



Frederick Buechner says this about Easter: “The symbol of Easter is the empty tomb. You can’t depict or domesticate emptiness. You can’t make it into pageants and string it with lights. It doesn’t move people to give presents to each other or sing old songs. It ebbs and flows all around us, the Eastertide... He rose. A few saw him briefly and talked to him. If it is true, there is nothing left to say. If it is not true, there is nothing left to say. For believers and unbelievers both, life has never been the same again. For some, neither has death...”

Happy Eastertide!

Most people know about the 12 days of Christmas, but were you aware that Easter isn’t a single day, but rather an entire season known as Eastertide. It begins on Easter Sunday and ends 50 days later, on the Day of Pentecost. Easter is also known as a moveable feast. This is an observance in the Christian liturgical calendar that occurs on a different date in different years, unlike Christmas, which is always December 25. The most important set of moveable feasts are a fixed number of days before or after Easter Sunday, which varies by over 40 days since it depends partly on the phase of the moon and must be computed each year. The earliest date on which Easter can fall is March 22, and the latest date is April 25.

I’d like to think that Easter is moveable feast in another sense as well. The Christmas story seems to draw everyone toward Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph go there. The shepherds come to Bethlehem and the Magi journey there as well. The movement of the story seems to draw people in to a specific place - Bethlehem.

Easter seems to do just the opposite. The movement of the Easter story is outward. Jesus is resurrected out of the tomb. In Matthew 28 the Risen Lord tells the women that he will meet the disciples in Galilee. Go there. Be on the move. In Luke 24 he appears to two of them on the road to Emmaus; again, on the move, going out from Jerusalem. In the longer ending of Mark’s gospel, we have the Risen Christ telling the disciples to “go into all the world...” Get out of Jerusalem, be on the move. And in John 21, we find the Risen Jesus hosting a breakfast for the disciples on the beach at the Sea of Tiberias, far from Jerusalem. Rather than drawing people in, the Easter story is constantly moving out from Jerusalem. The Easter story isn’t to be celebrated in one place, but rather everywhere! In this sense it is also a moveable feast.

The invitation of Eastertide is to consider how you will celebrate resurrection in your life in the 50 days ahead. What does it mean for us to be Easter People? How will we live our lives in witness to this moveable feast known as Easter? Will we joyfully respond to Jesus’ simple word of invitation that appears in John’s gospel in chapter one as one of the very first things Jesus says, and then again, in the last chapter of his gospel as one of the very last things that he says; it is simply this: Follow me. (At the end of Eastertide, on the Day of Pentecost, there will be new questions for us to ask of ourselves about the Spirit’s presence in us and among us.)



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Mission and Outreach

Baby Box Project

**It is almost Spring - the season of New Beginnings!
Wouldn't it be lovely to help new moms in need give their babies
a healthy and safe start in life?**

We are so happy to be working with Open Door Family Medical Centers that serve uninsured and underinsured families across Westchester through the Baby Box project.

The Baby Box is filled with newborn basics and when empty this remarkably designed cardboard box can be used as the baby's first bed or bassinet. It has a waterproof mattress and a cotton sheet. Please click [here](#) to see a YouTube video for an amazing overview of the project.

RPNS and RPC invite your participation to make this program a success. Here is what you can do:

Collect supplies to be included in the Baby Box. There are so many things a newborn may need. The doctors at Open Door have put together a special list of priorities and they include:

- Size 1 diapers and baby wipes
- Sleep sacks - small and the non-swaddle kind
- Newborn thermometers
- Bilingual baby books
- Infant baby toys



To celebrate Spring, donated items are being collected on the first-floor of the nursery/Sunday school from Good Friday through Mothers' Day.

Parents, you might consider taking your child shopping to pick out the items personally. When you drop off your donations, show your child the Baby Box display and watch the video attached to share the excitement of the Baby Box. Teachers, you might even invite your students to create cards to be placed with the baby box, congratulating the mother and welcoming the new baby.

Join the group of RPNS parents and RPC members on May 6th or May 8th at Open Door in Port Chester to help organize the essentials that go inside the Baby Box. Children are welcome to attend this event and can bring created cards. Sign up now: (Link [here](#)).

Meet new Open Door moms and help them become acquainted with their Baby Boxes. Assist them to register for and complete an online educational syllabus on parenting, sleep safety, and baby milestones. Help them carry their Baby Box to their mode of transportation. Spanish speaking volunteers are especially needed for this event. High School students can join you and help to watch over young children of the mothers to be. Sign up now: (click [here](#))

Make a contribution to help fund 'Beyond the Box.' We estimate that each box - the bassinet itself and all its contents as well as some of the Beyond the Box experiences, like prenatal care, education, and wellness classes - costs about \$250. Perhaps you can get 10 friends or classmates together and "buy a box" for a new mom. The money raised will be directed to funding Patient Advocates. Patient Advocates support new mom's by providing prenatal information, access to benefits and insurance, and guiding their patients through the new information and the stresses of parenting that can often overwhelm mothers. Especially those who have little family or financial supports.

Please make your check out to **RPC** and indicate "**M&O Baby Box Project**" on the memo line.

To donate online click [here](#).



RPC Upcoming Event / Music Notes



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: \$10.00 with dish to share: \$25 empty handed

AND a gift for the giving tree to support RPC
Mission partners !

Special Live Auction ! Tuscan Villa for 8 ! New Hampshire vacation home !

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.*

JAY HERITAGE CENTER

210 BOSTON POST RD., RYE, NY 10580

Invites you for a special talk on Wednesday,
May 3, 2017 at 7 p.m. given by
Dr. Joseph W. Ho

**Mission Lenses, Windows to the Past: Visual Practices,
Medical Missions, and Global Connections between Rye
and Pre-1949 China**

Dr. Ho's talk will cover detailed visual materials created by medical missionaries Dr. Harold Eugene Henke and Jessie Mae Henke in China before 1949, focusing specifically on rare 16mm film made possible by the support of Rye Presbyterian Church and their gift of an advanced Kodak movie camera sent to China in 1931.

For further information please visit
www.jayheritagecenter.org



WESTCHESTER COUNTY MOBILE SHREDDER



**On-site at RPC
Wednesday, June 21, 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 Wednesday?
A locked bin will be available in Assembly
Room for drop-off of
materials beginning Sunday, June 18.**



Music Notes/ Moments to Share

From Jason Charneski



A Community Conversation about the Power of the Arts

A conversation I had last summer with Anne Bach Fumasoli, the Music School and Public Outreach Director of the Rye Arts Center, will begin to bear fruit this month with a *Community Conversation about the Power of the Arts*. Mark your calendars for the evening of Wednesday, May 24, beginning at 7:00, at the Rye Arts Center (51 Milton Road), as we collaborate with the Rye Arts Center and Heard in Rye to present a keynote speaker, Dr. Rob Horowitz, and a panel of artists, musicians, and educators to discuss how the arts have importance in the education and on the well-being of the individual, particularly children and youth. To reserve your place (limited to 80), please visit this link: http://apm.activecommunities.com/ryeartscenter/Activity_Search/1253

A bit about the keynote speaker: Dr. Rob Horowitz is a consultant to arts organizations, school districts, and foundations. As part of a group of researchers, he investigated the effect of arts learning on several cognitive and social dimensions, such as creativity, personal expression, and school climate. Dr. Horowitz has conducted program evaluations for organizations such as The Kennedy Center, the National Endowment for the Arts, and Carnegie Hall. He has written, lectured, and conducted workshops on musical creativity, jazz improvisation, curriculum development, student assessment, and arts education policy. Imagine the connections we can make and where those connections might lead!

Summer Choir: Now's the Time to Plan!

It's time to plan for Summer Choir! Come, anyone who has voice of any volume and is of any age! When: Sundays, June 18 and 25, July 9 and 30, and August 6 and 13. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m., in the Choir Room, in order to prepare something lovely (and simple) to sing within the 10:00 a.m. service. As those dates draw nearer, please let me know if you'll join in.

Moments to Share...



6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, Oakland Beach.



Middle School Connection visited St. John the Divine, NYC.

Adult Education

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

ADULT ED IS LOOKING AHEAD

Even as the Winter/Spring 2017 “Semester” draws to a close with an exciting series of programs on Mysticism and Religion in the 9 to 9:45 AM hour, the Adult Education Committee was busy brainstorming what creative programs could be on deck for 2017/8.

Perhaps the most intriguing idea was to set aside one evening a month for programs open to the community on important subjects. We could call on people in our congregation with special expertise in certain areas in ensuring an informed populace. Or we could do events like *13th*, a Netflix original film about the 13th Amendment, slavery and prisons or bring in a well-known author or speaker or a theatre production.

In addition, of course, our three Bible Study programs will continue to be bedrocks of Adult Ed:

Wednesday mornings twice a month at 10 AM, open to all.

Men’s Bible Study Sunday evenings twice a month at 8 PM.

Women’s Bible Study Saturday mornings twice a month at 8:15 AM.

Three T’s, an open discussion on a variety of subjects will continue on the Third Tuesday of the month at Ten, as will a new member class for individuals who wish to join the active fellowship of RPC, and the Cancer Support Group which has been so helpful to women who have cancer or are caregivers for others.

Intriguing program ideas for the Sunday morning, 9 to 9:45 offering in the Westminster Room were developed. We tentatively plan the following:

We could start with a 3-week program on *Forgiveness*, using Bishop Desmond Tutu’s book on Truth and Reconciliation in South Africa.

Then we intend to schedule 6 weeks focusing on re-visiting Confirmation as adults. As we age, how have we wrestled with issues of faith, doctrine, the Trinity, grace, etc. that we may (or may not) have studied when we were teenagers.

And then we could close the “semester” with a three week program on managing the holidays—perhaps featuring subjects like Mindfulness, Stress, or Christmas traditions.

As you can tell, these ideas are still being developed and the Committee would welcome any input—especially on subjects for the possible new “Tuesday Night Forum”. Please pass them on to Bob or Nancy Steed, co-chairs, or John Miller, who is the creative force behind much of the growth of Adult Education at RPC in the last 3 years.

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

Sunday School

April was a busy, fun, exciting, month in Sunday School. There were so many great lessons taught! They heard many stories about God's love through Jesus as they followed Jesus' Lenten Journey. The 2nd- 8th grades worked hard on their **PEEPS Bible Story Dioramas**. They made the most amazing, creative beautiful masterpieces using Peeps Easter candy to depict a story from the Bible. After very close voting the "Noah's 'Peeps' Aboard the Ark," won the Peep trophy for their awesome work of art! Congratulations!!!



The Sunday School children's fish coin boxes swam their way, "filled to the gills" with a lot of coins into our fishing net in the Assembly room on Palm Sunday as they continued their swim to people in need through

One Great hour of Sharing.

After Easter Sunday, we transitioned to "Easter Season," the 50 day season between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. The children started to explore more stories from the Gospels of John, Luke and the Book of Acts. They heard stories in which Jesus' followers shared God's love through words and actions. Some of the readings were exciting stories of courage and faithfulness. Some were stories of Jesus' help and support.

On April 23rd the Sunday School children were introduced to the **Baby Box Project**, with a video explaining to them that with their help, they can help a new mother and her new born baby have a healthy and safe start in life by bringing in baby clothes, diapers, wipes, a small toy or by helping to organize the donated items on May 6th or May 8th. The children were very excited to be a part of this great project.

In the beginning of May (springtime) the season of new beginnings, the Sunday School children will learn that a Christian community is one that shares and cares together. This lesson is a great way to connect the Baby Box Project to what they are learning in class. During the month of May the children will be continuing to experience God's presence everywhere, like the air we breathe. Although Jesus is no longer physically present to us, but through the gift of the Holy Spirit we experience God's love everywhere. The children will be connecting everyday living and loving with the presence of God. Where there is love, there is God. The stories they will hear will give the children a sense of God's sacred presence wherever they are.

Sunday, May 7: Regular Sunday School and Communion Sunday Grades 5th-8th

Sunday May 14: Mother's Day- Regular Sunday school, and Bible Presentation to the 1st and 12th graders

Sunday May 24: Regular Sunday School

Sunday May 28: Enrichment Sunday (Children will go to the Westminster Room for Enrichment Activities)

Looking ahead: The Sunday School Picnic will be on Sunday, June 11. Toward the end of May there will be a sign up for side dishes and supplies. We will be organizing for Summer Sunday School and for Sunday School for the next school year soon, so look out for those upcoming announcements.



Middle School Connection

RPC's Middle School Youth Group is open to all Middle Schoolers.

**Wednesdays, May 3 and 17,
5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms**

For more info, contact Rev. Love
dlove@ryepc.com.

High School Youth Group

During this time of transition on our church staff, John and Heather Miller are meeting with our High School Youth Group. On April 2 we held the NOLA Bingo Fundraiser during Coffee Hour. On April 23 our guest was Leif Frymire who talked about his experience as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) with the Presbyterian Church.



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

Sunday, May 7

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

Topic: NOLA Orientation for all youth going on either the June or August NOLA trips. This is an important meeting. Please plan to be there.

Sunday, May 21

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

Topic: Conversations with Rye Police Officers regarding drug use in our community

For more info, contact John Miller:

jmiller@ryepc.com.

Confirmation / Church & Justice

Confirmation Class

The confirmation class has been hard at work over the last eight months learning the basics of the faith, reflecting on their own beliefs, and thinking about how their faith is to be lived in all the details of everyday life. In the last month they have crafted their Statements of Faith – personal statements of where they are in their journey of faith.

Each confirmand met individually with an elder of the church to talk about their statements and their plans for beginning their adult life as a follower of Christ and as a member of Rye Presbyterian Church. Following that, the class had a meeting with the full Session to be approved for full adult membership.



Confirmation is a public affirmation of their faith, and a public commitment to continue the growth, learning and service that is a part of journey of faith lived in the context of the life of the church. Rather than “graduation,” confirmation truly is a beginning and not an end.

On May 7, we will celebrate this new beginning as we worship together and welcome these new members to the table of fellowship.

The festivities will begin with a breakfast for confirmands and their families at 8:45 A.M. in the Assembly Room. Worship with Confirmation and Communion will be at 10:00 A.M. There, with the confirmands, we can all reconfirm our commitment to be a part of what God is doing in the world!

Confirmation Sunday May 7

*Breakfast for confirmands and families
at 8:45 a.m.,
Assembly Room*

Worship with communion at 10:00 AM



Church and Justice Sunday

On April 23, our congregation and many guests celebrated our 23rd annual Church and Justice Sunday. Our guest preacher for the day was Louis D. Rodriguez. In 2000, while still incarcerated, Louis became a member of Rye Presbyterian Church under the leadership of The Reverend Dr. Dick Murdoch. Shortly thereafter he was taken under care of Rye Presbyterian Church and The Hudson River Presbytery as an Inquirer to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Upon his request in 2013, Louis transferred his membership to The Church of Gethsemane (PCUSA) and is under care of their Session and the New York City Presbytery. The title of his sermon on Sunday was “Walking by Faith, not by Sight.”

After the service many of the formerly incarcerated people who attended, along with their families and others from the congregation and guests involved in prison ministry, about 100 in total, gathered for a joyous, delicious lunch prepared under the supervision of Linda Otness and her grandsons, who served as sous chefs. Then we were privileged to hear from each



person at the luncheon, as they shared with us what they were doing as they seek to help others in their communities build a better life and to heal the damage done many years before. Among our guests were 12 young men from the Youth Shelter of Westchester—an alternative to incarceration program for young men, which RPC supports.



Rye Presbyterian Church

New Members—Spring 2017



Corinna and Tom Ausfahl

Tom grew up in the San Francisco Bay area and moved to New York after college. Corinna grew up in Northern Germany and moved to Connecticut as a teenager. They worked for a German bank in Manhattan, married in 2001 and moved to Rye in 2004. The couple has three daughters, Catharina and Charlotte who go to Rye Middle School, and Alexandra who is in the 4th grade. The children enjoy various sports, including tennis, soccer, softball, basketball and lacrosse.

Kathy and Steve Bailey

Steve, Kathy, and Hannah Bailey recently moved to Rye Brook from the Minneapolis- St. Paul area. Hannah is a 10th grader at Blind Brook High School. Steve and Kathy also have two other daughters: Alise is a recent college grad who lives and works in San Francisco, and Megan who is nearing the end of her Junior year at the University of Denver. The family enjoys outdoor activities; hiking, skiing, scuba, and exercise. Hannah participates in tennis, skiing and track & field at BBHS. Kathy and her daughters have volunteered and traveled extensively with Operation Smile, a medical non-profit organization focused on providing surgeries for children worldwide who suffer from cleft lip and palate malformations. Steve works in Manhattan where he is building a real estate investment business for the investment management subsidiary of Prudential.



Fatmeh Farokhi

Fatmeh has two children. Her daughter lives in Harrison and attended preschool at RPC Nursery School when she was a child. She is now a medical doctor. Her son lives overseas and is also a medical doctor. Fatmeh is also a grandmother to six grandchildren. She holds three Masters Degrees; Special Education, Elementary Education, and Social Work. She also has her B.S. in Physical Education and Doctorate in School Administration and Supervision from the University of Georgia, Athens. From 1982 to 1992, Fatmeh taught Physical Education and Special Education in the Atlanta Public School District. During this time she also taught part time at Mercer University in Atlanta. From 1992 until the present she has worked with the New York City Department of Education in different positions as a teacher, supervisor, and administrator. Fatmeh was a member of Peachtree Presbyterian in Atlanta Georgia from 1983 to 1992. From 1993 until 2017 she was a member of Reform church Bronxville New York.

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José Zeilstra and David Kidder

David and José are both entrepreneurs. David’s background is in marketing and technology with an expertise in social, mobile, search advertising, and product development. He helps companies be more innovative through his company, Bionic Solution. José helps companies improve gender equality. She currently runs the Women Entrepreneurs Network and is Partner at Gender Fair, while serving on the board of Princeton’s Faith & Work Initiative and Harbor Island Conservancy. Together, José and David live in Rye with their three sons, Jack (11), Stephen (9), and Lucas (6) who attend the Rye Neck Schools. They are an active family with the boys playing many sports, including lacrosse. The family enjoys traveling and also spending time at home with their friends as their extended family lives out of the state and country.

Sarah McGill

Sarah was raised in Bethlehem, PA and received a Marketing Degree from James Madison University. She moved to NYC after college and worked for an events marketing agency before switching gears and completing her Masters in Social Work at NYU. Her husband, Dennis, is from outside of Detroit and went to University of Michigan. He is an equity research analyst with Zelman & Associates in NYC. They met in NYC and were married in 2009 and moved to Rye in November of 2014. They have four children – 2 girls – Reese (6 1/2) and Parker (5) and 2 boys – Grady (2 1/2) and Cole (1). They love living in Rye!



Stephanie Savino

Stephanie Savino lives and grew up nearby in Purchase. She currently works in Stamford, Connecticut for Kayak. She is very interested in all things food and cooking related, and manages her own food interest Instagram account, “CastIronKitchen.” In her spare time she loves to read and sing. Lastly, she’s looking forward to marrying her fiancé, Andrew Padgett, this fall at RPC!



Weekends in May, Bible Study

Saturday, May 6

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

Sunday, May 7- Confirmation Sunday

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

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

8:45 a.m. Breakfast for Confirmands and Families
/ Assembly Room

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

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary
Confirmation

Sunday School

-Children attend worship through children's message

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

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

Saturday, May 13

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

6:30 p.m. Old Fashioned Pot Luck Dinner & Fundraiser

Sunday, May 14

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 Bible Presentation to
the 1st and 12th graders

11:00 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal/ Chapel

Saturday, May 20

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

Sunday, May 21

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

Sunday School

Youth Choir sings

-Children attend worship through children's message

Saturday, 27

No Evening Worship

Sunday, May 28

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

No Sunday School- Enrichment Activities

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

**Sunday May 7,
at 8:00 p.m. in the Library**

This month we continue our journey through the honesty, wisdom and faith of the 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, May 10 and 24,
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library**

All are welcome as we continue to study the highlights of the Old Testament. It may be "Old," but it still has plenty to teach us!

Please contact Rev. Love at dlove@ryepc.com for more information.

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, May 13 and 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

A warm welcome and hot coffee await!

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

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

May Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 29, MEMORIAL DAY

BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons: Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m., Library
Trustees: Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room
Session: Wednesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

WORSHIP AND STUDY

Worship on Saturday Evening:

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m., May 6, 13, 20

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:

Jewish Mysticism: May 7 / **Christian Mysticism:** May 14 and 21

Sunday School: Regular Sunday School on May 7, 14, 24; Enrichment Activities May 28; May 14, Bible Presentation to the 1st and 12th graders.

Confirmation: Confirmation Sunday May 7, Breakfast for confirmands and families at 8:45a.m., Westminster Room
 Worship and communion at 10:00 a.m.

Men's Sunday Bible Study: May 7, 8:00 p.m., Library

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: May 10 and 24, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women's Bible Study: Saturdays, May 13 and 20, 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, May 3 and 17, 5:30 p.m., Youth Room

High School Youth Group: Sundays, May 7 and 21, 6:00 p.m., Youth Rooms

MUSIC

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

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

Youth Choir Rehearsal: Sunday, May 14, 11:00, Chapel and May 21, 9:15 a.m., Chapel

OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

Mission & Outreach Committee: Wednesday, May 3, 7:30 p.m., Library

Coming Home Dinner: Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

Worship & Music Committee: Wednesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., Conference Room

Family Fellowship: Old Fashioned Pot Luck Dinner and M&O Fundraiser, May 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

3 Ts: Tuesday, May 16, 10:00 a.m., Westminster Room

Stephen Ministry:

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, May 2, 5:30 p.m., Library

Continuing Education and Supervision: May 2, 7:00 p.m., Library

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

Women's Association: Monthly Meeting, Monday, May 1, 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, May 18, 10:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

One of our four year old classrooms has been studying hawks. On Saturday March 25th we were delighted to host falconer, James Eyrwing of the Pace University Birds of Prey Center, who came to RPNS to talk to the families about hawks and owls. He gave a presentation on the Great Lawn. He brought four birds of prey along with him. The children paid close attention while the falconer answered their questions and introduced each of the birds. The children were amazed by the unfriendly “welcome” the visiting hawk received from our neighborhood red tailed hawk!

The children have been using the new information they learned from the presentation in their classroom. The words “beak,” “talons,” and “swoop” are on their word wall, and the children have been writing about hawks in their journals.



Together the class wrote a thank you letter to the falconer. Each child signed their name on the letter before they sealed and addressed it. The class voted on which stamp to place on the envelope, and they walked together down to the mailbox on Milton Road to mail the letter.



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