

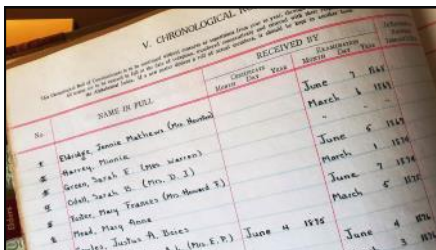
*Confirmation Class –  
for young (and not-so-young)*



*Confirmation Class of 1998*

This fall marks the twenty-second year that I have been involved in leading and teaching the RPC Confirmation Class since I began with the class of 1998. By my math, that is 577 young people that have taken the journey from September to May, and from Genesis to Revelation, as we have explored the nature, meaning, and practice of the Christian faith. It remains one of the highlights of my year and my ministry – a chance to think out loud about what really matters within all there is to know about the bible, faith, church history, and RPC life. It is also a chance to think together anew about how that faith speaks amid ever-changing realities of life and the lives of our youth.

As near as I can tell from the RPC records, Confirmation has not always been a part of the life of the church. This summer, in preparation for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RPC sanctuary in 2020, I spent some time going back through the history of the church and its records. There are amazing hand-written lists of



members dating back to the 1860's, and list of elders, deacons, trustees, weddings, and baptisms from about 1920. Near as I can tell, Confirmation for young people began in the 1940s. In some

years, especially during the post-war church boom, confirmation classes were as big as 80 students. In recent years, we had a high of 45 in the class of 2010, with an average of 26 during my years here.

Perhaps you are curious – what do we study during the year? My main goal throughout this year is for the class to gain a sense of the overarching narrative of the biblical story – the story of God's intentional relationship with humanity and the world. We begin with the story of creation, and wrestle with how to understand and appreciate the bible – for what it says, and what it does not say. We follow the story through the “fall” of Adam and Eve, and through God's many efforts throughout the Jewish faith story to “set things right.” We then pick up with the story of Jesus – his life, teachings, and final week – and what that means for the larger story of God. We follow the story through the birth of the church right up to present day – to each one of us. Which leads us to the most important question that each student puts on paper in their statement of faith at the end of the year: how do I fit in this large, grand, sometimes baffling, but amazing story of God and God's people?

But you don't have to let that last paragraph be the end of your curiosity. This fall, beyond the class that John, Jean-Paul, and I will be teaching with the 9<sup>th</sup> graders, I will also be leading an evening “refresher” course for adults based on the confirmation curriculum. For more information, please take a look in the Adult Education section of this issue of Grace Notes. You are invited!

Even if you can't come on Tuesday evenings, I invite you to join the confirmation class as they commit to the confirmation process in the coming year by committing yourself to concrete steps to grow in your faith this fall. There are three opportunities for worship each weekend, and myriad other ways to engage in study, service, and fellowship as we seek to grow together in faith and to see how our life stories are a part of the amazing ongoing story that God is writing – even now.

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## NOLA Mission Trips, Stephen Ministry, Confirmation 2020, YAVs

### NOLA 2019 MISSION TRIPS

Between both June and August, RPC commissioned 25 high school youth, along with chaperones, to travel to New Orleans on our youth mission trips. Once again this year, we sent two groups – thanks to the generous support of the congregation through the Imagine Initiative, as well as the Women’s Association, the Mission & Outreach committee, and a few generous angel investors. On both trips we partnered with Rebuilding Together, a terrific group that focuses on improving the quality of life through home improvements for those who are elderly, disabled, or veterans. In June, we split into two groups, with one prepping and painting classrooms for a local school’s Opportunity Academy and the other working on siding repair and exterior painting for a house in the Hollygrove neighborhood. In August, the group mostly scraped and primed a house in the St. Claude neighborhood. We worked hard, and we played hard – with visits to the Katrina Museum, beignets in the French Quarter, some AAA baseball, street art and music tours, and a great evening at the Rock ‘n’ Bowl!

In addition to the support and prayers of the church, we particularly thank our non-staff chaperones this year – Heather Miller, Susie Marshall, and Margaret and Jonathan Blum – all gave generously of their summer to be a part of the trips!

For a closer look at the trip, don’t miss the photos in this issue, on the wall outside the reception area, and on our Instagram account:



Stephen Ministers are confidential, skilled, faithful, compassionate people who support by listening. The following describes how people felt meeting one-to-one with a Stephen Minister during a challenging season:

- When someone you love is terminally ill, people often pull back because they’re scared and don’t know what to say. But my Stephen Minister stood with me through it all—listening, talking, and helping me on the journey. It was so reassuring to know he was by my side. ~ Andrew
- I’m blessed with an amazing Stephen Minister. She’s been genuinely attentive and caring ever since she came alongside me. She’s kind of fearless in that way—she’ll just be there without trying to fix me or talk me out of my feelings as I struggle with what’s happening. ~ Nancy

Stephen Ministers understand the privilege and responsibility of maintaining another’s privacy while thoughts and feelings are sorted on a road to healing.

Should you or someone you know need the attention and care of confidential listening, contact Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator, Patti Adimari ([pattirvs@optonline.net](mailto:pattirvs@optonline.net) or 914-844-8974), or RPC Clergy to learn more.

### Confirmation

If God is so good... why do bad things happen? What do all those weird stories in the Bible have to do with anything, let alone me? How does science fit with what is taught in church? Is God even real?

This month, the confirmation class of 2020 will begin its exploration of these questions and many more - questions that lie at the heart of our faith journeys. To begin the year, following worship on Sunday, September 15, there will be an Orientation Meeting for those considering Confirmation and their parents in Crawford Chapel. Not every ninth grader may be asking these questions or eager to take on extra work as high school begins. Yet this is a unique opportunity to explore the life of faith more deeply. All ninth graders and a parent are encouraged to come to the orientation 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 pizza dinner at the church on Sunday, September 22, 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 [Rev. Love](#).

### YAV - Young Adult Volunteers



It was our joy to commission three Young Adult Volunteers on Sunday August 25, on behalf of the Presbyterian Church (USA). You are invited to continue to pray for Hannah, Laura, and Emma, and to follow their blogs (click on names below) as they begin their service as a YAV at the Tucson Borderlands and US-Mexico border.

[Hannah Singerline](#) • [Laura Haney](#) • [Emma Maney](#)



## Fall Adult Education

### Sunday Mornings



**9:00-9:45 a.m.**  
**Westminster Room**  
**September 15-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:  
 10/13, 11/10, 12/29.)

### Special Event

**SHOW UP & MAKE!**  
**November 2 & 3**  
**Following 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!

**Saturday at 5 Worship -  
 Returns on September 14**



- 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays in the RPC Chapel
- 45 minutes in length
- The same sermon as on Sunday
- Usually Communion is celebrated

### Evening Studies

**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.)**

- Sept. 17:** Our story, God's story/**Sept. 24:** Continuing the Study  
**Oct. 8:** Creation (and how to read the bible) / **Oct. 15:** Sin  
**Oct. 22:** Getting back on track:  
                   Covenants, Temple, and Prophets  
**Oct. 29:** Window to God I: Jesus' life and teaching  
**Nov. 12:** Connecting with God - prayer  
**Nov. 19:** Window to God II: Jesus' final week  
**Nov. 26:** Holy Spirit - gift and calling - MBTI  
**Dec. 10:** Worship/Sacraments  
**Dec. 17:** Why Presbyterian - Evil, afterlife, other religions



**Mondays, 7:30 p.m..**  
**in the Westminster Room**  
**9/23, 10/7, 10/21, 11/4**

John Miller will be facilitating this four-week study regarding race and religion. The contents of the study will include: 1) Beginning your racial autobiography; 2) What is race?; 3) What is racism?; and 4) Where do we go from here? Participants will be asked to read Debbie Irving's book, *Wake Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race* in advance, as well as The Confession of Belhar, which will be provided.

It is our hope that this will be Part 1 of a two-part series. Part 2 would be in the winter/spring semester when we would partner with another congregation which is more racially diverse than our congregation, and continue the conversation regarding race and religion with one another.

Race and how to talk about it is a major subject of our social, political, and theological discourse. This is important and challenging work that the Church of Jesus is called to be engaged in. Please plan to join us.



## Prison Ministry, Sunday Flowers, New Member Mixer



### PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES . . .

For 25 years, members of RPC have been involved in ever increasing, broadening, and deepening ways in work with individuals who are, or have been incarcerated and others impacted, by the criminal justice system. In that time, our beloved church has become a leader in prison ministry in our Presbytery and beyond.

Here are the many ways **you** can become involved in this life-changing work:

- **Prison Visitation:** We meet with a group of Masters students on the third Sunday of each month at Sing Sing in Ossining, leaving around 5:00 p.m. and returning home around 9:15 p.m. We have room for one more within our limit of 10 people and would welcome your interest. Contact Bob or Nancy Steed: [bsteed55@aol.com](mailto:bsteed55@aol.com) or [steedheart@aol.com](mailto:steedheart@aol.com).

We also meet with a highly motivated group at Fishkill in Beacon on the second Sunday of each month leaving around 11:20 a.m. and returning around 4:30 p.m. We have room for several more RPCers in this group. Contact information is same as above.

- **Clothes Closet:** If you have men's suits or other clothes you no longer need (or don't fit), you can donate them to a "Clothes Closet" we maintain in the church to enable men, who often have no clothing other than their prison garb, to have proper business attire in their employment search and other clothes for daily living. For information, contact Ariel Eckstein at [aekstein67@gmail.com](mailto:aekstein67@gmail.com).
- **Coming Home:** Prison ministry doesn't end when an incarcerated person is released. RPC offers an 18-week program to those recently released providing mentoring, help with

resumes and job search, and simply acclimating to life on the outside. Each week you are invited to a dinner to share a meal with program participants, to enable all of us to know and understand one another better, and to enjoy a joyful time of fellowship. No reservations required!

- **Rye Writes:** Because many incarcerated men and women never receive any correspondence, RPC created Rye Writes, enabling members of the congregation to connect with individual inmates via letters written anonymously by the members and sent from the church. Return mail comes to the church addressed to the pseudonym chosen by the congregant, who is then notified "you've got mail" by the church. For information, contact Heather Miller at [Ryewrites10580@gmail.com](mailto:Ryewrites10580@gmail.com).
- **Leadership Beyond:** Because of RPC's creativity and commitment to prison ministry, we have led our Presbytery's efforts to expand this ministry to other churches. And we helped develop and launch two programs that for many years have provided educational opportunities in prisons throughout New York: in **Rising Hope**, a Certificate in Ministry program modeled after the Masters program, now operating in six prisons around New York; and **Hudson Link**, now a 20-year-old, fully accredited, privately funded college program in eight New York prisons and the model for similar programs around the country.

As you can see, RPC provides multiple platforms for involvement in prison ministry. We hope the number of congregants who are part of this ministry, in small or larger ways, will continue to grow in the years ahead.



### Sunday 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 by donating \$60 for the chancel flowers. Your donation will be noted in the church bulletin. To make arrangements, please contact Denise LeVan ([dlevan@ryepc.com](mailto:dlevan@ryepc.com)).



*NOLA chaperones Jean-Paul Marshall, Margaret Blum, Susie Marshall, Jonathan Blum, and Heather Miller*

Attention Members of Classes 2017-2019 !

You are cordially invited to:

## New member MIXER

Sunday, September 15, 5:00-7:00 PM

American Yacht Club—Picnic Point

499 Stuyvesant Avenue

Rye, NY 10580

Please join us for a Sunday evening social and meet fellow members from the classes of 2017-2019 as well as current RPC leaders.

Questions? Contact Gail Willis at

[gcamwillis@gmail.com](mailto:gcamwillis@gmail.com)



## Christian Education

### Sunday School

Our 2019-2020 Sunday School program kicks off on September 8! This year we are 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 Registration

Please fill out a registration form for all children, from infants to 8<sup>th</sup> grade attending our 2019-2020 Sunday School program. You can find the registration on our website [here!](#) You can also ask our teachers on Sunday mornings for a registration card. We encourage registering your children at the beginning of the year.

### Sunday School Teaching Volunteers!

Here at Rye Presbyterian Church we seek to guide and nurture children on their journey of faith, encouraging them to know and follow Christ as faithful disciples. We strive to provide a welcoming environment for children to engage Scripture, ask faith questions, and grow closer to God and our community of faith.

We invite you to join in on that work as a Teaching Volunteer! Teaching is done in teams, providing a support system among fellow volunteers and a rotating schedule. You are invited to teach regularly (one-two times a month) or serve as a substitute (when needed). All lessons are prepared for you so volunteers can reflect on the lessons ahead of time and focus solely on engaging children during Sunday mornings.

We hope you decide to share your gifts with the children of our com-

munity! If interested in being a part of this work, please contact Rev. JP at [jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com).

We will be holding a Teaching Orientation sometime in September for all returning teachers and anyone interested in teaching this year. Childcare will be provided. **Date TBD!**

### Back to School Blessing



School is back in session, and that means a new year full of new teachers, new friends, new classrooms, and new experiences. On Sunday, September 15, we will be holding a special "back-to-school" blessing during our 10:00 a.m. service. Children, youth, and teachers are invited to come forward during the Children's Moment so we can lift you all up in prayer and ask for God's peace to be upon you during this upcoming year.

### Middle School Connection

**All 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome at RPC's Connection!**

Connection kicks off the school year with our annual Pool Party at the home of Susan and Henry Skelsey (9 Sunset Lane in Rye). Mark your calendars for September 25!

After that, our regular gatherings will resume in October on the first and third Wednesday of the month. Hope to see your Middle Schooler there!

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

### High School Youth Group

**All 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome at RPC's High School Youth Group!**

We will begin on Sunday, September 15, at 6:00 p.m. at the Marshall Manse (2 Cornell Pl). We will enjoy some pizza as we catch up and plan for the rest of the fall! During this gathering, we would love to hear how we can support you this year, the dates for your games/performances, and what you would like to do both within our church and out in the wider community. If you are unable to attend this gathering, please send your

thoughts about all of this to Rev. JP at:

[jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com).

**Teaching Assistants:** High school students are invited to join in on guiding and nurturing children on their journey of faith through our Sunday School program. Each assistant will assist one of our Teaching Volunteers in leading our Sunday morning classes. If you have a passion for working with children and/or teaching, this is a great opportunity to live into that passion within our community of faith! Also, we do offer community service hours for each morning you help teach.

If interested in sharing your gifts with us this year, please contact Rev. JP at [jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com).

**We are on Instagram!**

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

**Updates through Remind!**

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







# Youth Mission Trips—2019









## Musical Notes



### From Jason Charneski

#### Join One of the Choirs

A new program year is the right time for you to join one of RPC's choirs. Flyers about the choirs (Children's, Youth, Chancel) are printed below.

Please contact me ([jcharneski@ryepc.com](mailto:jcharneski@ryepc.com)) with your questions about the Chancel Choir. Please contact Lisa Rawson ([lrawson@ryepc.com](mailto:lrawson@ryepc.com)) about the opportunities for children (grades 1-6) and youth (grades 7-12).

#### 2019-2020 Offerings of Magnificent Music

The 2019-2020 season of Magnificent Music has been posted! Please see – and share with friends and family – the .pdf version of the brochure (posted [here](#) on the church's website) or take a hard-copy of the brochure (in the information racks throughout the building) for information about these special events!

Jason

### JOIN THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OR THE YOUTH CHOIR!



**CALLING ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6**

&

**CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 7-12**

These choirs are accepting new members and welcoming back old ones for the 2019–2020 school year. Contact Lisa Rawson, Director of Choirs for Children and Youth, who can answer any questions about the exciting year ahead! Lisa can be reached by email at:

[lrawson@ryepc.com](mailto:lrawson@ryepc.com)

**Children's Choir – Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 pm,  
in the Choir Room, beginning September 12.**

**The choir sings monthly in church services,  
special holiday services, and the  
Christmas Pageant.**

**Youth Choir – Sundays after worship, in the Chapel,  
dates TBD based on youth schedules.**

### 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!

- The Chancel Choir, open to anyone who is a high school junior or older, sings each Sunday of the program year (mid-September through mid-June) and in services on Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday.
- **September 15** is the first Sunday of the 2019-2020 program year on which the choir will lift its voice in worship.
- 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 you are interested, please speak with Jason Charneski, call him at 967-0842, ext. 16, or send him an E-mail: [jcharneski@ryepc.com](mailto:jcharneski@ryepc.com).





## Magnificent Music 2019-2020

*Special programs in worship and in concert that seek to increase our awareness of God-surrounding-us. These are opportunities for education and enrichment for ALL ages. Come, be a part of it!*

Sunday, October 27

10:00 a.m.

### The Jolly Beggars Celtic Music & More



This spirited and engaging ensemble, comprised of music educators, returns to lead the music in a service of worship that will focus on aspects of the Reformation. The Chancel Choir will join in this celebration of the Church.

Saturday, May 16  
Sunday, May 17

5:00 p.m.  
10:00 a.m.

### Jazz Weekend



We will expand Jazz Sunday this season to be Jazz Weekend, as the ensemble will provide the music for the Saturday at Five service on May 16 **and** the music for the 10:00 a.m. service on May 17. The Chancel Choir will add its voice on Sunday.

Sunday, December 15

10:00 a.m.

### Cantata Sunday Music for Choir and Orchestra



The tradition of Cantata Sunday – begun in 1989 – continues as the Chancel Choir and soloists, accompanied by an orchestra, present *Beatus vir* (a setting of Psalm 112), by Claudio Monteverdi, and *Magnificat* (a setting of Luke 1:46-55), by Antonio Vivaldi. In addition, the orchestra will offer Bach's *Concerto in C Minor*, BWV 1060a.

Sunday, May 31

3:00 p.m.

### Jason Charneski, organ

We will begin – in a musical manner – a celebration the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the sanctuary. This concert, to be given on the Day of Pentecost, will convey the breadth of the Holy Spirit through the breath of the church's mighty Casavant pipe organ. The program will include the opening and closing movements of Charles-Marie Widor's *Symphonie VII*.



### Additional Programs

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

We are pleased to include these chamber music concerts on the calendar for the 2019-2020 season. Please contact Ronald Arron at [ronarron@optonline.net](mailto:ronarron@optonline.net) or 914-523-4646 for more information or to reserve seats (**free for students**; \$20 for RPC members; \$40 general public).

**Sunday, October 6, at 3:00 p.m. Flute and Strings**  
Demarre McGill, flute; Nancy Wu, violin; Michael Roth, viola; Jerry Grossman, cello

**Sunday, November 10, at 3:00 p.m. Piano Trio**  
Jeewon Park, piano; Theodore Arm, violin; Edward Arron, cello

**Sunday, April 5, at 3:00 p.m. Four Cellos**  
Edward Arron, Rafael Figueroa, Joel Noyes, and Peter Wiley

**Sunday, May 3, at 3:00 p.m. Quartet 212**  
David Chan and Catherine Ro, violins; Dov Scheindlin, viola;  
Rafael Figueroa, cello; with guest Zoë Martin-Doike, viola



## Women's Cancer Support Group, Women's Discipleship, Women's Association, Thrift Shop, 3 Ts



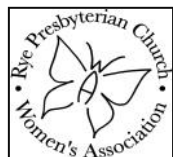
### Cancer Support Group

A small, caring, and uplifting community of women cancer patients, caregivers, and survivors continues to meet monthly and would welcome others to join in their journey as they seek the comfort of understanding peers and a loving God.

If you are interested in joining, please contact:

Becky Ruegger ([rhuegger@aol.com](mailto:rhuegger@aol.com))  
or at 914-282-7733

The day and time of meeting is determined by the group.



### Calling the Talented Women of RPC!

**Monday, September 9,  
9:00 a.m., Library**

The RPC Women's Association will hold its first fall meeting on Monday, September 9, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Library.

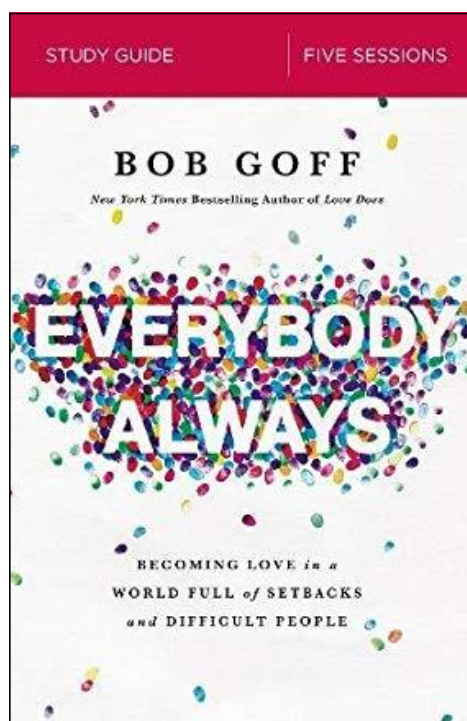
**All are welcome!**

We will begin planning activities for the year, update you on thrift shop opportunities and bring you up-to-date on events our grant recipients might be hosting.

If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to be involved, please email [Susan Gim](mailto:Susan_Gim), with any suggestions you might have. Please also email if an evening meeting would work better for you. We would love to see lots of new faces this year!



**Reopens September 12  
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**



### Women's Discipleship Group

**Tuesdays,  
beginning September 17,  
1:00-2:30 p.m.,  
RPC Library**

Please join our discipleship as we begin our next study with the effervescent and inspirational Bob Goff and his newest book, *Everybody Always, Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People*.

Together we will watch the accompanying video, work through the study, and join in rich fellowship.

This discipleship is welcome to all and we would love your company!

The book and study guide are available on Amazon, but you may also shop locally and ask Patrick at Arcade books in Rye to order both for you. We look forward to seeing you!

For more information, please contact  
Alicia Baldwin ([alicia.baldwin@verizon.net](mailto:alicia.baldwin@verizon.net)), or  
Courtney Bennett ([Courtnevbennett910@gmail.com](mailto:Courtnevbennett910@gmail.com)).

### 3 Ts—THE THIRD TUESDAY AT TEN

# 3Ts

Walk past the library of our Church on the third Tuesday of the month at ten a.m. and you will hear laughter, cheering, clapping, and "silence." All this is from a group of 18 to 25 interested, and interesting, members and friends of RPC.

Each month we discuss a topic such as forgiveness, humor, trust, prayer, family, and many more. Thoughtful discussion follows using guidelines established by the group that includes non-judgment, acceptance, and confidentiality.

The group, led by Nancy Steed and Jane Mickatavage, is open to all the church congregation and their friends.

Topic suggestions mainly come from the group's interests and questions evolved from group discussions. Participation is very helpful in meaningful discussion.

Please come and join us. Ask a neighbor or friend also. Our September meeting is on Tuesday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the RPC Library.

For further information, please contact:  
Nancy Steed [steedheart@aol.com](mailto:steedheart@aol.com) Jane Mickatavage  
[swingramm@aol.com](mailto:swingramm@aol.com)



## Sundays in September, Bible Study

### Sunday, September 1

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Communion in the Sanctuary  
No Sunday School – Family Worship

### Sunday, September 8–RPC Fall Festival

**No 8:30 a.m. service today!**

- 9:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Communion under the Tent on the Great Lawn  
Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers  
Sunday School  
-Children attend worship through Children’s Message.
- 11:00 a.m. Fall Festival and Picnic / Great Lawn
- 8:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study / Library

### Saturday, September 14

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

### Sunday, September 15

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
Back to School Blessing  
Sunday School  
-Children attend worship through Children’s Message.
- 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Orientation / Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. New Member Mixer, American Yacht Club, Rye
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Marshall Manse

### Saturday, September 21

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

### Sunday, September 22

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary  
Sunday School  
-Children attend worship through Children’s Message.
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Pizza Dinner / Westminster Room
- 8:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study / Library

### Saturday, September 28

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

### Sunday, September 29

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary  
Sunday School  
-Children attend worship through Children’s Message.
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Men’s Bible Study

**Sundays, September 8 and 22,  
at 8:00 p.m. in the Library**

If you’ve been thinking about joining in on this time of figuring out how the bible speaks to us about life and faith, it’s a great time to join this twice monthly gathering of men. This month we will be resuming our work through the Gospel according to Luke. If you’d like to get email reminders about this ongoing study, contact Dan Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com).

### Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion— Now on Mondays!

**Mondays, beginning September 16  
at 9:30 a.m. in the Library**

Beginning on September 16, the Monday Bible Discussion group will resume work on our overview journey through the Old Testament using videos from *The Bible Project* ([thebibleproject.com](http://thebibleproject.com)). We will meet in the Library at 9:30 a.m., typically every other Monday, though there will be some adjustments around holidays, etc. This month, we’ll meet on September 16 and 30, and next month on October 21 and 28. To get on the email reminder list, contact Dan Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com).

### Women’s Bible Study

**Will reconvene in October.**

Meets Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.  
A warm welcome and hot coffee await!

For further information, contact [Cynthia De Santis](mailto:Cynthia.DeSantis@ryepc.com).

## RPC FALL FESTIVAL



**SPECIAL WORSHIP  
& PICNIC  
Sunday,  
September 8  
10:00 a.m.**

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

Dress casually as immediately following worship we will share together in our picnic.

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 [Lisa Keegan](mailto:Lisa.Keegan@ryepc.com) if you have any questions

**Note: There will be no 8:30 a.m. service that day.**

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



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## September Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

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**CHURCH OFFICES AND BUILDINGS WILL BE CLOSED  
ON LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

### BOARD MEETINGS

**Deacons:** Wednesday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., Library  
**Trustees:** Wednesday, September 18, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room  
**Session:** Wednesday, September 25, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

### WORSHIP AND STUDY

#### **Worship on Saturday evening:**

Worship in the Chapel, Saturdays, beginning September 14, 5:00 p.m.

#### **Worship on Sunday:**

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel (Note: no service on September 8)  
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary (Note: September 8 under the Tent on the Great Lawn)  
**Prayer Gatherings:** Sundays in the Library, September 1 & 8, at 9:40 a.m., September 15, 22 & 29 at 8:40 a.m.

#### **Adult Education:**

**“Coffee & Conversation”:** Sundays, September 15 - December 22, 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room  
*Evening Studies:*

**Everything you Missed or Forgot from Confirmation:** Tuesdays, September 17 & 24, 7:30 p.m., Library

**Race & Religion:** Monday, September 23, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

**Sunday School:** Regular Sunday School on September 9, 16, 23 & 30; No classes on September 1, Family Worship  
 Sunday School Teacher Orientation: Saturday, September 7, 9:30 a.m., Westminster Room

**Confirmation:** Sunday, September 15: Confirmands & Families Orientation Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Chapel  
 Sunday, September 22: Class & Pizza Dinner, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room

**Men’s Sunday Bible Study:** September 8 & 22, 8:00 p.m., Library

**Monday Morning Bible Discussion:** September 16 & 30, 9:30 a.m., Library

**Women’s Bible Study: Will reconvene in October** on Saturdays, dates TBD, 10:00 a.m., Library

**Women’s Discipleship: Book Study: “Everybody Always”** by Bob Goff,  
 Tuesdays, beginning September 17, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Library.

### YOUTH

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

**Connection:** Pool Party, Wednesday, September 25, 5:30 p.m., Skelsey residence (9 Sunset Lane, Rye)  
 Starting in October will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

**High School Youth Group:** Sunday, September 15, 6:00 p.m., Marshall Manse (2 Cornell Place, Rye).

### MUSIC

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

**Children’s Choir Rehearsal:** Thursdays, beginning September 12, 3:45 p.m., Choir Room

**Youth Choir Rehearsal:** Dates TBD based on youth schedules, Sundays following 10:00 a.m. worship, Chapel

### OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

**3 Ts:** Tuesday, September 17, 10:00 a.m., Library

**Fall Festival & Picnic:** Sunday, September 8, following 10:00 a.m. worship, Great Lawn

**Friendly Visitors:** Monday, September 9, 10:00 a.m., Conference Room

**Mission & Outreach:** Wednesday, September 4, 7:30 p.m., Library

**New Member Mixer:** Sunday, September 15, 5:00 p.m., American Yacht Club, Rye

#### **Stephen Ministry:**

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, September 10, 6:00 p.m., Library

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and Supervision: Tuesday, September 10, 7:00 p.m.,  
 Library & Westminster Room

**Thrift Shop: Reopens Thursday, September 12.** Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Women’s Association:** Monthly Meeting, Monday, September 9, 9:00 a.m., Library

**Worship & Music:** Wednesday, September 11, 7:30 p.m., Conference Room

### OUTREACH AND SUPPORT GROUPS

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

**AA Group:** Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

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

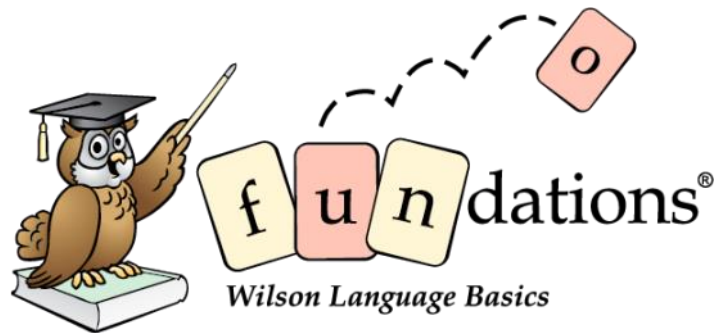
**Helping Hands:** Thursday, September 19, 11:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

## Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

### Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

The literacy program that will be piloted is the Foundations Wilson Literacy program. The program promotes a phonics approach to learning letter sounds, as well as, interactive, age-appropriate lessons on letter formation. All of the four and five year old RPNS teachers were provided training through the Foundations Wilson Literacy Program this summer and are excited to incorporate it for the upcoming school year.

In addition to the new program, RPNS will supplement literacy lessons through games, songs, whole group/small group read aloud, rhyming lessons, and journal writing. RPNS understands the importance of making learning experiences fun and engaging for young children. We are mindful to put the child first and let them know that we value what they bring to the learning experience.



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