

## BIBLE STUDIES

The Men's Bible Study group welcomes men of all ages for study, conversation and fellowship. Meetings usually take place twice a month on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm in the Library under the leadership of Rev. Love.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study group led by Rev. Dan Love meets every other Wednesday at 8:45am in the Library for scripture reading, exploration and discussion. No previous knowledge necessary! Join us to find out how these ancient texts touch our lives today!

The Women's Bible Study group gathers to explore the scriptures and to create a sanctuary for spiritual growth. We meet every other Saturday morning at 9:15am in the Library. For more information please contact: Cynthia DeSantis (desantiscw@aol.com) for more details.

The Women's Discipleship Group will be meeting Tuesday mornings from 9-10:30am, beginning Sept 29. We will be reading *Anything: The Prayer that Unlocked My God and My Soul* by Jennie Allen. Our first meeting will be in the library and after that we will meet in various members' homes. If you would like to be kept on the email list for this study, email Rachael Huntley at [rhuntley@ryepc.com](mailto:rhuntley@ryepc.com)

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS

If you are interested in joining RPC, you are invited to participate in our New Member Orientation Class on October 18 and 25 at 11:15am in the Library. Together we'll explore what it means to be Presbyterian, and how to live out our faith as part of this church and community.

## SERMON CONVERSATIONS

Do you sometimes wish you could ask the preacher about something you heard in a sermon? Discuss a few of the points that were made? You are invited to join the conversation and reflect on the day's sermon with the preacher of the day after the 10am worship service in the Library.

Dates: Dan Love – 10/25; John Miller – 12/6.

## OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW

3 T's meets monthly on the Third Tuesday at Ten o'clock in the Library for an informal discussion on a variety of topics. For more information contact: Jane Mickatavage (swingramm@aol.com) or Nancy Steed (steedheart@aol.com).

The Women's Association offers interesting activities (luncheons, outings, presentations) as the women of our church come together to learn, support community causes and build friendships. For more information contact: Mona Hirson (monahirson@msn.com) or Nonie Reich (nonie.reich@verizon.net).

Stephen Ministry, a confidential care-giving ministry, in conjunction with Adult Education, is offering a Caring Connections Class from September – November. See reverse side for more details.

**For more information about upcoming programs, please check the weekly email, the bulletin or our website.**

**For questions, please contact  
Dr. John Miller at [jmiller@ryepc.com](mailto:jmiller@ryepc.com)  
or (914) 967-0842.**

**Childcare is available upon request.**

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# IMAGINING OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

**Opportunities  
For Adult Education  
And Spiritual Growth  
At Rye Presbyterian  
Church**

**Fall 2015**



### “Living a Fully Generous Life” – Part I

Sundays, Sept. 13 – Oct. 18  
Sunday mornings – 9:00am to 9:45am  
Westminster Room

This six week series invites participants to be engaged in reflection about the themes lifted up in our Imagine Reflection Journal.

- 9/13 Faith and Forgiveness
- 9/20 Prayer and Purpose
- 9/27 Compassion and Caring
- 10/4 Treasure and Time
- 10/11 Wisdom and Work
- 10/18 Spirituality, Soul, and Sacrifice

### “Living a Fully Generous Life” – PART II

Tuesdays, Sept. 15, 22, Oct. 6, 13, 20  
(No meeting Sept. 29)  
7:30 – 9:00 p.m. - Library

This class will explore the same topics as noted above, but in a more in-depth way as each session is longer. (You may attend either Sunday mornings or Tuesday nights or both.)

### Parables From the Backside

Sundays, Oct. 25 – Nov. 22  
Sunday mornings – 9:00am to 9:45am  
Westminster Room

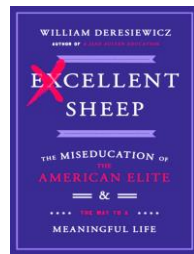
Using J. Ellsworth Kalas book, “Parables from the Back Side”, we’ll gain new insights into Jesus’ parables as Kalas approaches the parables through the “back side”: through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new “lens,” or the eyes of a minor character.

- 10/25 The Good Samaritan  
Luke 10:25-37
- 11/1 The Prodigal Son  
Luke 15:1-32
- 11/8 Laborers in the Vineyard  
Matthew 20:1-15
- 11/15 Parable of the Talents  
Matthew 25:14-30
- 11/22 Parable of the Soils  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### Reclaiming Christmas

- 11/29 Christmas Comes to the Back Fence  
Luke 1:39-45
- 12/6 Challenges of the Holiday Season
- 12/13 Alternative Christmas Celebrations  
Starting New Traditions
- 12/20 Celebrating Christmas in a Hotel  
Luke 2:1-7

### BOOK STUDY



### EXCELLENT SHEEP: THE MISEDUCATION OF THE AMERICAN ELITE AND THE WAY TO A MEANINGFUL LIFE

7:30pm Tuesday evenings,  
Church Library,  
Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17

As a professor at Yale, author William Deresiewicz saw something that troubled him. His students, some of the nation’s brightest minds, were adrift when it came to the big questions: how to think critically and creatively and how to find a sense of purpose. Are the high schools and colleges of our young people turning out conformists without a compass? The Rev. Dan Love will lead this thought-provoking book study.



### CARING CONNECTIONS Stephen Ministry Course

Caring Connections is a Stephen Ministry-based course to help one become a better listener and caregiver. Taught over a period of 10 Monday nights, bookended by two Saturdays, the course begins Sept. 12, and ends Nov. 21. The course is open to all who wish to become a better caregiver. Those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister should take this course, and need to take four additional sessions in the New Year. Training will be led by our clergy and current and retired Stephen Ministers and Leaders. For more information and to register, please contact Carol Love, cloveny@optonline.net.

### SPECIAL EVENT

### *A Culture of Violence* *No One Is Immune*

Thursday, Nov. 5, 7:30pm, Assembly Room

When the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders, established by President Johnson, released its report in 1968, it called violence "as American as apple pie." This provocative statement has proved prophetic. No nation on earth, except those in the midst of war, has as much violent behavior as we do -- in our homes, on our televisions, and in our streets.

Please join us for a panel discussion featuring knowledgeable leaders who seek to address this topic in their professional and/or personal lives. The discussion will be followed by Q&A.