

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 8:00 p.m. in the Library under the leadership of Rev. Love.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion group led by Rev. Dan Love meets every other Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. 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. They meet every other Saturday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. For more information please contact Cynthia DeSantis (desantiscw@aol.com).

The Women's Discipleship group meets Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Every 4-8 weeks they start a new book or topic, so newcomers are welcome at any time! It is a wonderful time of fellowship, prayer, education, and encouragement. If you would like more information, please contact Alicia Baldwin (alicia.baldwin@verizon.net) or Courtney Bennett (bennett910@gmail.com)

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS

If you are interested in joining Rye Presbyterian Church, you are invited to participate in our New Member Orientation Class on April 8 and 15 in the Library. Together we'll explore what it means to be a Presbyterian, and how to live out our faith as part of this church and community.

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) or at 914-282-7733. The day and time of meeting is determined by the group.

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: Suzanne Davies (suzannebd1@aol.com).

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Adult Education Winter/Spring 2018

SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:00 – 9:45 A.M.
WESTMINSTER ROOM



FEASTING
on the WORD™

January 7 – June 10

How does your faith formation and worship integrate with your knowledge and experience of the world? Adults see the world through the filter of life experience and life transitions. Adults enter Bible study and worship with this variety of views. *Feasting on the Word* engages adults in a deeper exploration of biblical texts.

This lectionary-based study will be facilitated by both staff and church members as we explore the scriptural texts that will be used in worship each Sunday. Faith is enhanced when the Scriptures read and proclaimed in worship are expanded on during our studies together. Each session is a stand-alone session, so participants can join the study at any point. Education and worship can be mutually supportive in helping God's word come alive in the Sunday morning experience.

(There will be **no** class on the following holiday weekends: 1/14, 1/18, 4/1, 5/27.)

We are trying something new with this ongoing study during the winter and spring. Topical studies will be offered through our book study, Lenten studies, and special events during this time.

SPECIAL EVENT



January 28 & February 11

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Westminster Room

Ava DuVernay's powerful documentary *13th* introduces the words of the thirteenth amendment of the United States Constitution: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." *13th* argues that although slavery was abolished in 1865, this clause legally embedded and allowed a form of enslavement into American institutions. *13th* is a historical survey that directly links slavery to today's prison-industrial complex. The film traces the 150 year-old history of race, incarceration, and disempowerment of minority communities in America. By the end of the Jim Crow era and the Civil Rights movements, the US saw an end to legal segregation. What followed was a more surreptitious form of racial control as open violence and discrimination were replaced by the racially-coded rhetoric of "law and order" and the "war on crime."

Due to the length of this film, we'll watch the first half followed by discussion. Two weeks later we'll watch the second half, followed by discussion.

(Note that this film is not rated, but does include some graphic scenes and images of violence.)

LENTEN STUDIES (2)

Aging Well: A Theological Perspective

Tuesdays, February 13, 20, March 6, 13, 20

7:30 p.m. in the Library

(No class February 27)

This five week study will use a monograph by the same title along with the book *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. We'll explore the aging process from a theological viewpoint and how we can prepare ourselves as we face the winter of our lives. John Miller will facilitate this group.

***My Song is Love Unknown:* A Survey of Music for Holy Week**

Mondays, March 5 and 19

7:30 p.m. in Crawford Chapel

Jason Charneski will lead us in an exploration of music for Holy Week, specifically the many hymns, anthems, and solos that testify to the events and the conversations of that week being a love story demonstrating God's grace.

We will sing. We will listen to recordings. And, we will share in discussion about the texts and the music, all in preparation for our own walk this year with Jesus from outside the gates of Jerusalem to the hill at Calvary.

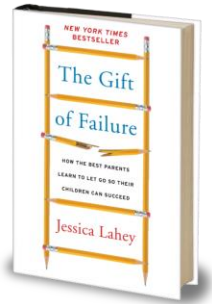
For more information about upcoming programs, please check the weekly email, the bulletin, or our website.

**For questions, please contact
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Childcare is available upon request.

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BOOK STUDY



The Gift of Failure

Tuesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24,
and May 1

7:30 p.m. in the Library

Every time we stand and pledge our support to a child at baptism, we take on great responsibility in the healthy nurture of that child. Here in this church, we do that often! But sometimes our love and commitment can unintentionally get in the way of their healthy development. In an anxious and often over-protective age, Jessica Lahey's important book challenges parents and all who are entrusted with the care of children to allow them to experience the disappointment and frustration that occur amid life's inevitable difficulties. Even though we see ourselves as focusing on a child's well-being, we often shelter them from the experience of failure—and the opportunity to develop resilience and self-reliance.

Lahey lays out a path forward with practical and specific advice. Most importantly, she pushes parents to learn to step back and embrace their children's failures. "Hard-hitting, warm, and wise," *The Gift of Failure* is well-timed reading for parents, teachers, and anyone who is committed to helping children live into their best selves. Dan Love and Jean-Paul Marshall will be leading these discussions.