

A FIRM FOUNDATION



For those of you who haven't had the chance to peek behind the "Construction Zone" signs, here is a picture of what the chapel looked like in mid-August. It was a bit of a mess, and a big change from where we were before the work started. The dream, long-talked about, is to remodel the chapel worship space – to help the acoustics, to make it a bit more flexible, and to restore its architecture and liturgical furnishings to its original state—more consistent with our Reformed and Presbyterian tradition. To that end, through the visionary funding of the Imagine Initiative, the pews (all but two that had water damage) all found new homes; the pulpit, lectern and communion table are all being repurposed and refinished; and as you can tell from the photo, the floor is being redone. What was a concrete, partial stone floor, will soon be a lovely new oak floor that will warm the space and echo the rest of this amazing building.

In any building project, the first step is tending to what lies beneath – tending the foundation. Once finished, it is buried and out of sight. Done well, we never think twice about it. Done poorly, the whole structure is at risk. Jesus himself picks up that theme when he asks whether we are building our lives on sand, or on the solid rock of his words. It is a question that keeps us coming back to spaces like our chapel and sanctuary to tend to our foundation.

In the chapel, they worked hard to level the gravel left over from the concrete. A thin layer of low-moisture concrete was laid down – with a really cool laser levelling system – to make sure all is smooth, all is solid and all is level. A firm foundation.

In a larger sense, as October comes, it is the season for tending the foundation for the entire work of our church. Last year, the forward-looking vision of the Imagine Initiative helped turned some of the long-term dreams of our church into reality: an air-conditioned sanctuary, refurbished stained glass, remodeled manses, a well-funded ministry to our children and youth, a new concert series, the Coming Home program... the list goes on! But below those exciting and very visible new programs and

improvements lies the quieter, less-visible day-to-day work of the church – the firm foundation of a solid staff team, a well-maintained facility, and funding for all of our ongoing and long-standing ministries. In perhaps less spiritual terms, it is an annual budget of over \$1.5 million, and for nearly all of it we are fully reliant on the ongoing generosity of the people of this church.

It is a big foundation. It is one well-tended by the leadership of our church. But to continue to build all that we hope and dream for our church, it must be kept solid and unshakable. It takes all our work and all of our generosity.

Later this month, as pledge cards for 2017 arrive, but more importantly, as we all together seek to build our lives more firmly on God's foundation, let us consider our many blessings and how our lives and our generosity reflect the great generosity of God. If we do, I have all the confidence in the world that we will not spend time worrying about the church budget. Instead, on a firm foundation, we will continue the great work that God has done here at Rye Presbyterian Church. I look forward to being a part of that work with you.

In faith,

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
October 16, 2016

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Imagine, Peace and Global Witness Offering, Caritas Food Collection

Imagine . . . Becoming Reality

- The “Mary window” from the north side of the sanctuary will be reinstalled starting October 17.
- The sanctuary AC helped boost summer attendance by 14%!
- The concert series began with a wonderful outdoor evening performance of the *The Jolly Beggars* on September 10.
- The chapel renovation work continues. All but a few of the old pews are in good hands now and enjoying a second life. The pulpit, table, and lectern have been removed to be refashioned and refinished, wiring for sound and power is being installed as a wood floor is finished this month. New chairs arriving soon!
- Both manse kitchens are beautifully redone and back in use!
- The additional third worship service started in September!

Thank you for your continued generosity toward fulfilling all God imagines!



Our First Saturday at 5 Service began on Sept. 17!



SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

Sunday, October 2

Every day, we are witnesses to conflict. We read news stories of violence. Angry rhetoric fills our airwaves, inboxes, and social media feeds. We see conflict tear apart communities, families, even people we know. Surrounded by this, it's easy to see the world through a dark lens of discord. We may even come to share the doubt of Psalm 78:19: “Can God spread a table in the wilderness?” Yet our faith tells us despite our doubts, distrust, or even anger, God not only sets a table, but invites us to join it and partake in an abundance of peace.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering challenges us to look at the world not as a place where conflict is inevitable, but where Christ's peace is possible. The programs supported by the Peace & Global Witness Offering help bring people to tables of peace, justice, and reconciliation even in the wilderness of war, violence, and division. In places of abiding conflict, the Peace & Global Witness Offering supports the work of Presbyterian mission co-workers to bring together former enemies and begin healing the spiritual wounds of war. In congregations closer to home, support from the Offering enables efforts to turn back the tide of gun violence that claims too many American lives. In other communities, it's facilitating a transformative

dialogue about the difficult subject of race to find new common ground. And everywhere, this Offering supports witness, because by sharing the abiding love and mercy of Christ, more people can find their way to a seat at God's table.

Your support of the Peace & Global Witness Offering acknowledges that a wilderness of conflict may surround us, but we are not abandoned there. If we open our eyes to the possibilities of peace, we see God has set a table for anyone willing to take a seat. This is why we give to the Peace & Global Witness offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace. This year, the Mission and Outreach Committee has decided to send the 25% of the offering which we are allowed to retain locally to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), designated for flood relief in Louisiana. 25% of the offering is retained by our presbytery and synod to support peace-making efforts, together with our neighboring congregations. The remaining 50% is deployed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe.

You are invited to visit the Peace & Global Witness website:

(www.presbyterianmission.org/peace-global)

to find out more information on how your support of this offering helps. May there be generosity in our hearts to join with Christians all over the country on World Communion Sunday, October 2, in response to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. To donate online, click [here](#).

A NOVEMBER FOOD COLLECTION FOR RPC NEIGHBORS IN NEED



During November we will again be collecting food for distribution by RPC mission partner and grant recipient Caritas of Port Chester, Inc., which operates a bi-weekly food pantry at their new location, St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Please bring 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, canned vegetables and fruit, ground coffee, and sugar. If you prefer to contribute money to purchase these items, please put a check made payable to RPC, with “Food Drive” noted on the memo line, in the offering plate. If you'd like to explore volunteering at Caritas, please call Sam Dimon at 914.380.2134 or talk to him after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Adult Education, Stephen Ministry, New Member Classes

"Race and Reconciliation" will be a recurring, underlying theme in October's programs. Our denomination has had its share of separations and reconciliations over the years, often related, directly or indirectly, to race. The most recent reconciliation found its voice in the Confession of 1967. Similarly, reconciliation was at the heart of South Africa's continuing re-birth and it found its voice in the Belhar Confession, which was recently adopted as part of the confessional teachings of the Presbyterian Church USA.

The 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. programs for each Sunday in October, except the 9th, Columbus Day weekend, will address

the issues of race and reconciliation through the lens of those two confessions which reflect the church's basic mission of reconciliation through the work of Jesus Christ and ourselves in the world.

Also, for five weeks starting September 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Library, Dr. Miller will lead a book study on "**Fear of the Other**" by Will Willimon, a noted Wesleyan scholar. That fear of people or ideas that are "different" is often the root of separation, providing a need for reconciliation, for God commands us to love all those who are "Other," in order to bring the world together.

Please join us for both of these programs aimed at underscoring the basic unity of humanity. We also plan a special evening program open to the community featuring Anita Devlin, author of S.O.B.E.R., a dual biography of a son's fall into addiction and of his mother's struggle to understand the power of addiction and to help her son through to his ultimate recovery and sobriety. *Stay tuned for specifics of date and time so you won't miss this powerful program.*

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CARING FOR OUR PASTORS

Stephen Ministry began in 1975 when The Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D., a pastor and clinical psychologist, trained nine members of his congregation in St. Louis to help provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people. Rye Presbyterian Church is among the 12,000 congregations enrolled in the Stephen Series now. In addition to Rev. Haugk, pastors from the US and Canada have shared how Stephen Ministry benefits them and their congregations. Here are the highlighted ways a "Stephen Ministry Church" cares for their pastor and the community:

- **Moves Members beyond the "It's the Pastor's Job" Mindset** - Stephen Ministry transforms a congregation from a consumer group that employs a pastor into a community mobilized for ministry. Stephen Ministers will never replace the ordained clergy because there are certain tasks, duties, and responsibilities that an ordained clergyperson is uniquely trained, qualified, and called to perform. However, caring ministry is one area of ministry that pastors can delegate to or share with people who have the right gifts, training, and commitment.
- **Training Effective Leaders** - Pastors often relay that the practical, Christ-centered, psychologically sound training Stephen Ministers receive surpasses the caregiving training they received in seminary. Clergy have a team of caregivers—well-organized, well-trained, highly motivated and committed, and well supervised—to assist with providing pastoral care.
- **The Joy of Equipping the Saints** - Stephen Ministry pastors report that they find great joy in helping people recognize that God is calling them to ministry, helping them to identify and nurture their gifts, and then seeing them use those gifts in meaningful ministry. The Stephen Series training provides opportunities for spiritual growth through prayer, continuing education, and peer supervision. Clergy also experience increased involvement and commitment of members.
- **More Care-Conscious Congregation** - As Stephen Ministry permeates a congregation, members come to understand that they all share in the responsibility of recognizing who needs care and help to connect them to the care they need. Please contact RPC Clergy if you or someone you know might benefit from the one-to-one, confidential care Stephen Ministers offer.

**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASSES

**Sundays, October 16 and 23,
in the Library
following 10:00 a.m. Worship**

Perhaps you've been coming to RPC a long time, or perhaps you are brand new to the area or the church. Either way, if you've thought about taking a further step into the life and ministry of RPC, this is a great time to explore it. All who are interested in finding out more about what it means to be a member of the Rye Presbyterian Church are invited to take part in the New Member classes. The classes are Sundays, October 16 and 23, immediately following worship in the church library. 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 our faith together as a part of this particular church. For those choosing to join the church, in addition to the Sunday classes, there will be a dessert meeting with the leadership of the church Sunday evening, November 6, at 7:00 p.m. This is a time to meet the officers of the church and for the Session to meet briefly to approve the new class for church membership. Public welcome and recognition of the new members will take place during worship on Sunday, November 13.

Anyone wishing to find out more about joining the church should contact Rosemary Annunziato in the church office – rannunziato@ryepc.com or 914-967-0842x11.

Christian Education, Confirmation 2017

Sunday School

We have a fun October in store here at RPC Sunday School. We spent September becoming familiar with how the Bible is organized, and now we will dive into the Old Testament stories of Genesis: Adam & Eve, Abraham & Sarah, Noah & the Ark...so many wonderful stories to learn!

On October 23, the children will join Lisa Rawson for Singing Our Faith.

Our Family Fellowship event this month is the super fun annual Pumpkin Carving! Come enjoy a pizza dinner and carve your Halloween pumpkin at RPC. Let us take care of picking up the sloppy, pumpkin gut mess! The Pumpkin Carving is on Sunday, October 23, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

RSVP to rhuntley@ryepc.com so that we can be sure to have enough pizza and pumpkins.

Middle School Connection

Connection, our middle school youth group, is open to all 6th-8th graders. We'll meet on October 5 and 19 this month from 5:30-6:45 p.m. for a pizza dinner, games, learning, and fun. Gather in the youth rooms downstairs under the Assembly Room. Hope to see your middle schooler there!

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.

Sunday, October 16,

6:00 -7:15 p.m., Dinner & Fellowship,
RPC Youth Rooms

Saturday, October 29,

10:00 a.m.-Noon, Community Service,
The Sharing Shelf in Port Chester
Come sort clothes and plan outfits for
Westchester youth in need!

Confirmation 2017

Briefed on all the details and hopes for the upcoming year, a new confirmation class is underway! The entire class met late last month to get to kick the year off and get to know each other a little better. We will jump right in with classes in the late afternoon on Sundays October 2, 16 and 23. Soon they will be wrestling with the deeper questions of the Christian faith: Who IS God? How can this world be both so beautiful and so broken? Where do I fit in the larger story of what God is up to? Please keep this year's class in your prayers throughout the coming months!

Classes:

October 2, last names A-L at 4 p.m.;
M-Z at 5 p.m.
October 16, M-Z at 4 p.m., A-L at 5 p.m.
October 23, A-L at 4 p.m., M-Z at 5 p.m.

Confirmation

All ages welcome!



RPC Family Fellowship

Sunday, October 23rd,
5:00-6:30pm, Assembly Room

RSVP to
[Rachael Huntley](mailto:Rachael.Huntley@ryepc.com)
967.0842 x 17



For those of you who were with us on Sunday, August 28, we had the joy of commissioning three Young Adult Volunteers on behalf of the Presbyterian Church (USA). For more about this "peace corps" type of ministry related to our denomination, [click here](#).

We now have blog addresses for these YAV's. You can read about Brittany Beasley's service in Colombia at:

<http://brittanybeasley.wixsite.com/columbiatocolombia>,

Katie McGee's service in Little Rock at:

<https://katieyavyear.wordpress.com/>

and Sammie Smith's service in Asheville, NC at:

<https://sammieinasheville.wordpress.com/>

NOLA FUNDRAISER . . .

Parking for the Rye-Harrison game at Rye Presbyterian Church raised \$1,285 to support our annual Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans!



WORSHIP UNDER THE TENT

Fall Festival Sunday Worship
held outside under the tent on September 11



Musical Notes



**From Jason
Charneski**

Cantata Sunday: Part 1 of Messiah – An Invitation to Sing (esp. high school upper-classmen)

The RPC custom of Cantata Sunday will continue this year with an offering, in the 10:00 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. Beyond high school students, this invitation is open to anyone who has interest. Please let me know.

Concerts 2016-2017 UPDATE

The 2016-2017 series of concerts opened on September 10 with an enjoyable concert of Celtic music performed by The Jolly Beggars. The tent on the Great Lawn proved a most fitting venue: who knows what we'll offer next September!

We have cancelled – for this season – The “Westchester Has Talent!” competition concert, which was scheduled for October 28. The reason: no competitors. Initial thoughts are that it was slated too early in the program season; thus, we'll ascertain the feasibility of it for the spring of 2018. Please see the update series flyer (elsewhere in this newsletter and posted on the church's website) or take a hard-copy of the **revised** brochure (in the information racks throughout the building).

Chancel Organ Upgrade UPDATE

The organ is playable again! The majority of the upgrades and modifications have been completed. There are a few adjustments to be made, and some equipment (on back order) is yet to be installed; but, in many ways, RPC is blessed with a new instrument. I hope to schedule a brief demonstration session to take place following the 10:00 service some Sunday this autumn. Stay tuned!

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.**

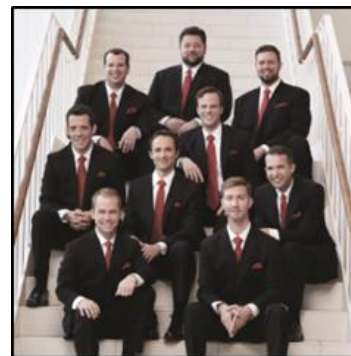
Caroline Robinson and David von Behren, the winners of the 2016 Peter B. Knock scholarships for the study of sacred music, will perform on the recently-upgraded Jackson Memorial Organ (dedicated in 1982). Freewill donations received will go to the Knock Memorial Fund as it fosters a new Internship in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

Imagine

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 ronarron@optonline.net or 914-523-4646 for more information or to reserve seats (\$20 for RPC members; \$40 general public).

Mission & Outreach

Spotlight on Wayne Atwell

In the spirit of spreading the good word, this month Mission and Outreach is shining the spotlight on Wayne Atwell, his good work at

Rising Hope (<https://risinghopeinc.wordpress.com/>) and **Exodus Transitional Community** (<http://www.etcny.org/#programs-home>),

and an opportunity for those interested to get involved at both these wonderful organizations.

Wayne has been on the RPC Mission and Outreach committee for 20 years and has an unwavering commitment to lending his time and talent to help others, particularly our incarcerated and formerly incarcerated brothers and sisters. Wayne is currently a Board member of Rising Hope and Exodus. RPC Mission and Outreach is proud to support both organizations.

Rising Hope provides free undergraduate educational programs to people incarcerated in New York state prisons. They are committed to helping those incarcerated realize their innate potential across the intellectual, psychological, spiritual, moral, social, and vocational domains of their lives and currently provides programming in Sing Sing, Fishkill, and Woodbourne Correctional Facilities. Courses are taught by volunteers, many distinguished in their fields, who believe that those they are



helping can find a path to a positive life through education and service. (Pastor Miller teaches for Rising Hope at Sing Sing.)

Wayne has been on the Board of Rising Hope for 18 months and is hard at work helping them expand and add new programming. He was specifically asked to join the Board to lend his fundraising and financial reporting expertise as a means for supporting the expansion goal.

Rising Hope knew of Wayne's passion for helping those incarcerated through his 8+ years of offering his support as a Board member for Exodus. Exodus seeks to break the cycle of recidivism of formerly incarcerated men and women by providing support services that help them to reintegrate into their communities upon release.

The level of expertise Wayne has developed in this area of service, along with the calling he has for work with this population, has made him a sought-after volunteer in prison support services. Where does this level of commitment come from?

Wayne was fortunate to be raised by two engaged parents in an area with a strong education system. He realized early on that not everyone has access to the same level of support. He recognized that many raised in single-parent households, in areas with struggling school systems may make mistakes that come at the price of a lengthy incarceration that further limits their futures. Wayne believes that it is never too late to help those behind bars reach their potential and is tireless in his support of making sure they have access to the education they need to reach their full potential.



Want to get involved at Rising Hope? Rising Hope welcomes volunteers who are qualified (M.A., M.S., M. Div., M.S.W., Ph.D., or Ed.D.) to teach college-level courses to prison inmates. If you are interesting in becoming a Rising Hope teacher, please call Susan Ulrich at Rising Hope (914) 276-7848, or send her an email at risinghopeinc@gmail.com.



Want to get involved at Exodus? A cornerstone of the Exodus model is mentoring participants. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact Linda Woodbine at 917-492-0990 or lwoodbine@etcny.org.

Church Picnic - Sunday, September 11



Women's Association

Monthly Reflection

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves,
shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.
We sense its passing in rain that dampens,
winds that chill, Harvest's bounty placed on show.
Creator God, who brings forth
both green shoot and hoar frost,
sunrise and sunset,
we bring our thanks
for seeds that have grown,
harvests gathered,
storehouses filled,
mouths fed.
And, as your good earth rests
through winter's cold embrace,
we look forward to its re-awakening
when kissed by Spring's first touch.

Sunday Chancel Flowers



Each week beautiful flowers adorn our sanctuary and provide an uplifting reminder of the goodness of God. Please consider honoring the memory of a loved one or recognizing a special occasion by donating the chancel flowers. Your donation will be noted in the church bulletin. The fee is \$60.00.

To make arrangements, please contact
[Denise LeVan](#)



Thrift Shop Fall Saturday Sale is COMING!

Saturday, October 22, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Upstairs in the Assembly Room AND Downstairs in the Undercroft

What should you do?

- DONATE:** We can accept larger objects beginning Thursday, October 20.
- * *Larger items we love for the Saturday sale*—lamps, rugs, bookcases/storage, end tables/coffee tables, bikes
 - * *Other items we love for the Saturday sale*—HANDBAGS! Always popular. Jewelry of every type (costume, even children's). Knick-knacks, china, serving dishes, decorative items.
- SHOP!!**
- * *Come on Saturday from 9am-1pm, and bring ALL your friends.* Mostly larger toys and furniture upstairs, and the downstairs will have more rooms open with merchandise galore. It will be your last chance for Halloween items and we will have some Christmas items for sale.

Have fun, shop 'til you drop, spend a little and get a LOT
—ALL for a good cause. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**

For Newcomers: What is the Thrift Shop?

- Run as the 'service mission' arm of the RPC Women's Association.
- Has donated \$60,000 for the past 5 years in a row.
- Completely volunteer-run.
- Open Thursdays 10am-1pm during the school year
- ALL **proceeds** given out as grants each year to local non-profits serving children, youth, the elderly, women, and underserved populations.

For further information on all the Thrift Shop offerings, contact [Suzanne Davies](#).



Church Picnic - Sunday, September 11

Weekends in October, Bible Study

Saturday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 2

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.

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class A-L / Westminster Room

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class M-Z / Westminster Room

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

Saturday, October 8

No Saturday Evening Worship—Columbus Day Weekend

Sunday, October 9

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 – Family Worship

Saturday, October 15—Moved to Sunday

Service moved to Sunday, October 16, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Sunday, October 16—Stewardship Sunday

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

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 children's message.

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday, October 22

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship & Communion

Sunday, October 23

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

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

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

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
Youth Choir
Sunday School
-Children attend worship through children's message.

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

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class A-L / Westminster Room

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class M-Z / Westminster Room

5:00 p.m. Family Fellowship—Pumpkin Carving / Assembly Rm.

Saturday, October 29

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship & Communion

Sunday, October 30

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

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

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

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
Children's Choir
Sunday School
-Children attend worship through children's message.

Men's Bible Study

Sundays, October 2 and 16,
at 8:00 p.m. in the Library

All are welcome to join in as we continue our Sunday evening reading of the apocryphal Wisdom of Solomon. As an apocryphal book it is not widely read, but the group has found it to be a particularly interesting slice of religious history between the Hebrew Scripture and our New Testament, as well as stimulating to our thoughts about life here and now. If you'd like to be on an email reminder list, let [Dan Love](#) know:

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Still looking for a way to go a little deeper in your faith and grow in your understanding of the bible? This gathering is a great way to dive in deeper into the bible and to get to know others on the faith journey as we explore some of the best known stories of the Hebrew scripture.

We meet every other Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the church library:

October 5: The fall of Adam and Eve

October 19: The tower of Babel

If you'd like to be on the email reminder list, let [Dan Love](#) know.

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, October 1 and 15,
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 further notice while Chapel renovations are being completed.



COMING HOME IS COMING BACK

We begin our next program at the end of January. If you are interested to learn more about this ministry program to the formerly incarcerated here at Rye Presbyterian, please join us for an informational meeting on Sunday, November 6, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Westminster Room.

October Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

**CHURCH OFFICES AND BUILDINGS WILL BE CLOSED
ON COLUMBUS DAY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 10**

BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons: Wednesday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., Library
Trustees: Wednesday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room
Session: Wednesday, October 26, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

WORSHIP AND STUDY

Worship on Saturday evening:

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m., October 2, 22, 29;

NOTE: No evening service on Saturday, October 8, Columbus Day Weekend.

The Saturday, October 15, service has been moved to Sunday, October 16, 5:00 p.m., Sanctuary

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:

“Race & Reconciliation: The Confessions of 1967 and Belhar”: Sundays, 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room:
 October 2, 16, 23, 30 (*no meeting October 9*)

Book Study: “Fear of the Other,” by William Willimon: Mondays, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Library
 October 3, 17, 24 (*no meeting October 10*)

Sunday School: Regular Sunday School on October 2, 16, 23 & 30; No classes on October 9, Family Worship.

Confirmation: Sundays, October 2, A-L at 4:00 p.m., M-Z at 5 p.m.;
 October 16, M-Z at 4:00 p.m., A-L at 5:00 p.m.; and October 23, A-L at 4:00 p.m., M-Z at 5:00 p.m.

Men’s Sunday Bible Study: October 2 & 16, 8:00 p.m., Library

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: October 5 & 19, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women’s Bible Study: Saturdays, October 1 & 15, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women’s Discipleship: Video Study “Twelve Women of the Bible: Life Changing Stories for Women Today,”
 by Lysa TerKeurst. Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Library.

YOUTH

Boy Scout Troop #2: Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Connection: Wednesdays, October 5 & 19, 5:30 p.m., Youth Room

High School Youth Group: Sunday, October 16, 6:00 p.m., Youth Room, and
 Saturday, October 29, 10:00 a.m., Community Service at The Sharing Shelf in Port Chester

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: Thursdays, October 13 & 20, 4:30 p.m., Choir Room,
 and on Sunday, October 16, 11:00 a.m., Mr. Charneski’s office.

OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

3 Ts: Tuesday, October 18, 10:00 a.m., Westminster Room

Family Fellowship: Pumpkin Carving, Sunday, October 23, 5:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., Library

Stephen Ministry:

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, October 4, 5:30 p.m., Library

Continuing Education and Supervision: Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m., Library

Thrift Shop: Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Saturday Sale: Saturday, October 22, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Women’s Association: Monthly Meeting, Monday, October 3, 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., Westminster Room

Mr. Westchester/Al-Anon Group: Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Library

Sandwichmakers: Thursday, October 20, 10:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar



The new school year is off to a great start at RPNS! New and returning families filled the Assembly Room last month for our "Back to School Night." Parents and staff were welcomed by school Board Chair, Callie Erickson, Co-Directors, Kristin Kumar and Margaret Sculti, and Church Co-Pastor, Reverend Dan Love. The night began with a brief

discussion about separation and how we support families through the "transfer of trust" from parent to teacher at the start of the school year. The Co-Directors introduced the teachers and talked about upcoming events and ways parents can get involved. Before heading to their children's classrooms, everyone enjoyed watching the premier of our sixth educational film entitled "Reggio at RPNS: Robot Study." The film follows Mrs. Barbero's and Ms. Cunningham's four year old class as they embark on an in-depth study of Robots. The video highlights how the children's ideas influenced their play and led to the integration of science and literacy in the classroom. To view this new video visit the homepage of our website:

www.rpnskids.org.

On the first day of school, we had a welcome party for new families. Families enjoyed ice pops and cookies on the Great Lawn and a live children's music concert from *Songs for Seeds* on the

playground. Our new outdoor learning environment, which was constructed over the summer, was also be open for families to explore.



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