Grace Notes

RECAPTURING THE OLD WITHIN THE NEW



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It was that great theologian, Yogi Berra, who said, "It's like déjà vu all over again." Others have said "What goes around comes As you around." know, our chapel renovations are in full swing. By the time you read this, we will hopefully be moving toward completion and awaiting the arrival of 80 new padded chairs which will allow for more comfortable and more flexible seating. Recently we discov-

ered some of the original conceptual drawings that were done when the chapel was first being built in 1957. We were pleasantly surprised to see that the renovated chapel will look very similar to the original design; a simpler chancel with simpler chancel pieces such as the communion table, the pulpit, the lectern, and the font. Not quite knowing it, we are recapturing the old within the new.

Thanks to the Imagine Initiative, the chapel nears completion, the renovations of both manses are finished, and the Mary window in the sanctuary has been beautifully restored and is now back in



its place. While it is exciting to watch all of these projects come into being, as we move toward Stewardship Commitment Sunday on November 13, we are reminded that all that we do in our church and beyond the walls of our church can only happen if the foundation is strong.

Beyond the physical improvements that have been made, other significant things are happening thanks, in part, to the Imagine Initiative. Earlier this year we had our first Coming Home program for returning citizens, which ran for eighteen weeks, from January to June, ending with the graduation of our first six participants. On Thursday, November 10, we'll host an important evening with a powerful presentation as we help to facilitate on-going conversations in our larger community about drug use. (See the announcement on page 3).

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And most exciting, we've begun our Saturday at 5 worship service. This service has been averaging between 40-50 people (more than our 8:30 a.m. service on Sunday), including many families with children. If for some reason you cannot be in worship on Sunday morning, we invite you to join us Saturday at 5!

In a recent video Dan and I spoke to you from the dirt floor basement under the sanctuary and bell tower, reminding you of how important it is to be built on a strong foundation. But it is not only about the foundation upon which we build, but also about allowing God's Holy Spirit to be building us into the household of God, God's holy temple. The author of 1 Peter says it this way: "Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ... But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Faithfully yours,



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Commitment Sunday, Imagine, Stephen Ministry



Welcome to Stewardship season!

Each fall we embark on a program to remind the congregation of the work of Rye Presbyterian Church and the resources required to fulfill our goals and, importantly, our mission. We ask for pledges to support this work, and we set a budget for the coming year based on the indications of giving our members make through their pledge commitments at this time. Our current "run rate" is around \$1,500,000, which is what we need from pledges and gifts in the coming year. This translates to an *average* gift per household of just around \$2,500. While we recognize each household has its unique circumstances, we encourage

everyone to prayerfully consider the priorities we set and the statement we make about our faith in our giving of our time, talents, and treasures.

Leslie Bradford and Cheryl Hunt, Stewardship co-chairs

If you did not receive a pledge card for Annual Stewardship, please contact the church office, or pledge online <u>here.</u>

Stephen Ministry's Hallmark -Good Listening

Listening might come naturally to a few; however, for most of us it takes work and practice. Stephen Ministers are trained to utilize reflective listening in their one-to-one, confidential caregiving relationships. Good reflective listening is described as the ability to understand and communicate the meaning of what has been said. Within the 50+ hours of training, Stephen Ministers are urged to be good listeners, to provide support while the Care Receiver takes the time they need to find healing and peace.

Here are Stephen Ministry's Good Listening tips:

• DETECTIVE WORK - For someone in need, talking can be critical to sorting out what can feel like a mysterious situation. Stephen Ministers are trained to more effectively tune in to non-verbal cues in addition to feelings, words, and stories shared by a Care Receiver. A Stephen Minister's ability to reflect back the Care Receiver's ideas can help them discover insight and additional questions, leading the person in need to their own "ahha!"

- PROCESS VS. RESULTS When listening, we might think we have a clear way to resolve the presenting challenge. When we say "If I were you..." we can actually contribute to the delay of the other's healing. A good listener has the responsibility to resist "fixing" for as long as it takes the Care Receiver to discover, articulate, or demonstrate their own sense of healing or peace.
- FAITH IN ACTION It is natural to want to relieve suffering, especially when the friend in need is experiencing intense emotion. While listening, we can also encounter our own discomfort, thus it becomes even more tempting to "help" by initiating change. It requires patience and faith to listen well. Trusting God to be the ultimate source of love for each of us often requires our resistance to problem solving. It is an act of faith to leave the healing results in God's caring hands.

Jmagine Becoming Reality



One of the most visible results of the Imagine Initiative –the 1870 Mary window in the north transept has been fully restored!

Rye Presbyterian Church to host The Hudson River Presbytery Prison Partnership Program Forum Saturday, November 12, 9 a.m. - 12 noon.



The purpose of the forum is to encourage all to reach out to the prison population with compassion and support. For many, the question is not

why, but how.

Come learn what programs are already in place, including our own Coming Home program. Perspectives will be shared by both Corrections Officers and Returning Citizens. Big Picture topics addressed will be Criminal Justice, Restorative Justice, Reentry Issues, Education, Rehabilitation, and Healing Communities. Learn what other congregations in our Presbytery are currently doing, such as Prison Correspondence, "Bars of Soap," Prison Visiting Programs, *The New Jim Crow* Book Group, and more.

For more information, contact Pastor Miller at <u>jmiller@ryepc.com</u>.

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Adult Education–November Offerings

SUNDAY MORNING OFFERINGS 9:00-9:45 A.M., WESTMINSTER ROOM



God's Politics: Could Jesus Win an Election?

Sunday, November 6

For this one-session class, we'll gather days before our national election to explore how out Christian faith and national politics might inform each other.

FARRY LODGE

Hallelujah! The Bible and Handel's Messiah

Sundays, November 13, 20, December 4, 11 (No class Nov. 27-

Thanksgiving Weekend!)

We offer this class in preparation for our choir's presentation of Handel's *Messiah*,



Part I, on Cantata Sunday, December 11. This fourweek study is for both the music lover and the biblical seeker as it explores the scriptural texts of this great work.

BOOK STUDY



Why Islam Needs a Reformation Now

Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Heretic: *Why Islam Needs a Reformation Now* Mondays, November 7, 14, 21 28, December 5 7:30 p.m., Library

This five-week study will explore Ayaan Hirsi Ali's book. In the book Hirsi Ali gives us an inside view of Islam and advocates that a Muslim reformation is the only way to end the horrors of terrorism, sectarian warfare, and the repression of women and minorities. Dan Love will facilitate this study. Contact him (<u>dlove@ryepc.com</u>) if you plan to attend or need a book.

SPECIAL EVENT

Drugs and Addiction in Our Community

Thursday, November 10, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Please join us for this special presentation by Anita Devlin, followed by the screening of the short film, IF ONLY, introduced by producer James Wahlberg and ending with a panel discussion.



Anita Devlin is the coauthor of S.O.B.E.R., a compelling memoir of hope and faith, written from two perspectives simultaneously: Anita,

grappling with her son's addition, and Michael, suffering emotionally and physically, and his empowering message of recovery treatment.

The Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation and Millenium Health present IF



ONLY with support from Recovery Centers of America: a short film intended to

raise awareness about the dangers of prescription drug misuse and abuse, and to encourage the safe use, storage, and disposal of prescription drugs.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATON INTERNATIONAL LUNCH

Tuesday, November 15, 12:30 p.m.

L'Italia! Delizioso!

The International Lunch returns to the Tarry Lodge after a long absence.

Time to mangia! mangia! Anyone who wants to come is WELCOME! Presbyterian or not. Each month a different group of women show up - always fun, and you can learn about what is going on at Rye Pres (though we talk about much more than that).

Come solo, bring a friend, but COME! Mark your calendars and RSVP "YES" to Cindy Kuster, <u>ckuster@aol.com</u>, or call or text me at (914) 282-1956.

Details: Tarry Lodge, 18 Mill Street, Port Chester, 914-939-3111

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Christian Education, Confirmation, Live Nativity, Christmas Pageant

Sunday School

We have a fun November planned for Sunday School! We will continue our way through the Old Testament, learning about great leaders like Moses and Joshua. On November 13, the children will join Lisa Rawson for Singing Our Faith. November 27 is a holiday weekend, and the children will gather in the Westminster Room to continue our Thanksgiving tradition of making Advent Wreaths. Happy November, everyone!

Middle School Connection

Connection, our middle school youth group, is open to all 6th-8th graders. We will meet twice this month. On Friday, November 4, we will go rock climbing at The Rock Club in New Rochelle. We'll meet at 4:30 p.m. in the church parking lot and should be done by 7:00 p.m. Are any parents willing and able to drive and chaperone? Let Dan Love know.

We will have a "regular" meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16.

High School Youth Group

All 9th-12th graders are welcome at RPC's High School Youth Group! Contact Rachael Huntley with any questions: rhuntley@ryepc.com.

Confirmation 2017

Classes: November 6, Westminster Room: last names M-Z at 4 p.m.; A-L at 5 p.m. November 20, Library: A-L at 4 p.m., M-Z at 5 p.m.





LIVE NATIVITY **PLANNING MEETING**

Sunday, November 20, in the Westminster Room following 10:00 a.m. Worship

This Christmas, the high school youth will create a live nativity scene during the 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve services.

> If you have questions or are interested in participating, please contact Lisa Rawson.



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Sunday, December 18, 4:00 p.m.

The Pageant is open to all children age 4 through 6th grade. If you or your children are interested in participating through acting or working behind the scenes, sign-up sheets are available on the wall across from the RPC

reception desk. All 7th and 8th graders interested in helping out with narration, lighting, or ushering, please contact:

Lisa Rawson, Director, at lrawson@ryepc.com

Auditions: Sunday, Nov. 13, 11:15, Westminster Room

Rehearsal Schedule: Friday, Dec. 2, 3:45-5:15 Saturday, Dec. 10, 10-12 Saturday, Dec. 17, 10-12

Performance Sunday, Dec. 18, 4:00 p.m.



All forms are due November 27

Musical Notes



An Invitation to Sing in the Chancel Choir in December

Please speak with me if you have interest in singing in the Chancel Choir for the following. All voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor, or bass) are welcomed.

Cantata Sunday – December 11: Part 1 of Messiah

The RPC custom of Cantata Sunday will continue this year with an offering, in the 10:00 a.m. service on December 11, of the complete Part 1 of *Messiah*, the well-known oratorio by G. F. Handel. An orchestra will accompany the RPC Chancel Choir and Soloists. I extend a special invitation to high school upperclassmen (juniors and seniors) to sing, as a *Messiah*--specific rehearsal plan has been crafted so that the commitment is, approximately, for a four-week unit (community service credit may be available).

Beginning November 6, the choir's weekly rehearsal will include the choruses from *Messiah*. *Messiah*-only rehearsals will be held Thursdays, November 17 and December 1, from 7:30–9:00 p.m. A rehearsal, with orchestra, will be held Saturday, December 10, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Services at 8:00 and 11:00 p.m.

A smaller ensemble of singers will offer the choral music within the Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols, beginning at 8:00 p.m. (pre-service rehearsal to begin at 6:45 p.m.). The full choir will sing at the Candlelight Service of Holy Communion, beginning at 11:00 p.m. (pre-service rehearsal to begin at 9:45 p.m.).

Beginning November 27, the weekly choir rehearsal (Sundays, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) will include the music for these services. Those wishing the sing the 8:00 p.m. service will be asked to remain until 1:00 p.m. on December 4 and December 18, as there will be more music than that to be sung at the 11:00 p.m. service.

Jason

jcharneski@ryepc.com



Handel: Messiah (Part 1) Sunday, December 11, 10:00 a.m. The tradition of Cantata Sunday continues as the RPC Chancel Choir and orchestra present the complete Part 1 of Messiah. An offering will be received to support RPC's ministries to the community.

Celebrate!

The Jackson Memorial Organ & The Peter B. Knock Scholarship Friday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.

Caroline Robinson and David von Behren, the winners of the 2016 Peter B. Knock scholarships for the study of sacred music, will perform on the recently-upgraded Jackson Memorial Organ (dedicated in 1982). Freewill donations received will go to the Knock Memorial Fund as it fosters a new Internship in Sacred Music at RPC.

Cantus

Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m.

Cantus, the highly-acclaimed nine-voice men's professional choral ensemble, will present a concert, *No Greater Love Than This*, that explores the life of a soldier. Admission: premium seating (limited to 50) at \$20 each; general seating at \$10 each.

Concerts 2016-2017





This season's concerts are made possible in part by the Imagine Initiative of Rye Presbyterian Church.

Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian Church Ronald Arron, artistic director

We are pleased to include this well-established series of concerts of chamber music in the calendar for 2016-2017. The first concert will be in November:

Sunday, November 6, at 2:30 p.m. Mozart and Brahms: Clarinet Quintets

Todd Palmer, clarinet; Ming-Feng Hsin and Sarah Vonsattel, violins; Michael Roth, viola; and David Heiss, cello



Contact Ronald Arron at <u>ronarron@optonline.net</u> or 914-523-4646 for more information or to reserve seats (\$20 for RPC members; \$40 general public).

RPC Bulletin Board



Please note new schedule!

Sunday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m.

Carols around the trees on the front lawn to welcome in the Christmas season with dessert following at the Miller manse, 890 Boston Post Road!



~ RPC Family Fellowship ~

Pizza & Gingerbread House Party!

Bring your family for a Pizza Dinner and stay for the Tree Lighting at 7:00 p.m. Once the tree has been lit and dessert enjoyed, your house will be dry and ready to take home.

Sunday, December 4, Assembly Room: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

RSVP Rachael Huntley (rhuntley@ryepc.com) with how many houses you'll need.

RYE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday afternoon, November 20, 4:00 p.m.



Reception hosted by the Rye Women's Interfaith Committee will follow the service.

Non-perishable food and monetary donations will be given to Caritas of Port Chester.



Yes, it feels early . . . but it's almost that time when RPC elves gather together to decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays.

Come by on Wednesday, November 30, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. As usual, there will be food and drink, music, and lots of merriment.

Please contact <u>Kristin Jautz</u> if we can count on you this year!

YEAR-END OFFERING & STOCK DONATIONS

YOUR CHARITABLE DEDUCTION

Church financial records will close at the end of the business day on **Friday**, **December 30**, **2016**, **at noon**. Gifts may be dropped off in the reception area mailbox. All checks must be received by **December 31** to qualify for a charitable deduction in the **2016 tax year**.

PLEDGE BALANCE

If you would like to check your pledge balance online through Access ACS, please go to ryepc.com: http://ryepc.com/resources/database-login-for-members/

DONATING STOCK TO RPC

Gifts of stock to RPC are cleared through:

The Beringer Weinstock Group Janney Montgomery Scott 800 Post Rd., Darien, CT 06820

Attn: Geoff Beringer Tel: 203-662-6360 Credit to Rye Presbyterian Church AC #8926-9870.

To insure that your donation is accurately recorded, please also forward a copy of your letter of instruction to Maida Robinson, <u>mrobinson@ryepc.com</u>.

Weekends in November, Bible Study

Saturday, November 5

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

Sunday, November 6

8:30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
8:40 a.m.	Prayer Gathering / Library
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship & Communion in the Sanctuary
	Sunday School
	-Children attend worship through children's message.
11:30 a.m.	Coming Home Informational Meeting /
	Westminster Room
4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class M-Z / Westminster Room
5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class A-L / Westminster Room
8:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study / Library
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Saturday, November 12

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

Sunday, November 13

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
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. Congregational Meeting / Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Christmas Pageant Auditions / Westminster Room

Saturday, November 19

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

Sunday, November 20

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room
- 9:30 a.m. Youth & Children's Choir / Mr. Charneski's office
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary Sunday School -Children attend worship through children's message.
 11:00 a.m. Live Nativity Planning Meeting / Westminster Room
- **4:00 p.m.** Confirmation Class A-L / Library
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class M-Z / Library
- 5:30 p.m. Coming Home Reunion / Westminster Room
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

Saturday, November 26

No Saturday Evening Worship—Thanksgiving Weekend

Sunday, November 27

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary No Sunday School—Enrichment Activities

Congregational Meeting

Election of Officers

Sunday, November 13, following 10:00 a.m. worship

Men's Bible Study

Sundays, November 6 and 20, at 8:00 p.m. in the Library

If you'd like to be on an email reminder list, let <u>Dan Love</u> know.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

All are welcome to jump in any time for our tour of the "greatest hits" of the Hebrew Scriptures! We meet on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.

November 2: Noah's Ark 2

November 16: The Tower of Babel

November 30: Abraham and Sarah

If you'd like to be on the email reminder list, let <u>Dan</u> <u>Love</u> know.

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, November 5 and 12, at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

Please join 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.



NOTE:

8:30 a.m. Worship will be held in the Sanctuary until Chapel renovations are completed.

A November Food Collection for RPC Neighbors in Need



During November, we again will be collecting support for RPC mission partner and grant recipient, Caritas of Port Chester, Inc., which operates a biweekly food pantry at its new location, St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The most convenient way to support this

program is to make a monetary contribution, which will allow Caritas to buy staples for a small percentage of retail prices from a food bank. Please donate by placing in the offering plate a check, made payable to RPC, with "Food Drive" noted on the memo line. For those who would prefer to make a donation in kind, please bring any of the following non-perishables -- in family sizes - and place them in the collection box near the reception area: black beans, rice, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce, cooking oil, canned tuna, and canned vegetables. If you'd like to explore volunteering at Caritas, please call its office (914.305.3967).

November Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

CHURCH OFFICES AND BUILDINGS CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, and FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

BOARD MEETINGS			
Deacons: Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 p.m., Library			
Trustees: Wednesday, November 16, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room			
Session: Wednesday, November 30, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room			
WORSHIP AND STUDY			
Worship on Saturday evening:			
Saturdays, 5:00 p.m., November 5, 12, 19 (no service on November 26—Thanksgiving weekend)			
Worship on Sunday:			
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Sanctuary			
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 Politics: Sunday, November 6 "Hallelyight The Bible and Handel's Massish", November 12, 20, December 4, 11			
"Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah": November 13, 20, December 4, 11 Book Study: "Heretic: Why Islam Needs a Reformation Now" by Ayaan Hirsi Ali:			
Mondays, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Library, November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5			
Special Event: Drugs and Addiction in our Community, Thursday, November 10, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room			
Sunday School: Regular Sunday School on November 6, 13, 20; Enrichment Activities on November 27			
Confirmation: Sundays: November 6, Westminster Room, M-Z at 4:00 p.m., A-L at 5 p.m.;			
November 20, Library, A-L at 4:00 p.m., M-Z at 5:00 p.m.			
Men's Sunday Bible Study: November 6 & 20, 8:00 p.m., Library			
Wednesday Morning Bible Study: November 2, 16, & 30, 10:00 a.m., Library			
Women's Bible Study: November 5 & 12, 10:00 a.m., Library			
Women's Discipleship: Video Study "Twelve Women of the Bible," Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Library.			
YOUTH			
Boy Scout Troop #2: Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room			
Connection: Friday, November 4, Rock Climbing, Rock Club, New Rochelle; meet 4:30 p.m., church parking lot			
Wednesday, November 16, 5:30 p.m., Youth Room			
High School Youth Group: Sunday, November 6, 6:00 p.m., Youth Rooms;			
Saturday, November 19, 10:00 a.m., Community Service, The Sharing Shelf in Port Chester			
MUSIC			
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Sundays, 9:15 & 11:30 a.m.; Thursday, November 17, 7:30-9:00 p.m.			
Children's Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays, 3:45 p.m., Choir Room			
Youth Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays/Sundays TBD			
OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS			
3 Ts: Tuesday, November 15, 10:00 a.m., Westminster Room			
Chamber Music at RPC Concert: Sunday, November 6, 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary			
Coming Home: Informational Meeting, Sunday, November 6, 11:30 a.m., Westminster Room			
Mentor Training, Thursday, November 17, 6:30 p.m., Westminster Room			
Reunion, Sunday, November 20, 5:30 p.m., Westminster Room			
Greening of the Kirk: Wednesday, November 30, 9:30 a.m12:00 p.m., Sanctuary			
Live Nativity Planning Meeting: Sunday, November 20, following 10:00 a.m. worship., Westminster Room			
Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, November 2, 7:30 p.m., Library			
Stephen Ministry:			
Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, November 1, 5:30 p.m., Library			
Continuing Education and Supervision: Tuesday, November 1, 7:00 p.m., Library			
Thrift Shop: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m1:00 p.m.			
Women's Association: Monthly Meeting, Monday, November 7, 9:00 a.m., Library			
International Lunch: Tuesday, November 15, 12:30 p.m., Tarry Lodge, 18 Mill St., Port Chester			
Worship & Music: Wednesday, November 9, 7:30 p.m., Conference Room			
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			
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Sandwichmakers: Thursday, November 17, 10:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

Come join us at Rye Presbyterian Nursery School for the 2017-2018 school year! In-house registration will be held on November 14 through November 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. All current students, new siblings of returning families, and church members should register at this time to guarantee their placement. All church members are part of our In-House registration. If you are a new family please call 914-967-2073 or email Co-Director, Kristin Kumar. kkuat mar@rpnskids.org to set up a tour. Rye Presbyterian Nursery School offers morning and afternoon programs for two, three, and four year olds and a morning five year old class. Our morning and afternoon sessions have the same goals and activities at each of their respective age levels. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Our annual "Swing into Fall" fundraiser was held on Friday, September 23, in the Assembly Room. Parents showed great support for RPNS at the cocktail party and silent auction. Families purchased items for their child's classroom from our online "Giving Tree."



In addition to our always popular parking raffle and wine raffle, we added a new raffle this year. Parents bought raffle tickets for a chance to win a "Purchase Street Basket" that included gift certificates from local Rye retailers located on Purchase Street. We were thrilled how generous and supportive the Rye retailers were of the RPNS fundraiser, and the businesses were given signs to put in their windows to show their support of RPNS.





<u>The Rev. Daniel Love, Co-Pastor</u> <u>The Rev. Dr. John Miller, Co-Pastor</u> <u>The Rev. Rachael Huntley, Minister of Christian Education</u> <u>Jason Charneski, Director of Music and Organist</u> <u>Lisa Rawson, Director of Choirs for Children and Youth</u> <u>Maida Robinson, Chief Administrative Officer</u> <u>Rosemary Annunziato, Church Secretary</u> <u>Denise LeVan, Pastoral Assistant</u> <u>Juan Velasquez, Head Sexton/Building Manager</u>

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