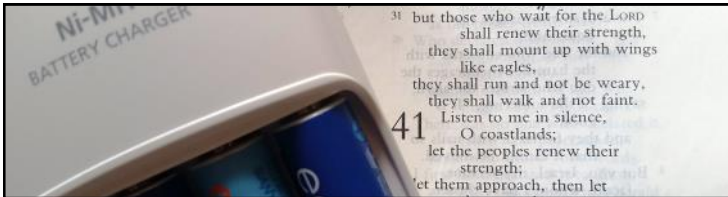


Summer 2018 — Join me on Sabbatical



In the spirit of “recharging,” just over a year ago, the RPC Session voted to grant me a sabbatical leave for June, July, and August of 2018. To fund that sabbatical, I applied for a grant from the Lilly Endowment Pastoral Renewal Program. The Lilly Endowment’s grant is “designed to deepen and enrich the religious lives of American Christians. It does this largely through initiatives to enhance and sustain the quality of ministry in American congregations and parishes.”

What follows is an excerpt from my 2017 grant proposal:

“Serving the Rye Presbyterian Church has been one of the greatest joys of my life. It is a growing, engaged church, full of activity, with a heart for mission, and teeming with children and youth. It is amazing to realize that the largest part of my professional life will be lived in this one place. But I would have it no other way. After 19 years of ministry here, it might be easy to coast along, doing things ‘the way they’ve always been done.’ But I desire for my own life to mirror what I see in this church: growth, enthusiasm, energy, and a commitment to face the evolving challenges of the world we live in.

The world these days seems increasingly divided, with unity found in smaller and smaller gatherings of like-minded individuals. Many churches seem to be following the same fate – divided on issues of morality and social justice, and by the politics that dominate the landscape. Life itself feels increasingly fragmented, and often unhealthy. Religion is practiced, but relegated to being one more activity in hectic lives. Family relationships and friendships are pushed to the margins as “busyness” becomes the order of the day. What is it at the center, as author Richard Rohr asks, that holds us together as “circumferential people?”

“I sense this dynamic at a personal level. On the one hand, my work in the life of the church has become increasingly “of this world.” In addition to worship, pastoral care and teaching, much larger portions of my time and energy are devoted to the details of personnel, budgets, and management. At the same time, I have been drawn to contemplative practices and reading – things that speak to the nourishment of the spirit and the spiritual life. Intriguingly, this path also speaks of a more “integrative” way – one that doesn’t leave the world behind to simply attend to matters of spirit, but seeks to live all of life as a more integrated whole – one where mind, body, and spirit are deeply connected.”

“I hope this time will be spiritually, mentally, and physically re-centering. I hope to enter this next chapter refreshed and re-energized by a vision for how the “busyness” of church and life can be infused with the life of the Spirit. It is my hope that this renewal experience will better ground me in this integrative way of thinking, living, and doing ministry, helping me to better lead others on a similar path.”

To that end, my sabbatical, from June 3 to September 9, has several different facets:

-Mind. Throughout the summer I will be taking a course in Not-for-Profit Management. Seminary was wonderful, but it didn’t do a whole lot to prepare me for the more “practical” aspects of ministry in a church the size of RPC.

-Body. Throughout the summer, through yoga classes and work with professionals, my goal is to build some better patterns for my long-term physical health.

-Spirit. Through classes at Yale Divinity School, and several retreats that focus on Christian spirituality and the arts, I hope to go deeper into the “contemplative” path of faith – through prayer and other spiritual practices, integrating spirituality with everyday life.

-Rest and Renewal. One of the great gifts of this sabbatical will simply be time - time to relax and do things that, as the Lilly program says, “make your heart sing.” For me that will be time gardening, time with family near and far, time upstate in the Adirondacks, and time to reconnect with friends.

I am exceedingly grateful for this opportunity - grateful to the leadership of the church for building it in our co-pastor terms of call; grateful to the Lilly Foundation for making it financially possible; and grateful to John, Jean-Paul, and the rest of the church staff for picking up the load as I step out for a time.

Finally, an invitation.

So what about you? I hope the summer ahead affords you the opportunity to do some of the things that “make your heart sing.” In addition, I invite you to explore some of the directions of my sabbatical with me. Author Richard Rohr has been a significant catalyst in this process for me as he articulates and encourages the integrative contemplative Christian path. I invite you to join me in that exploration. Richard has a daily devotional that I find very helpful – look for a link in church emails to sign up for that daily email. In addition, he has several books worth your time – “Everything Belongs” and “Falling Upward.” I will make free copies available in the church library. Please join me!

Friends, enjoy your summer. I will miss being in your midst, but I look forward to being back with you to continue the journey of faith together.



Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2018

Caroline Appleyard, daughter of Sheryl and Randy Appleyard

Catharina Ausfahl, daughter of Corinna and Tom Ausfahl

Lucas Brown, son of Marcy Haydel and Rod Brown

Jesse Curry, daughter of Cynthia and Bernard Curry

Nicolas Eckstein, son of Kerri Olson and Ariel Eckstein

Johnny Foresman, son of Luda and Bob Foresman

Georgia Gallagher, daughter of Betsy and Jim Gallagher

Alexandra Grigg, daughter of Mindy and Doug Grigg

Chloe Herzog, daughter of Bonnie and Michael Herzog

Madeline Howson, daughter of Molly and Jud Howson

Emma Kahle, daughter of Liz and Jeff Kahle

Andrew Lent, son of Jennifer and Clifford Lent

Nicholas Logan, son of Caroline and Doug Logan

Abigail Lonnegren, daughter of Lisa and Mark Lonnegren

Courtney Lopp, daughter of Ingrid and David Lopp

Daniella Lukes, daughter of Mónica and Tim Lukes

Elizabeth Mackle, daughter of Susan and Bruce Mackle

Vincent Mandracchia, son of Diane and Stephen Mandracchia

Frederick Manning, son of Christie and Chris Manning

Emma Marshall, daughter of Lorri and James Marshall

Joseph Montalto, son of Debbie and Joe Montalto

Kevin Rohde, son of Darla and Greg Rohde

Parker Russell, son of Carolyn and Christopher Russell

Avery Sammons, daughter of Diane and David Sammons

Spencer Schultz, son of Wendy Hyer and Michael Schultz

Shelby Smith, daughter of Lila and Nick Smith

Caroline Stevens, daughter of Jennifer and Scot Stevens

David Thurston, son of Kimberly and Charlie Thurston

Sasha van Vredenburg, daughter of Eunice and Pieter van Vredenburg

Elizabeth Yeager, daughter of Helen and Scott Yeager



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SUNDAY MORNINGS TO JUNE 10
9:00-9:45 A.M., WESTMINSTER ROOM



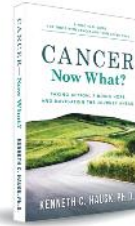
FEASTING
on the WORD

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.

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MINISTRY

For decades, Stephen Ministries has been developing and publishing books on a variety of topics. These books can be used as caring resources for congregations or references for personal study and growth. Likely all of us know somebody affected by cancer, whether it's a relative, friend, coworker, church member, or client. A simple, powerful way to offer care and support during this time is to give a copy of *Cancer—Now What?*



Cancer—Now What? is a practical, caring guide that helps patients and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges they may encounter. This caring, how-to resource, written in a warm, conversational style, provides helpful information, practical ideas, and hope-filled encouragement. Stephen Ministries and Rye Presbyterian Church provide many resources to help equip people in need. Please contact the clergy or Stephen Leader Carol Love (914-536-9893 or cloveny@optonline.net) to learn more.



Election of Church Officers

The next election of church officers is in November, to begin serving in January 2019, but now is a good time to ponder how you or someone you nominate might best serve God and RPC in a leadership role. The Nominating Committee is already at work compiling a list of church members interested in serving.

We learn from Scripture that there are many ways for each of us to serve, as we each have unique gifts and qualifications. Our church will grow still stronger with Boards that reflect the diversity of our congregation.

Please prayerfully consider suggesting yourself or someone you admire to be considered to serve as a church Elder, Deacon, Trustee (each serves a three-year term), or member of the Nominating Committee (each serves a two-year term).

The Recommendations Form can be accessed in several ways: in church bulletins during the month; in your email; or on our church website (click [here](#)). Completed forms may be returned to the box by the church reception office or via email to mdversfelt@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Mary Versfelt (Chair), Davidson Gordon, Kristin Jautz, Lisa King, Carol Love, Doug MacLaury, Scott Snell, Nancy Steed.



RPC hawk hard at work!



Reminder: It's Time to Update the RPC Photo Directory

Please take a moment to check out your photo in the current RPC Directory, or follow this link - rvpc.com/resources/database-login-for-members - to see your photo and contact information in the church database.

If you would like to update your photo, please send a jpeg of your favorite photo to John Miller (jmiller@rvpc.com), or bring a hardcopy of the photo to the church office and we can scan it for you. Please note the photos work best if they are clear and close-up.

Deadline for submitting photos is Tuesday, July 31.

Any questions can be directed to John Miller at the above email or at 967-0842.



“Coming Home” Graduation

Sunday, June 3, 2:00 p.m.,
in the Assembly Room.

All are welcome.



Christian Education, Baby Box

Sunday School

Starting in June, we are trying something a little different for Sunday School throughout the summer! Our children will be engaging stories from the Bible using the resources provided through Illustrated Children's Ministry. Each week, children will engage a biblical story through wondering questions and creative, hand-drawn coloring pages. The stories will follow the lectionary we use for worship, allowing children and their families to share their experiences with the stories each week. We hope this new approach to the Bible will be a fun and meaningful experience for all!

Below are the focus texts of each week:

- June 3:** 1 Samuel 3:1-10
- June 10:** Psalm 138 / Annual Sunday School Picnic
- June 17:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 /
First day of Summer Sunday School
- June 24:** 1 Samuel 17:32-49

Summer Sunday School Teaching Opportunity

We seek to guide and nurture children on their journey of faith throughout the whole year, even the summer! We are seeking out volunteers who wish to be a

part of that work. Volunteers will help lead a lesson each Sunday for a multi-age group consisting of pre-K through 5th grade children. For those who are interested in teaching throughout the year, the summer is a great way to experience how supported our volunteers are and how fun it is to walk alongside children on their journey of faith. Whether you can help the whole summer or just a few weeks, if interested in being a part of this work, please contact Jean-Paul Marshall, jmarshall@ryepc.com.

Summer School starts June 17.

Annual Sunday School Picnic: Our annual picnic will be on Sunday, June 10, in the Grape Arbor following the 10:00 a.m. service and Sunday School. Please look for the sign-up for side dishes from the CE Committee in this issue of Grace Notes. Come enjoy some time with the children and the teachers of our wonderful Sunday School program while enjoying hot dogs, sliders, and ice cream! Hope to see you there!

High School Youth Group

Summer is just around the corner! To our graduating seniors, we pray for God's loving presence to be made

known wherever you may find yourselves. We want you to know that we aren't saying goodbye, for we will always recognize you as a member of this community and the wider community of faith. Know that we are here to support you all as you enter into this next season of life.

May the peace of the Jesus Christ go with you, wherever he may send you; may he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm; may he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

Sunday, June 10:

NOLA Mission Trip Gathering 6:00 p.m., RPC Kitchen

All participants of both June and August NOLA trips are invited to tie-dyeing shirts in the RPC Kitchen, followed by a pizza dinner and fellowship at the Love's manse.

We are on Instagram!

Username: ryepresyouth

Updates through GroupMe!

Please email your name and phone number - jmarshall@ryepc.com.



Mission and Outreach is Making a Difference with Open Door Medical Center

Thank you to all who joined the Congregations of Rye Presbyterian Church and Community Synagogue of Rye to support new moms giving their babies a healthy and safe start in life. For full details, go to the RPC website (www.ryepc.com) "What's Happening page and click on "Baby Box Project."

We invite you to join RPC and CSR for upcoming events:

Please Note: The Celebration event, scheduled for Saturday, June 2, has been postponed. Future date to be advised. We hope you will join us for one or both of the following events:

-**Baby Box Distribution Day:** Tuesday, June 19, at Open Door, 5 Grace Church St., Port Chester. The times are: 11:45

a.m.-1:45 p.m.; 1:45-3:45 p.m.; and 4:45-6:45 p.m. Volunteers will help with room set up, registering moms-to-be on a website, and even helping some create an email account, helping with the website responses at the end of the workshop, and carrying the Baby Boxes to taxis. Youth high school age and older are welcome to sign up. 2-3 volunteers requested per shift.

-**Tour of Port Chester Open Door, 5 Grace Church St.:** Open Door is happy to provide tours on **June 19 at 11:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m.** If you would like a tour on another day, please contact Nancy Levin at nlevin@odfmc.org.



Please click [here](#) to sign up for one or both of these events.

Want to learn what the Baby Box Project is all about? Click [here](#) for an amazing overview of the project on YouTube.

Music Notes, Thrift Shop



From Jason Charneski

Volunteer Summer Choir: All Are Welcome!

Summer Choir! Come, anyone who has voice of any volume and is of any age! When: Sundays, June 17 and 24, and July 1, 15, 22, and 29. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m., in the Chapel (air-conditioned), in order to prepare something lovely (and simple) to sing within the 10:00 a.m. service (in the Sanctuary, also air-conditioned). The overall construct of the volunteer summer choir is less formal than the program-year patterns of the Children's, Youth, and Chancel choirs; i.e., no robes and no processions. For these offerings, you may sit with your family or friends, then move into position on the chancel steps for the "anthem."



Other Summer Music-in-Worship Opportunities

Do you play an instrument? If so, and you'd like an opportunity to offer something in worship this summer, please let me know. "Community service credit" available for high school students. You could play for the prelude, accompany one or more of the hymns, or play during Communion, etc. Small ensembles (duo, trio, quartet) are welcome, too! Let's talk: 914-967-0842, ext. 16, or jcharneski@ryepc.com.

Jason

Thrift Shop News



**THRIFT SHOP
CLOSING FOR THE SUMMER LAST DAY:
Thursday, June 14
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

See you on September 13!

Donations accepted during the summer.

Drop off downstairs on the left hallway. **Please note:** Due to storage constraints we will not be accepting books, floral glass vases, drapery, or electronic equipment this summer. Children's books will be accepted again in September.

Any questions, contact [Suzanne Davies](#)



A BIG Thank-You to our Thrift Shop Volunteers!

Thank you to all Thrift Shop volunteers for your time, hard work, and dedication in making the Thrift Shop a success again this year.



Joan Kellogg Award for Outstanding Service

Kathryn Stack and Jessica Gay are this year's Joan Kellogg award winners. They have both given years of service to the Thrift Shop and we appreciate all of their dedication and hard work.

Each of them will choose one or two of the Thrift Shop grant recipients to receive an extra award.

Thank you, Kathryn and Jessica!



**The Thrift Shop Spring Saturday Sale on April 28
raised \$8,000, setting a record!**

Gospel According to Peeps, Middle School Connection

The 6th Annual Gospel According to Peeps Challenge

At coffee hour on Sunday, April 22, our church school classes presented us with a wonderful display of imaginative creations. This year, the PEEple's Choice award went to the Middle Schoolers' "Jonah and the Peep Whale."

Congratulations to all!



Connection hits the Great Lawn for Frisbee!



Connection in the Bell Tower . . .



Rise Against Hunger, Mobile Shredder, WA Grant Awards Luncheon

In two hours, RPC church members of all ages worked together to package over 12,000 meals! A truly rewarding experience for everyone. Rise Against Hunger will keep us updated as to where and when those meals will be shipped, so the information will be passed on as soon as we are notified. Thank you to everyone who participated in a wonderful day of service here at RPC.



WESTCHESTER COUNTY MOBILE SHREDDER

**On-site at RPC,
Monday, June 11,
10:00-10:30 a.m.**

- Bring your confidential personal papers for shredding.
- Remove all large binder clips and covers.
- Paper clips and staples are ok

Can't come Monday?

**A locked bin will be available in the Assembly Room
for drop-off of materials beginning Friday, June 8.**

Annual Women's Association Grant Awards and Luncheon



**Monday, June 11
11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

RPC Grape Arbor
(weather permitting)

This is the one time of year when we are able to honor and recognize the organizations that we are fortunate enough to support through the success of our Thrift Shop.

Each year the Thrift Shop gives grants to approximately 20 Westchester organizations, groups that serve women, children and other under-served populations. The luncheon is a great time to see first-hand all the good work that our Thrift Shop does for our community.

There's a sign-up sheet at the clipboard station outside the Assembly Room. All church members are welcome and encouraged to come!

Any questions, please email

[Suzanne Davies](#)



Prison Ministry



Prisoners and their Mothers

A group from RPC meets monthly with a group of incarcerated men at Fishkill Correctional Facility. At the meeting that preceded Mother's Day this year, one of the men read a poem he had written and gave it to all the mothers who were there. We have reprinted it below because it gives a glimpse into the most important person in the lives of men in prison—their mothers.

When men go to prison, many who had close relationships with them—even some in their family—cut them off. But not their mothers. When they graduate from various programs, often the first person they thank for their support is their mom. Mothers come to the prison, often enduring long bus rides and the rudeness of security when registering. And we are told that often, after the lights are out, you can hear men in their cells crying and calling for their mothers.

So, while the official "Mother's Day" was a month ago, the following poem reflects how men and women in prison feel about the one who is, for many, the central figure in their lives—their *mother*.

Love? It is said that love is blind.

However, a mother's love is clear—It is just misunderstood at times!

A mother is the realest friend you'll ever know.

She is someone who will love unconditionally no matter what.

She is going to tell you when you are doing right or wrong.

If you are unsure when you are wrong, she won't put you down.

She'll just help you understand where you were wrong in order to make things right.

A mother will scream and yell, but when you need her, she is there right or wrong.

You cannot lie to your mother, for she can only help you when she knows the truth.

She will take your secrets and hold them in confidence.

She will take them to the grave if you ask her to.

A mother will never judge you; she'll encourage you to follow your dreams.

If, for some reason, you fail, she'll tell you to do your best and try again.

She will push, shove, and wreck your nerves hard.

Just when you think you're about to break, she'll whip out the band-aids,

Patch you up and start pushing again.

When a mother sees your mistakes, without trash talking.

She'll steer you in the right direction because she wants what's best for you.

A mother will say things at times which make no sense at all.

Until you hear yourself say the same thing when you have children of your own.

A mother is someone you look at and know that things are going to be all right.

I know this is true, because all I have to is just think about my mother's love and everything gets all right with me.

Weekends in June, Bible Study

Sunday, June 3

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-up / Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
Sunday School
- 2:00 p.m. Coming Home Graduation / Assembly Room

Sunday, June 10

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room
- 9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-up / Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
Sunday School sings
Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Annual Picnic / Great Lawn
- 6:00 p.m. NOLA Mission Trips Gathering / Kitchen

Sunday, June 17

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal / Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
Summer Sunday School

Sunday, June 24

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal / Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
Summer Sunday School
Commissioning of NOLA Youth Mission Trip



Please keep the 25 high schoolers and six chaperones traveling to Louisiana in your prayers. We'll be commissioning them in worship on June 24, the day they depart for a week of ministry and mission in New Orleans!

Saturday at 5 Worship

Saturday at 5 Worship is taking a break for the summer. Services will resume in the fall on Saturday, September 22.

BIBLE STUDIES

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, June 2 & 9,
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

Please join the Women's Bible Study twice monthly on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the RPC Library. A warm welcome and hot coffee await!

For further information, contact [Cynthia De Santis](#).



Annual Picnic in the Grape Arbor Sunday, June 10

Immediately after 10:00 a.m. worship

Come and celebrate the end of the school year!

Featuring RPC picnic favorites:
**The Ice Cream Truck, Sliders from Jerry's,
and Hot Dogs!**

Please bring a dish - according to your last name:

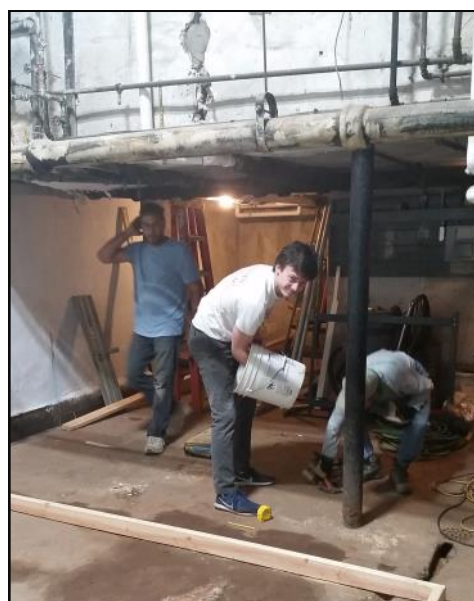
A-K: side dish or salad

L-S: fruit

T-Z: wraps or sandwiches

Food may be left in the kitchen before worship.

Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up. Please sign up at the clipboard station or email [Jean-Paul Marshall](#).



Wyler Zahm in the church basement hard at work on his Eagle Scout project.

June Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons: Wednesday, June 13, 7:00 p.m., Offsite
Trustees: Wednesday, June 13, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room
Session: Wednesday, June 27, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

WORSHIP AND STUDY

Worship on Sunday:

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
Prayer Gatherings: Sundays, June 3 & 10, 8:40 a.m., Library; June 17 & 24, 9:40 a.m., Library
Adult Education: Feasting on the Word
Sundays, June 3 & 10, 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room
Sunday School: Regular Sunday School on June 3 & 10
Summer Sunday School: June 17 & 24
Women's Bible Study: Saturdays, June 2 & 9, 10:00 a.m., Library
Women's Discipleship: Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Library.

YOUTH

Boy Scout Troop #2: Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room
High School Youth Group: Sunday, June 10, 6:00 p.m., NOLA Youth Mission Trips Gathering / Kitchen

MUSIC

Summer Choir Rehearsal: Sundays, June 17 & 24, 9:30 a.m., Chapel

OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

3 Ts: Tuesday, June 19, 10:00 a.m., Library
Coming Home Graduation: Sunday, June 3, 2:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, June 6, 7:30 p.m., Library
Stephen Ministry:
 Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, June 5, 6:00 p.m., Library
 Continuing Education and Supervision: Tuesday, June 5, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room
Thrift Shop: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., June 7 & 14 (last day open, closes for summer, reopens Sept. 13)
Westchester County Shredder: Monday, June 11, 10:00-10:30 a.m., RPC Parking Lot
Women's Association: Monthly Meeting, Monday, June 4, 9:00 a.m., Library
Women's Association Annual Grant Awards & Luncheon: Monday, June 11, 11:30 a.m., Grape Arbor

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, June 21, 10:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

Dan Love's Sabbatical

Sunday, June 3 will be Dan Love's last day at RPC before his three-month sabbatical.

As we commission him for that time away, a few things to know:

- To learn more about the spiritual practices and reading Dan will be doing, [click here](#) to sign up for Richard Rohr's daily devotional. Copies of two of Rohr's books are available in the church library.
- Throughout June, July, and August, please contact Dr. John Miller with any pastoral emergencies or concerns. John can be reached at the office, 914-967-0842, or by email at jmiller@ryepc.com or for emergencies, on his cell at 914-413-6200. The few weeks that Dr. Miller is on vacation, please contact Rev. Marshall. Jean-Paul can be reached at the office, or by email at jmarshall@ryepc.com, or for emergencies, on his cell at 214-536-9641.

Have a great sabbatical Dan!

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

The RPNS community came together to celebrate Earth Day. The students participated in a variety of activities related to taking care of and appreciating the environment.



The twos and threes made bird feeders for our feathered friends using pine cones, Crisco, and birdseed. The classes hung the bird feeders in the grape arbor, on the bike track near the bird houses, and in the trees near the playground. A bird nest was discovered in the holly tree, so the children wanted to make sure to hang a couple of bird feeders near



the nest so the birds would not get hungry. A cardinal, a robin red breast, and a blue jay were spotted feasting!

The fives were invited to create a beautiful space under the majestic weeping beech tree for their younger schoolmates. They worked together to clean up the area and spread a canvas



down for the twos to sit under the branches of the tree. The twos gathered under the tree and Mrs. Laux led the children in song about taking care of and loving our Earth. Mrs. Carducci read a book to the classes and Ms. Llanes led a felt board story about the The Very Hungry Caterpillar.



The fours helped take care of the environment by cleaning up our playgrounds, and they planted bulbs and wildflower seeds for butterflies and hummingbirds to enjoy.

Children of all ages enjoyed our Earth Day celebration!



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