



I love trees. In my younger days, there wasn't a tree I wouldn't climb to explore and try to get its view of the world.

I mostly stick to the ground these days, but I still love learning about trees, photographing them, planting them, and tending them.

One of my favorite tree books is the classic *A Natural History of Trees* by Donald Peattie. His descriptions of each species are part botany, part poetry, but all love for these amazing creations. Here is part of his description of the white pine (the tree pictured above, which graces the front yard of the church):

"The white pine may be distinguished at a glance, almost as far as it can be seen, by its pagoda-like outline and habit of growth. The whorled branches grow in well-separated tiers, as if they formed successive platforms of a tower. When the male flowers bloomed in these illimitable pineries, thousands of miles of forest aisle were swept with the golden smoke of this reckless fertility, and great storms of pollen were swept from the primeval shores far out to sea and to the superstitious sailor seemed to be "raining brimstone" on the deck."

In the wake of the March nor'easters, in addition to many people out of power and heat, the area was littered with the sight of magnificent old trees felled by the high winds. Hundreds of years of slow growth were recklessly thrown to the ground, cut up, chipped up, and carted away. Beyond the temporary inconveniences, it has been a tree-lovers nightmare.

It has a Lenten/Holy Week feel to it. Ashes, wilderness, death – a triumphal moment of beauty on Palm Sunday disinte-



grated by the end of Friday. Those have all been a part of life inside the church in this season – a journey now reflected in the toppled trees around us. Forces of destruction storm around the world and in the quiet but deep challenges of our daily lives. Such storms stir us, push us, and even topple long and dearly held notions of who God is, who we are, and why we are here.

Yet the story does not end in destruction and disintegration. Outside, with time, a hint of resurrection will be seen in the spaces left by all the fallen trees. Sunlight will find places it hasn't seen in decades. Long-dormant seeds will spring to life. Reaching for the sun, new future magnificence will begin its slow and steady climb to the sky.

Here in the RPC sanctuary on the first day of this month, the trumpets will sound, and we will hear it said once again – He is risen! Death is not the end. Failure and grief are not the final word. Instead, He is risen with the April-foolish promise that such a resurrection isn't just for a single body two thousand years ago. We are foolish enough to believe that it is also the way of the entire world – inside the church, out among the trees, and in every part of creation where such new life is so very much needed.

May it be so!

*Dan*

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## Easter Services, Church & Justice, Coming Home, New Members



### CHURCH AND JUSTICE

#### SUNDAY

April 8


On April 8, Rye Presbyterian Church will celebrate the 24th Anniversary of our Church and Justice worship service. This service is led by graduates of the New York Theological Seminary’s Masters in Ministry program at Sing Sing Correctional Facility—a program RPC has supported for more than 23 years through monthly meetings with students in each year’s class, as well as with graduates who remain incarcerated either at Sing Sing or Fishkill prison.

When those men and women are ultimately released—and virtually everyone who goes to prison, no matter what the sentence, is ultimately released—they return to society to lead positive, productive lives. This year’s preacher is the Rev. Hector B. Custodio, known to all as “Pastor Bennie.” He is the pastor of the Immanuel First Spanish Methodist Church in Brooklyn, as well as a twice-weekly Chaplain at Rikers Island. We will also be joined by participants in RPC’s “Coming Home” program, which reaches out to people returning to freedom from incarceration. Hopefully, many of you have met them in our weekly Thursday evening dinners that are open to all.

The value of education in prison is proven every day by graduates’ dramatically reduced recidivism rate and by the constructive value they add to their communities and the people who live there, especially young people. To help restore those communities is a primary goal for these graduates upon release.

Many of them will take part in the service; many others, with their families, will join with our congregation in worship. This service is vivid testimony to the redemptive power of God’s grace, as men of many faiths who have served long years in prison join in worship with RPC’s congregation.

Coffee hour after the service will also provide you an opportunity to meet many of these men and their families and learn more about their work to help society since their release. Church and Justice Sunday is always a service of unique passion and energy, so we urge you to join us at either the 8:30 a.m. or the 10:00 a.m. service on April 8.



**April 1**

6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service,  
Oakland Beach

9:00 a.m. Family Service,  
with Flowering of the Cross and  
Brass Quintet, in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion,  
with Brass Quintet  
and the Chancel Choir, in the Sanctuary

*Please note there is no 8:30 a.m. service.*

### COMING HOME DINNERS - Thursdays through May 31



Church and community members are welcome to join us for dinner from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Reservations are not needed. Come and experience the special fellowship with these Returning Citizens who are committed to the Coming Home program.

Contact Program Coordinator Charles Lewis [here](#) or call 914-645-8822;  
or John Miller [here](#) or call 914-967-0842.

### New Member Orientation

Perhaps you’ve been coming to RPC a long time, or perhaps you are brand new to the area. Either way, if you’ve thought about officially joining in the life and ministry of RPC, April is the time! All those who are interested in becoming a member of the Rye Presbyterian Church are invited to take part in the New Member Orientation classes. The classes will be held on Sundays, April 8 and 15, in the church Library at 11:00 a.m. 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, there will be a dessert meeting with the leadership of the church on Sunday evening, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. This will be a time to meet the officers of the church and for the Session 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, April 29.

Please email church secretary [Peggy Berretta](#), or call 914-967-0842 x10, if you are interested.

**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

## Imagine Celebration, Jean-Paul Installation

*Imagine*  
Two Years Later — Imagine becoming Reality!

### Second Year Anniversary Celebration

On March 18, we celebrated the second year of the Imagine Initiative. The sanctuary has been repainted and air-conditioned. The chapel and library have both been remodeled. The stained glass restoration is underway. Substantial support has been given to all our pastors' housing. Many new programs are underway, including Coming Home, a second youth mission trip, and Saturday evening worship. Imagine has become reality.

As a part of the celebration on March 18, the cantor from Community Synagogue gave a tour of their Torah scrolls in their current worship space in our Chapel. Dan Love gave a tour of the Sanctuary stained glass and talked about the possibility of commissioning a new window to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Sanctuary in 2020. John Miller and Bob Zahm gave a tour of the "attic" where later this year construction will begin to expand our office and storage space.

The afternoon was capped off with the installation service of the Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall as our Associate Pastor for Christian Education!

What a day!



**Imagine More—  
RPC looks to the future.**



Children brainstorm a new sanctuary window.



**The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall installed as RPC's Associate Pastor for Christian Education on Sunday, March 18.**

## Adult Education, Confirmation, Stephen Ministry

SUNDAY MORNINGS TO JUNE 10  
9:00–9:45 A.M., WESTMINSTER ROOM

(THERE WILL BE NO CLASS ON THE FOLLOWING  
HOLIDAY WEEKENDS: APRIL 1, MAY 27.)



How does your faith formation and worship integrate with your knowledge and experience of the world? Adults see the world through the filter of life experience and life transitions. Adults enter Bible study and worship with this variety of views. *Feasting on the Word* engages adults in a deeper exploration of biblical texts.

This lectionary-based study will be 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. Education and worship can be mutually supportive in helping God's word come alive in the Sunday morning experience.

### Confirmation 2018

The beginning is near!

While the confirmation class nears the end of its year of study, this class of young people are looking more and more ready to begin life as confirmed members of Rye Presbyterian Church! Last month the class began work on their statements of faith. It was amazing to read how they have put words to their thoughts about their relationships with God, and how their faith informs and grounds their lives.

As they continue work fine-tuning their statements of faith, the class will meet several times this month. On April 8, we'll meet for our final discussion about the life of faith. On April 15, we will meet all together for the last time to wrap up final details and plan worship for Confirmation Sunday. During the month, each confirmand will meet with an elder to talk about their year and their readiness to confirm their faith. Finally, on Wednesday, April, 25 at 8:00 p.m., the class will meet with the entire Session, and, if prepared to do so, be voted in as the newest members of Rye Presbyterian Church.

Finally, on Saturday, May 5, at 10 a.m. there will be a rehearsal for the confirmation class in the sanctuary.

Confirmation will be celebrated at 10 o'clock worship on Sunday, May 6, with a breakfast at 8:45 a.m. in the Assembly Room for parents and families of the confirmation class.

#### Confirmation

April 8 – 4:00 p.m. A-L; 5:00 p.m. M-Z

April 15 – 5:00 p.m. - everyone

April 25 – 8:00 p.m. meet with Session

Confirmation

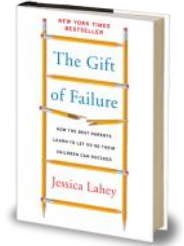
Adult Education Presents . . .

A BOOK STUDY

TUESDAYS, APRIL 10, 17, 24 AND MAY 1, 8, 16  
7:30 P.M., LIBRARY

### The Gift of Failure

By Jessica Lahey



Every time we stand and pledge our support to a child at baptism, we take on great responsibility in the healthy nurture of that child. Here in this church, we do that often! But sometimes our love and commitment can unintentionally get in the way of their healthy development. In an anxious and often over-protective age, Jessica Lahey's important book challenges parents and all who are entrusted with the care of children to allow them to experience the disappointment and frustration that occur amid life's inevitable difficulties. Even though we see ourselves as focusing on a child's well-being, we often shelter them from the experience of failure—and the opportunity to develop resilience and self-reliance.

Lahey lays out a path forward with practical and specific advice. She pushes parents to learn to step back and embrace their children's failures. "Hard-hitting, warm, and wise," *The Gift of Failure* is well-timed reading for parents, teachers, and anyone who is committed to helping children live into their best selves.

Dan Love and Jean-Paul Marshall will be leading these discussions. Please contact either one of them to let them know you will be attending at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com) or [jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com).

stephen  
MINISTRY.

CARING CONNECTIONS  
SAVE THE DATE!

Caring Connections is based upon the Stephen Ministry curriculum which has been equipping participants to give faithful, trustworthy, skilled, compassionate care for nearly 15 years at RPC. Participants have relayed that the content offered by Rye Presbyterian Church has encouraged their relationships with one another, enriched their spiritual life, and strengthened their care-giving skills which reach well beyond the one-to-one relationships in Stephen Ministry or Friendly Visitors.

Do you wish you were a better listener? Or were better at maintaining boundaries with friends or family members? Or hope to enhance the care you find yourself giving?

The fall program promises to be a unique and encouraging experience! Caring Connections 2018 is booked by two Saturday retreats (September 15 and November 17) in between which we meet on Monday evenings plus one Saturday morning midstream. RPC's clergy and trained Stephen Leaders facilitate each class. For more information, please contact the church office or Carol Love ([cloveny@optonline.net](mailto:cloveny@optonline.net)).

## The Peter Bishop Scholarship, Rise Against Hunger, Westchester County Mobile Shredder, Thrift Shop Sale

### THE PETER BISHOP SCHOLARSHIP

Since 1968, Rye Presbyterian Church has awarded grants to graduating high school seniors who are going on to college studies. The award is in memory of Peter Bishop, son of a former pastor of RPC.

The number of grants and the amounts awarded each year vary, but it is a one-time award given to students demonstrating academic promise and financial need, with priority consideration given to those seniors who have been active in the life of Rye Presbyterian Church.

**If you are a Rye High School senior, application for this scholarship is done through the guidance office at RHS.**

**If you are not a student at Rye High School, but wish to apply for the scholarship, please contact [Rev. Love](#) for more information.**



**Sunday, April 15,**

**Following 10:00 a.m. Worship**

- Bring the entire family to help at this RPC Community meal-packaging event!
- The meals we put together will be used for school feeding and crisis relief programs.
- Sign up at:

**[www.ryepc.com](http://www.ryepc.com) “What’s Happening” page or on the sign-up sheet at the clipboard station opposite the Assembly Room.**

Any questions, contact Jean-Paul Marshall at [jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com).



### WESTCHESTER COUNTY MOBILE SHREDDER

**On-site at RPC  
Monday, June 11,  
10:00-10:30 a.m.**

- Bring your confidential personal papers for shredding.
- Remove all large binder clips and covers.
- Paper clips and staples are ok

**Can't come Monday?**

**A locked bin will be available in Assembly Room for drop-off of materials beginning Friday, June 8.**

**Time for Spring cleaning and giving !**

*It's the . . .*

**THRIFT SHOP SPRING SATURDAY SALE**



**Saturday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

All of the proceeds are given to local non-profits and do so much for our larger community. We need your special donations to be dropped off all day Friday, April 27.  
(Go to <http://ryepc.com/ministries/thrift-shop/> for specific guidelines.)

Then come SHOP! Tell your friends and spread the word!!

## Christian Education



### Sunday School

April is a time of celebration as we begin the month of April with Easter Sunday! With Christ's resurrection as the center focus, we are learning what it means to live out the grace experienced through Jesus Christ. Below are the focus texts of each week:

**April 1:** John 20:1-8, Easter Sunday  
(No Sunday School)

**April 8:** John 20:19-31

**April 15:** Luke 24:36b-48

**April 22:** John 10:11-18, Jazz Sunday

**April 29:** John 15:1-8

Alongside the lessons for Sunday school, we are also writing up a curriculum for families to use at home. Each lesson includes a focus passage to read, a few prompts for conversation, an activity to do, and a prayer. The hope for this curriculum is to keep the conversations from Sunday morning going during the week. We know daily life can get busy so these lessons are intentionally planned for families to integrate into any meal time throughout the week. If interested in receiving these weekly lessons by email, please contact Jean-Paul Marshall at [jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com).

### One Great Hour of Sharing

#### April 1, 9:00 a.m., Family Service

During March, we introduced the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and handed out "fish" coin boxes for our children to take home and fill with spare change. We encourage families to come celebrate Easter morning with us at the Family Service, during which we will flower the cross and collect the boxes to include in the church's overall offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing.

### Rise Against Hunger

#### April 15, following 10 a.m. Worship

Everyone is invited to join us for our second Rise Against Hunger event this 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 10,000 meals!

### The Gospel According to Peeps

#### April 22, following 10:00 a.m. worship

Throughout the month of April, our church school classes will be hard at work creating dioramas of their favorite Bible stories. These marvelous creations are hand-crafted using the most venerable of artistic mediums: Peeps Easter candy. The one-of-a-kind projects will be on display during a special PEEPtacular coffee hour on April 22, where the congregation will vote. The "PEEPle's Choice Winner" and other awards will then be announced.

### God in the Classroom: The Teachers

#### April 29, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Westminster Room

This month we are also holding the second session on how to talk to our children about God. This session is meant for all members of the congregation who have been or have thought about teaching Sunday school here at RPC. At this session, we will address how children and youth think theologically and relationally during each life stage. Next we will take some time to discuss the curriculum being used in our Sunday school classes and how it is implemented every Sunday morning. We will also take some time to discuss such topics as the child protection policy, classroom discipline, and other related topics. We hope everyone in attendance will see just how equipped our teachers are to talk about God with our children in the program. Snacks and child care will be provided so please make sure to RSVP by Wednesday, April 25! Contact [Jean-Paul Marshall](mailto:Jean-Paul Marshall) with any questions.

### Middle School Connection

RPC's Middle School Youth Group is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Wednesdays, April 11 and 25,  
5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms**

### High School Youth Group

**YOUTH GROUP**

All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome at RPC's High School Youth Group!

#### Sunday, April 15: Coming Home Prep 6:00-7:30 p.m., The RPC Kitchen

We will be meeting in the kitchen to prepare a meal together for the Coming Home program that will be held the following Thursday. We will learn how to cook a recipe together and discuss the importance of the Coming Home program held by our church.

#### Thursday, April 19: Coming Home Dinner, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Westminster Room/Kitchen

We will help serve the meal of the evening and share table fellowship with the participants and mentors attending the program that evening. This is a great way for the youth to participate in one of the church community's ministries!

#### Saturday, April 21:

#### Earth Day Intergenerational Service 5:00 p.m., Chapel/RPC Grounds

In recognition of Earth Day (April 22), we will be centering the Saturday 5:00 p.m. service that weekend on creation and God's call for us to be stewards of this earth. As part of the service, we will help plant a new tree on the grounds of Rye Presbyterian Church. I am inviting the high school youth group to help plan and lead this service through reading of scripture, leading prayers, and sharing any other gifts they have to offer. If interested in assisting with this service, please contact Rev. Marshall at [jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com).

#### Sunday, April 29: Dinner and Devotional, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Kitchen & Westminster Room

What better way to connect than to gather around a meal! We will prepare a meal together in the kitchen, then gather around a table for dinner and devotional.

### We are on Instagram!

Username: ryepresyouth

### Updates through GroupMe!

Please email your name and phone number - [jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com).

Music Notes



**From Jason Charneski**

**God in Nature: Part 2 –  
Missa Gaia (Earth Mass)**

Please do what is necessary in order to worship here at RPC at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 22! “Why?” you may ask. Well...the church’s choirs (yes, all three: Chancel, Children’s, and Youth) will combine to present excerpts from the *Missa Gaia* (Earth Mass), all accompanied by an enhanced Jazz Sunday instrument ensemble (soprano saxophone, string bass, organ, percussion, and piano).

*Missa Gaia* had its genesis in January 1981 in the mind of Paul Winter at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, where he had been invited by the Dean to have his band (the Paul Winter Consort) serve as artists-in-residence. Mr. Winter was so thrilled with the improvisation acumen of Paul Halley (the cathedral’s organist and choirmaster at that time), the acoustic in the cathedral, and a sense of moving – as a person and as a performer – from, as he put it, “scared to sacred,” that he accepted the Dean’s invitation to write a Mass that was ecumenical and ecological. Thus, this Earth Mass

is filled with sounds found in nature and created by cultures worldwide. In addition to standard Mass movements (Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei), the *Missa Gaia* also includes two hymns: the “Canticle of Brother Sun,” paying homage to St. Francis of Assisi and heeding these words from Job: “Speak to the earth and it shall teach thee”; and, “The Blue Green Hills of Earth,” inspired by the experience of astronaut Rusty Schweickart.

Given the global nature of this work, how could we not have it rendered by our entire music ministry? And, you, too, will have opportunity to join in singing some of this poignant, affirming music.

**Chamber Music at RPC: Bach’s *Goldberg Variations* on April 29, 2:30 p.m.**

Chamber Music at RPC will conclude its 2017-2018 series on Sunday, April 29, with a performance by pianist Jeewon Park of the complete *Goldberg Variations* by J.S. Bach.

*See below for further information.*

Jason

**JAZZ SUNDAY**

featuring excerpts from  
**Missa Gaia (Earth Mass)**

offered by RPC’s Chancel,  
Children’s and Youth Choirs,  
all accompanied by soprano saxophone,  
string bass, organ, percussion, and piano



**Sunday, April 22,  
at 10:00 a.m. Worship**

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Rye, NY 10580  
www.ryepc.com 914-967-0842

**Chamber Music**

**at Rye Presbyterian**

*Ronald Arron, artistic director*

**Sunday, April 29, 2:30 p.m.**

**BACH  
GOLDBERG  
VARIATIONS**

Performed by pianist

**Jeewon Park**



Click here for  
Jeewon’s website

For further information, or to reserve seats,  
contact Ronald Arron at [ronarron@optonline.net](mailto:ronarron@optonline.net)  
or 914-523-4646.

(\$20 for RPC members; \$40 general public)

## Weekends in April, Bible Study

### Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday

- 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service / Oakland Beach
- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:00 a.m. Family Service / Sanctuary  
Flowering of the Cross and Brass Quintet
- 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion in the Sanctuary  
Brass Quintet and Chancel Choir  
No Sunday School

### Saturday, April 7

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

### Sunday, April 8—Church & Justice Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room
- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary  
Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. New Members Class / Library
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal / Choir Room
- 11:15 a.m. Church & Justice Luncheon
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (A-L) / Westminster Room
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (M-Z) / Westminster Room

### Saturday, April 14

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

### Sunday, April 15

- 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
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal / Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
- 11:15 a.m. "Rise Against Hunger" / Assembly Room
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation—Both Classes / Westminster Room
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / RPC Kitchen
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

### Saturday, April 21

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

### Sunday, April 22—Jazz 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
- 9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal / Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary  
Youth Choir sings  
Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Youth Choir rehearsal / Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
- 11:15 a.m. "Gospel According to Peeps" / Assembly Room
- 7:00 p.m. New Member Dessert with Session / Library

### Saturday, April 28

- 9:00 a.m. Thrift Shop Sale / Assembly Room & Undercroft
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship & Communion in the Chapel

### Sunday, April 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  
New Member recognition  
Sunday School  
-Children attend worship through children's message.
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
- 2:30 p.m. Chamber Music at RPC Concert / Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / RPC Kitchen

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Men's Bible Study

Sundays, April 15 and 29, at 8:00 p.m. in the Library

Join in the journey through the Psalms! If you'd like to be on the email reminder list for this gathering, please contact Rev. Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com).

### Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion

Wednesdays, April 11 and 25,  
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

All are welcome to our ongoing reading and discussion of the classic stories of the Old Testament. Contact [Rev. Love](#) for more information.

### Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, April 7 and 21,  
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

Please join the Women's Bible Study twice monthly on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the RPC Library. A warm welcome and hot coffee await!

For further information, contact [Cynthia De Santis](#).



## 6TH ANNUAL GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PEEPS CHALLENGE

Sunday, April 22

Throughout the month of April, our church school classes will be hard at work creating dioramas of their favorite Bible stories. These marvelous creations are hand-crafted using the most venerable of artistic mediums: Peeps Easter candy.

The one-of-a-kind projects will be on display during a special PEEptacular coffee hour on April 22, where the congregation will vote. The "PEEPle's Choice Winner" and other awards will then be announced.



## April Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

### BOARD MEETINGS

**Deacons:** Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., Library  
**Trustees:** Wednesday, April 18, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room  
**Session:** Wednesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

### WORSHIP AND STUDY

#### Worship on Saturday evening:

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m., April 7, 14, 21, 28

#### 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:

**Sundays, 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room:**

**Feasting on the Word:** April 8, 15, 22, 29 (through June 10)

**Book Study:** "The Gift of Failure" by Jessica Lahey, Tuesdays, April 10, 17, 24 & May 1, 8, 16, 7:30 p.m., Library

**Sunday School:** Regular Sunday School on April 8, 15, 22, & 29

*Note:* No Sunday School on April 1, Easter Sunday

**Confirmation:** Sundays, Westminster Room, April 8, A-L at 4:00 p.m., M-Z at 5:00 p.m.;

Sunday, April 15, all at 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, April 25, 8:00 p.m. meeting with Session

**Men's Sunday Bible Study:** April 15 & 29, 8:00 p.m., Library

**Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion:** April 11 & 25, 10:00 a.m., Library

**Women's Bible Study:** Saturdays, 10:00 a.m., April 7 & 21, Library

**Women's Discipleship:** Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Library.

### YOUTH

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

**Connection:** Wednesdays, April 11 & 25, 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms

**High School Youth Group:** Sunday, April 15, Coming Home prep, 6:00 p.m., RPC Kitchen;

Thursday, April 19, 6:00 p.m., Coming Home Dinner, Westminster Room/Kitchen;

Saturday, April 21, Earth Day Intergenerational Service, 5:00 p.m., Chapel

Sunday, April 29, Dinner & Devotional, 6:00 p.m., Westminster Room & RPC & RPC Kitchen

### MUSIC

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

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

**Youth Choir Rehearsal:** Thursdays/Sundays TBD

### OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

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

**Chamber Music at RPC Concert:** Sunday, April 29, 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary

**Coming Home Dinners:** Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

**Family Fellowship:** "Rise Against Hunger," Sunday April 15, following 10:00 a.m. worship, Assembly Room

**Family Fellowship:** "Gospel According to Peeps," Sunday, April 22, following 10:00 a.m. worship, Assembly Room

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

**New Member Classes:** Sundays, April 8 & 15, following 10:00 a.m. worship, Library;

Sunday, April 22, Dessert Meeting with Session, 7:00 p.m., Library;

Sunday, April 29, Welcome & Recognition, during 10:00 a.m. worship

#### Stephen Ministry:

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, April 3, 6:00 p.m., Library

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

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

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

**Women's Association:** Monthly Meeting, Monday, April 9, 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, April 19, 10:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

## Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

### Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar



On Saturday, March 3, Rye Presbyterian Nursery School held its 21st annual Pancake Breakfast. This event brings the RPNS community together, with a special emphasis on welcoming new

families to RPNS. Families gathered in the Assembly Room to enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausages, bagels, and fruit served by RPNS parent and teacher volunteers.

The children also had their photo taken with Clifford the Big Red Dog on the stage during breakfast. Entertainment at the event included a music show led by children's band "Songs for Seeds" and

an art project on plexiglass designed by RPNS studio teacher Gail Walter. Participants at the Pancake Breakfast also purchased books at the Scholastic Book Fair set up in the Westminster Room.

The week leading up to the Pancake Breakfast, our twos and threes classrooms enjoyed Grandparents' Day. Grandparents were invited to visit the classrooms and have a special snack with their grandchildren. The students were dismissed to their grandparents, and they visited the Book Fair together.

New this year to the Book Fair was a special shopping day for our four and five year old classrooms. Our oldest students had the opportunity to shop independently at the Book Fair during school. It was a great way for the chil-



dren to practice their math skills as they had to figure out the prices of the books they were purchasing and the amount of money they had to spend.

At the Pancake Breakfast there was also a gallery of collaborative art pieces created by the children. The students in each class

worked together to create a piece for auction. The artwork was on display in the hallway with bidding sheets next to each piece. Parents were invited to bid on the artwork and the highest bidder at the end of the Pancake Break-



fast was the winner of the collaborative piece and got to take it home. All the proceeds from the auction went to our Flood Family Scholarship Fund.



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