

*“Relying on God’s grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child?”*

*“Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?”*

Talking to  
Children  
About  
**GOD**

The first question above is what the pastor asks the parents during a baptism. The second question is the one for the congregation. I think it is safe to say that most of us have witnessed a baptism here at this church or some other church and found it fairly easy to say “I do” or “We do” in response to these questions. It is probably not until your child begins to ask tons of questions or the first time you teach a Sunday School class that you begin to wonder: “What did I just sign up for? Who am I to talk to this child about God?”

Those are both fair questions to ask. Even as adults, we are still trying to figure out our own relationships with God and how we are to live into such a relationship in our daily lives. Now we are expected to help develop the spiritual lives of our children as well? That is a lot to ask. Such a task can seem so daunting that we do not feel equipped and confident enough to take it on.

No need to fret! The Christian Education program is here to help. We are currently planning two sessions for the months of March and April with the hope of creating a safe place to discuss how best to talk to our children about God both at the church and at home. We also hope to equip both parents and teachers with helpful tools to get the conversations about God started and to encourage the development of personal practices. On top of these sessions, we are also planning several family ministry events here at RPC to provide a space for families to engage in fellowship and service together. I encourage you all to take a look at the Christian Education section of the Grace Notes to learn more about these sessions and events.

One other thing to note is the continued conversation about the children’s program here at RPC. We have been and will continue to discuss how best to implement our child protection policy, background checks and training for our volunteers, and other ideas related to our Christian Education program. The Christian Education committee and I are working alongside the Session, parents, and teachers in order to provide a program that keeps our children safe and encourages their spiritual development as individuals and as members of this church community.

I am so excited for all that is in store for the Christian Education program! I look forward to walking alongside you all in this church’s ministry to families in the next few months.

Peace be with you,



Come, celebrate the installation of  
**THE REV. JEAN-PAUL MARSHALL**  
as Associate Pastor for Christian Education



**Sunday, March 18, at 4:00 p.m.**  
**in the Sanctuary**

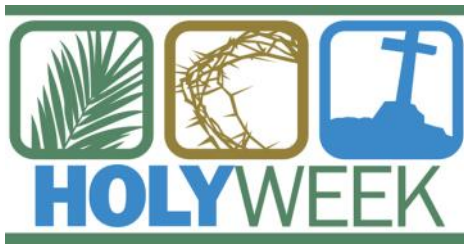
*(Children are very welcome to attend.)*

**A reception follows.**

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## Holy Week & Easter, Imagine Second-Year Anniversary



### **Palm Sunday March 25**

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship beginning in the Assembly Room and proceeding to the Sanctuary. The Children's and the Chancel choirs will join together for the first anthem.

### **Maundy Thursday March 29**

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion, in the Sanctuary

### **Good Friday March 30**

*Traditional Service:* 12:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

*Family Service:* 3:00 p.m., beginning in the Westminster Room



### **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.*

## **Please Join Us as we Celebrate IMAGINE's Second-Year Anniversary!**

All ages are invited to celebrate all that God has done in our midst!



Refreshments will be served and there will be activities for children.

**Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 18**

## Christian Education, Confirmation



### Sunday School

We are continuing our focus on the season of Lent, a time that calls us to examine our hearts and re-center our lives in Christ. We end the month with Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, where our focus turns towards Jesus' final days in Jerusalem. Below are the focus texts of each week.

**March 4:** Psalm 19

**March 11:** Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

**March 18:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

**March 25:** Mark 11:1-11, The children will join Lisa Rawson for Singing Our Faith during Sunday School this Sunday.

Below are two sessions we are holding in the next several months to address how to talk to our children about God both at the church and at home:

#### God at Home:

##### The Parents and Guardians

March 25, 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.,  
Westminster Room

This session is meant for all parents, grandparents, and guardians of the congregation who wish to attend! This session will focus on pre-k through high school, addressing how children and youth think theologically and relationally during each life stage. We will also take some time to discuss the curriculum being used in our Sunday school classes so parents and guardians are more aware of what their children are doing every Sunday morning. Finally, we know life can get pretty busy so we hope to show parents and guardians simple practices and tools that help slowly introduce a focus on God into your everyday lives as a family. Snacks and child care will be provided, so please make sure to RSVP by Wednesday, March 21!

##### God in the Classroom: The Teachers

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

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!

On top of these sessions, we plan to hold a few family ministry events here at RPC this month:

#### March 4: NOLA Bingo Fundraiser

Everyone is invited to join us for the annual NOLA Bingo Fundraiser in the Assembly Room from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Prizes will be given to the Bingo winners, and snacks will be provided for all. Bingo cards will be sold for \$5 per card. If you do not wish to play Bingo but would like to contribute, we will gratefully accept your contributions. All proceeds from the event will go toward the Youth Mission Trips to New Orleans in June and August!

#### March 4: One Great Hour of Sharing Introduction

Each year we receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. During worship on March 4, we will speak briefly about this offering and the "fish" coin boxes that go home with the children. Throughout March, the Sunday school teachers will be giving out these boxes for the children to take home and fill with spare change. We encourage families to come up with some ideas on how to fill up their boxes. On Easter morning, April 1, we will collect the boxes during worship

Contact [Jean-Paul Marshall](mailto:Jean-Paul.Marshall@ryepc.com) 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, March 7 and 21,  
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, March 4:

**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Assembly Room:** NOLA Bingo Fundraiser during Coffee Hour!

**6:00-8:00 p.m., Westminster Room:** Movie Night! If you have ideas on what movie we should watch, contact me at [jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com) or through GroupMe. Pizza and movie snacks will be provided. Bring some pillows for comfortable sitting!

**Saturday, March 10, 9:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Meet at RPC: Dinner at Noon!**

We will help prepare and serve lunch at the Carver Center in Port Chester. This is a great way to get involved with an organization our church helps support every month!

**Saturday, March 17, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Meet at RPC Kitchen:** Hiking at Harriman State Park! We will gather for coffee and donuts at the church at 9:30 a.m. There will also be food provided for everyone to pack a lunch and some snacks for the hike. We will enjoy a morning of hiking and lunch at the park then return to the church by 2:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m., RPC Kitchen & Westminster Room:** Dinner and Devo! 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 a devotional.

#### We are on Instagram!

Username: ryepresyouth

#### Updates through GroupMe!

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

#### Confirmation 2018

We won't meet that day, but draft Statements of Faith are due **March 4!**

On **Sunday, March 25**, we will meet to explore how different personality types live out the spiritual life. Last names M-Z meet at 4:00 p.m., A-L at 5:00 p.m. in the Westminster Room.

Confirmation

## Adult Education, Stephen Ministry, Solarization Program

**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.



**Lenten Studies  
Aging Well: A Theological Perspective**

**Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20,  
7:30 p.m. in the Library**

This study will use a monograph by the same title along with the book *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. We explore the aging process from a theological viewpoint and how we can prepare ourselves as we face the winter of our lives. John Miller will facilitate this group. Please contact him at [jmiller@ryepc.com](mailto:jmiller@ryepc.com) to let him know you will be attending.

***My Song is Love Unknown:  
A Survey of Music for Holy Week***

**Mondays, March 5 and 19,  
7:30 p.m. in Crawford Chapel**

Jason Charneski will lead us in an exploration of music for Holy Week, specifically the many hymns, anthems, and solos that testify to the events and the conversations of that week being a love story demonstrating God's grace.

We will sing. We will listen to recordings. And, we will share in discussion about the texts and the music, all in preparation for our own walk this year with Jesus from outside the gates of Jerusalem to the hill at Calvary. Please contact Jason at [jcharneski@ryepc.com](mailto:jcharneski@ryepc.com) to let him know you will be attending.

**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 bookended by two Saturday retreats (September 15 and November 17) in between which we meet on Monday evenings plus one Saturday morning mid-stream. 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)).



***Want to install Solar on your roof and/or help your congregation solarize?***

**HRP Green**, a partnership of Hudson River Presbytery, and **Sunrise Solar Solutions** will be at **Rye Presbyterian Church** on **Monday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.** to tell you about solar installations and to answer your questions. If you are interested in learning if your church, residence, or business would be a good candidate for solar, you can schedule a personal solar feasibility assessment at the end of the info session. Light snacks will be provided. And if you'd like more information but can't attend you can find out more at:

[www.solarizeourcongregation.org](http://www.solarizeourcongregation.org)  
or contact [kathydean64@gmail.com](mailto:kathydean64@gmail.com).



**SAVE THE DATE!**

On April 8, RPC will hold its 24th annual  
**CHURCH AND JUSTICE**

service led by formerly incarcerated men now leading productive lives. **Don't miss it!**

## One Great Hour of Sharing, The Peter Bishop Scholarship



Lent is traditionally a season of fasting and prayer. During this time, Christians pay close attention to spiritual disciplines that deepen our understanding of what God is doing in our lives and in the world. As a church, we spend time together hearing about and praying for the ministries of compassion and justice done through our support of One Great Hour of Sharing. This offering, received during Lent, supports three vital ministries of the Presbyterian Church (USA): Self-Development of People ([click here](#)), Presbyterian Hunger Program ([click here](#)), and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance ([click here](#)). Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression in society.

We invite you to take three minutes to watch a brief video of how a gift from this offering helped to transform the lives of a man, his family, and their village.



Bulletin inserts over the next couple of weeks will also help us to see the face of those whose lives have been changed by our gifts, but they are only a few of the thousands and thousands of people served in this important ministry.

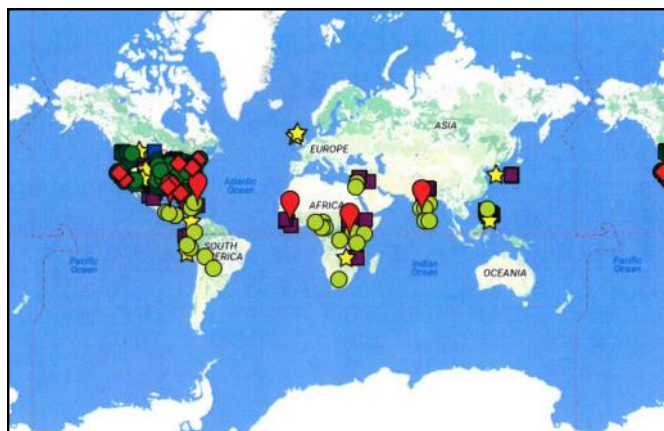
We'd also like to invite you to visit the One Great Hour of Sharing website (<http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs.html>) to find out more information on how your support of OGHS helps people all over the world, and offer prayers for the projects and people who receive them. See to the right for an interactive map of where in the world your offering is making a difference.

While we trust our OGHS programs to respond to the needs of our poorest and hungriest neighbors, those programs can only do so to the extent of our generosity. We invite you to give generously to the offering—you'll see how giving opens your heart to God's work in your own life. We hope that you'll join us by giving now through Easter Sunday, April 1. Offering envelopes will be available in the pews. To give online, click [here](#). We trust that you'll join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing.



### Interactive Map Shows One-Great Hour of Sharing Partners

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. **Find an interactive world map with One Great Hour of Sharing recipients [here](#).**



### 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 who died while in high school.

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.**

## Music Notes, Easter Flowers & Music



### From Jason Charneski

#### An Invitation: Join the Chancel Choir for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter

Here's an opportunity for those who have interest in giving the old college-try to singing in the Chancel Choir or for those whose schedules and commitments preclude singing with the group on a weekly basis: Consider joining us for Palm Sunday (March 25), Maundy Thursday (March 29), and Easter (April 1). All voice parts are welcome, as is anyone of the age of high school junior and older. If you are interested in adding your voice to the music for these meaningful services, please speak with me, call me (914-967-0842, ext. 16), or email me ([jcharneski@rvepc.com](mailto:jcharneski@rvepc.com)).

#### God in Nature: Part 1

Some of the Chancel Choir's anthems to be offered in worship this Lenten season explore the presence of God in the natural world, both the physical being of Jesus in the wilderness and the Garden of Gethsemane (via *Into the Woods My Master Went*, words by Sidney Lanier, sung on February 18), and the presence of God in things not seeming to possess a soul: trees, rocks, the weather, etc. One particularly poignant text that speaks to this aspect of God, to be offered on March 18, is *I See His Blood upon the Rose*, penned by Joseph Plunkett. Some phrases stand out in my mind; I share them with you as a bit of a Lenten devotion: "I see his face in every flower...Rocks are his written words... His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea...His cross is every tree."

Jason

### Easter Flowers & Music



What would Easter be without the beautiful flowers and glorious music in our historic church? Please help defray the cost of our Easter flowers and music.

Use the designated envelope in the pew rack, indicate "Easter Flowers & Music" on the check memo line. To donate online, go to the RPC website *What's Happening* page.

For your gift to be acknowledged in the Easter program, your donation *must* be received no later than **Monday, March 19**.



### AUGUST NOLA YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We still have openings for our August Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans. The trip is open to 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders! The dates are August 5-11 and the cost will be approx. \$700. Expect to be installing floors, laying tile, scraping, painting, etc. on the home of a veteran, a disabled person, or another person in need. You will sweat. (*A lot!*) We will also have fun exploring New Orleans in the evenings.

If interested, please contact Rev. Jean-Paul at [jmarshall@rvepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@rvepc.com).



**My First Ash Wednesday!**  
*Harper Darrell (with mom, Megan) experiences her first Ash Wednesday.*



**C. J. De Santis,**  
recipient of the 2018 Davidson T. Gordon Quiet Service Award.



**Empty Bowls**—Gary Stone of Cornerstone donates the soup.  
Raised \$4,300 this year!

## Weekends in March, Bible Study

### BIBLE STUDIES

#### Saturday, March 3

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

#### Sunday, March 4—Third Sunday in Lent

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. Children's Choir Rehearsal / Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Communion in the Sanctuary  
 Children's Choir sings  
 Sunday School  
 -Children attend worship through children's message.  
 11:15 a.m. Family Fellowship: Bingo / Assembly Room  
 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Westminster Room  
 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

#### Saturday, March 10

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

#### Sunday, March 11—Fourth Sunday in Lent

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.

#### Saturday, March 17

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

#### Sunday, March 18—Fifth Sunday in Lent

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  
 -Children attend worship through children's message.  
 11:00 a.m. Imagine Second-Year Anniversary / Assembly Room  
 4:00 p.m. Jean-Paul Marshall Installation / Sanctuary

#### Saturday, March 24

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

#### Sunday, March 25—Palm 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. Children's Choir Rehearsal / Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary  
 Sunday School  
 Children's Choir sings  
 -Children attend worship through children's message.  
 11:00 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal / Chapel  
 11:15 a.m. God at Home / Westminster Room  
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (M-Z) / Westminster Room  
 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (A-L) / Westminster Room  
 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Kitchen & Westminster Rm  
 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

#### Men's Bible Study

Sundays, March 4 and 25, at 8:00 p.m. in the Library

We are back in action and continuing our reading of 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, March 7 and 28,  
 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

Our tour through the "greatest hits" of the Old Testament continues . . . Soon to the Promised Land! Contact [Rev. Love](mailto:Rev. Love) for more information.

#### Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, March 3 and 17,  
 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](mailto:Cynthia De Santis).



March Family Fellowship  
 Fun for all ages!  
 Youth Mission Trips Fundraiser  
**Mardi Gras BINGO**  
 Sunday, March 4,  
 11:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.  
 in the RPC Assembly Room  
 All proceeds from the event  
 will go towards the  
 Youth Mission Trips to New Orleans.



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## March Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

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### BOARD MEETINGS

**Deacons:** Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., Library  
**Trustees:** Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., Youth Room  
**Session:** Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

### WORSHIP AND STUDY

#### **Worship on Saturday evening:**

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m., March 3, 10, 17 & 24

#### **Worship on Sunday:**

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

**Maundy Thursday Service:** March 29, 7:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary

**Good Friday Services:** March 30, 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and 3:00 p.m. beginning in the Westminster Room

**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:** March 4, 11, 18 (through June 10)

**Lenten Study:** *Aging Well: A Theological Perspective*, Tuesdays, March 6, 13 & 20, 7:30 p.m., Library

**Lenten Study:** *My Song is Love Unknown: A Survey of Music for Holy Week*, Mondays, March 5 & 19, 7:30 p.m., Crawford Chapel

**Sunday School:** Regular Sunday School on March 4, 11, 18 & 25

**Confirmation:** Sunday, Westminster Room, March 25, M-Z at 4:00 p.m., A-L at 5:00 p.m.

**Men's Sunday Bible Study:** March 4 & 25, 8:00 p.m., Library

**Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion:** March 7 & 28, 10:00 a.m., Library

**Women's Bible Study:** Saturdays, 10:00 a.m., March 3 & 17, 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, March 7 & 21, 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms

**High School Youth Group:** Movie Night, Sunday, March 4, 6:00 p.m., Westminster Room;

Dinner at Noon, Saturday, March 10, 9:45 a.m. meet at RPC;

Hiking at Harriman State Park, Saturday, March 17, 9:30 a.m. meet at RPC Kitchen;

Dinner & Devotional, Sunday, March 25, 6:00 p.m., Kitchen & Westminster Room

### MUSIC

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** Sundays, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.; Thursday, March 22, 7:30 p.m., Choir Room

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

**Youth Choir Rehearsal:** Sunday, March 25, 11:00 a.m., Chapel

### OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

**3 Ts:** Tuesday, March 20, 10:00 a.m., Library

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

**Friendly Visitors:** Monday, March 12, 11:00 a.m., Library

**Imagine Second-Year Anniversary:** Sunday, March 18, Coffee Hour, Assembly Room

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

#### **Stephen Ministry:**

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

Continuing Education and Supervision: Tuesday, March 6, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room

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

**Worship & Music:** Wednesday, March 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

**Helping Hands:** Thursday, March 15, 10:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

**Solarization Program:** Monday, March 12, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room



## Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

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

#### *Puppetry in the Fives:*

Our five-year-old students shared an interest in puppetry. In order to enhance this interest, the teachers scheduled a master puppeteer from NYC to visit RPNS and perform a puppet show! The five-year-old students invited all the morning fours to attend. They met in the



Assembly Room and watched Brad Shur from Paper Heart Puppets conduct a fascinating puppet show entitled, *The Carrot Salesman*. The fives were prepared



with several research questions based on puppets and gathered information to create a strong foundation as they continue to explore literacy in puppetry! Brad Shur will be back next month to offer a puppet-making workshop for our five-year-old students. They cannot wait!

#### *Bee Investigation in the Threes:*

The children in one of our three-year-old classes have a fascination for bees! These fast-moving insects that buzz about were discovered by the class in September, and they have been studying

bees ever since. The class studied bee characteristics, along with creating a bee of their own out of art materials that hangs outside their classroom. In order to continue their research and eagerness to learn more, a *beekeeper* visited the class.

The expert, Karen Sabath from Hudson Valley Natural Beekeepers, shared her knowledge on bees. She brought along



tools, jackets, suits, and veils for the children to try on. They even had a chance to see real a

honeycomb and honey!



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

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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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