

For Presbyterians and other Protestants who trace their faith heritage back to the Protestant Reformation, October is an important month. It is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, which is often said to have begun on October 31, 1517, in Wittenberg, Saxony, when Martin Luther sent his Ninety-Five Theses on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences to the Archbishop of Mainz.

Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda! These ancient words became the rallying cry for Presbyterians and other Reformed Christians. It is a motto that reminds us of who we are and who we intend to be. It is often translated, “The Church Reformed, Always Reforming” which is actually a mistranslation. The Presbyterian *Book of Order*, in the chapter “The Church and Its Confessions,” states, “The church affirms *Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda secundum verbum Dei*, that is, ‘The church reformed, always to be reformed according to the Word of God’ in the power of the Spirit. That last phrase is crucial in clarifying both the direction and the Director of the church’s reform.

On the day after this 500th Anniversary, we, the good folk of Rye Presbyterian Church, will mark another anniversary – it will be four years since we began this new relationship of co-pastors and congregation. In those four years we’ve experienced our own sort of reformation here at Rye Presbyterian. It is the prayer of your pastors that what has been happening among us here has been “according to the Word of God in the power of the Spirit.”

We must remember that the church, be it the larger Church, or our own congregation, cannot reform or change itself. God is the agent of reformation. The church is the object of God’s reforming work. God’s initiative has priority here. Theologian Harold Nebelsick put it well: “We are the recipients of the activity of the Holy Spirit which reforms the church in accordance with the Word of God.” The church is God’s church, a creature of God’s Word and Spirit. As we say in our *Brief Statement of Faith*, “we belong to God.”

Dr. Anna Case-Winters, Professor of Theology at McCormick Theological Seminary writes: “*Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda*. This motto calls us to something more radical than we have imagined. It challenges both liberal and conservative impulses and the habits and agendas we have lately fallen into. It brings a prophetic critique to our cultural accommodation—either to the past or to the present—and calls us to communal

and institutional repentance. It invites us, as people who worship and serve a living God, to be open to being “re-formed” according to the Word of God and the call of the Spirit.”

As we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, may we be open to God’s work of reformation among us here, at Rye Presbyterian Church, and now, in 2017!

I close with a prayer written by Reformer John Knox (c. 1514-1572), who founded the Presbyterian Church in Scotland. It is his prayer for Christ’s flock, us, the Church.

God of all power, Who hast called from death the great Pastor of the sheep, our Lord Jesus, comfort and defend the flock which He hath redeemed by the blood of the eternal testament; increase the number of true preachers; mitigate and lighten the hearts of the ignorant; relieve the pains of such as be afflicted, but especially of those that suffer for the testimony of the Truth, by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Stewardship 2018, Imagine, Peace & Global Witness Offering



Stewardship 2018

As we begin our Stewardship Campaign for the coming year, we ask you to reflect on your relationship with Rye Presbyterian Church. What is most meaningful for you about being part of the church? How have you experienced God in this place or through this church community? What is the role of the church in your life and your role in the church's life?

During worship on Sunday, October 22, long-time member Doug Shanks has generously offered to share his story of what the church has meant to him and his family. We hope his thoughts will enlighten us all as we take a moment to explore our own personal connections to RPC and the ways in which they impact our lives.

During the following week, you will be receiving 2018 pledge cards in the mail. We ask you to prayerfully consider what the church means to you as you think about your estimated giving in the coming year. As a celebration of our shared faith and life together, we invite you to bring your pledge card to worship on the weekend of November 11 and 12.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration and generosity.

Cheryl Hunt and Jim Gallagher, Stewardship Co-chairs

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:20

Imagine ...

Becoming Reality

- A second "Rise Against Hunger" event (formerly "Stop Hunger Now") is on for October 1.
- The balcony window returned to its home (and is worth looking at from the outside at night), and another pair of windows from the south aisle went out for restoration.
- The sanctuary AC helped keep summer attendance stronger than in pre-AC days!
- With the recent arrival of new light fixtures, the chapel renovation work is now complete. Six new energy-efficient fixtures grace the space with more light and dimmable flexibility.
- The last details of the library refurbishing project are underway.
- Year 2 of the Saturday 5PM worship service has begun!
- The second summer mission trip to NOLA was a great success, and plans are brewing for a possible winter college-age trip to Houston.
- The RPC concert series continues this month with a special event on October 22.

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



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

Sunday, October 1

"So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near." —Ephesians 2:14-17

The letter to the Ephesians tells us that Jesus came to proclaim a universal peace. While the earthly ministry of Jesus occurred in a specific age and place, the peace he shared is limited by neither time nor geography. As followers of Christ, our call to work for peace begins in our own neighborhoods and extends to the ends of the earth. It is a demanding call, but one that Presbyterians at all levels of the church are seeking to follow.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering supports the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church.

At the national level, this witness means supporting those working to heal the divisions in violent contexts like South Sudan. It means bringing leaders together who have made a profound witness for peace around the world and deploying them to congregations. It

means creating materials that equip congregations to deal with important issues—from disagreements between members of session to bullying at schools to gun violence in our communities. And it means using our seat at the United Nations table to speak up for the vulnerable around the world. This Offering strengthens the collaboration of the Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations with the peace work of global partners through World Mission.

This year, the Mission and Outreach Committee has decided to give the 25% of the offering that is retained locally to our High School Youth Group Service Project, who will be putting together Cleanup Buckets (valued at \$75 each) which are filled with essential cleaning supplies to be sent to hurricane relief efforts of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in Texas and Florida. 25% of the offering is retained by our presbytery and synod to support peacemaking efforts, together with our neighboring congregations. It has meant two pastors in Texas starting an organization that seeks civility in political discourse. It has meant supporting the work of a mis-

sion co-worker in finding reconciliation in difficult international contexts. It has meant scholarships for students recognized as peacemakers, resettlement of refugees, and support for shelters where those who are abused may find refuge. The remaining 50% is deployed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe.

This Offering sustains our witness in many forms and at all levels of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), but all are bound together in Christ. Together they are a living proclamation of the peace we know in Christ, who puts an end to hostility and speaks peace to all, near and far.

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 1, in response to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

To donate online, [click here](#).

Fall Adult Education

Sunday Morning Offerings 9:00 a.m., Westminster Room

CREDO: What We Believe:

Sundays, October 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19

Many adults in the church today did not have the benefit of going through a confirmation class as our youth do today. This five-week course will invite the adults in our church to explore some of the same topics that our youth explore during confirmation. Each Sunday will be a stand-alone session. Topics included:

Oct. 22 – How do you get to heaven?

Oct. 29 – 500 years of Reformation / Nov. 5 – Christology

Nov. 12 – Theodicy - When Bad Things Happen

Nov. 19 – Your Credo

Coping With Christmas: Sundays, Dec. 3, 10, 17

This three-session class will offer ways of coping with some of the issues that can arise around the holidays.

Dec. 3 – Using Mindfulness to reduce Stress

Dec. 10 – Exploring Family Dynamics

Dec. 17 – Understanding and Explaining the
Birth Narratives of Jesus

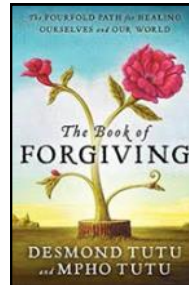
Fall Book Study

THE BOOK OF FORGIVING

Mondays evenings

October 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13

7:30 p.m., Library



This five-week study will explore Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu's book, *The Book of Forgiving*. Each of us has a deep need to forgive and to be forgiven. After much reflection on the process of forgiveness, Tutu has seen that there are four important steps to healing: Admitting the wrong and acknowledging the harm; Telling one's story and witnessing the anguish; Asking for forgiveness and granting forgiveness; and renewing or releasing the relationship. This book is both a touchstone and a tool, offering Tutu's wise advice and showing the way to experience forgiveness.

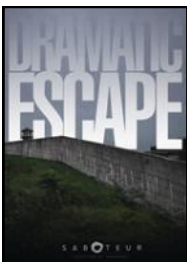
Dan Love will facilitate this study. Click [here](#) if you plan to attend so he can order books.

Special Events

Film Viewing:

DRAMATIC ESCAPE

Tuesday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.



This 90-minute film transports viewers into the lives of maximum security prisoners who are attempting to mount a stage production of *A Few Good Men* as part of the Rehabilitation Through the Arts (RTA) program at Sing Sing Correctional Facility in Ossining. Through creative expression in theater, dance, voice, writing, and visual art, the RTA program gives the men the opportunity to learn social and cognitive skills that act as a springboard to education, family reconciliation, and, ultimately, successful re-integration into community life. *Dramatic Escape* gives viewers an intimate look at this process as it traces their steps from auditions through their curtain call. Along the way, the men reveal their personal stories, their everyday struggles, and contemplate whether redemption is possible.



Meet the new Superintendent of Rye City Schools

Dr. Eric Byrne

Sunday, October 15, 9:00 a.m.,
Westminster Room

Come and hear from Dr. Eric Byrne, the new Superintendent for Rye City Schools. Dr. Byrne comes to Rye having most recently served as the assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction with the Chappaqua School District.

Dr. Byrne has 23 years experience in public education including four years as the principal of Chappaqua's Roaring Brook Elementary School. He began his career in education as a science teacher in New York City. He received a doctorate and a master's degree in education from Fordham University and a bachelor of arts degree in natural science, also from Fordham.



An Evening for High School and College Youth and Parents Exploring Relationship Abuse

Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.

ONE LOVE ESCALATION WORKSHOP

Escalation is a powerful, emotionally-engaging 90-minute film based workshop that educates your community about relationship violence and empowers you to work for change. Escalation illuminates the warning signs of an unhealthy and potentially dangerous relationship. Repeatedly described as "eye-opening" yet "deeply recognizable," Escalation makes relationship abuse personal, causing participants to ask "What can I do to change this?" If you have a child who is in high school or college, you are invited to participate, even if your student cannot. This event is being co-sponsored by the Rye Youth Council.



Stephen Ministry, Thrift Shop Sale, New Member Orientation



From one on the receiving end:

"As a recipient of Stephen Ministries, I have seen first-hand how important and vital the service is. From the 'intake' process which matches you, to a care giver, to the sessions themselves, one can see that Stephen Ministers are very well trained and take their positions seriously. Having someone from your church reach out, and help at a time when you need it most, is very comforting. Through the care givers guidance, you can deal with the issues at hand in a relaxing environment. I also feel that, in my case at least, the time taken to know me and my situation before pairing me

up with a care giver was the most valuable part of the process - no time was 'wasted' with feeling uncomfortable with each other, etc.

The training Stephen Ministers receive is obviously professional. Confidentiality is taken seriously, as is how to guide a person through dealing with the emotions of one's actions and life's changing landscape. Again, in my case, it's a beautiful balance between "It's okay to feel that way" and "Well, what if you were to change this or that." Sometimes the guidance is toward something I hadn't, nor wouldn't have necessarily thought about, which was also needed to help me through to the next phase. It's compassionate, not impersonal guidance, letting you get there yourself, so to speak.

As members of any community go through life-changing events it is important to have services like Stephen Ministry available and persons specially trained to meet the needs of those members. Having Stephen Ministries in my life has made a very difficult time much easier to navigate. Keep up the good work!"



Thrift Shop Fall Saturday Sale is COMING!

Saturday, October 28, 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 26.

- * *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.
- Grants from thrift shop proceeds continue to increase every year and are currently close to \$65,000.
- 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 under-served populations.

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

New Member Welcome October 15 & 22

**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

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 those 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 15 and 22, immediately following worship in the 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. In addition to the Sunday classes, for those choosing to join the church, there will be a dessert meeting with the leadership of the church on Sunday evening, November 5, 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 10:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, November 12.

Anyone wishing to find out more about joining the church should contact Peggy in the church office—

pberretta@ryepc.com or 914-967-0842 x10.

Christian Education, Confirmation

Sunday School

Sunday School got off to an amazing start this year! The children have settled into their Sunday routines and enjoyed hearing stories from our exciting Season of Creation. Children explored the wilderness and the rivers of God's great earthly creation through pictures, meditation, stories, and crafts. Children in grades PreK-5th had their first meeting with Lisa Rawson for Singing Our Faith. They enjoyed spending time with her and singing the words of God.

As we roll into October we start the season of Pentecost 2; children will explore stories from Exodus and Deuteronomy about Moses' leadership. Children will explore their relationship with God and will grow in their understanding of what it means to be friends with God through hearing stories from the Bible. We have a lot of great stories and activities to keep the children active and excited in Sunday School class! We are looking forward to a fun-filled busy month.

October 1: Rise Against Hunger Event (immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service). Join in this rewarding day of service and help package meals to support school feeding programs and crisis relief.

October 8: Due to Columbus Day, we will have an Enrichment Sunday where children grades PreK-5th come together to the Westminster Room following the children's message for an Enrichment Activity. Middle School children will remain in worship. (This is in place of a "regular" class).

October 15: Singing Our Faith Sunday with Lisa Rawson: this is a "regular" Sunday School schedule. The teachers will take their classes to meet with Lisa to sing during their class time.

October 22: Regular Sunday School

October 29: Regular Sunday School and Pumpkin Carving Activity at 5:00 p.m. (details to follow).

If you ever need anything, please reach out to Nancy, christianed@ryepc.com.

Sunday School Teachers Needed

The gifts He gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...

Ephesians 4:11-12 We are still looking for a few more Sunday School Teacher Volunteers: Teaching is done in teams, so you have a lot of support and typically only teach once a month. All lessons are fully prepared for you, so your only prep work is to read the lesson beforehand. We would love for you to volunteer! If interested, or if you have any questions, please contact [Nancy Lavelle](mailto:Nancy.Lavelle).

Teen Assistant Teachers

If your high school-aged child would like to be a teen assistant teacher, please have him/her email [Nancy Lavelle](mailto:Nancy.Lavelle). It is a fun way to earn community service hours that are required for graduation and the little kids adore having the teens in class!

Middle School Connection

**Wednesdays, October 4 & 18,
5:30-6:45 p.m., Youth Rooms**

Connection, our middle school youth group is open to all 6th-8th graders. We'll meet on October 4 and 18 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

Sunday, October 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

We'll be assembling Cleanup Buckets in the Assembly Room that will be sent by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to families impacted by recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida. Pizza provided!

Sunday, October 22, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Rockin' Jump at Ridge Hill, Yonkers

([click here](#) for website)

An evening of high flying fun and a pizza dinner. Cost is \$25. **Must** RSVP to John Miller by Wednesday, Oct. 18, (You must have a signed release form for this event.)

Saturday, October 28, 6:15 p.m.—???

Joining with Hitchcock Presbyterian in their ministry to homeless in NYC. **First 8 to sign up go on the run into the City** (get back home between 1-2 a.m. Sunday. **Must** RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 25.

To RSVP to events: Email John Miller [here](#), or by text to 914-413-6200.

Confirmation 2018

Thirty strong, and 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!

- October 1: A-L 4 p.m. / M-Z 5 p.m.
- October 22: M-Z 4 p.m. / A-L 5 p.m.
- October 29: A-L 4 p.m. / M-Z 5 p.m.



Connection annual end-of-summer Pool Party





Thank you from Dan & Carol !

Several days later, and I am still working on finding the words to describe just how it felt to celebrate twenty years here at Rye Presbyterian Church. Whatever we call that Sunday, it is one of my favorite days in the life of the church anyway - the tent, great weather, everyone together after summer's exodus, worship and communion flowing right into a shared meal. That is church! And then to be ambushed with such a display of appreciation, love and generosity! It was one of the most moving moments of my life - and it continued on as we opened your extraordinarily generous gift, and slowly savored our way through the Boombox contents. What a treasure.

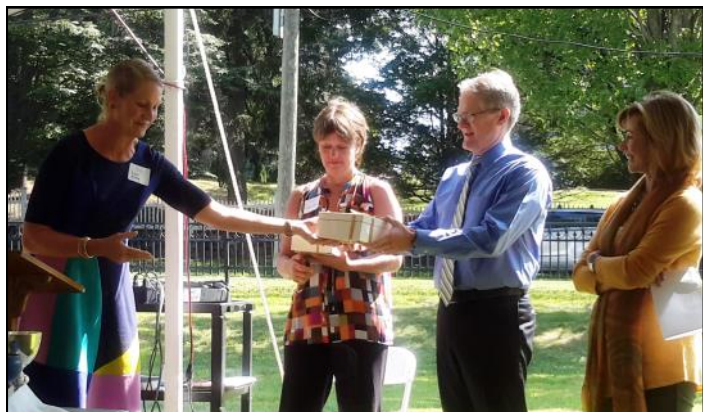
As I mentioned in my fumbling words on Sunday, I remain grateful for the bravery of the two search committees that called me to be here - one in 1997 that saw some potential in the guy with absolutely no church experience, and the other in 2013 that went out on a limb with the whole co-pastor idea. Carol and I could not be more grateful for all that our lives have become through those decisions.

This is an amazing place. It has a deep history and gorgeous facilities, but above all and from the beginning, it has been about the people here. We fell in love with that 1997 search committee. Over twenty years, I have been blessed with a host of amazing colleagues in the staff of this church. And it is the joy of our relationships with you, the members of this congregation, that have us still excited to be here twenty years later. You have befriended us, cared for us, challenged us, inspired us, and above all, journeyed with us in the great questions of what it means to be the people of God in this place.

So Carol and I thank YOU for twenty amazing years, and I look forward to years of the journey ahead together.

Still celebrating!!

RPC Fall Festival and Honoring Dan Love



Musical Notes, Organized Rhythm Concert



From Jason Charneski

Organized Rhythm to Open the 2017-2018 Season of Magnificent Music

The first program on the 2017-2018 season of Magnificent Music in Concert and in Worship will be a concert given by Organized Rhythm on Sunday, October 22, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Clive Driskill-Smith, organist of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford (U.K.), and Joseph Gramley, professor of percussion at the University of Michigan, will raise the roof and shake the floor with their arrangements of movements from *The Planets* (Gustav Holst), *Fanfare for the Common Man* (Aaron Copland), and much more. This concert – with something for all ages – will be presented without an admission charge, thanks to the generosity of the Imagine Initiative, the Centennial Millennium Fund of the New York City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and from the AGO's Westchester County Chapter. Invite your friends, grab people from the street, etc.!

A significant component of this concert will be visual: Mr. Gramley will dance among the percussion instruments. The list of said percussion instruments is impressive (the chancel will be full!), including: marimba, vibraphone, glockenspiel, cymbals, concert bass drum, metal wind chimes, timpani, tam-tam, and concert snare drum. To view and to listen to Organized Rhythm in action, please visit their website:

www.organizedrhythm.com.

Cantata Sunday: December 10. Join the Choir!!

Please let me know if you'd like to sing in the Chancel Choir for Cantata Sunday this year. We will offer John Rutter's setting of the *Magnificat* (Mary's song of praise, found in Luke 1:46-55), accompanied by a 24-piece orchestra. Rehearsals for this much-loved RPC custom, to be offered within the 10:00 a.m. service on December 10, will begin on Thursday evening, November 2.

Jason

Rye
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Magnificent Music
in Concerts and in Worship
2017-2018

Organized Rhythm

Clive Driskill-Smith, organist;
Joseph Gramley, percussionist

Sunday, October 22, at 4:00 p.m.

You won't want to miss this concert of roof-raising, floor-shaking arrangements of *The Planets* (Gustav Holst), *Fanfare for the Common Man* (Aaron Copland), and other familiar and new works. All ages will enjoy this feast for the eyes and the ears.

FREE ADMISSION.

Organized Rhythm's performance at RPC is made possible in part by a grant from the Centennial Millennium Fund of the New York City Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO) and a gift from the Guild's Westchester County Chapter.

The larger series of Magnificent Music in Concerts and in Worship is made possible by the Imagine Initiative of Rye Presbyterian Church.



<http://organizedrhythm.com/>

Imagine

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Sundays in October, Bible Study

Sunday, October 1

- 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 & Communion in the Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. "Rise Against Hunger" / Assembly Room
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / A-L / Westminster Room
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / M-Z / Westminster Room
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Assembly Room
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

Saturday, October 7

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

Sunday, October 8

- 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 Sunday

Saturday, October 14

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

Sunday, October 15

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:00 a.m. Special Event: Dr. Eric Byrne / Westminster Room
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
- Children's Choir sings
- Sunday School
- Children attend worship through children's message.
- 11:00 a.m. New Member Class / Library
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

Saturday, October 21

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

Sunday, October 22—Stewardship Sunday

- 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 children's message.
- 11:00 a.m. New Member Class / Library
- 4:00 p.m. Concert: "Organized Rhythm: / Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / M-Z / Westminster Room
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / A-L / Westminster Room
- 5:30 p.m. High School Youth / Rockin' Jump, meet at church

Saturday, October 28

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

Sunday, October 29

- 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 children's message.
- 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

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

**Sundays, October 1 & 15,
at 8:00 p.m. in the Library**

If you've been thinking about joining in on this time of figuring out how the bible speaks to us about life and faith, it's a great time to join this twice monthly gathering of men. We are working our way through the Psalms—a rich mine of honest reflection on life and the life of faith.

If you'd like to be on the email reminder list for this gathering, please contact [Rev. Love](#).

Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion

**Wednesdays, October 4 & 18,
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library**

The Greatest Hits of the Old Testament continue on!
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.

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

Women's Bible Study

**Saturdays, October 14 & 27,
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library**

A warm welcome and hot coffee await!
For further information, contact [Cynthia De Santis](#).



Chancel Flowers



Each week beautiful flowers adorn our sanctuary and chapel, 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 \$60 for the chancel flowers. Your donation will be noted in the church bulletin. To make arrangements, please contact Denise LeVan (dlevan@ryepc.com).

All ages welcome!



RPC Family Fellowship

**Sunday, October 29 ,
5:00–6:30pm, Assembly Room**

RSVP to
[Nancy Lavelle](#)
967.0842 x 17

October Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

**CHURCH OFFICES AND BUILDINGS WILL BE CLOSED
ON COLUMBUS DAY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**

BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons: Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 p.m., Library
Trustees: Wednesday, October 18, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room
Session: Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

WORSHIP AND STUDY

Worship on Saturday evening:

5:00 p.m. Worship and Communion In the Chapel

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, September 10 at 9:40 a.m..

Sunday Morning Adult Education, 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room

“Faith and Forgiveness”: Sunday, October 1

Special Event: Dr. Eric Byrne, new superintendent of Rye Schools, Sunday, October 15

“CREDO: What we Believe”: Sundays, October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 18, 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room

Fall Book Study: “The Book of Forgiving,” Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Library, October 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13

Special Event: Film viewing “Dramatic Escape,” Tuesday, October 10, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

Sunday School: Regular Sunday School on October 1, 15, 22, 29; No classes on October 8, Enrichment Sunday

Confirmation: Sundays, October 1, A-L at 4:00 p.m./M-Z at 5:00 p.m.; October 22, M-Z at 4:00 p.m./A-L at 5:00 p.m.; October 29, A-L at 4:00 p.m./M-Z at 5:00 p.m.

Men’s Sunday Bible Study: October 1 & 15, 8:00 p.m., Library

Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion: October 4 & 18, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women’s Bible Study: Saturdays, October 14 & 27, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women’s Discipleship: Video Study “Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World,” by Joanna Weaver, Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., Library

YOUTH

Boy Scout Troop #2: Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room

Connection: Wednesdays, October 4 & 18, 5:30 p.m., Youth Room

High School Youth Group: Sundays, October 1, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room and October 22, 5:30 p.m. meet at church to go to Rockin’ Jump; Saturday, October 28, meet at church at 6:15 p.m. for Midnight Run

MUSIC

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Sundays, October 8, 15, 22, & 29, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

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

Youth Choir Rehearsal: Dates TBD based on youth schedules, Sundays following 10:00 a.m. worship, Chapel

Concert: Organized Rhythm, Sunday, October 22, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

3 Ts: Tuesday, October 17, 10:00 a.m., Library

Rise Against Hunger (formerly “Stop Hunger Now”): Sunday, October 1, following 10:00 a.m. worship

Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, October 4, 7:30 p.m., Library

Stephen Ministry:

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, October 3, 5:30 p.m., Library

Continuing Education and Supervision: Tuesday, October 3, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

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

Saturday Sale: Saturday, October 28, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Women’s Association: Monthly Meeting, Monday, October 2, 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 19, 11:00 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 2018-2019 school year! In-house registration will be held on November 6th through November 8th 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, at kku-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 15th, in the Assembly Room. Parents showed great support for RPNS at the cocktail party and silent auction. Proceeds raised from the event will be used to purchase materials that promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) for all age levels. We are so excited to add wind tunnels, conveyor belts, magnetic hall boards, and a 3D microscope to our school! The 2017-2018 Advisory Board also donated a Light Laboratory to RPNS as part of fundraising for STEM.

At the event, each teaching team donated a fun after-school event for the children. During the fundraiser, parents had the opportunity to sign-up for their children to attend an event with their current or past teachers! These parties included a Pizza Party, an Ice Cream Sundae Party, a Pajama Party, a Tie Dye Tee-Shirt Party, a Puppet Making Party, and many more! All the proceeds from these teacher parties will benefit the scholarship fund at RPNS.

At the end of the evening, "Swing Into Fall" continued outside under the grape arbor where dessert was served and parents enjoyed listening to an acoustic guitar player.



[The Rev. Daniel Love](#), Co-Pastor

[The Rev. Dr. John Miller](#), Co-Pastor

[Jason Charneski](#), Director of Music and Organist

[Lisa Rawson](#), Director of Choirs for Children and Youth

[Maida Robinson](#), Chief Administrative Officer

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