



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2022!

After several years of Confirmation Pandemic Style, in June we had our first “mostly back to normal” Confirmation Sunday since 2019. This year’s class was welcomed by the Session into adult membership of the church at a joint meeting of the class and the Session on May 25. The elders were pleased to meet with the members of the class and to hear from them about their faith journeys and their intentions to continue seeking God and God’s direction in their lives. On Sunday June 5, the class and their families enjoyed a breakfast in the Assembly Room generously hosted by Sarah Snell and other parents and members of the Class of 2021. Following breakfast, with class members each having a role in the worship service, the class made their public professions of faith and confirmed the promises made at their baptisms. What a joy to celebrate and welcome this talented and dedicated group of young people! Please welcome the newest members of Rye Presbyterian Church:

Fiona Asgeirsson, child of Claudia and Erik Asgeirsson
 Alexandra Ausfahl, child of Corinna and Tom Ausfahl
 Will Belleville, child of Melissa and Bill Belleville
 Elena Chesley, child of Amanda and Rob Chesley
 Laetitia Clauss, child of Gabriela and Christoph Clauss
 Peter Davies, child of Heather and Jed Davies
 Drew Dolan, child of Amy and Lon Dolan
 Bailey Estep, child of Shelly and Chad Estep
 Stephen Kidder, child of Johanna Zeilstra and David Kidder
 Dean Kim, child of Minjoo Lee and David Kim
 Dylan McKiernan, child of Lisa and Brendan McKiernan
 Henry O’Rorke, child of Hollis and Thomas O’Rorke
 Michael Pedone, child of Rebecca and Michael Pedone
 Lily Smith, child of Sarah and Oliver Smith
 Nicholas Smith, child of Lila and Nicholas Smith
 Julia Warner, child of Cathryn and Scott Warner
 Harrison George Ambrose Waters, child of Sarah and Alex Waters

Adult Education, All Souls Community Center

FALL ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Committee is actively planning for the Fall "semester", which will start in September. We expect to have an evening book study as well as one evening special event open to the community.

These special programs will as always, be anchored by Bible studies:

- * Men's Bible Study, led by Rev. Love on scheduled Sunday evenings at 8:00 p.m.
- * Women's Bible Study led by Cynthia DeSantis every other Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m.
- * General Bible Study led by Rev. Love every Monday morning.
- * Women's Discipleship Group, meeting Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.. As usual, the women in the group will select the book or topic for an ongoing discussion.

After taking a hiatus for the summer, "Three Ts", a monthly discussion group will resume meeting on the Third Thursday at 10.

As these programs are fleshed out by the Adult Ed Committee over the summer details will be communicated in the weekly blast and the Sunday morning bulletin. So be on the lookout for the exciting Adult Ed year ahead.



Session holds June meeting in the newly named "All Souls Community Center"



Stephen Ministry, Midsummer Picnic, Legacy Planning

Come join us for a
Midsummer Picnic

ON THE LAWN

Sunday, July 24, following 10:00 am worship.

Please join us after the service and baptismal celebration.

The Walter's Hot Dog Truck, Italian ices, fried chicken, salads, cookies, brownies, and lemonade will be served.

The playground will be fully accessible.

Suggested donation: \$20 per family.

We are looking forward to celebrating with all of you!

For further information contact

Molly Boxford (mfboxford@gmail.com).

CARING CONNECTIONS

Save the Date!

**Stephen Ministry Course
Fall 2022 at RPC**

Caring Connections, a Stephen Ministry-based training course, has been helping RPC members become better listeners and caregivers since 2004. Planning is in the works for our eleventh offering, now open to all who wish to explore and improve skills that help people in need. The eight-week program is held on Tuesday evenings between Saturday retreats on September 17 and November 19. Those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister should definitely take the course, which includes additional sessions in 2023. Classes will be led by our clergy and RPC Stephen Leaders.

For more information and to register, contact Carol Love, cloveny@optonline.net

What's Your Legacy?

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



THRIFT SHOP UPDATE

The Thrift Shop is closed for the summer; will reopen on Thursday, September 15. We will be taking donations on a limited basis. For information on donations, please email the shop at RyeThrift10580@gmail.com. Thank you.

**8:30 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION
HAS RESUMED IN THE CHAPEL.**

SUMMER HOURS CHANGE

From Friday, July 1, through end of August the church office will be open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Christian Education



Through Sunday, July 24, PreK-5th grade will meet as a combined class and will continue their 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 July:

July 3: 2 Samuel 6:12-19
(David Dances)

July 10 Psalm 100 (Shout with Joy)

July 17: Luke 1:46-55 (Mary's Song)

July 24: Matthew 5:13-16
(Salt and Light)

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 with your children every Sunday morning. We will also include these pages in our **weekly Christian Ed newsletter**. If you would like to receive these pages and are not already signed up for our newsletter, please contact Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com).

Sunday School 2022-23 registration is up! Registration for infants to 8th grade attending our 2022-2023 Sunday School program is now up on our website (<https://ryepc.com/ministries/children/>). Please register by **Friday, September 2**, to help effectively plan for the kickoff of Sunday School in the fall.

Sunday School Leaders

Here at Rye Presbyterian Church we seek to guide and nurture our children on their journey of faith, engaging their natural sense of wonder and curiosity to help them know and understand God's love.

We invite you to join in on that journey of wonder and curiosity as a Sunday School leader. It is a wonderful way to connect and engage with the children of our community. Lesson plans are prepared ahead of time, and all materials are provided for you. You are invited to lead based on your own schedule, either on a regular basis, seasonally, or as a substitute. Trainings and mid-year check-ins are offered, and you will be supported by the Sunday School Supervisor and the Associate Pastor all year long.

Please think about it, pray about it, and let Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you are interested.

Middle School Connection

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

•**Saturday Morning Donuts & Lawn Games:** Throughout the summer, we will meet on the Great Lawn on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for donuts, lawn games, and connection. Let Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if your youth will be joining us so we can make sure to have enough donuts. We will gather on the following Saturdays: **July 9, July 23, August 20.**

•**Jay Heritage Center Gardens:** Join us as we partner with Jay Heritage Center in planting, maintaining, and harvesting organic garden beds on Sunday afternoons and Thursday mornings. All the produce harvested from the beds will be given to Caritas to distribute to families in need. Parents are welcome to join us. Let Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you plan on joining us.

For Sundays, we will be in the gardens from 3:00-4:30 p.m. on July 10 and 24, August 14 and 21.

For Thursdays, we will be in the gardens from 8:30-10:00 a.m. on July 7 and 28, August 4 and 8.

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

Updates through Remind!

Text @rpcccon to 81010 or sign up at:

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

High School Youth Group

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

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•**Local Service Week, August 1-4, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Join us as we partner with local organizations such as Meals on Main St., Jay Heritage Center, Carver Center, and more! We will meet each morning at 9:00 a.m. and work until 4:00 p.m. Please make sure to bring a bagged lunch, a water bottle, and work gloves. We will provide snacks, drinks, and things to do each day. If you wish to join us for this service week, contact Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com)

We are **on Instagram**

Username: ryepresyouth

Updates through Remind!

Text @ryepre to 81010 or sign up at:

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

Women's Association / Mission & Outreach Grants Luncheon

Women's Association Grant Awards & Luncheon

*\$51,500 from the Thrift Shop
plus \$20,000 from
Mission & Outreach*
Given to local charities this year!

A wonderful luncheon in the Grape Arbor was enjoyed as we honored 19 Westchester organizations that serve women, children, and other under-served populations.

The grants are made possible through the success of the Thrift Shop and from Mission & Outreach. Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors for an outstanding year! The luncheon was a great time to see first-hand all the good work that our Thrift Shop does for our community. We appreciate the continued support of donations, volunteers, and shopping!



Recent Events



Chancel Choir offers a blessing to all before its summer break.



NOLA team making tie-dye shirts for our trip.



Teddy Cheng, our Sacred Music intern, gives a farewell organ recital



Summer Picnic

Weekends in June, Worship, Giving

Weekends July & August

July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir Warm-up / Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
(Holy Communion on July 3)
Summer Sunday School in Westminster Room
Children age 4 through 5th grade attend
worship through Children's Message.
- * July 24: Summer picnic following 10:00 a.m. worship

August 7, 14, 21, and 28

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir Warm-up / Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
(Holy Communion on August 7)
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**During July and August, following 10:00 a.m. worship,
please join us for coffee hour on the front lawn
outside the Sanctuary.
*(Westminster Room in event of rain.)***

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.



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:*

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*Those traveling hawks (Kitty & Ethan) return
for their annual visit to the RPC steeple.*

Bible Studies, Meetings

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

Sundays,
July 17 and August 7

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

Over the summer, the men of Sunday evening will slow down the pace, but continue their discussion and fellowship as we enjoy our way through the Acts of the Apostles. We will meet on Sundays, July 17 and August 7, at 8:00 p.m. in the church library with a Zoom option. If you'd like to be on the email reminder list for this gathering, please contact Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com).

Monday Morning Bible Discussion

We'll be taking a pause for the summer—but we'll be back into our reading of the Gospel according to Luke in September!

Women's Bible Study

On summer break.
Will reconvene in October.

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

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Is on hiatus until September
(date to be advised later).

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



Eddie, the mason, working on chimney to fireplace in Jason's office.

JULY & AUGUST MEETINGS

Church office is closed on Monday, July 4,
in observance of Independence Day

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study: Sundays, July 17 & August 7, 8:00 p.m.,
Library, with Zoom option

Youth

Connection:

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- Jay Heritage Center Gardens: Sundays, 3:00 p.m., July 10, 24, August 14 & 21, and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m., July 7, 28, August 4 & 8.

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-Local Service Week: August 1-4, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Other Church Meetings

Midsummer Picnic:

Sunday, July 24, following 10:00 a.m. worship, Great Lawn
Stephen Leaders: Tuesdays, July 5 and August 2, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Stephen Ministry Merge Group: Monday, August 29, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Thrift Shop: Closed for the summer. Reopens Thursday, September 15

In Memoriam

Alexandra Sarah Toth Sax
June 11

Catherine (Kitty) Buttigieg
June 19



Ryan Patrick Versfelt, June 27,
son of Susan and Christopher Versfelt and
grandson of Mary and David Versfelt

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar



We closed out the 2021-2022 school year with our traditional Rainbow Ceremonies. These moving up ceremonies have been a part of RPNS for over 40 years. Many years ago, the rainbow was chosen to be the symbol of this ceremony because rainbows exist for a moment in time when there is the perfect combination of elements. Each beautiful color in the rainbow is different from the next, but when the colors come together, they create something incredibly special. Each child at RPNS is unique and during their time at RPNS they came together as friends and created something as incredibly special as a rainbow. Just like a rainbow only lasts for a brief time, their experience as a preschooler is a small but significant moment in their educational journey.



The Rev. Daniel Love, *Co-Pastor*
The Rev. Dr. John Miller, *Co-Pastor*
The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall, *Associate Pastor for Christian Education*
Jason Charneski, *Director of Music and Organist*
Lisa Rawson, *Director of Choirs for Children and Youth*
Maida Robinson, *Chief Administrative Officer*
Peggy Berretta, *Administrative Assistant*
Denise LeVan, *Pastoral Assistant*
Juan Velasquez, *Head Sexton/Building Manager*
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We are a Stephen Ministry church.