



Your pastors normally use this front page of *Grace Notes* to share with you words of reflection, challenge, encouragement, and inspiration. With this September 2022 issue I want to do something a bit different.

First, on behalf of all three of your pastors, I want to invite you to join us for worship under the tent on Sunday, September 11, at 10:00 a.m. It is our prayer that as we move into the fall, many more of you will “fall back” into the pre-Covid lifestyle of engaging in the life and ministry of our congregation. Join us for worship, Sunday School, youth groups, Confirmation, choirs, bible and book studies, and a whole host of other experiences where you can get to know others within our church as well as grow in your faith!

Second, I want to share with you an update about our new All Souls Community Center so that it, too, may serve as a reflection, challenge, encouragement, and inspiration. Late 2020, as it became clear that the All Souls Presbyterian Church congregation would be dissolving, I shared with Dan and a few others my dream of the possibility of the All Souls Presbyterian Church facilities being used by our congregation for continuing outreach and ministry in the Port Chester community. In January 2021 our officers began an earnest discussion about this possibility. By mid-2021 a plan for Rye Presbyterian to acquire the All

Souls facility was developed. After many discussions and much prayer, this plan was approved by the former All Souls congregation, by our congregation, and by Hudson River Presbytery. We then needed court approval for the sale to take place. All of this happened and in June of 2022, Rye Presbyterian Church took legal possession of the All Souls church facility and manse. We also created a transition team that has been working on the transition process.

Upon reflection, this process has taken a significant amount of time and energy to come together. But here’s the thing – we’re now just at the beginning! How might we best continue to serve the Port Chester community, as we have done for decades through other community agencies and partners? These are both challenging and exciting times!

Currently we have use agreements with two nesting congregations (a Seventh Day Adventist congregation and a Spanish speaking Pentecostal congregation); Food to Grow On (a weekly feeding program); 5 Steps to Five (a program helping parents to prepare their babies for success in school); and a local Alcoholics Anonymous group. This past July we also hosted the preschool aged camp program for the Village of Port Chester Recreation Dept. Also in July, working in cooperation with several other Westchester county organizations, we signed an agreement and welcomed a Ukrainian refugee family into the manse for the next year.

As you read this I hope you will be encouraged and inspired by what is taking place at 55 Parkway Drive in Port Chester, our new All Souls Community Center. I also pray that you will share with our church leadership what visions you may have about how we can best steward this facility; and when the time comes, that you will join us in some form of hands-on service at All Souls. We look forward to seeing you on September 11 and someday soon at our second campus in Port Chester.

Blessings to you,

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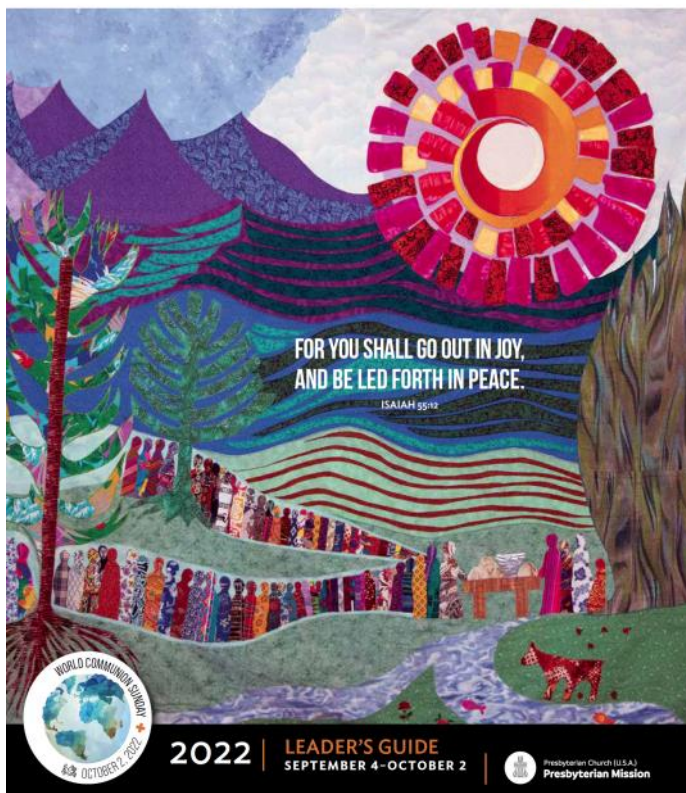
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Peace & Global Witness Offering, Confirmation 2022

The Peace and Global Witness Offering (to be received on Sunday, October 2)

 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

 MATTHEW 25



(The Peace and Global Witness Offering is one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) that we receive each year.)

The words of Isaiah 55 convey a profound message to us: *For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace.*

Go out in joy. When we look around our world these days, it is sometimes hard to feel joyful. Yet joy inherently embraces optimism. Joy is the companion of faith and hope. In our polarized world torn by war, famine, and marginalization of the poor and disenfranchised, we are in desperate need of joyful and brave people who are willing to ask the hard questions and live the difficult solutions that make peace possible.

Be led forth in peace. Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other, as the Church, together, to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world and here at home.

Through our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we are able to participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own. Because this is a shared Offering, we can help those whose challenges are very present to us. 25% of the Offering will stay with our own congregation to pursue peacemaking and reconciliation ministries. In the October issue of *Grace Notes* we will share how the 25% we retain will be used. 25% stays with our mid council (Hudson River Presbytery) for work in our region. And 50% will be used at the national level for ministries of peacemaking and global witness. Remember — peace is active, not passive. Peace is doing, not waiting. So let us go out in joy and be led forth in peace.

Please give whatever you can. For when we all do a little, it adds up a lot.

Confirmation

Confirmation 2023

If God is so good... why do bad things happen? What do all those stories in the Bible have to do with me? How can science fit with what is taught in church? What makes Christianity different?

This month, the confirmation class of 2023 will begin its exploration of these questions and many more as we explore the bible story and the life of faith together. Not every ninth grader may be asking these questions or eager to take on extra work as high school begins. Yet Confirmation class is a unique opportunity to explore the life of faith at an important reflection point in your own life journey.

To begin the year, following worship on Sunday, September 18, there will be an informational meeting for those considering Confirmation and their parents in the Westminster Room. All ninth graders and at least one parent are encouraged to come to this brief meeting regardless of eagerness, willingness, doubts, or questions!

Again this year, the class will meet throughout the year, and will be active in many aspects of the church, including the traditional duty as Sunday crucifer.

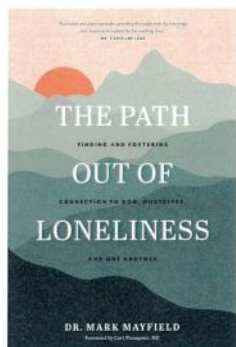
This year we'll start our time together as a class with a gathering on Sunday, September 25, at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

If you are a ninth grader or have a child who is in ninth grade, and have not received information regarding Confirmation, or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Love. You may register for the class on the Confirmation page of the church website:

<https://ryepc.com/ministries/confirmation/>

Adult Education

BOOK STUDY



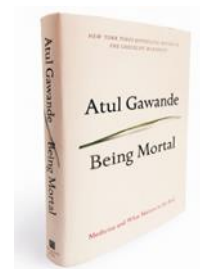
THE PATH OUT OF LONELINESS

FINDING AND FOSTERING CONNECTION TO
GOD, OURSELVES,
AND ONE ANOTHER

Monday evenings, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31
7:30pm, Church Library

We have lost the art of connection, especially over the past several years. This study will encourage you to develop healthy habits that will move you from isolation to connection; learning the importance of attachment, the power of relationships, the gift of vulnerability, and the vision of a God who knew from the beginning that we are created to be in community. John Miller will facilitate this book study. Please contact him at jmiller@ryepc.com to let him know you plan to attend. Please purchase and read the book *in advance*.

Rye Presbyterian Church Adult Education



Coming Later This Fall . . .
A Book Study led by Dan Love

Being Mortal, by Atul Gawande

Soul Shop for Congregations

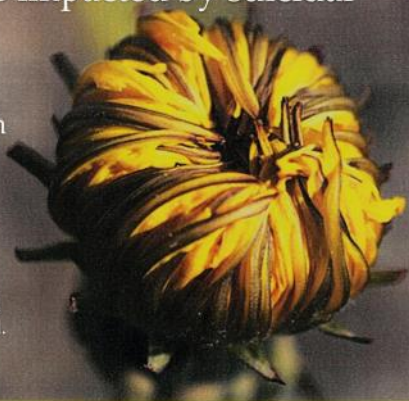
Ministering to those impacted by suicidal desperation.

Rye Presbyterian Church

Sunday, Oct. 23
11:15 am – 12:45 pm
OR

Tuesday, Oct. 25
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

This 90 minute workshop will be lead by John Miller and Jean-Paul Marshall.



SOUL SHOP
Ministering to Suicidal Desperation

In recent years our congregation and community has experienced several suicides. We have offered a variety of programing in response to these heartbreaking events. We encourage you to attend the 1½ hour *Soul Shop for Congregations* workshop this fall. The workshop will be offered twice, on Sunday, Oct. 23, and on Tuesday evening, Oct. 25, but you only attend one of the sessions. This workshop will be led by John Miller and Jean-Paul Marshall. *Soul Shop for Congregations* has three objectives: 1) Familiarize participants with the incidence and impact of suicidal desperation on the adults and youth in their faith communities; 2) Train participants in a simple, conversational method for saving the life of someone considering suicide or companionship those impacted by suicidal desperation; and 3) Provide participants with an experience that models good relational skills and fosters confidence in their ability to make a difference.

Advance registration is highly encouraged. There is no cost.

Please contact either John Miller at jmiller@ryepc.com or Jean-Paul Marshall at jmarshall@ryepc.com to register.

(Note that while this workshop is designed to be done in person, a hybrid session may be offered for Sunday only, if requested.)

Christian Education



Our 2022-2023 Sunday School program kicks off on September 11! 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 9**, to help us effectively plan for the program year.

This year 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:

Sept. 11: Sunday School Kick-Off
(Outdoor Games)

Sept. 18: 1 Samuel 1:1-28 (Hannah)

Sept. 25: 1 Samuel 3:1-21
(God Calls Samuel)

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).

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 faith 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!

- **Wednesday, September 14, 5:30 p.m., The Kidder Home:** Connection kicks off the school year with its annual pool party. We'll meet at the home of the Kidder family (44 Greenhaven Rd.). Please RSVP to **Rev. JP** (jmarshall@ryepc.com) so we get a sense of numbers for food. We could also use some help with side dishes and desserts. When you RSVP, please let **Rev. JP** know if you can provide a side/dessert as well.
- **Wednesday, September 28, 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms:** We'll take time to catch up over pizza, play some games, and reflect on creation together through a guided meditation.

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 up on the website each month.

Updates through Remind!

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

YOUTH GROUP

High School Youth Group

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

- **Sunday, September 11, 6:00 p.m., Great Lawn:** High School Youth Group kicks off the school year with a gathering out on the Great Lawn. We'll take time to catch up with one another over food and games, and then discuss how we can support each other and serve our community during the school year.
- **Saturday, September 17, 1:30 p.m., BETA:** Join us for rock climbing at BETA in Stamford. We'll meet at 1:30 p.m. and in the church parking lot

and we'll be back by 3:30 p.m. *Limited to 10 youth.* Cost per youth will be \$25. Please RSVP to **Rev. JP** - jmarshall@ryepc.com.

- **Sundays, September 18 & 25, 12:00 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 Meals on Main St. to distribute to families in need. Parents are welcome to join us as well. Let **Rev. JP** (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you plan on joining us.
- **Sunday, September 18, 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 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>.



High School Youth Group helping Bread of Life hand out bags of food during our local service week!

Fall Festival Picnic & Food Drive, Thrift Shop, Giving



RPC FALL SPECIAL WORSHIP & PICNIC Sunday, September 11, 10:00 a.m.

We will worship outside (*weather permitting*)
under the on the Great Lawn.

(*There will be no 8:30 a.m. service.*)

Chicken and ice cream will be provided.

If your last name begins with:

A-J: Please bring a salad / K-R: Please bring a side dish / S-Z: Please bring a dessert

Food may be left in the kitchen before worship.

Please contact Molly Boxford (mboxford@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Hosted by the Congregational Life Committee of the Board of Deacons.

FALL FESTIVAL FOOD DRIVE

As we gather to worship under the tent and share a meal together as part of our Fall Festival, we invite you to join us in supporting our local food pantry Bread of Life! On Sunday, September 11, we encourage you to bring some of the following food items with you as you arrive for our 10am worship service. We will have stations set up to receive your donations. If you're unable to attend worship that morning, you can drop off your donations in the boxes near the front office during the following week until Friday, September 16. Cash donations are welcome as well. Please contact Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) or Dinah Howland (howland5jd@aol.com) with any questions.

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| 1. Soups | 2. Peanut Butter | 3. Pasta and sauce | 4. Pancake mix |
| 5. Cereal | 6. Canned fruit and veggie | 7. Rice | |

**THRIFT
SHOP**

The RPC Thrift Shop

is slated to open Thursday, September 15.

We could use a few more volunteers to help with both our Thursday sales 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 \$51,000 were donated to local non-profits.

For more information, please contact:

Suzanne Davies at Suzannebd1@aol.com. Thank you.



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.



Music Notes



by Jason Charneski

Chancel Choir to Begin New Season; All High School Students Invited to Join

The Chancel Choir will resume its role in worship (10:00 a.m. service) on September 18. As part of a design to bring choir age groups into sync with Sunday School classes and Youth groups, all high school students now are invited (yea – welcome and encouraged) to sing as members of the Chancel Choir. And, of course, we're always eager to welcome interested persons to this ensemble. More information is printed on the flyer adjacent to this article.



JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

RPC's music ministry thrives because many volunteers contribute their time and talent. Might you have interest in singing in the Chancel Choir? If so, please read on!

COVID-19 SAFETY NOTE: Masking and distancing will be implemented as needed. Rehearsals will take place in spaces with fresh air induction and good air circulation. Singers are expected to stay current with booster vaccine recommendations from the CDC.

- The Chancel Choir, open to anyone who is a high school freshmen or older, sings each Sunday of the program year (mid-September through mid-June) and in services on Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday.
- **September 18** is the first Sunday of the 2022-2023 program year on which the choir will lift its voice in worship. A one-off first rehearsal, preceded by a potluck supper, will be held the evening of **Thursday, September 15**.
- The usual Sunday schedule begins with warm-up at 9:15 a.m., continues with singing in the 10:00 a.m. service, and concludes with a rehearsal following that service (11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.).
- Ability to read music makes for ease of progress; but, those who do not yet know the "language" of music, yet are able to match and maintain pitch, are most welcome to join.
- Section leaders (professional musicians) assist and help to inspire all singers.

If interested, please speak with Jason Charneski, call him at 914-967-0842, ext. 16, or send him an email: jcharneski@ryepc.com.

Chapel Organ to Be Dedicated and Inaugurated on September 18

Mark your calendars and plan to be here on Sunday, September 18 as we will dedicate in worship the new pipe organ in the chapel and present concerts to inaugurate it. David von Behren, the associate organist and choirmaster of The Memorial Church at Harvard University, will offer works that highlight the new organ's resources. Included on the program will be Mr. von Behren's own arrangements for organ and simultaneous violin (he will play the violin with his hands while playing the organ with his feet – on the organ's pedal keyboard). The concerts (the same program will be offered twice in order to accommodate the limited seating in the chapel) will begin at 11:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

David von Behren, a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music and Yale University, was appointed associate organist and choirmaster of The Memorial Church at Harvard University in 2019. A winner of numerous scholarships and awards (including a Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award, with a subsequent performance on NPR's *From the Top*), his connection to Rye Presbyterian Church is via having been a recipient (2016) of the church's Peter B. Knock Memorial Scholarship in Sacred Music. David returns each summer to his native Falls City, Nebraska, to continue the annual "Little Stars" Music Camp he founded while he was in high school.

The new organ in Crawford Chapel, built by the Canadian firm of Casavant Frères (the same company that built the present chancel organ), was installed in November 2020; but, the COVID pandemic delayed its regular use until this summer. It replaces a somewhat smaller-yet-similar instrument (also built by Casavant), installed in 1957, at the time the chapel and the adjoining education wing of the church were built. Advances in technology now provide the church a far more flexible instrument that speaks clearly into the resonant space.

Rye Presbyterian Church CHAPEL ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERTS

David von Behren,
Associate Organist and Choirmaster of
The Memorial Church at Harvard University,
organ & violin



Sunday, September 18, 2022
11:15 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION

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

Music Notes

Welcome to Collin Miller, the 2022-2023 Knock Intern in Sacred Music



Collin Miller, an incoming student in the Master of Musical Arts program of study at the Yale School of Music and the Institute of Sacred Music, will be the Peter B. Knock Intern in Sacred Music here for the 2022-2023 program year. Welcome, Collin!

Mr. Miller, a native of Lafayette, La., holds degrees in organ performance from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, where his principal teacher was Dr. Janette Fishell. Most recently, he has served as Organ Scholar of Christ Church Cathedral (Episcopal) in Indianapolis. Mr. Miller was the first-prize winner in the 2021 Arthur Poister Organ Competition and the 2017 Southwest Regional Competition of the American Guild of Organists. In addition, he was a finalist in the 2021 St. Albans International Organ Competition and was named by *The Diapason* magazine in 2019 to the "20 Under 30" Roster of rising organists.

The Peter B. Knock Intern in Sacred Music is an outgrowth of the Peter B. Knock Scholarship, an award that was given from 1991 to 2016 to promising organists whose career path was leading them to work in the field of sacred music.

Next, a New Chancel Was Built and the Organ and the Choir Were Moved There (Continuing from the June 2022 newsletter)

As the church continued to grow and wider liturgical reforms came about (moving from the centrality of the pulpit to the equality of the pulpit (with supplemental lectern), font, and table, the need and desire for more and re-ordered space gained ground. Thus, in 1947 the current chancel was built (replacing the 1870 apse).



The new chancel was appointed thus: The Hillgreen, Lane & Co. organ was moved from the balcony into the chamber above and adjacent to the current pulpit. The Communion Table and the Deacons chairs were moved to the east wall of the chancel, underneath the new Great Window, abutting the reredos (which was affixed to the east wall). Pews for the choir were placed perpendicular to and behind the lectern and the pulpit (in what is known as the "Collegiate style"). The organ console was approximately where the current organ's console is now, except that it was turned 90 degrees so that the organist's back was toward the east wall. A series of small mirrors was affixed to small, adjustable panels in the reredos behind the pulpit, this to enable the singers on the lectern side to see/be conducted by the organist (who was sitting behind them). The modesty rail portions next to the pulpit and the lectern were longer (extending more into the center of the chancel), this to provide some definition of space for the choir and to create a wide aisle in the chancel that led to the Communion Table.

New chancel not quite finished (1947). Note the four small panels above back choir pew (those had the mirrors) and note the electric wiring waiting for the chandeliers to be installed (those chandeliers are now in the Assembly Room).



Youth Mission Trip - 2022





Worship, Chancel Flowers, In Memoriams & 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).



In Memoriam

Edward Hatch, July 17

*Barbara Joan Smith, August 16,
mother of Cynthia Deen*

*Brent Davis, August 30,
son-in-law of Heather and John Miller*



*Esmé Juniper Maiorana, June 27,
daughter of Julia De Santis and Matt Maiorana
and granddaughter of Cynthia and CJ De Santis*

*Jack Scott Gahagan, July 2,
son of Katie and Dan Gahagan and
grandson of Mary and David Versfelt*

*Marion Belle Ramsell Kearney, July 3,
daughter of Amanda and Brett Kearney*

*Lily Solecki Verrsfektm August 6,
daughter of Laura Solecki and William Verfelt and
granddaughter of Mary and David Versfelt*

*Logan Siegel McCree, August 11,
son of Jess and Chris McCree and
grandson of Gabby and Donald McCree*

*Sterling Elizabeth Love, August 13,
daughter of Blair and Erskine Love*

*Alexandra "Allie" Howland Curley, August 17,
daughter of Julia and Shawn Curley and
granddaughter of Dinah and Jim Howland*

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

Sunday Worship with Communion at 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel In Person Only

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

(Note: There will be no 8:30 a.m. worship on
Sunday, September 4,
or the following Sunday, September 11.

Bible Studies, Meetings

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

Sundays, September 11 & 25

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

If you've ever considered joining in this time of work together to see how the bible speaks to us about life and faith, this is a great time to join this twice-monthly gathering. This month we will be resuming our journey through the Acts of the Apostles. We meet in person on Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. with a Zoom option available. If you'd like to learn more or get reminders about this ongoing study, contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com. This month we meet on Sunday, September 11 and 25, at 8:00 p.m. in the church Library.

Monday Morning Bible Discussion

Mondays, September 12, 19, & 26

9:30 a.m., via Zoom

Beginning on September 12 at 9:30 a.m., the Monday Bible Discussion group will resume its weekly gatherings. On our agenda this fall is to continue our reading and discussion as we work our way through the Gospel of Luke. This month we meet on September 12, 19, and 26. To get on the email reminder list, contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com.

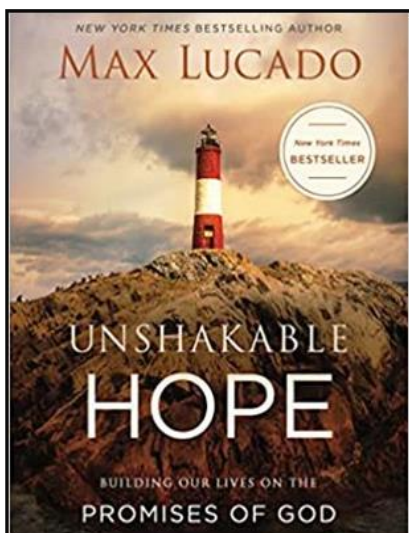
Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will be back in October.
For further information, contact Cynthia De Santis
(cynthialwells@gmail.com)

Women's Discipleship Group

Reconvenes Wednesday, September 21, 1:00 p.m.,
in the RPC Library and via Zoom

Our study will be:



Please e-mail questions to:

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

SEPTEMBER

**Church Office Closed on Monday, September 5,
in observance of Labor Day**

Board Meetings

Deacons: Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m., Library / hybrid
Trustees: Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room
Session: Wednesday, Sept. 28, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study: Sundays, Sept. 11 & 25, 8:00 p.m.,
Library with Zoom option

Monday Morning Bible Discussion: Mondays, Sept. 12, 19,
& 26, 9:30 a.m., via Zoom

Youth

Confirmation: Orientation, Sunday, Sept. 18, 11:00 a.m.,
Westminster Rm; Sunday, Sept. 25, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Rm
Connection: Wednesday, Sept. 14, 5:30 p.m., Pool Party,
Kidder home; Wednesday, Sept. 28, 5:30 p.m., Youth Room
High School Youth Group: Sunday, Sept. 11, 6:00 p.m., Great
Lawn; Saturday, Sept. 17, 1:30 p.m., BETA Rock Climbing,
Stamford, CT; Sundays, Sept. 18 & 25, 12:00 p.m., Jay Her-
itage Center; Sunday, Sept. 18: Vespers, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

Music

Chancel Choir:

Rehearsals: Thursday, Sept. 15, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (preceded by
potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.); Sunday, Sept. 25, 11:15 a.m.-
12:30 p.m..

Sunday Warm-Ups and Services: Sept. 18 & 25, 9:15 a.m.
(sing at 10:00 a.m. service).

Other Church Meetings

Chapel Organ Dedication Concerts,

Sunday, Sept. 18, 11:15 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

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

Nominating Committee: Wednesday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.,
Westminster Rm

RPC Fall Festival—Special Worship & Picnic:

Sunday Sept. 11, 10:00 a.m.

Stephen Ministry / Caring Connections Retreat: Saturday,
Sept. 17, 8:30 a.m., Westminster Room & Library

Stephen Ministry/Caring Connections: Sept. 20 & 27,
7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

3Ts: Thursday, 9:50 a.m., Sept. 22, 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: Reopens Thursday, Sept. 15, 10:00 a.m.

Women's Association: Friday, Sept. 9, 9:30 a.m., Library

Women's Discipleship: Wednesdays, Sept. 21 & 28,
1:00 p.m., Library

Worship & Music: Monday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m., via Zoom

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

One of the most special parts of Rye Presbyterian Nursery School is the community! The feeling of connection to one another comes with a mutual appreciation and gratitude for our beautiful school. Community events have always been a treasured part of the nursery school experience. RPNS families were more excited than ever to come together over the past year, as RPNS was unable to host its traditional events during the pandemic.

RPNS parents were thrilled to have our annual Parent Social back in full swing! Delicious food, drinks, and a live band under a tent on the front lawn made for a great party! Throughout the school year, families gathered in the fall for an outdoor movie

night, in the winter for our holiday caroling party, and in the spring for our spaghetti dinner and bingo night! Hosting these events all through the seasons continually reminded us of the joy of being together and celebrating our RPNS families. Countless parent volunteers donated their time to organize, coordinate, and run these community fundraisers for our school.

The members of this special community are part of the RPNS family, and the bonds that are formed between parents, children, and teachers last well beyond the preschool years.



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