



Clearing the View . . .

During the last three weeks of my sabbatical, we were able to spend time in the Adirondacks at our family cottage. There were cookouts and celebrations, time on the beach, reading, kayaking, as well as a fairly substantial “to-do” list to tackle. Among the many tasks was the regular effort to “clear the view.”

When the cottage was built over 100 years ago, most of what is now forest was farmland and pasture. But it doesn’t take long for the trees to return and for the view of the lake to be crowded out, if not completely obliterated. Over the years, the family has worked to keep a swath of open land from the cottage to the water, through which the lake can be seen. But each year the trees move in. To keep new trees from heading skyward, the open area has to be mowed annually. Where the trees on the sides reach out into the open sunlight, they need to be cut back or cut down to keep some semblance of a view.

In so many ways, it was the perfect metaphor for my sabbatical time. The last three months have been a wonderful gift from you all and from the Lilly Foundation grant – and an amazing time to clear my desk, clear my mind, and “clear the view” spiritually. There was time for study, for retreats, for reading and reflection, as well as solid time with friends and family. What a gift it was!

Yet sitting at my desk here in my first few days back, my question is this. Was it just a break – a temporary pause to refresh before diving back in to life and church and all that entails? Or is there a new way to view life and ministry here together?

First and foremost, I return even more grateful for this church and the privilege of being here among you all. In addition to reading and study and reflection, we were able to visit several other churches for Sunday worship. It made me even more glad for all that we have – an amazing gathering of interesting and talented people wrestling with what it means to be faithful; a devoted staff team that I am privileged to serve with; a gorgeous building that inspires a sense of God’s presence; and worship that is done very, very well.

And yet so quickly our lives can fill to the brim and beyond. Life and work and play and family and volunteering – all good things – can so quickly fill up “the view” and our ability to

pause, breathe, and simply enjoy life and the presence of God’s goodness throughout our lives.

As at the lake, clearing the view is an ongoing task. And I, for one, need to continue to simply stop. To take a “Sabbath” amid a busy week. To make time for the practices of my sabbatical – reading, exercise, intentional time with others, centering prayer (a form of meditation), and quiet.

As a church, this month we will begin two similar “practices” that I hope will help to “clear our view” and deepen our connection to God amid busy lives. Once a month, starting on Saturday, October 20, the Saturday service will be a “contemplative” service. Similar in length, though differing in format, this service will incorporate music, quiet centering prayer, and the ancient

practice of *lectio divina*, where instead of a sermon, together we will listen for the voice of God speaking to us through scripture. (For e-version – [Click here](#) to learn more about Centering Prayer, and [here](#) to learn about *lectio divina*.)

In addition, this month we will kick off our “Show up & Make” event. Another fruit of our Imagine Initiative, following all three services on the weekend of October 27 and 28 this event will offer the chance to reflect on the themes of worship using art. No artistic skill is necessary, but all ages are invited to be a part of engaging not simply our minds in our spiritual lives, but our full selves – body, mind, and spirit. Come, show up, & make!

In an age where “mindfulness” is all the rage, these two events blend mindfulness with a Christian spiritual focus – anchoring us deep to the loving presence of God in our daily lives.

It is good to be back among you, and I look forward to sharing more with you about the learnings of my sabbatical, and joining you as together we find ways to “clear the view.”

In faith,

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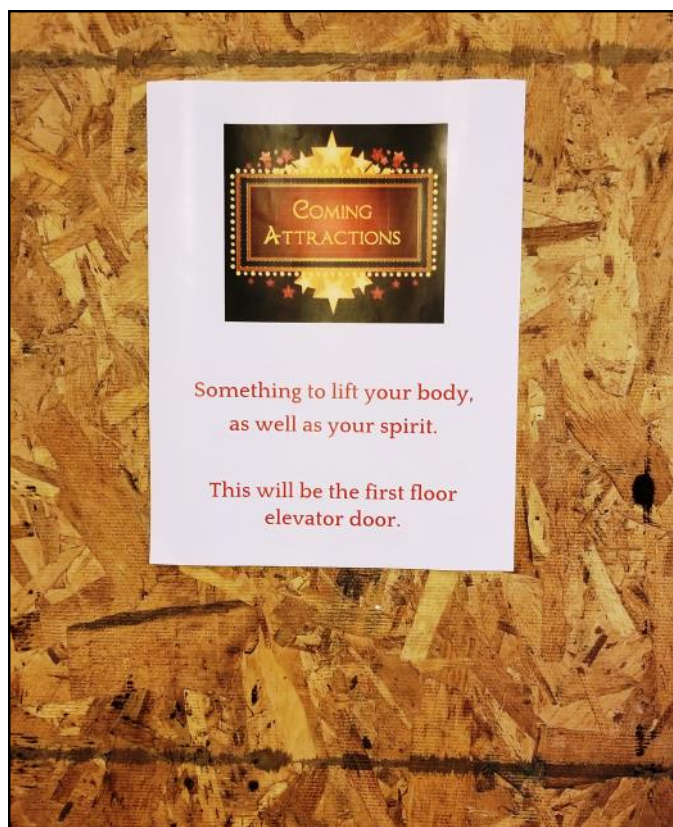
Imagine, Peace & Global Witness Offering

Imagine ... Becoming Reality

As the Imagine Initiative nears the end of its third and final year... imagination continues to become reality:

- An additional "Rise Against Hunger" event is on for October 14.
- Refurbishment of the sanctuary windows continued with several windows re-installed in pristine condition.
- The chapel renovation project enabled the use of our space by Community Synagogue for the last year and a half, and by Chavurat Tikvah for their High Holy Days.
- Year 3 of the Saturday 5:00 p.m. worship service has begun!
- Show Up and Make! – a new program combining faith and art - makes its debut this month.
- The second August mission trip to NOLA was a great success!
- The new concert series continues this month on October 14.
- The substantial office and attic storage construction project is finished – well worth a look around all the changes to staff work areas and the third floor!
- The housing task force has been busy re-evaluating our best options for the use of Imagine funding for housing for our third pastor...stay tuned.

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



Each year during the "Season of Peace," which runs through September and ends on World Communion Sunday, which this year is Sunday, October 7, Presbyterians around the world contribute to our "Peace and Global Witness" offering.

This offering exists to support our call to witness and work for peace, from our own local communities, to the far reaches around the world. It seeks to alleviate and end suffering and violence in all settings.

50% of this offering is utilized by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of

violence, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. One example of this is supporting peace efforts in South Sudan and to help Sudanese people in refugee camps across the border in Uganda.

25% of this offering supports regional Presbyterian mid councils, and 25% stays with our church to build up peace in our community in ways we seem fit. Examples of local assistance include funding scholarships for students recognized as peacemakers, resettlement of refugees and supporting shelters where those who are abused may find refuge.

We hope that you will join us in our

Peace and Global Witness offering to help promote our witness and work for peace, both here in our local community, and throughout the world.

We will have offering envelopes in the Sanctuary pews. We will be accepting this offering until Sunday, October 7.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

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

Fall Adult Education, New Member Welcome

Sunday Mornings 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room



This lectionary-based study is facilitated by both staff and church members as we explore the scriptural texts that will be used in worship each Sunday. Faith is enhanced when the Scriptures read and proclaimed in worship are expanded on during our studies together. Each session is a stand-alone session, so participants can join the study at any point.

Through December 23

There will be **no** class on the following holiday weekends:
10/7, 12/30

Interfaith Study



WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

Wednesday evenings
Oct. 17, 24, Nov. 7, 14

7:30 p.m. (locations listed below)

You're invited to learn more about your neighbors during this four-week journey through the four houses of worship in Rye. Each week we will gather at a different house of worship, in the congregation's worship space, to learn more about its faith tradition. The clergy from the house of worship you are visiting will engage you in an introduction to their community's faith tradition. These presentations will be followed by Q & A.

Oct. 17 - Community Synagogue of Rye; Oct. 24 - Christ's Church;
Nov. 7 - Church of the Resurrection; Nov. 14 - Rye Presbyterian Church

Thoughts from Dan's Sabbatical

Tuesday evening, October 16, at 7:30 p.m.
in the Library

Join in conversation about Dan Love's
sabbatical —particularly around the topic
of the "contemplative life" seen in Richard
Rohr's books and daily reflections.

Special Events



SHOW UP & MAKE!

Saturday, Oct. 27

Sunday, Oct. 28,

Following all three Worship Services

Go from mind to hand and heart as we mix art media with ideas stirred by the message and music of worship. Thematic art and craft experiences will aim to extend worship beyond the pews and enhance faith beyond the workings of our intellect. Quarterly projects introduce new ways of relating to God for people of all ages during different seasons of the church year. Each session will be facilitated by church members, staff, or local artists who set the stage for participants to swing by, or sit down, relax, and play. No art experience necessary! You are invited to join us for this new quarterly happening.

New Member Welcome October 14 & 21

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 14 and 21, 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. 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 4, 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 11.

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.

**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

M&O “Transforming Lives,” Caring Connections

You can be part of “TRANSFORMING LIVES”



Join us to learn about mission and outreach at Rye Presbyterian Church

And how you can reach out to transform lives in our communities

Sunday, October 21, during worship and coffee hour 11:00 – 11:45

Did you know....

Rye Presbyterian has a legacy of service to our communities, helping the most disenfranchised and addressing crises in lives of those among us as Christ taught us.

Over 700 times this past year members of our congregation have reached out their hands and hearts to help others. Over 300 individuals and families have given food, clothing, and other resources to address hunger and basic needs of many local residents.

The tithing and offerings by you allow our church to provide meaningful grants to 15 local non-profits and to the mission efforts of the Presbyterian Church worldwide.

There are opportunities for YOU to serve others.....

Find what interests you: Learn about the service projects and organizations in three major areas of focus: Addressing basic needs of hunger and homelessness; Educating our youth; Giving hope to those in prison and post-incarceration.

There's something for everyone at every age from kids, teens to adults

Fit the time you have from one-time efforts to dedicated commitments.

Sponsored by the Mission & Outreach Committee

Vision Statement for Mission and Outreach: Rye Presbyterian Church aspires to transform lives, as Christ teaches, by service with others through mutual partnerships. We seek to deepen the personal engagement of our congregation through service and reflective learning opportunities, as we are engaged with others in our church and broader communities. We aim to seek justice for all God's children by focusing on those most disenfranchised and in greatest need. In outreach and service, we seek to strengthen our faith and understanding of God.

Caring Connections



Caring Connections is successfully underway. Twenty-one participants embarked on a 10-week journey in fellowship with one another and in preparation to provide support for those in need.

At the opening retreat, the Stephen Ministry based curriculum introduced trainees to the Caregiver's Compass, a symbol utilized

to chart one's path throughout the training and to remind caregivers of the four important characteristics of spiritual care.

Here are some of the descriptions compiled by this year's class when brainstorming the meaning of each compass point:

- **Compassionate:** empathy-in-action, selfless, present, non-judgmental, appreciative, gentle strength, natural and/or learned
- **Full of Faith:** open to God, originating in love, trusts higher power, full vessel, confident in God's capacity, spiritual, able to avoid "cringe-worthy" words or clichés, believes God is the cure-giver
- **Skilled:** honed, flexible, fine-tuned, trained, practiced, active listener, maintains boundaries, shared goals, willing to ask for help, familiar with theology, comfortable with the unknown
- **Trustworthy:** shows up, maintains confidences, consistent, reliable, considers another valuable, steady, available, safe, prioritizes another's need

The Caregiver's Compass is a symbol reminding us that high-quality, confidential, one-to-one Christ-centered care is available at Rye Presbyterian Church. Please contact the clergy if you or someone you know might benefit from meeting with a compassionate, full of faith, skilled, trustworthy caregiver.

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MINISTRY

Christian Education, Confirmation, Connection Pool Party

Sunday School

Our 2018-2019 Sunday School program got off to an amazing start this year! We continue this month with the Season of Pentecost, during which we, with the community of Mark's gospel, will discover that the way for disciples of Christ is anything but ordinary. We are called to be bridges not barriers; to contemplate the tough questions, address those things that get in the way of faithful living; and to embrace the way of inclusion, love, and just living. Below are the themes and texts for each week. We invite families to engage these stories together at home!

Oct 7: Mark 10:2-16
(Tough Questions)

Oct 14: Mark 10:17-31
(Finding Our Way)

Oct 21: Mark 10:35-45 (A New Way)

Oct 28: Mark 10:46-52
(The Way of Exclusion)

Sunday School Teaching Volunteers

We invite you to join in on our work of walking alongside children on their journey of faith as a Teaching Volunteer! Teaching is done in teams, providing a support system among fellow volunteers and a rotating schedule. You are invited to teach regularly (one-to-two times a month) or serve as a substitute (when needed). All lessons are prepared for you so volunteers can reflect on the lessons ahead of time and focus solely on engaging children during Sunday mornings. We hope you decide to share your gifts with the children of our community!

If interested in being a part of this work, please contact Jean-Paul Marshall: jmarshall@ryepc.com.

Middle School Connection

**Wednesdays, October 3 & 17,
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 3 and 17 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! Please let Dan-Love (dlove@ryepc.com) know if you'd like to be on the email reminder list.

The Christian Education Newsletter

It has been found that parents are the primary influence on their children's journey of faith. That means our children first begin to understand the love of God and the Christian faith through the love and care of their parents and through the faith practices observed at home.

We seek to help parents with faith development at home by providing a variety of ways for families to engage scripture, ask questions, and grow closer to God together. It is our hope that this weekly newsletter helps families experience God at work in their everyday lives.

The first newsletter will be sent out Monday, Oct. 8. If interested in receiving this newsletter, please contact Jean-Paul Marshall (jmarshall@ryepc.com).

High School Youth Group

All 9th—12th graders are welcome at RPC's High School Youth Group!

Put down **Sundays, October 14 & 21**, in your calendars! We will have decided what we are doing for these dates at our

September gathering. Keep an eye out for information soon.

We are on Instagram!

Username: ryepresyouth
(click [here](#)).

Updates through GroupMe!

Please email your name and phone number - jmarshall@ryepc.com.

Confirmation 2019

A new confirmation class of ninth graders 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 14 and 28. Soon they will be wrestling with the deeper questions of the Christian faith: Who IS God? What is that Bible really all about? 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 14 and 28. Times tbd.



Rise Against Hunger, Pumpkin Carving, Thrift Shop Sale, Vermont Christmas Wreaths



**Sunday, October 14,
following 10:00 a.m. Worship
in the Assembly Room**

(Coffee, lemonade, and lunch will be served.)

Everyone is invited to join us for our second Rise Against Hunger event of the year! We will come together in the Assembly Room following the 10:00 a.m. service to help package meals.

The meals we put together that morning will be used as part of school feeding and crisis relief programs. Last time we were able to put together around 12,000 meals!

All ages welcome! RPC Family Fellowship



**Sunday, October 28,
5:00-6:30pm,
In the Assembly Room**

RSVP to
[Jean-Paul Marshall](mailto:Jean-Paul.Marshall)
967.0842 x 17

Join us for our annual Pumpkin Carving event and enjoy a super fun night filled with delicious food, the carving of pumpkins, and great company!

Please make sure to RSVP to jmarshall@ryepc.com so that we can be sure to have enough food and pumpkins!



**Thrift Shop Fall Saturday
Sale is COMING!**

**Saturday, October 27,
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 25.

- * *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 further information, contact Suzanne Davies
(Suzannebd1@aol.com).

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 last year exceeded \$65,000.
- Completely volunteer-run.
- Open Thursdays 10:00 am-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 [Susan Gim](mailto:Susan.Gim).

VERMONT CHRISTMAS WREATHS



**Proceeds Benefit
Rye Troop 2 Boy Scouts**

As in previous years, Rye Troop 2 is selling Christmas Wreaths. The troop will take orders during Coffee Hour following 10:00 a.m. worship on October 28 and November 4.

- 16" with red bow and pine cone - \$20
- 25" with plaid bow and pine cones - \$25
- 25" with burgundy bow and pine cones - \$25
- 30" with red bow and white-tipped pine cone - \$30

You can pick up your wreath(s) Thanksgiving Sunday (November 25) at RPC or at Mistletoe Magic on Purchase Street, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Questions? Bob Zahm, bobzahm@gmail.com.

New Emergency & Security Procedures Training, RPC Fall Festival



New Emergency and Security Procedures Training

In light of events in the past year or so, your Worship and Music Committee, in concert with the Christian Education Committee, has developed new emergency and security procedures which have been reviewed and approved by the Trustees and Session.

We would like as many of our members to be aware of, and well versed in, these new procedures as possible, especially, but not limited to, anyone who ushers, our Sunday School teachers,

church leaders and officers, and anyone else who wants to be informed.

To that end, we are offering three 30-minute orientation sessions at which these new procedures will be introduced and reviewed. You only need to attend one of the three.

The sessions will be offered on:

- Sunday, October 14 at 9:15 a.m. in the Westminster Room (following 8:30 a.m. worship and prior to 10:00 a.m. worship)
- Sunday, October 14 at 11:15 a.m. in the Westminster Room (following 10:00 a.m. worship – you can still volunteer for the later shift at Rise Against Hunger that day)
- Wednesday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Westminster Room (prior to the Deacons and Trustees meetings)

We hope you will make an effort to join us for one of these three sessions and to help make our church a safe and hospitable place for all.

If you have any questions, please contact John Miller at the church office, or via email at jmiller@ryepc.com.



Music Notes, Organ & Orchestra Concert



From Jason Charneski



Introducing Eddie Zheng, Our First Knock Intern in Sacred Music

We will welcome Eddie Zheng, our first Knock Intern in Sacred Music, into our midst on October 7. Eddie is a freshman at the Juilliard School, where he studies organ with Paul Jacobs. He was a student of Matthew Lewis for two years in Juilliard Pre-College Division. He also was a student at the McGill Organ Academy and the Oregon Bach Festival Organ Institute in the summer of 2017. He won first prize at the 17th annual West Chester University (Penn.) organ competition and has performed

in three major concert halls in Beijing. He came to the organ in 2015 following ten years of piano studies. Eddie's hobbies include filmmaking, hip-hop music, and playing ice hockey.

The goal of this internship in sacred music, funded this year by the Peter B. Knock Memorial Fund, is to provide a hands-on educational experience to a college or university student whose courses include the many aspects of liturgical music. You will

see and hear Eddie do quite a bit of it all, including playing the organ, conducting the Chancel Choir, preparing music for rehearsals, and accompanying the Children's and the Youth Choirs – all with guidance and encouragement from me, Lisa, and the pastors.

Magnificent Music: Concert No. 1 of the 2018-2019 Season An Outstanding Offering for Organ and Orchestra Purchase Your Tickets in advance via the RPC Website

The first concert of our 2018-2019 season of Magnificent Music -- music for organ and chamber orchestra presented in collaboration with Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian Church -- will be given Sunday, October 14, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Simon Thomas Jacobs, winner of the 2013 St. Alban's International Organ Competition, will open the program with Marcel Dupré's arrangement for solo organ of the "Sinfonia" from Cantata 29 by J. S. Bach. The orchestra then will join him for the colorful *Concerto No. 13 in F Major*, HWV 295, known as "The Cuckoo and the Nightingale." Following two pieces for orchestra only (the *Divertimento No. 10*, K. 247, by Mozart, and the *Holberg Suite* by Grieg, Simon will rejoin the ensemble to conclude the concert with the elegant warmth and melodies of the *Concerto No. 1 in F Major*, op. 137, by Josef Rheinberger. This is a great event for all ages.

Please see below for information on ordering tickets online.

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Magnificent Music 2018-2019

Organ and Orchestra

**Simon Thomas Jacobs, organ;
Chamber Music at RPC Orchestra,
Jason Charneski, conductor**

Sunday, October 14, at 4:00 p.m.

Music by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Grieg, and Rheinberger

*Presented in collaboration with Chamber Music at
Rye Presbyterian Church*

**Admission: \$40 (premium seating);
\$25 (general seating); \$10 (students)**

***Purchase online in advance by clicking [here](#),
or day-of at the door.***

Rye Presbyterian Church | 882 Boston Post Rd. | Rye, NY 10580 | www.ryepc.com | 914-967-0842

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



Simon Thomas Jacobs

Imagine

Sundays in October, Bible Study

Saturday, October 6

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

Sunday, October 7

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Communion in the Sanctuary
 No Sunday School—Enrichment activities
 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

Saturday, October 13

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

Sunday, October 14

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
 9:15 a.m. Safety & Security Training / 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
 11:00 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal / Chapel
 11:00 a.m. Rise Against Hunger / Assembly Room
 11:15 a.m. Safety & Security Training / Westminster Room
 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
 2:30 p.m. Organ & Strings Concert / Sanctuary
 TBD: Confirmation Class / Westminster Room
 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday, October 20

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship: Contemplative Service

Sunday, October 21

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
 9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room
 9:15 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal / Chapel
 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
 Youth Choir sings
 Sunday School
 -Children attend worship through children's message.
 11:00 a.m. New Member Class / Library
 11:00 a.m. M&O "Transforming Lives" / Assembly Room
 11:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

Saturday, October 27

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship and Communion in the Chapel
 -Show Up & Make!" / Location TBD

Sunday, October 28

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
 -Show Up & Make!" / Location TBD
 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.
 -Show Up & Make!" / Location TBD
 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
 TBD: Confirmation Class
 5:00 p.m. Family Fellowship: "Pumpkin Carving" / Assembly Rm
 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

BIBLE STUDIES

Men's Bible Study

Sundays, October 14 & 28,
 at 8:00 p.m. in the Library

All are welcome to join in as we continue our Sunday evening reading of the Letters of Peter. We have just begun this new direction, so it is a great time to jump in! This month we will meet on Sundays, October 14 and 28, at 8:00 p.m. in the church Library.

If you would like to be on the email reminder list, please let Dan Love know: dlove@ryepc.com.

Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion

Wednesdays, October 3, 17 & 31,
 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

This month, the Wednesday Bible Discussion group will continue work on our journey through the Old Testament. In a slight change of format, we will be using videos from *The Bible Project* (thebibleproject.com) to give us overviews of the books of the Old Testament, while pausing to dive deeper into the bible text along the way.

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

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, October 13 & 27,
 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

A warm welcome and hot coffee await!
 For further information, contact Cynthia De Santis
 (desantiscw@aol.com).



Contemplative Saturday at 5 Service October 20 in the Chapel

In a break from our typical format, all are invited to a time of worship in a quiet space, with music, silent meditative prayer, and guided quiet reflection on scripture.

*Come, enter God's presence.
 Find your center.*



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).

October Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

**CHURCH OFFICES AND BUILDINGS WILL BE CLOSED
ON COLUMBUS DAY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 8**

BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons: Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m., Library
Trustees: Wednesday, October 17, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room
Session: Wednesday, October 24, 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 at 8:40 a.m.

Adult Education:

Sunday Mornings: "Feasting on the Word," 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room

"Show Up & Make!": Saturday, October 27, and Sunday, October 28, following all three Worship services

Interfaith Study: "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" - Wednesday evenings, 7:30 p.m., October 14 (Community Synagogue of Rye), October 24 (Christ's Church), November 7 (Church of the Resurrection), November 14 (RPC).

New Member Classes: Sundays, October 14 & 21, 11:00 a.m., Library

Sunday School: Regular Sunday School on October 14, 21, 28; No classes on October 7, Enrichment activities

Confirmation: Sundays, October 14 & 28. Times TBD.

Men's Sunday Bible Study: October 14 & 28, 8:00 p.m., Library

Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion: October 3, 17 & 31, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women's Bible Study: Saturdays, October 13 & 27, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women's Discipleship: Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., Library

YOUTH

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

Connection: Wednesdays, October 3 & 17, 5:30 p.m., Youth Room

High School Youth Group: Sundays, October 14 & 21, times and locations TBD

MUSIC

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Sundays, October 7, 14, 21 & 28, 11:15 a.m., Choir Room

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

OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

3 Ts: Tuesday, October 16, 10:00 a.m., Library

Concert: Organ & Orchestra, Simon Thomas Jacobs, organist; Sunday, October 14, 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary

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

Rise Against Hunger: Sunday, October 14, 11:00 a.m., Assembly Room

Security Training: Sunday, October 14, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.; Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

Stephen Ministry:

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, October 2, 6:00 p.m., Library

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

Caring Connections: Monday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room;

Saturday, October 20, 9:00 a.m., Westminster Room

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

Saturday Sale: Saturday, October 27, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Women's Association: Monthly Meeting, Monday, October 1, 9:00 a.m., Library

OUTREACH AND SUPPORT GROUPS

AA Rye Harrison Group: Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room

AA Group: Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

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

Helping Hands: Thursday, October 18, 11:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar



Come join us at the Rye Presbyterian Nursery School for the 2019-2020 school year! In-house registration will be held on November 5th through November 7th 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 kkumar@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!



On the first day of school for the 2018-2019 school year, we had a welcome party for all of our families. Families enjoyed ice pops and cookies under the grape arbor and a live children's music concert from *Songs for Seeds* on the playground.



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[The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall](#), Associate Pastor for Christian Education

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

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