

# Gathering, Growing, and Going

## ADULT EDUCATION

Classes are offered most Sunday mornings from 9:00am to 9:45am in the Westminster Room. We engage a variety of interesting and important topics. Other classes and special events are offered from time to time mid-week during the day or in the evening. Please visit the church website for the current Adult Education Brochure.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This group of men has been gathering in some form since 1998! Not known for speed reading, they nonetheless have covered most of the New Testament, and many parts of the Old. We meet twice a month on Sunday evenings at 8:00pm for what has proven to be a meaningful time of study, conversation, and fellowship. Dan Love ([dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com), 914-967-0842).

## MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Begun in 2000, but always welcoming new people, this group meets every other Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. for a time of scripture reading and conversation. People come with all levels of biblical knowledge, but they come game to explore and think together about how these ancient readings connect and speak to our lives today. Two of our regulars have even gone on to seminary! Dan Love ([dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com), 914-967-0842).

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This group gathers every other Saturday morning at 10:00am in the Library to explore the scriptures, enjoy spirited discussion, and create a sanctuary for spiritual growth. Cynthia DeSantis ([desantiscw@aol.com](mailto:desantiscw@aol.com), 914-967-2493).

## WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

This group meets every Tuesday from 1:00-2:30pm in the Library. Every 4-8 weeks we start a new book or topic, so newcomers are welcome at any time. It is a wonderful time of fellowship, prayer, education, and encouragement. Rachael Huntley ([rhuntley@ryepc.com](mailto:rhuntley@ryepc.com)), 914-967-0842).

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Steeped in a long tradition of uniting the women of the church in service and fellowship, many activities are offered, such as luncheons, outings, presentations, and coffees, where the women of the church can come together, learn from each other, support important community causes and, build lasting friendships. Mona Hirson ([monahirson@msn.com](mailto:monahirson@msn.com), 914-967-3253).

## 3 T's

Meets the Third Tuesday of each month at 10:00am in the Library for an informal discussion on a variety of meaningful topics. Everyone is invited. Jane Mickatavage (914-967-8622) or Nancy Steed ([steedheart@aol.com](mailto:steedheart@aol.com), 914-328-9658).

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS SUNDAY SCHOOL

RPC Christian Education is dedicated to providing a warm, nurturing, and fun environment for children to explore and learn about their faith. Teaching through hands-on learning, service to others, and a lectionary-based curriculum, the goal is to provide children with a lifelong foundation of what it means to live the Christian faith. Rachael Huntley ([rhuntley@ryepc.com](mailto:rhuntley@ryepc.com), 914-967-0842).

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP

RPC's popular High School Mission trip has gone to New Orleans for the past four years and will go again in 2017. We are looking forward to having fun and helping to rebuild the Crescent City. The hard and fast deadline to sign up is Jan. 1. Look for informational meetings this fall. Rachael Huntley ([rhuntley@ryepc.com](mailto:rhuntley@ryepc.com), 914-967-0842).

## YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Strengthen musical, performance, and leadership skills while serving the RPC community through the arts. Sunday School Music Program helps children internalize the fundamentals of the Christian faith through song. Lisa Rawson ([lrawson@ryepc.com](mailto:lrawson@ryepc.com), 914-967-0842).

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Provides twice-monthly community service-oriented activities for 9th -12th graders. You might find our HSYG serving in a soup kitchen, collecting toiletries for women's shelters, or secretly planting pink plastic flamingos on church members' lawns to raise money. Rachael Huntley ([rhuntley@ryepc.com](mailto:rhuntley@ryepc.com), 914-967-0842).

## CONNECTION

RPC's Middle School Youth Group meets most 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month for a pizza dinner; spiritual reflection, meditation, and learning; plus fun and games! All 6th-8th graders are welcome. Dan Love ([dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com)) and Rachael Huntley ([rhuntley@ryepc.com](mailto:rhuntley@ryepc.com), 914-967-0842).

## RYE PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL

Offers a first-class weekday nursery school for the children within this church and community. Through a Reggio-inspired approach to early childhood education, children are engaged in in-depth investigations based on their interests. Every day children learn through art, music, movement, play, and small group work. The goal of the nursery school is to provide a safe and secure environment for the physical, cognitive, spiritual, and social development of our young children while working collaboratively with parents. Kristin Kumar ([kkumar@rpnskids.org](mailto:kkumar@rpnskids.org)) and Margaret Sculti ([msculti@rpnskids.org](mailto:msculti@rpnskids.org), 914-967-2073).

## RYE PLAY SCHOOL

A childcare program providing morning classes for children six months through four years. Our afternoon lunch bunch program extends the day for RPNS children who are three and four years of age. Yvonne Zuk ([info@ryeplayschool.com](mailto:info@ryeplayschool.com), 914-967-6334).

## TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE SESSION

Oversees the mission and governance of RPC through various committees, all under the leadership of our co-Pastors and eighteen elected elders plus one youth elder. Julia Thomas ([julia.thomas01@yahoo.com](mailto:julia.thomas01@yahoo.com), 914-921-1567).

# Rye Presbyterian Church

## TRUSTEES

Focus on the "temporal" aspects of RPC, working closely with our staff – notably the chief administrative officer. Regular duties include overseeing RPC's finances, insurance, technology, building and grounds, and administration. A trustee sits on the RPNS Board, and Personnel and Stewardship Committees. John Hunt ([john.h.hunt3@gmail.com](mailto:john.h.hunt3@gmail.com), 914-921-2634).

## DEACONS

Tend to and care for the needs of our parish by assisting with baptisms, welcoming new members, holding regular social events (New Member Desserts, Fall Picnic, Tree Lighting Party), supplying Care Notes, preparing college freshmen care packages, delivering flowers, serving at coffee hour, managing Dinner-at-Noon at the Carver Center, and much more. Volunteers welcome! Lisa King ([lisa.king@mac.com](mailto:lisa.king@mac.com), 914-209-9815).

## STEWARDSHIP

Encourages members to be good stewards of all that we have, and to support the church in its mission by offering up their time, talent, treasure, and influence as a way to fulfill God's purpose. Cheryl Hunt ([huntjcw@aol.com](mailto:huntjcw@aol.com), 914-921-2634).

## COMMUNICATIONS

Employs various media channels to assist our congregation in staying connected with one another and strengthen awareness of church activities. It strives to expand RPC's presence in the local community by communicating RPC's mission and outreach activities in both our local community and the world at large. Bob Sawyer ([robertsawyer19@gmail.com](mailto:robertsawyer19@gmail.com), 914-967-8014).

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Responsible for membership rolls, new member introductions, and oversight of the church's caring ministries. Doug MacLaury ([dmaclaury@mattonegroup.com](mailto:dmaclaury@mattonegroup.com), 914-921-6252).

## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC**

Together with the co-Pastors, oversees all aspects of public worship in the congregation, and with the Director of Music all matters pertaining to the music program, including the Adult Choir. Tony Savarese (tsav@ajsav.com, 914-835-1284).

## **CHANCEL CHOIR**

An ensemble of volunteer and professional singers that offers choral music in the 10:00am service for approximately nine months of the year (September-May), for special services (Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday, to name two), and occasional concerts. The ability to match and maintain pitch is essential, as is a sense of humor; being able to read music is helpful. Please contact Jason Charneski (jcharneski@ryepc.com, 914-967-0842x16) if you have interest in being a part of this important microcosm of RPC.

## **SERVICE AND SUPPORT**

### **MISSION AND OUTREACH**

Upholds RPC's mission to meet the spiritual and physical needs of our neighbors, locally and globally, by identifying and supporting a broad range of organizations and programs. An annual fundraiser supplements our pledge income and expands our possibilities in these areas. Dorrit Nelson (dorrit.nelson@gmail.com, 914-630-7130) and Kim O'Connor (ryestacks@gmail.com, 914-925-9838).

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Paul urged all Christians to "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). The Stephen Ministry at Rye PC provides one-on-one care to people who are going through difficult times. Stephen Ministers are congregation members who have undergone 50 hours of in-depth training to be thoughtful, confidential caregivers to others in need. Tav Rogers (tav@rogers.fm, 914-400-3568).

### **WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION THRIFT SHOP**

Accepts donations from all community members, and is open for business on Thursdays from 10am-1pm. The shop is completely staffed by volunteers, and all

proceeds are given out each year, in the form of grants, to primarily local area non-profits. For the past five years, the Thrift Shop has donated \$60,000 to community efforts in Rye and beyond, and kept literally tons of usable goods out of landfills. Suzanne Davies (Suzannebd1@aol.com, 914-967-6408).

## **SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP**

Please join us in the library each Sunday at 8:40am as we gather to offer together our prayers of joy, concern, and support. If you have any questions, would like to help as a prayer facilitator, or would like to submit a prayer request, please contact Tony Savarese (tsav@ajsav.com, 914-835-1284). *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them..." Matthew 18:19-20.*

## **E-MAIL PRAYER GROUP**

Please join us in our ministry of prayer for others. Or, if you have a prayer request, please do not hesitate to contact rpcprayers@gmail.com.

## **FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM**

Matches visitors with those who would like a friendly visit to chat over a cup of coffee or tea, or ease the tedium of recuperating from surgery or illness. Visiting may be desired due to a short-term confinement or to provide a longer, more consistent relationship. The program will work to match the needs of each individual and volunteer. No prior care-giving experience needed, just a desire to bring a smile to a fellow parishioner or community member. Tav Rogers (tav@rogers.fm, 914-400-3568).

## **COMING HOME**

Our Coming Home program is a life skills empowerment program for returning citizens (formerly incarcerated individuals). The program is 18 weeks long. Each session includes a meal followed by discussion topics for the participants. There are many opportunities to volunteer whether it be as a mentor or with assisting with the meal preparation and serving. For further information, contact Janet Donat, Program Coordinator (donatjanet@yahoo.com,

914-645-8822), or John Miller (jmiller@ryepc.com, 914-067-0842.)

## **PRISON MINISTRY**

I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me" Matthew 25:36. In addition to monthly workshops with men in college and graduate programs at Sing Sing and Fishkill, we work with men who have graduated from those programs, been released, and are living positive and productive lives on the "outside." The highlight of our ministry is the annual Church and Justice Service, led entirely by men we have worked with on the "inside." Bob or Nancy Steed (bsteed55@aol.com, 914-328-9658).