

Last year we welcomed a cute little two-pound kitten into our home. Iggi has turned into a 13-pound cat with quite the personality. One of his peculiar behaviors has to do with his food. He is on free feed so the dry food is always available to him. While his bowl will often have plenty of food in it, if he can see the bottom of the bowl, he's not happy and lets

us know about it. While he has an abundant supply of food, he acts as if there's a scarcity.

As we begin the season of Lent, we are again invited to take the time to reflect upon and examine our lives, our own attitudes toward life, toward others, and toward God. Watching Iggi has me asking, "Do I respond out of abundance or scarcity?" A few weeks ago, at a staff meeting, Rosemary shared a reading out of a devotional book entitled, "Simple Truths." It, too, gets at this question, and possibly our response.

The author wrote: "We build our lives around accumulation — of money, of possessions, of status — as a way of protecting ourselves and our families from the vagaries of the world. Without thinking, we begin to see giving as an economic exchange — a subtracting of something from who and what we are — and we weigh it on the scales of self-interest.

But true giving is not an economic exchange, it is a generative act. It does not subtract from what we have; it multiplies the effect we can have in the world. Many people tend to think of giving only in terms of grand gestures. They miss the simple openings of the heart that can be practiced anywhere with almost anyone.

We can say hello to someone everybody ignores. We can offer to help a neighbor. We can buy a bouquet of flowers and take it to a nursing home, or spend an extra minute talking to someone who needs our time. We can take ten dollars out of our pocket and give it to someone on the street. No praise, no hushed tones of holy generosity. Just give, smile, and walk away.

If you perform these simple acts, little by little you will start to understand the miracle of giving. You will begin to see the unprotected human heart and the honest smiles of human happiness. You will start to feel what is common among us, not what separates and differentiates us. Before long, you will discover that you have the power to create joy and happiness by your simplest gestures of caring and compassion. You will see that you have the power to unlock the goodness in other people's hearts by sharing the goodness in yours.

And, most of all, you will find the other givers. No matter where you live or where you travel, whether you speak their language or know their names, you will know them by their small acts..."

Our lectionary texts recently have been from Matthew's gospel—The Sermon on the Mount. Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

In the midst of our abundance, will we live like Iggi, becoming anxious when we think we can see the bottom of the bowl? Or this Lenten season will we come to understand that "true giving is not an economic exchange, it is a generative act. It does not subtract from what we have; it multiplies the effect we can have in the world."

With thanksgiving,



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Imagine, Coming Home

Imagine Celebrates One Year!

Despite a snowy, icy morning, many came to celebrate a year of Imagine!

- Notes of gratitude for the church and for the Imagine initiative covered the wall.
- Letters of welcome and encouragement were written to participants in the Imagine-sponsored Coming Home program.
- Children did a wonderful scavenger hunt to see all that has been accomplished through Imagine — from the chapel remodeling to the refurbished sanctuary stained glass.

If you haven't yet committed to be a part of the Imagine Initiative, there is still time. Pledges may be made through the church office, or on the church website [here](#).

Many thanks to all who have given so much of themselves, their time, and their resources to make Imagine become reality!



"Coming Home" Begins Second Year!



Thanks to the generous support of our Imagine Initiative, our Coming Home program begins its second year. This year the 18-week life skills program for returning citizens (formerly incarcerated) began on February 2 and will run through to June 1, with graduation being held on June 4. A significant part of the program each Thursday evening is the sharing of a community meal. Everyone in the congregation is invited to the meal. Please note that the evening schedule has changed. The program for the participants begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Our hope is that this will allow more church members to join us for dinner, which is held in the Westminster Room.

If you would like to provide and help serve one of the community meals, please contact Volunteer Meals Coordinator, [Linda Otness](#). If you would like more information or to attend the dinner, please email our Program Coordinator, [Janet Donat](#), or call at 914-645-8822; or Pastor [John Miller](#) or call 914-967-0842.

Prison Ministry, New Member Orientation



RPC's PRISON MINISTRY

Many Paths to Live the Word of Jesus

For over 20 years, Rye Presbyterian Church has been a leader in prison ministry within the Hudson River Presbytery. In

recent years we have expanded the variety of ways to serve those in prison and those who have been released—and we continue to explore fresh ways members of our congregation can get involved in this life-changing and life-affirming work. Here's a summary:

Working with the Incarcerated. Since 1994 we have met monthly with students and graduates of the New York Theological Seminary's Masters Program in Sing Sing. And for 10 years we have held monthly meetings at Fishkill prison outside Beacon with men who are part of an active group of long-term/lifers committed to changing their lives. **Opportunity:** We have openings for additional volunteers at Fishkill, and perhaps Sing Sing, to engage in these dynamic, meaningful discussion groups.

Hearing the Word. On April 23 we will hold our 23rd annual Church and Justice Service, led entirely by men who have graduated from the NYTS program at Sing Sing and have since been released. **Opportunity:** Come and hear the word of the Lord preached by men who have lived "in the belly of the beast." The service is followed by a luncheon in which graduates describe the positive things they are doing with their freedom.

Helping the Formerly Incarcerated. In February we launched the 2nd year of Coming Home, a weekly program that provides fellowship, community, direction, and mentoring to men and women who have recently come home from prison. A communal dinner is shared from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. each Thursday. **Opportunity:** Join us for dinner any Thursday and get to know these men and women who are creating new lives for themselves. Or you and some friends could partner to prepare and serve one of the meals.

Other ways RPC is Involved. The above are the most visible elements of our church's engagement with prison and the criminal justice system generally. There are others:

- **Rising Hope.** Twenty years ago, we helped inmates create and implement this program, modeled after the NYTS Masters program, for inmates with a GED or maybe a little more. Dr. Miller has taught in this program for three years, bringing hope and learning to men who are seeking to learn and grow.
- **Hudson Link.** After support for college programs was withdrawn by the State in the late 1990s, we helped inmates develop Hudson Link, a privately-funded degree granting college program now working in seven prisons around the state. Hudson Link has become a nationally recognized leader in prison education.
- **Presbytery Prison Partnership.** Through Presbytery, we joined with a few other churches to spread the word of the importance of prison ministry among all churches in the Hudson River Presbytery. This partnership has led to several creative ways to connect with and provide support to men and women in prison.

Future Opportunities. As more people within our congregation experience the blessing and satisfaction that comes with working with men and women inside the walls and beyond, new ideas surface for ways to expand our programs in ways that are simple, not time-consuming, and profoundly meaningful, both to those in prison and those outside who volunteer. Here are some of the ideas the church is exploring through the Mission Study. All of these are in use in one or more churches within our Presbytery, so there are models to follow.

- **Letter Writing.** Some men and women in prison never get any mail. Through the chaplains in each prison, we could identify those who are working to change their lives and providing positive influences to those around them. Only first names are used and the return address is RPC.
- **Sending Calendars.** People in prison apparently love to have calendars. The church could select one or more smaller prisons, often way upstate, and send a calendar to everyone incarcerated there.
- **Visiting the Incarcerated.** This is obviously a much more personal connection. But, again, chaplains could identify individuals in prison (Bedford for women and Sing Sing for men are the most proximate) who would be appropriate to be contacted in this way. Bedford Presbyterian Church has been doing this kind of program for three years and finds it profoundly meaningful.

RPC is extremely proud of its leadership in prison ministry and related criminal justice matters. We are eager to enable more in the congregation to become involved in ways that fit their needs and time availabilities and will continue to explore new avenues to expand our church's involvement.

For information about any of the prison ministry programs, contact Bob Steed (bsteed55@aol.com) or Nancy Steed (steedheart@aol.com).

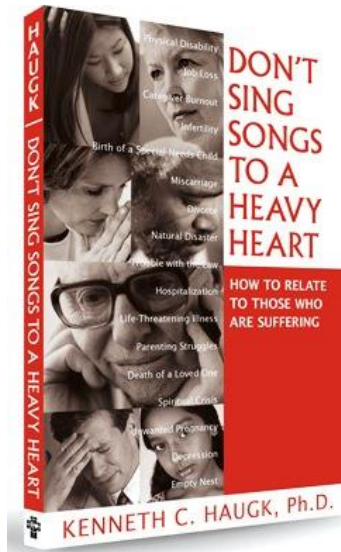
New Member Orientation

Perhaps you've been coming to RPC a long time, or perhaps you are brand new to the area. Either way, if you've thought about officially joining in the life and ministry of RPC, March is the time! All those who are interested in becoming a member of the Rye Presbyterian Church are invited to take part in the New Member Orientation classes. The classes will be held on Sundays, March 12 and 19, in the church Library immediately following worship. Childcare will be available. In the classes, we will explore what it means to be a Presbyterian in general, and what it means to actively live out the faith together as a part of this particular church. In addition to the Sunday classes, there will be a dessert meeting with the leadership of the church on Sunday evening, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. This will be a time to meet the officers of the church and for the Session to approve the new class for church membership. Public welcome and recognition of the new members will take place during 10:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, April 2.

Please email church secretary Rosemary Annunziato, or call 914-967-0842 x10, if you are interested.

**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

Stephen Ministry, Holy Week & Easter Schedule



How to Relate to Those Who Are Suffering

There is a proverb which describes an all-too-human problem each of us faces from time to time. “Like one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.” (Proverbs 25:20) We want to reach out and help those who are hurting—but the words or actions we use may unintentionally add to their burdens instead of easing their pain. Sometimes we need a reminder about what to say or do—and what *not* to say or do when providing care.

Forged in the crucible of his own experiences of suffering, Stephen Ministries founder Kenneth C. Haugk shaped a book through research with over four thousand individuals who had also experienced suffering in their lives. Dr. Haugk listened to their stories and compressed their collective wisdom into gems of compassion and understanding that everyone can learn from and use. If you find it challenging to relate to a suffering friend or family member, *Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart* provides a much-needed guide for giving people comfort in their times of need. One reviewer described the book, “No fluff – just compelling reading on the art of intelligent sensitivity toward those who are suffering.” Stephen Ministries and RPC provides many resources to encourage and equip Caregivers.

Please contact Stephen Leader Carol Love
(914-536-9893 or cloveny@optonline.net) to learn more.

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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



April 16

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service,
Rye 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

Please note there is no 8:00 a.m. service this year.

Adult Education

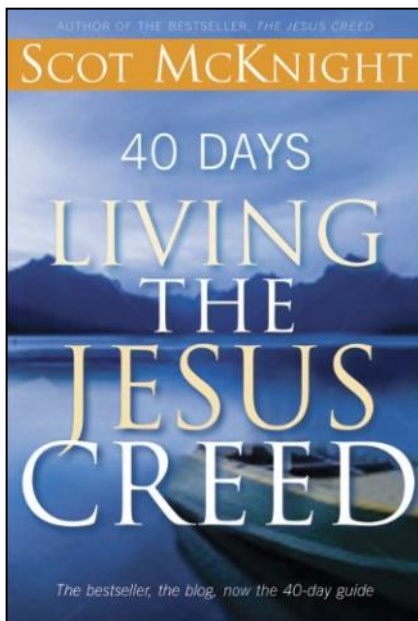
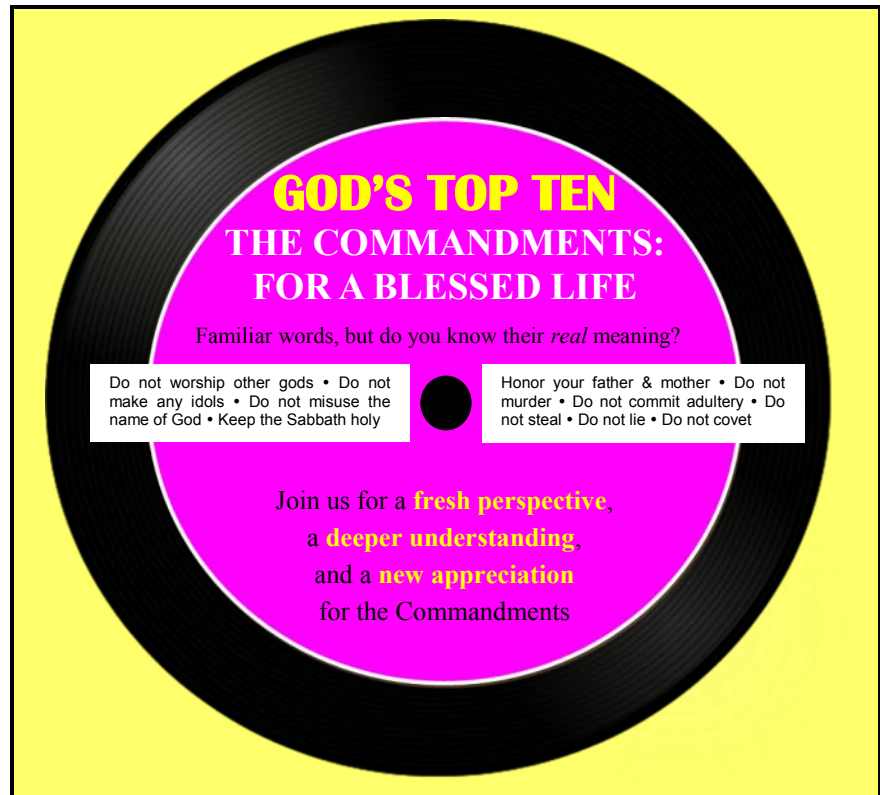
SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:00-9:45 A.M., WESTMINSTER ROOM
MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26

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A SEVEN WEEK LENTEN STUDY
TUESDAYS, FEBRUARY 28, MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28, APRIL 4, 11
7:30 P.M., LIBRARY

What was spiritual formation like during the time of Jesus? As Scot McKnight points out, the early Christians didn't sing in the choir or go to weekly Bible studies, and yet they matured inwardly in relationship with God as well as outwardly in their relationships with each other. How did this happen?

In The Jesus Creed DVD, explore in seven lessons how the great Shema of the Old Testament was transformed by our Lord into the focal point for spiritual maturity. According to the Jesus Creed (found in Mark 12:29-31), loving God and loving others are the greatest commandments.

[Scot McKnight](#), Ph.D. is Julius R. Mantey Professor of New Testament at Northern Seminary in Illinois. He is the award-winning author of *The Jesus Creed*, *The Real Mary*, *Embracing Grace*, and *Praying with the Church*.

Pastor Miller will facilitate this seven-week book/DVD study. Please contact him at jmiller@ryepc.com or at the church office, 967-0842, so that he can reserve a book for you. The cost of the book is \$13.00.

Christian Education, Communion Workshop, Return of the PEEPs

Sunday School

On March 5 we prepare for the Season of Lent. Children will be hearing a story about Jesus as he gets ready to do God's work. Throughout the month, Sunday School classes will take children on a journey of discovery of God's presence throughout history and in our lives today. During Lent, children will hear some key stories from the gospel of John and begin to explore the themes of making choices, learning about God's Spirit and times when Jesus showed God's love in unexpected ways.

- **Sunday, March 5:** Communion for 5th-8th grades
- **Sunday, March 12:** Singing Our Faith with Lisa Rawson
- **Sunday, March 26:** The start of "Peeps." The 3rd-5th grade classes will pick their bible story for the "Peeps Challenge."

Middle School Connection

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

Ash Wednesday, March 1

We'll eat dinner together at 6:15 p.m. and then go to the 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday service together.

Special Event:

Nightwatch at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine

Friday, March 24, 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Saturday

Don't miss this fun event in one of the world's largest cathedrals.

Sign up by emailing Mr. Love—dlove@rvepc.com.

**YOUTH
GROUP**

High School Youth Group

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

Sunday, March 12,

6:00-7:30 p.m., Youth Room

Saturday, March 25,

6:15-9:00 p.m.

Service: Learning About the Midnight Run, Hitchcock Presbyterian Church, Scarsdale (meet at RPC)

Contact John Miller with any questions at email jmiller@rvepc.com.

Confirmation

We won't meet that day, but draft Statements of Faith are due **March 5**.

Sunday, March 19, we will meet to explore how different personality types live out the spiritual life.

Last names M-Z meet at 4:00 p.m.,

A-L at 5:00 p.m.

Confirmation



COMMUNION WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

**The body of Christ? What is that all about?
And what exactly is in that cup??**

While we practice "open communion" at RPC where all are welcome at the table, we do encourage the children of the church to participate in some education about the sacrament. This workshop is a fun way to do just that!

From 10:00-11:30 a.m., children in the second through fifth grades are welcome to come with a parent to this special event. Together we will explore the meaning of the sacrament and how we celebrate it here at Rye Presbyterian.

Space is limited, so please sign up by contacting Rev. Love—dlove@rvepc.com.

The Gospel According To Peeps

"And all the PEEple said, Amen!"

It is that time of year again . . .

The PEEPS are coming!

Sunday, April 9

Our church school classes will be hard at work on Sundays March 26, April 2, and April 9 creating dioramas of their favorite Bible stories. These 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!



Music Notes



From Jason Charneski

March Madness!

Set your DVRs to record the NCAA Tournament games so that you can be at RPC to enjoy all three of the special music offerings the weekend of March 17-19. The first, on Friday, March 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will be a celebration of the 25 years of the Peter B. Knock Awards for the Study of Sacred Music AND 35 years of the Jackson Memorial Organ. Organists Caroline Robinson and David von Behren, the 2016 Knock Award recipients, will share a 90-minute concert that evening. Donations received will support a new initiative here at RPC, made possible through the Imagine Initiative and the Peter B. Knock Memorial Fund: the Peter B. Knock Internship in Sacred Music (see more below). A reception will follow the concert.

The second and third offerings will take place on Sunday, March 19. RPC's annual "Jazz Sunday" worship will be offered that morning at 10:00 (Jeremy Fletcher has written for the Chancel Choir a setting of Psalm 42:1-2, and the jazz ensemble will lead the music at the 5:00 p.m. service on Saturday, March 18). Then, at 2:30 p.m., Chamber Music at RPC will offer the second concert on its series this season, a program of works for piano and strings by Schubert, Turina, and Brahms. Please contact Ronald Arron, artistic director of the chamber series, at 914-523-4646, to reserve your seat (\$20 for RPC members, \$40 for non-RPC members).

The Peter B. Knock Internship in Sacred Music at RPC

In May 2016, the Trustees of the Peter B. Knock Fund developed and presented to the Worship and Music Committee and to the

Session a plan to redirect the major part of the existing balance in the Knock Fund from awards to college, seminary, and university students for the study of sacred music to having an intern in sacred music on-site here at RPC (now limited geographically, as the intern would need to be enrolled at a college, seminary, or university within a reasonable driving or train-ride distance from Rye). Supplemental funding from the Imagine Initiative was approved to make feasible two years of internship (ideally one intern each year). The plan is to begin the internship this coming autumn.

The goal of the internship is to provide a hands-on educational experience that includes regular playing and conducting opportunities within the context of worship and rehearsals. Worship and rehearsal planning, through working with the pastors and me, also will be a part of the duties. The internship is structured to have a time commitment of an average of 8-10 hours per week, for approximately 28 weeks, running October through Christmas Eve and February through mid- to late-May. Participation in services on Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, and Easter will be required.

Please keep this new ministry in your prayers. May we all and the ones yet to be chosen to be the interns the next two program years grow in spirit and wisdom!

Sing in 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.

A Celebration! The Knock Award & The Jackson Memorial Organ

Friday, March 17, 2017,
at 7:30 p.m.



with organists Caroline Robinson and
David von Behren,
the 2016 Knock Award recipients.

Donations received will support a new initiative:
The Knock Internship in Sacred Music
at Rye Presbyterian Church.

Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian *Ronald Arron, artistic director*

Sunday, March 19, at 2:30 p.m.

Schubert, Turina, and Brahms: Piano & Strings

Jeewon Park, piano; John Marcus, violin;
Toby Appel, viola; Edward Arron, cello



Rye Presbyterian Church is pleased to include this chamber music series on its calendar. Please contact Ronald Arron at ronarron@optonline.net or 914-523-4646 for more information or to reserve seats (\$20 for RPC members; \$40 general public).

Weekends in March, Bible Study

Saturday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 5—First 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
Sunday School

-Children attend worship through children's message.

11:00 a.m. Youth Choir / Chapel

Saturday, March 11

10:00 a.m. Children's Communion Workshop

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

Sunday, March 12—Second Sunday in Lent

Daylight Saving Time Begins

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

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room

9:30 a.m. Children's Choir rehearsal / Chapel

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

Children's Choir sings

Sunday School

-Children attend worship through children's message.

11:00 a.m. New Member Orientation / Library

11:00 a.m. Youth Choir / Chapel

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

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

Saturday, March 18

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

Sunday, March 19—Third Sunday in Lent/Jazz 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

Sunday School

-Children attend worship through children's message.

11:00 a.m. Youth Choir / Chapel

11:00 a.m. New Member Orientation / Library

2:30 p.m. Chamber Music concert / Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (M-Z) / Westminster Room

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (A-L) / Westminster Room

Saturday, March 25

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

6:15 p.m. High School Youth Group meet at RPC to go to
Hitchcock Presbyterian Church, Scarsdale

Sunday, March 26—Fourth 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

9:15 a.m. Youth Choir rehearsal / Chapel

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

Youth Choir sings

Sunday School

-Children attend worship through children's message.

7:00 p.m. New Member Dessert with Session / Library

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

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

Sundays, March 12 and 26,
at 8:00 p.m. in the Library

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, March 1, 15, and 29,
at 8:45 a.m. in the Library

Our tour through the "greatest hits" of Genesis continues! Contact Rev. Love (dlove@ryepc.com) for more information.

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, March 4 and 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

A warm welcome and hot coffee await!

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

Women's Bible Study Special Outing . . .

"Was God Married?"

Exploring Stories of Goddesses and Gods in the Bible.

Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker

(Click [here](#) for further information)

Tuesday, March 21, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Mamaroneck High School, Room 123

Cost \$30 per person

Please let [Cynthia De Santis](#) know if you and any others would like to attend.



The Children's Choir (pictured) will sing this month at the 10 a.m. service on March 12.; the Youth Choir sings on March 26.

Ash Wednesday Services

March 1, 2017

12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

Crawford Chapel



March Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons: Wednesday, March 29, 7:30 p.m., Library
Trustees: Wednesday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room
Session: Wednesday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

WORSHIP AND STUDY

Ash Wednesday Service, March 1, 12 noon & 7:00 p.m., Chapel

Worship on Saturday evening:

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m., March 4, 11, 18, 25

Worship on Sunday:

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

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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

Adult Education:

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

God's Top Ten: The Commandments for a Blessed Life

March 5, 12, 19, 26

Lenten Book Study: Scot McKnight's "Living the Jesus Creed,"

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4 & 11, 7:30 p.m., Library

Sunday School: Regular Sunday School on March 5, 12, 19 & 26

Confirmation: Sunday, March 19, M-Z at 4:00 p.m., A-L at 5 p.m.;

New Member Orientation: Sundays 11:00 a.m., March 12 & 19, Library;

Dessert Meeting with Session, Sunday, March 26, 7:00 p.m., Library

Men's Sunday Bible Study: March 12 & 26, 8:00 p.m., Library

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: March 1, 15 & 29, 8:45 a.m., Library

Women's Bible Study: Saturdays, 10:00 a.m., March 4 & 18, 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

Communion Workshop: Saturday, March 11, 10:00 a.m.

Connection: Wednesday, March 1, 6:15 p.m., Dinner & Ash Wednesday service

Friday, March 24, 5:30 p.m., -Sat., 11:00 a.m., Nightwatch at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine

High School Youth Group: Sunday, March 12, 6:00 p.m., Youth Room;

Saturday, March 25, 6:15-9:00 p.m., Service: Learning about the Midnight Run, Hitchcock Presbyterian Church, Scarsdale (meet at RPC)

MUSIC

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

Children's Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays, 3:45 p.m., Choir Room

Youth Choir Rehearsal: Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, 11:00 a.m., and March 26, 9:15 a.m., Chapel

OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

3 Ts: Tuesday, March 21, 10:00 a.m., Westminster Room

Children's Communion Workshop: Saturday, March 11, 10:00 a.m., Westminster Room

Coming Home: Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

Concert: A Celebration! The Knock Award & the Jackson Memorial Organ, Friday, March 17, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Concert: Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian, Sunday, March 19, 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Friendly Visitors: Monday, March 27, 11:00 a.m., Library

Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, March 1, 7:30 p.m., Library

Stephen Ministry:

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, March 7, 5:30 p.m., Library

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

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

Women's Association: Monthly Meeting, Monday, March 6, 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, March 16, 10:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

Last month, Rye Presbyterian Nursery School welcomed **Light Table Exploration Day!** When the children arrived at school, the upstairs and downstairs hallways were lined with light tables and the overhead lights were turned off. It was a dark rainy day outside and the limited sunlight coming into the building enhanced the illuminating effect of the light tables.



Each light table had a different experience on top for the children to explore. Classes from all age levels were welcome to discover and engage in light play throughout the day. The two year

olds were even invited upstairs to participate and explore the various light tables on the second floor!



Light table play provides a sensory experience for young children as the sensory input light provides is captivating and stimulating. The glow of a light table adds a new element to play as materials look different with light beneath them. Children can see more details and colors are more vivid when exposed to light. The appealing and calming quality of light promotes focus and attention and young children can remain engaged in light play for long periods of time because of light's attraction.

During Light Table Exploration Day there was an array of materials for the

children to explore - translucent blocks, beads, and shapes, ribbons, loose parts,



markers and colored pencils for sketching, watercolor palettes, and small animals and insects for little fingers.

Light Table Exploration Day provided an engaging experience for our school community that provoked curiosity, wonder, and excitement in our young children!



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