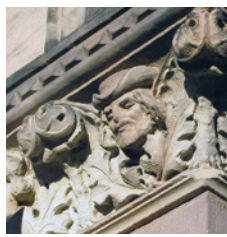


MAKING A DIFFERENCE AS WE

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## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

This group of men has been gathering in some form since 1998! Not known for speed reading, they nonetheless have covered most of the New Testament, and many parts of the Old. We meet twice a month on Sunday evenings at 8 PM for what has proven to be a meaningful time of study, conversation and fellowship. Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com, 914-967-0842)

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Begun in 2000, this group meets every other Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM for a time of in-depth scripture reading and conversation connecting. People come with all levels of biblical knowledge, but they come game to explore and think together about how these ancient readings connect and speak to our lives today. Two of our regulars have even gone on to seminary! Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com, 914-967-0842)

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

This group generally meets two Saturday mornings each month at 9:15 a.m. in the Library to explore the Scriptures, enjoy spirited discussion and create a sanctuary for spiritual growth. Cynthia DeSantis (desantisw@aol.com, 914-967-2493)

## **WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Steeped in a long tradition of uniting the women of the church in service and fellowship, many activities are offered, such as luncheons, outings, presentations and coffees, where the women of the church can come together, learn from each other, support important community causes and build lasting friendships. Contact Suzanne Davies (suzannebd1@aol.com) or Katrina Hele (katrinagh3@gmail.com).

## **KEENAGERS**

Meeting three or four times a year, this group enables the senior population from our Church and the community to get-together and share memories, current events, fun and food. All men and women of the Church are most welcome to join in

the festivities. Eva Spelman, Valerie Barrett or Jane Mickatavage (Swinggramm@aol.com, 914-967-8622)

## **3 T'S**

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10AM to 11:30AM in the Library for an informal discussion on a variety of meaningful topics. Everyone is invited. Jane Mickatavage (967-8622) or Nancy Steed (steedheart@aol.com, 914-328-9658)

## **YOUTH PROGRAMS:**

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

RPC Christian Education is dedicated to providing a warm, nurturing, and fun environment for children to explore and learn about their faith. Teaching through hands-on learning, service to others, and a story-based curriculum, the goal is to provide children with a lifelong foundation of what it means to live the Christian faith. Adrienne Rogers (dajpm@optonline.net 914-835-4164)

### **YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

RPC's popular High School Mission trip has gone to New Orleans for the past three years and will go again in 2014. We are looking forward to having fun and helping to rebuild the Crescent City. The hard and fast deadline to sign up is Jan. 1. Look for informational meetings this fall. Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com 914-967-0842)

### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Provides twice-monthly, community-service oriented activities for 9th – 12th graders. You might find our HSYG serving in a soup kitchen, collecting toiletries for women's shelters, or secretly planting pink plastic flamingos on church members' lawns to raise money. Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com 914-967-0842)

### **CONNECTION**

RPC's Middle School Youth Group meets most 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month for a pizza dinner; spiritual reflection, meditation, or learning; plus fun and games! All 6th – 8th graders are welcome. Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com 914-967-0842)

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## **RYE PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL**

Offers a first-class weekday nursery school for the children within this church and community. Provides a healthy atmosphere for the physical, cognitive, spiritual and social development of our young children and helps parents towards a better understanding of their child's development and behavior. Cheryl Flood (cflood@rpnskids.org, 914-967-2073)

## **PLAY SCHOOL**

A childcare program providing morning classes for children six months through four years. Our afternoon lunch bunch program extends the day for RPNS children who are three and four years of age. Yvonne Zuk (info@ryeplayschool.com)

## **TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE: SESSION**

Oversees the mission and governance of RPC through various committees, all under the leadership of our co-Pastors and eighteen elected Elders, plus one Youth Elder. David Versfelt (david.versfelt@klgates.com, 203-531-5881)

## **TRUSTEES**

Focus on the "temporal" aspects of RPC, working closely with our staff - notably the chief administrative officer. Regular duties include overseeing RPC's finances, insurance, technology, building and grounds, and administration. A Trustee sits on the RPNS Board, and Personnel and Stewardship Committees. Bob Connor (wrconnor3@aol.com 914-967-8132)

## **DEACONS**

Tend to and care for the needs of our parish, by assisting with baptisms, welcoming new members, holding regular social events (New Member Desserts, Fall Picnic, Tree Lighting Party), supplying Care Notes, preparing college freshmen care packages, delivering flowers, serving at Coffee Hour, managing Dinner-at-Noon at the Carver Center, and much more. Volunteers welcome! Sarah Barringer (ssbarringer@gmail.com 914-921-1947)

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Encourages members to be good stewards of all that we have, and to support the church in its mission, by offering up their time, talent, treasure and influence as a way to fulfill God's purpose. John Hele (john\_hele@hotmail.com, 914-967-7981); Leslie Bradford (Leslie.E.Bradford@gmail.com 914-834-0803)

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Employs various media channels to assist our congregation in staying connected with one another and strengthen awareness of church activities. It strives to expand RPC's presence in the local community by communicating RPC's mission and outreach activities in both our local community and the world at large. Ron Sizemore (ron@influencegraphics.com, 967-0686)

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

Responsible for membership rolls, new member introductions, and oversight of the church's caring ministries. Nancy Jenkins-Kennedy (nausetn@optonline.net 914-967-0090)

## **WORSHIP AND MUSIC**

Together with the co-Pastors, oversees all aspects of public worship in the Congregation, and with the Director of Music all matters pertaining to the music program, including the Adult Choir. Chris Jones (Cjones@cjjinc.com, 917-287-6750)

## **YOUTH CHOIRS**

Strengthen musical, performance, and leadership skills while serving the RPC community through the arts. Sunday School Music Program helps children internalize the fundamentals of the Christian faith through song. Lisa Rawson (lrawson@ryepc.com 914-777-3144)

## **SERVICE AND SUPPORT: MISSION AND OUTREACH**

Upholds RPC's mission to meet the spiritual and physical needs of our neighbors, locally and globally, by identifying and supporting a broad range of organizations and programs. An annual fundraiser supplements

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our pledge income and expands our possibilities in these areas. Cynthia DeSantis (desantiscw@aol.com 914-967-2493)

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Paul urged all Christians to “Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). The Stephen Ministry at Rye PC provides one-on-one care to people who are going through difficult times. Stephen Ministers are congregation members who have undergone 50 hours of in-depth training to learn to be thoughtful, confidential caregivers to others in need. Gail Langeloh (glangeloh1@aol.com 914-967-4126)

## **WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION THRIFT SHOP**

Accepts donations from all community members, and is open for business on Thursdays from 10am - 1pm. The shop is completely staffed by volunteers, and all proceeds are given out each year, in the form of grants, to primarily local area non-profits. For the past three years, the Thrift Shop has donated \$50,000 to community efforts in Rye and beyond, and kept literally tons of usable goods out of landfills. Cindy Kuster (CKuster@aol.com, 282-1956) and Nancy Bassett (bassettd@earthlink.net)

## **PRAYER CHAIN**

A small but dedicated group of individuals that provides prayer support to those in need of comfort and healing during times of stress in their lives. No experience is necessary to become a “link” in the Prayer Chain, only the desire to help those in need by praying for them and to be a witness to the power of prayer. We are always looking to add more “links” to the Chain. Lynn Ferguson (ferg426@verizon.net, 203-869-7699)

## **SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP**

Please join us in the library each Sunday at 9:40 a.m., as we gather to offer together our prayers of joy, concern and support. If you have any questions, would like to help as a prayer facilitator, or would like to submit a prayer request, please contact Tony Savarese (tsav@ajsav.com, 914-835-1284) “For where

two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them...” Matthew 18:19-20.

## **E-MAIL PRAYER GROUP**

Please join us in our ministry of prayer for others. Or if you have a prayer request, please do not hesitate to contact [rpcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:rpcprayers@gmail.com).

## **LIVES IN TRANSITION**

A program designed for people experiencing Career Transition that provides support, networking, and strategies for finding new employment. Also addresses how transition impacts family, and explores alternative career paths. Led by volunteer professionals from the community to help others. Gail Langeloh (glangeloh1@aol.com, 914-967-4126)

## **FRIENDLY VISITOR PROGRAM**

Matches visitors with those who would like a friendly visit to chat over a cup of coffee or tea, or ease the tedium of recuperating from surgery or illness. Visiting may be desired due to a short-term confinement or to provide a longer, more consistent relationship. The program will work to match the needs of each individual and volunteer. No prior care-giving experience needed, just a desire to bring a smile to a fellow parishioner or community member. Marilyn Clague (marilyn.clague@gmail.com 914-967-5260) or Patti Adimari (pattirys@optonline.net, 914-967-6351)

## **PRISON MINISTRY**

“I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me” Matthew 25:36. In addition to monthly workshops with men in college and graduate programs at Sing Sing and Fishkill, we work with men who have graduated from those programs, been released, and are living positive and productive lives on the “outside”. The highlight of our ministry is the annual Church and Justice Service, led entirely by men we have worked with on the “inside”. Bob or Nancy Steed (bsteed55@aol.com, 914-328-9658).