and holidays to help ensure they have food between school-provided meals. RPC worked efficiently and packed 1,000 bags in a ½ hour!



A NOVEMBER FOOD COLLECTION FOR RPC NEIGHBORS IN NEED

During November, we again will be collecting support for RPC mission partner and grant recipient, Caritas of Port Chester, Inc. In-kind donations for Caritas’ food pantry may be placed in the collection basket near the reception office. Parents, this offers a great way for your children to participate in our community’s giving! There will be a special blessing of the collected food during the children’s message in the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 24. Food pantry needs include family-sized containers of vegetable oil, mayo, pasta sauce (in plastic or cans, please), boxes of pasta (any kind), bags of rice, bags of black beans, large boxes of cereal, and cans of tuna, soup, canned vegetables, and canned fruit. You can also support Caritas by putting a check in the offering plate made payable to RPC and marked “Food Drive” in the memo line. Caritas is able to buy staples from a food bank for a small percentage of retail prices.



Weekends in November, Bible Study

Saturday, November 2

- 5:00 p.m. Worship & Communion in the Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Show Up & Make / Following Worship

Sunday, November 3

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Communion in the Chapel
- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room
- 9:15 a.m. Show Up & Make / Following 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal / Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship & Communion in the Sanctuary
Children's Choir sings
Sunday School
-Children attend worship through children's message.
- 11:00 a.m. Show Up & Make / Following 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant Auditions / Westminster Room
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
- 4:00 & 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Westminster Room
- 7:00 p.m. New Member Dessert / Library
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

Saturday, November 9

- 5:00 p.m. Worship & Communion in the Chapel

Sunday, November 10

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Communion in the Chapel
- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Sunday School
-Children attend worship through children's message
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
- 2:30 p.m. Chamber Music at RPC Concert / Sanctuary

Saturday, November 16

- 5:00 p.m. Worship & Communion in the Chapel

Sunday, November 17—Stewardship Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Communion in the Chapel
- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
New Members Recognition
Sunday School
-Children attend worship through children's message.
- 11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting / Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
- 3:00 p.m. Rye Interfaith Thanksgiving Service / Com. Synagogue
- 4:00 & 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Westminster Room
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Westminster Room
- 7:30 p.m. David Coleman concert / Assembly Room

Saturday, November 23

- 5:00 p.m. Worship & Communion in the Chapel

Sunday, November 24

- 8:30 a.m. Worship & Communion in the Chapel
- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Sunday School
-Children attend worship through children's msg.
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal / Westminster Room
- 4:00 & 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Westminster Room
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

Saturday, November 30

- 5:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship in the Chapel

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

Sundays, November 3 and 24,
at 8:00 p.m. in the Library

If you'd like to be on an email reminder list, let Dan Love know (dlove@ryepc.com).

Monday Morning Bible Discussion

Mondays, November 11 and 25,
at 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Library

All are welcome to jump in any time for our overview tour of the Hebrew Scriptures! We will be using resources from "The Bible Project" (<https://thebibleproject.com>) for our discussion—worth checking out! If you'd like to be on the email reminder list, let Dan Love know (dlove@ryepc.com).

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, November 2 and 16
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

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

For further information, contact Cynthia De Santis
(desantiscw@aol.com).



**Congregational Meeting
Election of Officers &
Proposed Change to By-laws**

Sunday, November 17,
following 10:00 a.m. worship.

**Contemplative Saturday at 5 Service
November 30 in the Chapel**

In a break from our typical format, all are invited to a time of worship in a quiet space, with music, silent meditative prayer, and guided quiet reflection on scripture.

Come, enter God's presence.

November Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

**CHURCH OFFICES AND BUILDINGS CLOSED
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, and FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29,
IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING**

BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons: Wednesday, November 13, 7:30 p.m., Library
Trustees: Wednesday, November 13, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room
Session: Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

WORSHIP AND STUDY

Worship on Saturday evening in the Chapel:

5:00 p.m. Worship & Communion, November 2, 9, 16, 23, Contemplative Service, November 30

Worship on Sunday:

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

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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

Adult Education:

“Coffee & Conversation”: Sundays, 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room, through December 22

(No class on the following holiday weekends: 11/10 & 12/29)

“Everything You Missed or Forgot from Confirmation”:

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Library, November 12, 19, 26, & December 17

Sunday School: Regular Sunday School on November 3, 10, 17, & 24

Confirmation: Sundays, November 3, 17, & 24, 4:00 & 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room

Men’s Sunday Bible Study: November 3 & 24, 8:00 p.m., Library

Monday Morning Bible Discussion: November 11 & 25, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women’s Bible Study: Saturdays, November 2 & 16, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women’s Discipleship: Tuesday, November 12 & 26, 1:00 p.m., Library.

YOUTH

Boy Scout Troop #2: Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room

Connection: Wednesday, November 6, 5:30 p.m., Youth Room;

Friday, November 22, Rock Climbing, BETA in Stamford; meet 4:30 p.m., church parking lot;

Saturday, November 23, preparation for Midnight Run, Larchmont Avenue Church

High School Youth Group: Sunday, November 17, 6:00 p.m., Westminster Room;

Saturday, November 23, 10:00 a.m., RPC Kitchen, Midnight Run preparation;

8:00 p.m. meet in church parking lot for Midnight Run in NYC

MUSIC

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

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

Sunday, November 3, sing in worship, 9:00 a.m. rehearsal in Chapel.

Youth Choir Rehearsal: Sunday, November 24, 11:00 a.m. rehearsal, Westminster Room

OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

3 Ts: Tuesday, November 19, 10:00 a.m., Westminster Room

Chamber Music at RPC Concert: Sunday, November 10, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Christmas Pageant Auditions: Sunday, November 3, 11:15 a.m., Westminster Room

Congregational Meeting: Sunday, November 17, following 10:00 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

Friendly Visitors: Monday, November 5, 11:00 a.m., Library

Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, November 6, 7:30 p.m., Library

Stephen Ministry:

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, November 5, 6:00 p.m., Library

Continuing Education and Supervision: Tuesday, November 6, 7:00 p.m., Library

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

Women’s Association: Monthly Meeting, Monday, November 4, 9:00 a.m., Library

OUTREACH AND SUPPORT GROUPS

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

AA Group: Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room; and Thursday, November 7, 7:30 p.m., Chapel

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

Helping Hands: Thursday, November 21, 10:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

Registration:

If you are interested in joining Rye Presbyterian Nursery School for the 2020-2021 school year, registration will be held on Friday, November 1, Monday, November 4, and Tuesday, November 5 in the Choir Room. All current students, new siblings of returning families, and church members should register at this time to guarantee their placement. All church members are part of our In-House registration. If you are a new family, please call 914-967-2073 or email Co-Director, Kristin Kumar, at kkumar@rpnskids.org to set up a tour. Rye Presbyterian Nursery School offers morning and afternoon programs for two, three, four, and five year olds. Our morning and afternoon sessions have the same goals and activities at each of their respective age levels. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



Firetrucks visit RPNS:

October was fire prevention month and a great time to teach about firefighters and fire safety. It is comforting to children to know that there are people who help to keep them safe. Local Rye firefighters (and Sparky, the fire dog) visited our school last month. They talked about fire safety, taught the children "Stop, Drop, and Roll," sprayed the firehose, and demonstrated the ladder. The teachers expanded upon this visit in



their classrooms by reading several books on firefighters, learning a few songs about firefighters, and investigating real firefighting equipment.



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