



Among the many questions that are posed to the Confirmation class throughout their year of study is this: what if “Holy Week” didn’t exist? What if Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem amid both celebration and consternation never happened? What if there were

no Last Supper, no arrest, no trial? What if there were no denial, no betrayal, no falling asleep during prayer by the disciples? What if there was no “Good Friday” – no crucifixion? No resurrection. No Easter. What if Jesus just kept on teaching and healing, and living until a ripe old age? Where would we be? Where would Christianity be?

Perhaps after his death, some of his disciples would have carried on his ministry, continuing to teach and heal as Jesus did. Perhaps there would even now be churches – gatherings of people still seeking to live as Jesus did and to minister to others as he did. But I doubt it.

Without the events of Holy Week, Christianity would be just another religion – another set of rules to follow, perhaps with rules even more challenging than ever before. “Love not just neighbor, but enemy! Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect!” With the bar raised that high, I suspect most would have long ago given up and moved on to simpler ways.

But the events of that Holy Week years ago change everything. Because at its core, the week, and the Christian faith, is not about what we do. It’s about what God is doing.

During that week we see that even the most promising individuals fail – ones that Jesus hand-selected! They betray, they fall asleep when asked to support Jesus in prayer. And when the going gets rough, they get going – right into hiding. “Jesus? I do not know him.”

Holy Week is not a story of human faithfulness. It is not a model for us of how to live our lives. Instead, it is the ultimate revelation of God’s faithfulness. Here we see that the faith we share is about God’s love, God’s mercy, God’s forgiveness and God’s restorative hope – even in the face of our failure. It is the most vivid statement of who God is, and what God is doing in this world and in us.

I know. It is also a school vacation week. I long for the year that the calendar doesn’t line up that way. But I encourage you – if you are here in town, come. Come to Palm Sunday to wonder at who this man Jesus is. Come on Maundy Thursday evening to gather remembering the Last Supper. Come to either of the Good Friday services – especially the 3:00 p.m. service if you have children – to experience the true meaning of that day. And then come to one of the joy-filled Easter services – sunrise at the beach; the 9:00 a.m. Flowering of the Cross family service; the 11:00 a.m.

communion service. And if you aren’t in town, I hear there are churches all over the country and all over the world who would be happy to welcome you, and where you can celebrate all that makes Christianity unique.

*This is the Good News –
the light shines in the darkness
and the darkness can never put it out.
Hallelujah!*



Holy Week and Easter Day Services

Palm Sunday - April 9

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Chapel
10:00 a.m. Worship beginning in the Assembly Room

Maundy Thursday - April 13

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion, in the Sanctuary

Good Friday - April 14

Traditional Service: 12:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary
Family Service: 3:00 p.m., starting in the Westminster Room

Easter Sunday - April 16

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service, Oakland Beach
9:00 a.m. Family Service, with Flowering of the Cross, Brass Quartet, and the Children’s Choir, in the Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion, with Brass Quartet and the Chancel Choir, in the Sanctuary

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One Great Hour of Sharing, The Peter Bishop Scholarship



Lent is traditionally a season of fasting and prayer. During this time, Christians pay close attention to spiritual disciplines that deepen our understanding of what God is doing in our lives and in the world. As a church, we spend time together hearing about and praying for the ministries of compassion and justice done through our support of One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering, received during Lent, supports three vital ministries of the Presbyterian Church (USA): Self-Development of People ([click here](#)), Presbyterian Hunger Program ([click here](#)), and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance ([click here](#)). Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression in society.

We invite you to take three minutes to watch a brief video of how a gift from this offering helped to transform the lives of a man, his family, and their village.



Bulletin inserts over the next couple of weeks will also help us to see the face of those whose lives have been changed by our gifts, but they are only a few of the thousands and thousands of people served in this important ministry.

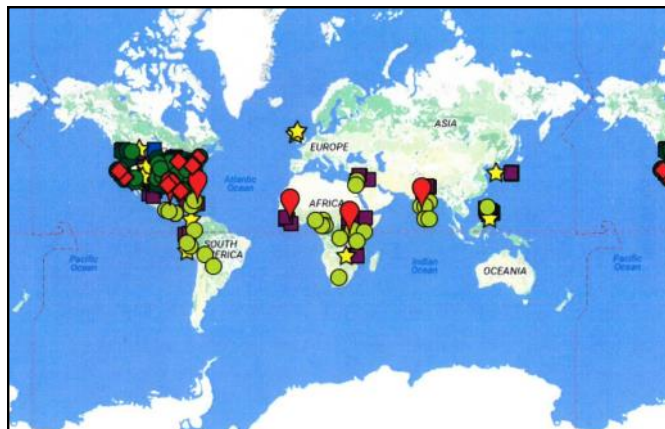
We'd also like to invite you to visit the One Great Hour of Sharing website (www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs) to find out more information on how your support of OGHS helps people all over the world, and offer prayers for the projects and people who receive them. See below for an interactive map of where in the world your offering is making a difference.

While we trust our OGHS programs to respond to the needs of our poorest and hungriest neighbors, those programs can only do so to the extent of our generosity. We invite you to give generously to the offering—you'll see how giving opens your heart to God's work in your own life. We hope that you'll join us by giving now through Easter Sunday, April 16. Offering envelopes are available in the pews. To give online, click [here](#). We trust that you'll join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing.



Interactive Map Shows One-Great Hour of Sharing Partners

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. **Find an interactive world map with One Great Hour of Sharing recipients [here](#).**



THE PETER BISHOP SCHOLARSHIP

Since 1968, Rye Presbyterian Church has awarded grants to graduating high school seniors who are going on to college studies. The award is in memory of Peter Bishop, son of a former pastor of RPC, who died while in high school.

The number of grants and the amounts awarded each year vary, but it is a one-time award given to students demonstrating academic promise and financial need, with priority consideration given to those seniors who have been active in the life of Rye Presbyterian Church.

If you are a Rye High School senior, application for this scholarship is done through the guidance office at RHS.

If you are not a student at Rye High School, but wish to apply for the scholarship, please contact [Rev. Love](#) for more information.

Church & Justice Sunday, Coming Home, Child & Youth Protection Policy, Stephen Ministry



CHURCH AND JUSTICE SUNDAY April 23

On April 23, Rye Presbyterian Church will celebrate the 23rd Anniversary of our Church and Justice worship service. This service is led by graduates of the New York Theological Seminary's Masters in Ministry program at Sing Sing Correctional Facility—a program RPC has supported for more than 22 years through monthly meetings with students in each year's class, as well as with graduates who remain incarcerated either at Sing Sing or Fishkill prison.

This year's guest preacher is Douglas Duncan who, at last year's Hudson Link banquet, received the Brian Fischer Award (named for the now-retired head of New York's Department of Corrections and Parole), which honors a person who has built a successful life giving back to society after release from prison. Douglas was released in 2014, the same year he graduated, and he hit the ground running to help young people, especially his three children. His is a remarkable story—and a story that is played out in a wide range of ways by others who graduate from the NYTS program or from the increasing number of privately funded college programs in New York.

When those men and women are ultimately released—and virtually everyone who goes to prison, no matter what the sentence, is ultimately released—they return to society to lead positive, productive lives. This year we will also be joined by participants in RPC's *Coming Home* program—which reaches out to people returning to freedom from incarceration. Hopefully, many of you have met them in our weekly Thursday evening dinners that are open to all.

The value of education in prison is proven every day by graduates' dramatically reduced recidivism rate and by the constructive value they add to their communities and the people who live there, especially young people. Helping restore those communities is a primary goal for these graduates upon release.

Many of them will take part in the service; many others, with their families, will join with our congregation in worship. This service is vivid testimony to the redemptive power of God's grace, as men of many faiths who have served long years in prison join in worship with RPC's congregation.

Coffee hour after the service will also provide you an opportunity to meet many of these men and their families and learn more about their work to help society since their release. Church and Justice Sunday is always a service of unique passion and energy, so we urge you to join us at either the 8:30 a.m. or the 10:00 a.m. service on April 23.



COMING HOME DINNERS - Thursdays

Church and community members are welcome to join us for dinner from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Reservations are not needed. Come and experience the special fellowship with these Returning Citizens who are committed to the Coming Home program.

Contact [John Miller](#) or
Program Coordinator, [Janet Donat](#) or call 914-645-8822

From the Clerk of Session New Child and Youth Protection Policy

In September 2016, Session approved a child and youth protection policy, which was a major objective of the Presbytery this past year. The policy is tailored to reflect the children and youth programs here at RPC, as well as meet common requirements across national and community youth programs. We believe that the practices adopted under this policy will help us achieve our goals of maintaining a safe and nurturing environment for our youngest members. The policy covers several key areas including supervision, qualifications and reporting. Implementation of the policy will begin this spring and will be fully implemented by the start of Sunday school in September of this year. Click [here](#) for a link to the full policy.

Stephen Ministry



One way our congregation provides for people in need is through a team of equipped caregivers—our Stephen Ministers. The initial 50-hour training lays the foundation for high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care. Subsequently, Continuing Education programs encourage RPC Stephen Ministers to gain insight, develop relational skills, and deepen one's faith. Recently, RPC Clergy facilitated engaging workshops on Mindfulness & Prayer, Confidentiality, Process-oriented Care, and Personality Types in Caregiving. Additionally, Stephen Leader Alison Wise coordinated opportunities for caregivers to learn from local community expertise. Bereavement coordinators from Hospice of Westchester led a session on grief and loss and a licensed clinical social worker reviewed the recent Rye survey results on addiction and substance abuse among youth. If you, or someone you know, is interested in learning more about educational opportunities for care givers, please contact Carol Love (914-536-9893, cloveny@optonline.net) or RPC clergy Dan Love or John Miller. "Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance," Proverbs 1:5

Adult Education

SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:00-9:45 A.M., WESTMINSTER ROOM
MYSTICISM & RELIGION

Rye
Presbyterian
Church

Click [here](#)
for Winter/Spring
Brochure

Opportunities
For Adult Education
And Spiritual Growth

Winter/Spring
2017

April 23 – Eastern Mysticism

Our own **Victor Kiarsis** will lead one session on Eastern Mysticism. Questions to be addressed: What is Eastern mysticism? What do Lao Tzu and the old Hindi Vedas say? What do our current day scientists say about it? What do Buddhism, mindfulness and enlightenment tell us about finding the mystic?

Victor attended Andover Academy, graduated from Dartmouth College, has an MBA from Amos Tuck Business School, and will be graduating from Fordham Graduate School of Social Services in May with his MSW. He is trained in hypnotherapy and trance work.



April 30 and May 7 – Jewish Mysticism

Longtime friend of our congregation, **Rabbi Daniel Gropper** of Community Synagogue of Rye, will lead two sessions exploring Mysticism within the Jewish tradition. This will include an introduction to Kabbalah, one of the better known traditions within Jewish mysticism, along with other mystic traditions and practices within Judaism.

Ordained in 1998 from Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, Rabbi Gropper has served congregations in California and Massachusetts. He holds a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters and one in Jewish Education from the Rhea Hirsch School of Jewish Education.



May 14 and 21 – Christian Mysticism

Our life is a faint tracing on the surface of mystery.

— Annie Dillard in *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek*

The **Rev. Leslie Mott** will lead two sessions on Christian Mysticism. Is it possible to be a mystic in the 21st century? These sessions will introduce you to a long tradition of people who have sought conscious contact with God in a direct and transformative way. We will explore some of the history, traditions, and the lives of some famous and not-so-famous mystics. But we'll also explore what this belief and practice can mean for us today.

Leslie Mott, M. Div., RYT, received her Masters from Princeton Theological Seminary and has served as teacher, chaplain, counselor, retreat leader, pastor and spiritual director. Having recently ended 12 years as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown in Cold Spring, NY, Leslie now ministers in the area of clergy care and nurture.



Christian Education, Confirmation

Sunday School

April is a busy, fun exciting month in Sunday School. There are so many great lessons being taught! Children continue to hear key stories from the gospels of John and Matthew as we lead up to Easter Sunday. They have read many stories about God's love through Jesus. They read about the story of Jesus talking to a woman at the well, a story of a blind man, and a story about Jesus' friend Lazarus, all of which show that Jesus spreads God's love everywhere to everyone. We continue to follow Jesus' Lenten journey ending Easter Sunday, with Jesus being alive, and us celebrating beautiful new life.

After Easter Sunday, we will transition to "Easter Season," the 50 day season between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. The children will explore more stories from the gospels of John, Luke, and the book of Acts. They will hear ways in which Jesus' followers shared God's love through words and actions. Some of these readings are exciting stories of courage and faithfulness. The color of this season is white, symbolic of new life.

One Great Hour of Sharing: On Sunday March 26, the children heard a story about "Gracie and the Reef Mender" and were given a "fish" bank to color and take home to fill with spare change. If you did not receive one, the Sunday school teachers will have them in their teaching bins for a couple of Sundays for those who were not there. Some ideas for adding change to your fish banks might be.....25 cents for each time you clear the kitchen table, make your bed, put your clothes in the laundry basket, clean your room, play with your sibling, say something nice to family or a friend, see a spring flower blooming, hear a bird chirping, saying a prayer for someone. Come up with some ideas with your families. See how fast you can fill your fish! You will have two weeks to fill them up! Please bring them to church on Palm Sunday, April 9, to place in our fish net to collect for those in need..

April 2: Grades 2nd-5th continue working on their Peeps Bible Story Dioramas/ Communion Sunday 5th-8th grades.

April 9: Palm Sunday

-Enrichment activities (children will go to the Westminster Room

-Voting on "Peeps" Dioramas at Coffee Hour.

-One Great Hour of Sharing: Please have your children bring in their "Fish banks" to place in the fish net located in the Assembly Room during coffee hour.

April 16: Easter Sunday - No Sunday School.

April 23: Regular Sunday School

April 30: Singing Our Faith

Middle School Connection

RPC's Middle School Youth Group is open to all 6th-8th graders.

**Wednesdays, April 5 and 19,
5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms**

For more info, contact Rev. Love

dlove@ryepc.com.

High School Youth Group

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

Sunday, April 2,

NOLA Bingo Fundraiser during Coffee Hour in the Assembly Room.

Sunday, April 23,

6:30-7:30 p.m., Youth Rooms

Sunday, April 30,

meet at 6:00 p.m. at the church to go Rock Climbing with young men from the Youth Shelter of Westchester.

For more info, contact John Miller:

jmiller@ryepc.com.

During this time of transition on our church staff, John and Heather Miller are meeting with our High School Youth Group. On February 12, the youth gathered at the Millers' manse for pizza and planning for the rest of the spring. On February 26, we talked about the topic of endurance. Sunday, March 12, was a very special evening as 18 of our youth, along with John and Heather, welcomed 12 young men who live at the Youth Shelter of Westchester, along with four of their staff, for dinner. The Youth Shelter Executive Director, Christian Philemon, then led us all in an exercise and discussion about some of our differences, but also our similarities. On April 2, we'll have our annual Bingo fundraiser for the NOLA trips. This will be held

during the coffee hour in the Assembly Room. On April 23, our regular meeting is from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Rooms. On April 30 we will go rock climbing with young men from the Youth Shelter of Westchester.

Confirmation

This year's class is in the home stretch! Last month the class began work on their statements of faith. They have put words to their thoughts about their relationships with God, and how their faith informs and grounds their lives. Here is a sample for you: *"I don't believe God put us on this earth to control us and create a paradise. I don't think He sends down random miracles to solve our problems for us. I believe we're here to find our own paths and He's here to guide and protect us along the way."*

With their statements of faith being fine tuned, the class will meet several times this month. On April 2, we'll meet for our final discussion about the life of faith. On April 23, we will meet all together for the last time to wrap up final details and plan worship for Confirmation Sunday. During the month, each confirmand will meet with an elder to talk about their year and their readiness to confirm their faith. On Wednesday, April 26, at 8:00 p.m., the class will meet with the entire Session, and, if prepared to do so, be voted in as the newest members of Rye Presbyterian Church. Finally, on Saturday, May 6, at 10:00 a.m. there will be a rehearsal for the confirmation class in the sanctuary.

Confirmation will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, May 7, with a breakfast at 8:45 a.m. in the Assembly Room for parents and families of the confirmation class.

Confirmation in the Westminster Room

April 2: 4:00 p.m. A-L; 5:00 p.m. M-Z

April 23: 5:00 p.m. - everyone

April 26: 8:00 p.m. meeting with Session

*Confirmation Sunday
May 7*

Music Notes



From Jason Charneski

Join the Chancel Choir for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter

Please let me know (jcharneski@ryepc.com or 914-967-0842, ext. 16) if you have interest in singing in the Chancel Choir for services on Palm Sunday (April 9), Maundy Thursday (April 13), and Easter (April 16). All voice parts are welcome, as is anyone of the age of high school junior and older.

Cantus in Concert on Friday, April 21

The “signature event” of the first year of the new series of Concerts at Rye Presbyterian will be a performance by Cantus, the Minnesota-based highly-acclaimed men’s professional choral ensemble, in the Sanctuary on Friday, April 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The program, titled “No Greater Love Than This,” will explore through sound and word things common to soldiers: camaraderie, bravery, honor, elation, loss. Music by John Lennon, Bob Chilcott, Lee Hoiby, William Billings, a commissioned work by Jeff Beal (think *House of Cards*), and more will make for a poignant and beautiful evening. Audio files of Cantus have been posted on the church’s website (accessible through links on the Music and the “What’s Happening” pages). Additional information about Cantus is available at www.cantussings.org.

You may purchase tickets in advance (call or e-mail me; see info. above) or at the door. Premium seats (limited to 50) are \$20 each; general seats are \$10 each. This concert – and the larger new concert series – is made possible by the Imagine Initiative.

Imagine



Congratulations to Nancy Bassett, 2017 recipient of the Davidson T. Gordon Quiet Service Award!

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2017
Concerts

Cantus

Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.



Cantus, the highly-acclaimed nine-voice men’s professional choral ensemble, will present a concert, *No Greater Love Than This*, which explores the life of a soldier. **Admission:** premium seating (limited to 50) \$20 each; general seating \$10 each. To order tickets online, click [here](#).

Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian

Ronald Arron, artistic director

Sunday, April 30, at 2:30 p.m.

Schumann, Saint-Saens, and Brahms
Piano & Strings

Jeewon Park, piano; David Chan, violin;
Rafael Figueroa, cello



Please contact Ronald Arron at ronar-ran@optonline.net or 914-523-4646 for more information or to reserve seats (\$20 for RPC members; \$40 general public).

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RPC Upcoming Events



5TH ANNUAL GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PEEPS CHALLENGE

"And all the PEEple said, Amen!"

Sunday, April 9

Children grades 2-5 will be finishing their construction of their Peeps Bible Stories on April 2. Marvelous creations are hand-crafted using the most venerable of artistic mediums: Peeps Easter candy. Remember those yellow marshmallow bunnies? Yes, those! The one-of-a-kind projects will be on display during a special PEEptacular coffee hour on April 9, where the congregation will vote. The "PEEple's Choice Winner" and other awards will then be announced.

Don't miss out!



April Family Fellowship
Fun for all ages!

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Mardi Gras BINGO

Sunday, April 2

11:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.

in the RPC Assembly Room

All proceeds from the event
will go towards the
Youth Mission Trips to New Orleans.

Save the Date . . . Time for Spring cleaning and giving !

It's the . . . **THRIFT SHOP SPRING SATURDAY SALE**

Saturday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All of the proceeds are given to local non-profits and do so much for our larger community. We need your special donations to be dropped off all day Friday, April 28.

(Go to <http://ryepc.com/ministries/thrift-shop/> for specific guidelines.)

Then come SHOP! Tell your friends and
spread the word !!



Save the Date . . .

Old Fashioned Pot Luck Dinner and Fundraiser

Saturday, May 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Bring: Favorite pot luck specialty to share ! Wine, beer, and soft drinks provided !

Admission: A gift for the giving tree to support RPC Mission partners !

Silent Auction ! One item is a Tuscan villa for a week.

Come one, come all !

RPC Mission & Outreach Committee

Proceeds from this event provide a portion of the RPC giving budget.

Your presence and generosity are deeply appreciated. They help RPC fulfill its calling to be
the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Weekends in April, Bible Study

Saturday, April 1

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

Sunday, April 2—Fifth Sunday in Lent

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 with Communion in the Sanctuary
New Members received
Sunday School

-Children attend worship through children's message.

11:15 a.m. Bingo NOLA Fund Raiser / Assembly Room

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class A-L / Westminster Room

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class M-Z / Westminster Room

Saturday, April 8

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

Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
(beginning in Westminster Room)

Children's Choir sings

No Sunday School—Enrichment Activities

8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, April 15

NO SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 16—Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service / Oakland Beach

9:00 a.m. Family Service, with Flowering of the Cross, Brass Quartet, and the Children's Choir in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion, with Brass Quartet, and the Chancel Choir in the Sanctuary

No Sunday School—Children invited to stay with their families during the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.

Saturday, April 22

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

Sunday, April 23—Church & Justice Sunday

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.

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (all) / Westminster Room

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Youth Rooms

8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

Saturday, April 29

9:00 a.m. Thrift Shop Saturday Spring Sale

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

Sunday, April 30

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.

2:30 p.m. Chamber Music at RPC / Sanctuary

6:00 p.m. High School Youth / Rock Climbing

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

**Sundays, April 9 and 23,
at 8:00 p.m. in the Library**

Join in the journey through Psalms!

If you'd like to be on the email reminder list for this gathering, please contact Rev. Love at dlove@ryepc.com.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

**Wednesdays, April 12 and 26,
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library**

All are welcome to our ongoing reading and discussion of the classic stories of the Old Testament. Contact Rev. Love (dlove@ryepc.com) for more information.

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, dates TBD, 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).

RYE WOMEN'S INTERFAITH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND RECEPTION

"We are all God's Children, No exceptions"
Featuring Rev. Thomas Collins

Sunday, April 23

3:00 p.m.—Registration / 3:30 p.m.—Program
Reception to follow

Resurrection Chapel, 88 Milton Road, Rye
(formerly United Methodist Church)

Conference & Reception \$15.00 (not refundable)

RSVP: Send your check payable to Rye Women's Interfaith Committee before April 15 to:

Janet Meyers

10 Roger Sherman Place, Rye, NY 10580

For further information call:

Marianne at 914-921-1032 or Jane at 914-921-4002.

April Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, EASTER MONDAY

BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons: Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., Library
Trustees: Wednesday, April 19, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room
Session: Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

WORSHIP AND STUDY

Worship on Saturday Evening:

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m., April 1, 8, 22, 29

Worship on Sunday:

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Holy Week:

Palm Sunday: April 9, 8:30 a.m., Chapel, and 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary (beginning in Assembly Room)

Maundy Thursday: April 13, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday: April 14, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary, and 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary (starting in the Westminster Room)

Easter Sunday: April 16, 6:00 a.m., Oakland Beach; 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary; and 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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

Adult Education:

Sundays, 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room:

Understanding the Resurrection: April 2 / **Eastern Mysticism:** April 23 / **Jewish Mysticism:** April 30 and May 7

Lenten Book Study: Scot McKnight's "Living the Jesus Creed," Tuesdays, April 4 and 11, 7:30 p.m., Library

Sunday School: Regular Sunday School on April 2, 23, and 30; Enrichment Activities April 9;

no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 16.

Confirmation: Sundays in the Westminster Room, April 2, 4:00 p.m. A-L and 5:00 p.m., M-Z

and April 23, 5:00 p.m. everyone. Meet with Session: Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room.

New Members: Recognition of Members, Sunday, April 2, during 10:00 a.m. worship service

Men's Sunday Bible Study: April 9 and 23, 8:00 p.m., Library

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: April 12 and 26, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women's Bible Study: Saturdays, dates TBD, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women's Discipleship: Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m., locations TBD

YOUTH

Boy Scout Troop #2: Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Connection: Wednesdays, April 5 and 19, 5:30 p.m., Youth Room

High School Youth Group: Sundays, April 23 and 30, 6:00 p.m., Youth Rooms; Sunday, April 30, Rock Climbing

MUSIC

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Sundays, 9:15 and 11:30 a.m.

Children's Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays, 3:45 p.m., Choir Room; Sunday, April 9, 9:30 a.m., Chapel

Youth Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays/Sundays TBD

OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

3 Ts: Tuesday, April 18, 10:00 a.m., Westminster Room

Coming Home: Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, and 27, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

Concert: Cantus, Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.

Concert: Chamber Music at RPC, Sunday April 30, 2:30 p.m.

Family Fellowship: NOLA Bingo Fundraiser, Sunday, April 2, during Coffee Hour., Assembly Room

Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, April 5, 7:30 p.m., Library

Stephen Ministry:

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, April 4, 5:30 p.m., Library

Continuing Education and Supervision: April 4, 7:00 p.m., Library

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

Spring Saturday Sale, April 29, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Women's Association: Monthly Meeting, Monday, April 3, 9:00 a.m., Library

OUTREACH AND SUPPORT GROUPS

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

AA Group: Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Youth Rooms

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

Sandwichmakers: Thursday, April 20, 10:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

On Saturday, March 4, Rye Presbyterian Nursery School held its 20th annual Pan-



cake Breakfast. This event brings the RPNS community together, with a special emphasis on welcoming new families to RPNS.

Families gathered in the Assembly Room to enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausages, bagels, and fruit served by RPNS parent and teacher volunteers. The children also had their photo taken with Clifford, the Big Red Dog, on the stage during breakfast. Entertainment at the event included a music show led by children's band "Songs for Seeds" and a spring art project designed by RPNS studio teacher, Gail Walter. The children



planted seeds in soil and decorated vases with colored tissue paper. Participants at the Pancake Breakfast also purchased books at the Scholastic Book Fair set up in the Westminster Room.



New to the event this year was a gallery of collaborative art pieces created by the children. The students in each class worked together to create a piece for auction. The artwork was on display in the

hallway at the Pancake Breakfast with bidding sheets next to each piece. Parents were invited to bid on the artwork and the highest bidder at the end of the



Pancake Breakfast was the winner of the collaborative piece and got to take it home.

All the proceeds from the auction went to our Flood Family Scholarship Fund.



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