



For several years now there has been interest and discussion within our congregation about the possibility of adding another worship experience to our weekend schedule. As we embarked on the Imagine Initiative journey we had the opportunity to gather together in groups on several occasions and to have input and feedback about what a third service might look like. More recently an online survey was done as well.

Working in collaboration with our Worship and Music Committee, your church staff has taken all of this information and is excited to say that we are now ready to begin our third worship service. The hope was to have the chapel renovations completed by the start of the fall, but that will not be the case. So watch for details as to where the service will take place. In the meantime, here's what you can expect at this additional service.

Saturday Service at 5

What is it? – The Saturday Service at 5 is Rye Presbyterian Church's new/additional third worship service. This service will allow those involved in Sunday morning activities elsewhere to participate in worship at another time during the weekend. The third service will normally be at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday evening. It will meet in the newly-renovated Chapel when it is completed.

Who is it for? – Everyone! The service will be designed to appeal to all ages. It will be "child welcoming," so no child care will be provided.

What will it be like? – The service will normally be about 45-50 minutes in length. The emphasis will be on congregational participation. It will include music (which may be accompanied by the piano, organ, or other instruments) and familiar liturgy. The preacher Saturday evening will be the same as for Sunday morning with a similar message across all worship services.

What will it include? – In addition to preaching and music, the service will include Communion each week, except when other rites will be observed. These other experiences might include Baptism, Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, or a Service for Wholeness and Healing.

What should I wear? – This will be a casual service, so you are encouraged to dress casually. If a child is coming from a game of some sort, they can come in their uniform. It's not about how you look; it's about your presence. The leaders for this service will not be robed, nor will the male leaders wear jackets and ties. So come and be comfortable.

Our first Saturday Service at 5 will be on September 17. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact any one of the four staff members involved – me, Dan, Rachael, or Jason. We are excited to share this new worship experience with you!

Yours in Christ,

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Imagine, Coming Home, Stephen Ministry, Women's Discipleship Group

- The "Mary window" from the north side of the sanctuary is expected to return fully restored by November.
- The sanctuary air-conditioning... up and running has boosted summer attendance, and allowed for several weddings and memorial services to take place in the sanctuary over the summer.
- The chapel renovation work is underway. All of the pews have found new homes or are in the hands of a cabinet-maker who will be crafting them into furniture of all kinds. The pulpit, table, and lectern have been removed to be refashioned and refinished, and a wood floor will be installed over the course of this month.
- The 890 kitchen was finished early in the year, and the 900 manse work has an end in sight – new windows, new flooring throughout the first floor, and a new kitchen!
- Looking to resource a possible summer camp for homeless children at Holmes Camp and Conference Center, the boards allocated a portion of funds earmarked for the camp to go to upgrading Holmes' facilities.
- Session has approved Imagine funding for both a new concert series for 2016-17 (with the first event this month!), as well as a sacred music internship ideally beginning this program year—see page 7 for the schedule!
- Additional third worship service starting Saturday, September 17— see front page of this issue for details!



Progress on the 900 Manse kitchen

Imagine ... Becoming Reality



Work on Chapel beginning—at right, steel posts for old altar rail



Coming Home is Coming Back!

Our Coming Home program, an 18-week life skills program for returning citizens (formerly incarcerated), will begin in January 2017. This fall we will be enlisting mentors and doing our mentor training.

If you would be interested in serving as a mentor, or simply want more information about Coming Home, please contact either:

Janet Donat, Program Coordinator
at donatjanet@yahoo.com
or (914) 645-8822

John Miller at jmiller@ryepc.com
or (914) 967-0842.

STEPHEN MINISTRY Good News!

Amid the daily updates of turmoil and tragedy in the news, RPC Stephen Ministers want to report that they are continuing to bring hope, help, and healing to community. Through Stephen Ministry, our congregation equips and empowers laypeople to provide one-to-one, confidential, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, unemployment, hospitalization, loneliness, divorce, financial stress, a terminal illness, or other life difficulties. While on the front lines, Rye Presbyterian Clergy believe that Stephen Ministers are critical to broadening our church's caring capacity beyond the "first responder."

If you or someone you know is in need of a Stephen Minister's steady, consistent presence, please contact SM Referrals Coordinator Tav Rogers (914-400-3568 or tav@rogers.fm) or one of the RPC clergy.

Women's Discipleship Group (at a new time!)

We are starting a new video study this fall: Lysa TerKeurst's *Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-Changing Stories for Women Today*. We will meet every Tuesday from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the RPC Library, beginning September 13.

This group always has interesting discussions and great fellowship; please join us whenever your schedule allows!

Contact Rachael Huntley
(rhuntley@ryepc.com)
with any questions.



Adult Education - Fall Semester begins September 18

A Challenging Slate of Programs is Planned: Don't Miss them!!

For the Fall of 2016, the Adult Education Committee has created a series of programs on subjects of singular importance to all of us as Christians and citizens. For six weeks beginning September 18 from 9:00-9:45 a.m. in the Westminster Room, the Adult Ministry program will focus on ***Race and Reconciliation***, using as its platform the Confessions of 1967 and Belhar, newly included in the book of Confessions which came out of the South African church. Both of these confessions have at their heart reconciliation, unity, and justice in a sorely hurting and needy world.

On Sunday, November 6 (the Sunday before the election), at 9:00 a.m. a one-time program on ***"God's Politics: Could Jesus Win an Election"*** will explore how our Christian faith and national politics might inform each other. Then we'll shift gears to ***"The Bible and Handel's Messiah."*** For four Sundays prior to the choir's presentation of Part I of the Messiah on December 11, we will explore the scriptural texts which are the foundation of this enduring classic.

We plan on hosting a special program, open to the community on Tuesday, November 15, featuring Anita Devlin, au-

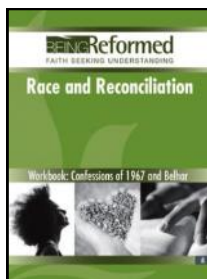
thor of ***"S.O.B.E.R."*** (*"Son of a Bitch, Everything's Real"*). Devlin's story is a dual memoir of a mother who is helping her son work to conquer his addiction and of the son who is suffering in the grip of the disease of addiction and struggling to find release and recovery. As drug and alcohol abuse escalate in the US, this unique memoir helps us simultaneously feel its impact on both the addict and a parent dedicated to helping overcome its power.

Book studies on subjects of current importance fill many evenings in the fall. First, for five Mondays starting September 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library, Dr. Miller will help guide us through ***"Fear of the Other"*** by Will Willimon, a noted Wesleyan scholar. The book focuses on the Biblical command to love all peoples, even those who are "Other" - i.e., outside of mainstream Christian Culture, even our enemies. Then, for five more Monday evenings starting November 7, 7:30 p.m. in the Library, Dan Love will lead us in a study of ***"Heretic: Why Islam Needs a Reformation Now"*** by Hirsir Ali, to help end the horrors of terrorism, sectarian warfare, and the repression of women.

We will continue on from early September to Christmas with some long-standing programs and others that started recently including:

- Wednesday Morning Bible Studies at 10:00 a.m. every other week in the Library, led by Dan Love.
- Men's Bible Study twice a month on Sunday evenings at 8:00 p.m., led by Dan Love.
- Women's Bible Study every other Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m., led by Cynthia DeSantis.
- Cancer support group for women who are caregivers, patients, or survivors, based on the "I Am" curriculum. Contact [Becky Ruegger](#) for details.
- Women's Discipleship Group meets every Tuesday from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in Library. Contact [Rachael Huntley](#) to be included in the email list.
- 3 T's, an informal discussion group, meeting the Third Tuesday at Ten in the Library

A brochure detailing the programs for the Fall Semester will be distributed in early September. Be sure to read it and mark your calendar for the exciting and enlightening programs on deck for the rest of 2016.



RACE AND RECONCILIATION: THE CONFESSIONS OF 1967 AND BELHAR

**Sunday mornings,
September 18 – Oct. 30
(no class Oct. 9—Columbus Day Weekend)
9:00 a.m., Westminster Room**

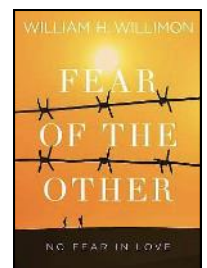
In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Confession of 1967, and with the adoption of the Confession of Belhar as a confessional standard for the Church this past summer by the 222nd General Assembly, former stated clerk of the PC (USA) Cliff Kirkpatrick reflects on the themes of reconciliation, unity, and justice in a hurting world.

For further information, click [here](#).

Fall Book Study

FEAR OF THE OTHER

**Mondays evenings
September 19 – Oct. 24
(no meeting Oct. 10—Columbus Day)
7:30 p.m., Library**



This five-week study will explore William Willimon's new book *Fear of the Other*. Tex Sample writes of this book, saying "This gutsy, biblically rich, theologically searing book gigs everybody's sacred cow. Not only is the one whom Christ loves Other but God is Other. The ground beneath us shakes the walls that divide us. If you are holed-up happy with people who look like you, don't read this thing. It will screw up your world." Let's read it together and talk about it. John Miller will facilitate this study.

For further information, click [here](#).

Christian Education, Confirmation 2017, Nola 2016

Sunday School

Sunday School kicks off on September 11, and we will begin in the Old Testament with Moses—so many interesting stories to share and lessons to learn!

We are excited about the year ahead, but we still need teachers! 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. If interested, or if you have any questions, please contact [Rachael Huntley](#).

On September 4, there will be no Sunday School. Children will remain in worship with their families.

On September 25, the children will join Lisa Rawson for Singing Our Faith.

Teen Assistant Teachers Needed in Church School

If your high school-aged child would like to be a teen assistant teacher, please have him/her email [Rachael Huntley](#). It is a really fun way to earn community service hours; the little kids adore having the teens in class!

Sunday School Registration

Please fill out a registration card for each child attending our Sunday School—from the crib/toddler room all the way through 8th grade. The registration form is online ([click here](#)). Advance registration is extremely appreciated!!

Middle School Connection

Connection, RPC's Middle School Youth Group, kicks off the school year with our annual Pool Party at the Skelseys' house. Mark your calendar for September 14 or 21 (TBD)!

After that, our regular meetings will resume in October on every first and third Wednesday of the month. Hope to see your Middle Schooler there.

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

High School Youth Group

RPC's High School Youth will begin Saturday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m., immediately following RPC's first Saturday evening worship service! We will carry on the tradition of ice cream & sardines at our opening meeting...ice cream sundaes to eat and playing sardines in the church. We will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month, after worship, for a time of dinner and fellowship. If you would like to be on the email list for this group, please let [Rachael Huntley](#) know.

Confirmation 2017



If God is so good... why is the world so often such a mess? What do all those stories in the Bible have to do with me? How does science fit with what is taught in church? How do things like faith and prayer and church make any sense in today's world?

This month, the confirmation class of 2017 will begin its exploration of these questions and many more - questions that lie at the heart of our faith journeys. To begin the year, following worship on Sunday, September 18, there will be an Orientation Meeting for those considering Confirmation and their parents in the Westminster Room. Not every ninth grader may be asking these questions or eager to take on extra work as high school begins. Yet this is a unique opportunity to explore the life of faith more deeply. All ninth graders and a parent are encouraged to come to the orientation regardless of eagerness, willingness, doubts or questions!

Again this year, the class will meet throughout the year, and will be active in many aspects of the church, including the traditional duty as Sunday crucifer and help at various church events.

This year we'll start our time together as a class with a pizza dinner at the church on Sunday, September 25, at 5:00 p.m. in the Westminster Room.

If you are ninth grader, or have a child who is in ninth grade, and have not received information regarding confirmation, or if you have any questions, please contact [Rev. Love](#).

NOLA 2016

Back in June, RPC commissioned 25 of its high school members, along with five chaperones, to New Orleans for our seventh annual youth mission trip, partnering with the nonprofit organization lowernine.org. While there was plenty of fun to be had on our free evenings, this group of young people worked hard. Up at 6:30 a.m., they made their own lunches and were ready to head to the work sites by 8:00 a.m. We worked on four homes: laying tile, installing laminate flooring, painting exterior siding, landscaping, and installing trim carpentry. We mixed mortar, lugged ladders, mastered power tools, and became experts with a number of different tile and wood saws. During our free time we sampled beignets at Café Du Monde, visited the impressive WWII museum, walked the levee of the Ninth Ward, took a tour of the French Quarter, bowled and danced at the famous Rock'n'Bowl, and even hit the beach in nearby Mississippi!

While each trip participant pays to go on the trip, that cost is reduced by the generosity of a few "angels" committed to this particular mission of the church. In addition, our non-staff chaperones this year - Heather Miller and Margaret and Jonathan Blum - all gave generously of their precious summer time to be a part of the trip. The support of the church, its Mission Committee and a Women's Association grant made it possible for them to go! Speaking for all 30 participants and the beneficiaries of RPC's generosity in New Orleans...thank you!

For a closer look at the trip, don't miss the photos on the following page and on the wall outside the reception area.





Youth Mission Trip—New Orleans 2016



Musical Notes



From Jason Charneski

Join One of the Choirs

A new program year is the right time for you – young or more mature – to join one of RPC's choirs. Information about the Chancel Choir is printed on a separate flyer: please contact me with your questions. The Children's Choir and the Youth Choir, both directed by Lisa Rawson, would be made all the more wonderful with new voices and spirits! Please contact Lisa about these opportunities.

New Choir Robes

Following requests by members of the choirs and some of their parents to look into replacing the 30-plus year-old choir robes, the Worship and Music Committee researched what was available and in keeping with RPC's traditions and its looking to the future. They made a recommendation to the Trustees to purchase new robes from C. M. Almy (based in Greenwich), to which the Trustees agreed wholeheartedly. May this investment, like the previous, prove its worth during the course of the next generation!

The new robes will feature a richer "royal" blue that captures the blues in the chancel window. The style now will be consistent for all singers in each of the choirs: what is known as a "choir alb," accessorized with new, reversible stoles (ivory on one side; antique gold on the other). The Chancel Choir will be the first to wear these new garments in worship: September 18 will be their first Sunday in worship in the new program year.

Concert Series Begins September 10

Please see the flyer (elsewhere in this newsletter and posted on the church's website) or take a hard-copy of the brochure (in

the information racks throughout the building) for information about the new concert series here at RPC, which is made possible with seed money from the Imagine Initiative.

The first concert – an event for the whole family – will be given the evening of Saturday, September 10, under the tent on the Great Lawn. Pack a picnic supper and come to enjoy the Celtic/Scottish folk merriment of The Jolly Beggars. The music and joy of the occasion may move you such that you cannot help but dancing, swaying, or singing along!

Chancel Organ Upgrade Update

Word from the Casavant factory (in St-Hyacinthe, Québec) is that the upgraded components of the chancel organ will have been shipped back to Rye in mid-August. This means that an on-schedule completion is likely (the week of Labor Day). Below are two photos from the disassembling of the console the last week of June.

Jason



*Rye
Presbyterian
Children's
Choir*

Invites all children in
grades 1-6 to join us
for the
2016-2017 school year!

- * Rehearsals will be held **Thursdays** from 3:45-4:30 p.m. in the Choir Room at Rye Presbyterian Church.
- * Rehearsals begin September 15, 2016.
- * The choir sings monthly in church services, special holiday services, and the annual Christmas Pageant.

For more information, please contact:

Lisa Rawson, Director
lrawson@ryepc.com

*Rye Presbyterian
Youth Choir*



Invites all youth in **grades 7-12**
to join us for the
2016-2017 school year!

- * Rehearsals will be held **Thursdays** from 4:30-5:15 p.m. in the Choir Room at Rye Presbyterian Church.
- * Rehearsals begin September 15, 2016.

For more information, please contact:

Lisa Rawson, Director
lrawson@ryepc.com



PC CHANCEL CHOIR 2016-2017

RPC's music ministry thrives due to the many volunteers who contribute time and talent.

Singing in the Chancel Choir is a highly visible path of service that models a life of discipleship. Some specific information is printed below:

- The Chancel Choir sings each Sunday of the program year (approx. nine months), on the great festivals of the church year, and for occasional concerts or other services.
- **September 18** is the first Sunday of the 2016-2017 program year on which the full choir will lift its voice in worship.
- The typical commitment is to be present on Sundays for warm-up at 9:15 a.m., for singing in the 10:00 a.m. service, and for a rehearsal from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (*Note there is time for all to enjoy fellowship at coffee hour following the conclusion of the 10:00 a.m. service.*)
- A few rehearsals will take place on Thursday evenings, these to allow for more focus on music for Cantata Sunday and Holy Week
- Ability to identify simple notations of pitch and rhythm makes for ease of progress in rehearsal; but, those who do not yet know the "language" of music, yet are able to match and maintain pitch, are most welcome to give it a try.
- The Chancel Choir is blessed to have section leaders who assist and help to inspire all singers.

Jason Charneski, Director of Music and Organist, will be pleased to answer questions about your involvement in any aspect of RPC's music ministry. Please speak with him in person, call him at 967-0842, ext. 16, or send him an e-mail: jcharneski@ryepc.com.



Concerts 2016-2017

The Jolly Beggars

Saturday, September 10, 6:00 p.m.

Pack a picnic supper and gather under the tent on the church's lawn (Milton Road side) for an evening of ballads, jigs, tall tales, and dancing offered by this Celtic/Scottish folk group. Fun for the whole family! Freewill donations received.



Westchester Has Talent!

Friday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.

Here's your opportunity to vote for the winner of a live competition! Finalists, between the ages of 18 and 30, will offer music from the Broadway, Classical, Folk, Gospel, Jazz, Pop, and World idioms. The winner will return in the 2017-2018 season to give a full-length concert. The prize associated with this competition is \$2,000. Admission: \$10 per person.



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.

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

Imagine

Mission & Outreach 2016 Gala Update

"London Calling" drew another large crowd to the RPC Mission & Outreach Gala on May 7th, raising over \$38,000 for RPC mission-giving. A special thank you to David Walker for his auctioneer and MC talents! A cappella groups from Rye High and Rye Country Day also performed with loads of pizzazz, and a feisty DJ sparked a good bit of dancing.

The Mission & Outreach committee is deeply grateful for the generosity of those who donated and bid on auction items and to the many others who contributed time and treasure to this event.

One of the auction items was a sign-up cocktail party on Richard and Marian Bott's NYC rooftop. On this page you will find snapshots from that glorious evening held July 29th.



Mission & Outreach Spotlight

Rye Presbyterian Church has a deeply rooted tradition in helping others. Through Mission and Outreach, the Women's Association and as individuals and families our altruistic passions span a wide swath of issues from local needs easing hunger and expanding educational opportunities for youth and prisoners to global needs fighting slavery and supporting effective disaster relief. We are a congregation passionate about helping our brothers and sisters near and far.

We are also humble folk with many among us who spend time volunteering in ways others may never know. Some with organizations we know well and others with organizations we may have never heard of. Some volunteering time on boards whose missions speak deeply to us or in direct service with populations we feel a compelling connection. Others travel to communities beyond our own, offering pro bono skills or even volunteering by way of the internet in the comfort of our own

homes. And we do this for a whole host of reasons that aren't just about having a positive impact on others. We also do it to socialize or to develop new skill sets or simply because "doing good" "feels good."

So in the spirit of spreading the good word, Mission and Outreach would like to share a brief description of an opportunity one of our organization partners is extending to our congregation.

If you know of an organization with a volunteer opportunity you would like us to highlight, please be in touch. If you are interested in joining the Mission and Outreach Committee, our meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Library and we would love to have new members.

For further information, please contact:

Dorrit Nelson (Dorrit.Nelson@finra.org)

or Kim O'Connor (ryvestacks@gmail.com)

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: PART OF THE SOLUTION (POTS)



Their Family Club in the Bronx provides intensive case management, education, social and nutrition support to a select group of families. In addition to weekly meetings with a case manager, families gather once a week in the Community Dining Room. During

this time, tutors provide homework assistance to children while their caregivers receive a lesson in nutrition and work with a professional chef to prepare a healthful and novel meal. At the end of each class, the children, caregivers and tutors come back together to share the meal."

The Fall schedule is as follows:

- Tutor Orientation
 - Tuesday 9/13/16 or Sunday 9/18/16 at 3:00 p.m.
- Family Club Schedule
 - Wednesday Session: 4:00-6:30 p.m.
 - ◊ Sept. 14, 21, 28; Oct. 5, 19, 26; Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30; and Dec. 7, 14
 - Sunday Session: 4:00-6:30pm
 - ◊ Sept. 18, 25; Oct. 2, 16, 23, 30; Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27; and Dec. 4, 11

For more information please contact Scott Wagner

at swagner@potsbronx.org

www.potsbronx.org/

SHREDDING DAY AT RPC, JUNE 15



Women's Association

Calling the Talented Women of RPC!

We are excited to deepen our fellowship with the women of RPC. Throughout the coming year we will be planning special events, family and community gatherings, as well as our popular monthly International Lunches. Consider dropping by the Thrift Shop on a Wednesday to "sort" and also coming by Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. to sell for charity! (We have fun!) Any

hour you help is a benefit for many charities and, we believe, a benefit for our church life.

Please come to our meeting on Monday, September 12, at 9:00 a.m. in the Library. We welcome suggestions for family gatherings, children's events, and ways to benefiting your families' needs while we reach out to others!

For information, contact: [Mona Hirson](#).



**Thrift Shop Reopens
Thursday, September 15,
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

2016 Grant Awards Luncheon — June 13

\$60,000

Record-breaking amount given to local charities this year!

We had a wonderful luncheon in the Grape Arbor, and combined celebration as we honored 25 Westchester organizations that serve women, children, and other under-served populations. We also honored 3 volunteers for their outstanding service with the newly created 'Joan Kellogg' award. Our grants are made possible through the success of our Thrift Shop. Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors for an record year! The luncheon was a great time to see first-hand all the good work that our Thrift Shop does for our community. We appreciate the continued support of donations, volunteers, and shopping!



The Thrift Shop Ladies Annual Luncheon...

The Thrift Shop ladies end-of-the-year luncheon was hosted by jewelry queen and painter, Sally Tobin. A wonderful time was had by all.



Sundays in September, Bible Study

September 4

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Communion in the Sanctuary
No Sunday School – Family Worship

September 11

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Sanctuary
- 9:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship under the Tent on the Great Lwn
Sunday School
-Children attend worship through children's message.
- 11:00 a.m. Fall Festival and Picnic / Great Lawn
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

September 18

- 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 attend worship through children's message.
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmands & Families Orientation / Westminster Rm.

September 25

- 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.
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Pizza Dinner / Westminster Room
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

Men's Bible Study

Sundays, September 11 and 25,
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 have just begun work on the apocryphal book "The Wisdom of Solomon," which as a work written in the time just prior to Jesus, has proven very thought-provoking. If you'd like to get email reminders about this ongoing study, contact [Dan Love](#).

Wednesday Morning Bible Study — New Time, New Format!

Beginning on September 7, the Wednesday Bible Study will begin a new chapter. We will meet in the Library at 10:00 a.m. every other Wednesday, and instead of working through a book of the bible, we will be doing short series studies. In these series, we will hit the bible highlights—the "stuff we should know" from throughout the many books of the bible.

September 7: Creation (version 1)
September 21: Creation (version 2.0)
October 5: The Fall of Adam and Eve
October 19: The Tower of Babel
November 2: Noah's Ark
November 16: The Call of Abraham

To get on the email reminder list, contact [Dan Love](#).

Women's Bible Study

Please join Women's Bible Study twice monthly on Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the RPC Library starting in October (dates TBD). 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.

RPC FALL FESTIVAL



SPECIAL WORSHIP & PICNIC Sunday, September 11

**We will worship outside (weather permitting)
under the tent on the Great Lawn.**

Dress casually as immediately following worship we will share together in our picnic.

Chicken and ice cream will be provided.

If your last name begins with:
A-J: Please bring a side dish
K-R: Please bring a dessert
S-Z: Please bring a salad

Food may be left in the kitchen before worship.

Please contact [Betty Vecchiolla](#)
if you have any questions

Hosted by the Congregational Life Committee of the Board of Deacons.

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](#).

September Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

**CHURCH OFFICES AND BUILDINGS WILL BE CLOSED
ON LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons: Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., Library
Trustees: Wednesday, September 21, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room
Session: Wednesday, September 28, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

WORSHIP AND STUDY

Worship on Saturday evening:

Worship in the Sanctuary, Saturdays, beginning September 17, 5:00 p.m.

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, September 4 & 11 at 9:40 a.m., September 18 & 25 at 8:40 a.m.

Adult Education:

“Race & Reconciliation: The Confessions of 1967 and Belhar”: Sundays, 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room:
 September 18, 25; 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
 September 19, 26, October 3, 17, 24 (*no meeting October 10*)

Sunday School: Regular Sunday School on September 11, 28 & 25; No classes on September 4, Family Worship

Confirmation: Sunday, September 18: Confirmands & Families Orientation Meeting, 11:15 a.m., Westminster Room;
 Sunday, September 25: Class & Pizza Dinner, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room

Men’s Sunday Bible Study: September 13 & 27, 8:00 p.m., Library

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: September 7 & 21, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women’s Discipleship: Video Study “Twelve Women of the Bible: Life Changing Stories for Women Today,”
 by Lysa TerKeurst. Begins September 13, Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Library.

YOUTH

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

Connection: Pool Party, Wednesday, September 14 or 21 (TBD), Skelsey residence.
 Starting in October, 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

High School Youth Group: Saturday, September 17, 6:00 p.m., Youth Room

MUSIC

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Sundays, 9:15 & 11:30 a.m.

Chancel Choir Potluck Supper: Thursday, September 15, 6:30 p.m., Westminster Room

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

Youth Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays, 4:30 p.m., Choir Room

OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

3 Ts: Tuesday, September 20, 10:00 a.m., Westminster Room

Fall Festival: Sunday, September 11, following 10:00 a.m. worship, Great Lawn

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

RPC Concert Series: “The Jolly Beggars,” Saturday, September 10, 6:00 p.m., Great Lawn

Stephen Ministry:

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, September 6, 5:30 p.m., Library

Continuing Education and Supervision: Tuesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room

Thrift Shop: Reopening Thursday, September 15. Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Women’s Association: Monthly Meeting, Monday, September 12, 9:00 a.m., Library

Worship & Music: Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m., Conference Room

OUTREACH AND SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

Sandwichmakers: Thursday, September 15, 11:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

This summer RPNS completed construction on our new outdoor learning environment! Designed and installed by Learn'ique Design-to-Learn, a local business on Purchase Street in Rye, this new space will offer the children enhanced opportunities for outdoor exploration and hands-on learning.

Funded by the school's annual "Swing into Fall" Fundraiser, the outdoor learning environment was designed and constructed with great attention to detail and a full understanding of child development.



Natural materials including cedar wood, river rocks, and

soft grass were incorporated to create a sense of calm and a genuine connection with the outdoors. A running waterfall provides a soothing soundtrack for ob-



serving and investigating concepts related to moving water.

In addition, this unique space has been fitted with custom-built outdoor painting easels, cozy, cushioned benches, and a handmade child-sized table and stools. A fabric-swagged pergola provides a full canopy over the entire area offering shade from the sun and enhancing the overall look and feel.

In the months ahead, we are excited to develop and implement curriculum that will extend the learning beyond the walls of our classrooms. Studies show that being outdoors has more to offer

than just the physical benefits. Cognitive and social/emotional development are also impacted. Valuable skills such as self-expression, independence, and decision-making are also cultivated when children have enriched opportunities to engage with educators and peers in the outdoors. We are thrilled to offer this meaningful extension to our teachers and students!

A grand opening celebration for our outdoor learning environment will take place after school on Monday, September 12. Families, past and present, are all invited to attend and experience this exciting new addition to our school!



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

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

[The Rev. Rachael Huntley](#), Minister of Christian Education

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

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

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