



*Pieces of the Puzzle . . .
Falling into Place . . .*

At Jean-Paul's installation service on March 18, Elder Doug DeStaebler, who co-chaired the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, said something that caught me off guard. While I, and others, saw the calling of JP as completing the puzzle, with us being fully staffed again, Doug suggested a different paradigm. He said that Jean-Paul and Susie's coming to Rye was actually one of the cornerstone pieces to a new puzzle, and now we'd have to all work together to help the pieces take form.

We begin a new program year in the life of the church with worship under the tent on the great lawn on Sunday, September 16, at 10:00 a.m. (Note that this is a week later this year due to the school schedule and Rosh Hashanah.) Also note that there will be no 8:30 a.m. worship that day, and that Saturday at 5 worship will begin on September 22.

There are a lot of moving pieces to the puzzle that is fall at Rye Presbyterian Church. This fall especially brings with it a variety of new and different activities or happenings. It will be Jean-Paul's first full program year with us sharing the ministry with our children and youth and their families. As a congregation we have said that these are important ministries in the life of the church. To help this piece of the puzzle fall into place, I want to encourage you to consider teaching Sunday School. If you are a parent, I invite you to make it a family priority this fall to have your children and/or youth engaged in Sunday School and/or in one of our youth programs.

There are other pieces of the puzzle falling into place as well this fall. You will be hearing more from Jason Charneski, our Director of Music, about the new Knock Internship in Sacred Music, as the new intern begins in October. As the construction on the office space and third floor comes to a close, construction will also be taking place to create an elevator shaft, and eventually, the installation of an elevator, making our building more welcoming and accessible to all. As we seek to engage the younger members among us, this fall we will introduce a "Text to Give" program, making giving to the church easier and instantaneous. And on October 21, the Mission and Outreach Committee, during coffee hour, invites you to come and learn more about our outreach ministries at our "Transforming Lives" event.

The final puzzle piece falling into place this fall is the culmination of our Imagine Initiative which began three years ago. So many of the projects and programs that we envisioned when we began the initiative have already come to fruition or are in the process of doing so. It is because of your faithfulness that this major undertaking has come together.

I look forward to seeing you as we begin a new program year together. We also look forward to welcoming Dan back from his sabbatical. I hope that you will join us in the excitement of helping to put the pieces to the puzzle in place, as "by God's power are we accomplishing far more than we can imagine!" (Ephesians 3:20.)

Yours in Christ,



*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 \$60 for the chancel flowers. Your donation will be noted in the church bulletin. To make arrangements, please contact Denise LeVan (dlevan@ryepc.com).

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Imagine, NOLA Mission Trips

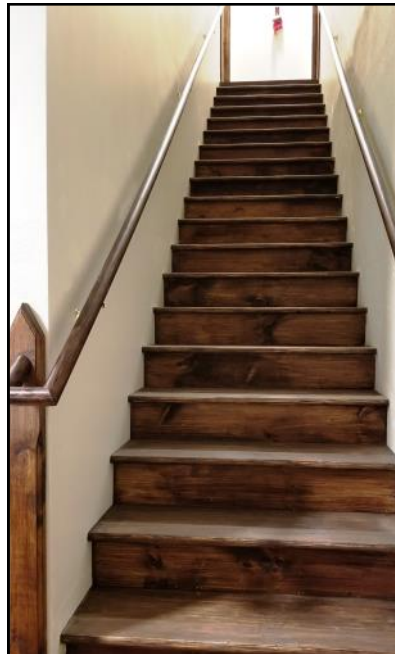
Imagine ... Becoming Reality

Even as it moves to the end of its third year, the Imagine Initiative continues to bear fresh fruit! This summer the second floor offices and the third-floor attic space at the church have been remodeled for better storage, and better flow among our offices and staff as we work and meet together. In addition, the Imagine Initiative helped support the second August NOLA trip through which the mission of RPC was extended once again to the people of New Orleans through the youth of RPC. Jean-Paul and Susie Marshall led a team of seven high school youth that worked together to do final touches on one house and a huge amount of interior work in a house across the street.



New Office Space

Thank you for your generous support of the Imagine Initiative!



New stairway & third-floor attic space



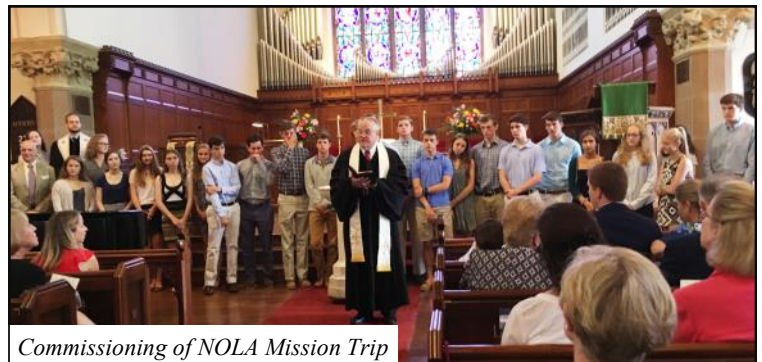
NOLA 2018 MISSION TRIPS

Between both June and August, RPC commissioned 32 high school youth, along with chaperones, to travel to New Orleans on youth mission trips. Once again this year, we sent two groups – thanks to the generous support of the congregation through the Imagine Initiative, as well as the Women’s Association, the Mission & Outreach committee, and a few generous angel investors. On both trips we partnered with Rebuilding Together, a terrific group that focuses on home improvements for the elderly, the disabled and veterans. In June, we split into two groups, with one installing floors at a house in the Gentilly Woods neighborhood and the other doing a huge amount of prep work on the exterior of a house in the Bywater neighborhood. In August, the group returned to the Gentilly Woods neighborhood to finish the house we worked on in June and do some major interior work in a house across the street. We worked hard, and we played hard – with tours of the Katrina Museum, beignets in the French Quarter, some AAA baseball, an airboat tour through the swamp, and a great evening at the Rock ‘n’ Bowl!

In addition to the support and prayers of the church, we particularly thank our non-staff chaperones this year – Heather Miller, Susie Marshall, and Margaret and Jonathan Blum – all gave generously of their summer to be a part of the trip.

For a closer look at the trip, don’t miss the photos in this issue, on the wall outside the reception area, and on our Instagram account:

ryepresyouth (www.instagram.com/ryepresyouth/?hl=en)



Commissioning of NOLA Mission Trip

Fall Adult Education

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



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.

Interfaith Study



WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?
Wednesday evenings
Oct. 17, 24, Nov. 7, 14

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

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

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



CARING CONNECTIONS
Stephen Ministry Course
being offered at RPC this Fall 2018

Caring Connections, a Stephen Ministry-based course to help one become a better listener and caregiver, is being offered at RPC this fall. The weekly program begins with a retreat on September 15 and ends before Thanksgiving. The program is open to all who wish to explore their spiritual gifts and also become a better caregiver. Those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister should definitely take this course, which would require an additional four sessions in the New Year.

Training will be led by our clergy and current and retired Stephen Leaders.

For more information and to register, contact Carol Love, cloveny@optonline.net.

Special Events



#BeThe1To

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month—a time to share resources in an effort to shed light on this hard to talk about topic. Each year, more than 41,000 individuals die by suicide, leaving behind their friends and family members to navigate the tragedy of loss. If you are concerned about a friend or family member, or simply want to know more, please join us for this evening of discussion and sharing on this timely issue.

SHOW UP & MAKE!

Sunday, Oct. 28, following 10:00 a.m. Worship



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

J. Randall Nichols



*Ending Marriage,
Keeping Faith*

A New Guide Through the
Spiritual Journey of Divorce

The Adult Education Committee is seeking to gauge interest in a special offering this fall about divorce.

The resource we would use is "Ending Marriage, Keeping Faith: A New Guide Through the Spiritual Journey of Divorce" by J. Randall Nichols. Pastor Miller would facilitate this multi-week study.

The group would be open to those who are divorcing, or been recently divorced, as well as older adults whose own children might be divorcing.

The time and date of the meetings are to be determined, based upon interest. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in taking part, please contact:

Pastor Miller at the church office, 914-967-0842,
or by email at jmiller@ryepc.com.

The deadline to indicate your interest is September 23.

Prison Ministry, Helping Hands



PRISON MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES . . .

For almost 25 years, members of RPC have been involved in ever-increasing, broadening, and deepening ways in work with men and women who are, or have been, incarcerated and others impacted by the criminal justice system. In that time, our beloved church has become a leader in prison ministry in our Presbytery and beyond as well as outside denominational bounds.

There are many ways members of this church can become involved in this life-changing ministry and can fit it into their own time availability and comfort level. We urge you to consider becoming part of this work.

- **Prison Visitation:** It all started with a handful of people who had attended the 1994 graduation of 16 men who were students at New York Theological Seminary (NYTS) and incarcerated behind the forbidding walls of Sing Sing prison in Ossining. Joined by others from RPC and outside it, the next year we began monthly meetings with each NYTS class and separate monthly meetings with men who had graduated and were still at Sing Sing. And now we also meet monthly with a different group at Fishkill prison near Beacon.
- **Worship:** As these graduates, and men from earlier classes, were released, RPC realized it had a ready-made pool of guest preachers who could bring our congregation a vision of a world far removed from Rye, yet spiritually connected with it. Thus began RPC's Church and Justice Service, a worship experience led entirely by NYTS graduates, from Call to Worship through Benediction and including some of the most powerful sermons heard in our church.
- **Clothes Closet:** Seeing that men who had been in prison up to four decades needed proper business attire to get employment, we created a clothes closet—where congregants donate suits and other clothes they no longer need (or fit).
- **Food Drives:** For several years the incarcerated men held a food drive in prison, which RPC tried to match on the outside,

to be delivered by us to food pantries and shelters the men identified.



• **Coming Home:** Prison ministry doesn't end when an incarcerated person is released. They need support through mentoring, help with resumes and job search, and simply acclimating to life on the outside. RPC provides that through an 18-week program involving not only that support, but also a dinner, to which any congregant is invited, to enable all of us to know and understand one another better. It is a joyful time of fellowship.

- **Rye Writes:** Learning that many men and women never receive any correspondence during their years of incarceration, RPC created Rye Writes, enabling members of the congregation to connect with individual inmates via letters written anonymously by members and sent from the church. Return mail comes to the church addressed to the pseudonym chosen by the congregant, who is then notified by the church "you've got mail".
- **Leadership Beyond:** Because of RPC's creativity and commitment to prison ministry, we have led our Presbytery's efforts to expand this ministry to other churches. Seeing what we have done, **Brick Church** in New York has created a vibrant prison program after meeting with RPC. And men in prison, yearning for education, sought RPC's help in launching **Rising Hope**, a Certificate in Ministry program modeled after NYTS, now operating in six prisons around New York. Plus we helped in the creation of **Hudson Link**, a 20-year-old, fully accredited, privately funded college program in eight New York prisons and the model for similar programs around the country.

RPC provides multiple platforms for involvement in prison ministry. We are hopeful that the number of congregants who are part of this ministry, in small or larger ways, will continue to grow in the years ahead.

M&O SUPPORTS HELPING HANDS FOR THE HOMELESS AND HUNGRY

On Tuesday, August 14, hundreds of volunteers from across the Rye community came together to assist Helping Hands for the Homeless and Hungry, Inc. pack and distribute over 2,000 backpacks to school children in need. This project is supported, in part, by a grant from our Missions and Outreach Committee. Volunteers included folks from Rye Presbyterian Church, including Mary Anne Massey and Gail Langeloh.



Women's Cancer Support Group, 3 Ts, New Member Orientation, Women's Association, Women's Discipleship



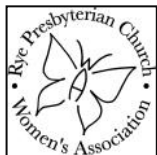
Cancer Support Group

A small, caring, and uplifting community of women cancer patients, caregivers, and survivors continues to meet monthly and would welcome others to join in their journey as they seek the comfort of understanding peers and a loving God.

If you are interested in joining, please contact:

Becky Ruegger (rhuegger@aol.com)
or at 914-282-7733

The day and time of meeting is determined by the group.



Calling the Talented Women of RPC!

**Monday, September 10,
9:00 a.m., Library**

The RPC Women's Association will hold its first fall meeting on Monday, September 10, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Library.

All are welcome!

We will begin planning activities for the year, update you on thrift shop opportunities and bring you up-to-date on events our grant recipients might be hosting.

If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like to be involved, please email [Suzanne Davies](mailto:SuzanneDavies), with any suggestions you might have. Please also email if an evening meeting would work better for you. We would love to see lots of new faces this year!



**Reopens September 13
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

3 Ts—THE THIRD TUESDAY AT TEN

Walk past the library of our Church on the third Tuesday of the month at ten a.m. and you will hear laughter, cheering, clapping, and "silence." All this is from a group of 18 to 25 interested and interesting members and friends of RPC.

Each month we discuss a topic such as forgiveness, humor, trust, prayer, family, and many more. Thoughtful discussion follows using guidelines established by the group that includes non-judgment, acceptance, and confidentiality.

The group is led by Nancy Steed and Jane Mickatavage and is open to all the church congregation and their friends.

Topic suggestions mainly come from the group's interests and questions evolved from group discussions. Participation is very helpful in meaningful discussion.

Please come and join us. Ask a neighbor or friend also.

For further information, please contact:

Nancy Steed steedheart@aol.com
Jane Mickatavage
swingramm@aol.com

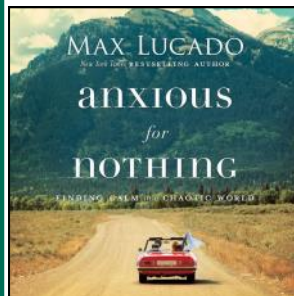
3Ts

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, October 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 classes. They will be held on Sundays, October 14 and 21, in the church Library immediately following worship. 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 the 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, November 4, 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, November 11.

Become Part of Our Church Family

Please email Peggy Berretta (pberretta@ryepc.com), or call 914-967-0842 x10, if you are interested.



Women's Discipleship Group

**Tuesdays, beginning September 18,
1:00-2:30 p.m., RPC Library**

We will be continuing our discussion of *Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*, by Max Lucado. We will resume where we left off last June with Chapter 3. The book and study questions are available on Amazon, but we will also be watching a supplemental video, so please feel free to come even if you don't have the book.

We also encourage you to support our local book store, Arcade books. If time allows, we are sure Patrick will be happy to order copies if none are in stock.

The group always has interesting discussion and wonderful fellowship—**all are welcome!**

For more information, please contact
Alicia Baldwin (alicia.baldwin@verizon.net), or
Courtney Bennett (Courtneybennett910@gmail.com).

Christian Education, Confirmation

Sunday School

Our 2018-2019 Sunday School program kicks off on September 16! We will begin the year observing the Season of Creation. For the month of September, children will be hearing stories from creation and about creation, focusing on Planet Earth, Humanity, Sky, and Mountain. The interconnectedness of God's creation will be emphasized as we invite the children to learn more about God's dream for the world. Below are the themes and texts for each week. We invite families to engage these stories together at home!

Sept 9: Genesis 1:26-28 (Humanity) – Youth Room

Sept 16: Sunday School Kick-Off! (Classrooms)

Jer. 4:23-28/Psa.19:1-6 (Sky)

Sept 23: Isaiah 65:17-25 (Mountain)

Sept 30: Mark 9:38-50

(Getting out of the Way)

Sunday School Registration

Please fill out a registration form for all children, from infants to 8th grade attending our 2018-2019 Sunday School program. You can find the registration on our website [here](#)! We encourage registering your children at the beginning of the year.

Sunday School Teaching Volunteers!

Here at Rye Presbyterian Church we seek to guide and nurture children on their journey of faith, encouraging them to know and follow Christ as faithful disciples. We strive to provide a welcoming environment for children to engage Scripture, ask faith questions, and grow closer to God and our community of faith.

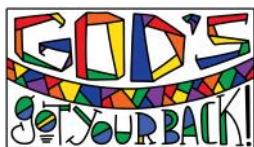
We invite you to join in on that work as a Teaching Volunteer! Teaching is done in teams, providing a support system among fellow volunteers and a rotating schedule. You are invited to teach regularly (one-two times a month) or serve as a substitute (when needed). All lessons are prepared for you so volunteers can reflect on the lessons ahead of time and focus solely on engaging chil-

dren during Sunday mornings. We hope you decide to share your gifts with the children of our community! If interested in being a part of this work, please contact [Jean-Paul Marshall](#).

We will be holding a Teaching Orientation on Saturday, September 15, at 9:00 -10:30 a.m. for all returning teachers and anyone who is interested in teaching this year. Child care will be provided.

Back to School Blessing

School is back in session, and that means a new year full of new teachers, new friends, new classrooms, and new experiences. On Sunday, September 9, we will be holding a special "back-to-school" blessing during our 10:00 a.m. service. Children, youth, and teachers are invited to come forward during the Children's Moment so we can lift you all up in prayer and ask for God's blessings to be upon you during this upcoming year.



Middle School Connection

Connection, RPC's Middle School Youth Group, kicks off the school year with our annual Pool Party at the home of Susan and Henry Skelsey (9 Sunset Lane in Rye). Mark your calendars for September 19! After that, our regular meetings will resume in October on the 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

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

We will begin on Sunday, September 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Rooms. We will enjoy some pizza as we catch up and plan for the rest of the fall!

Teaching Assistants: High school students are invited to join in on guiding and nurturing children on their journey of faith through our Sunday School program. Each assistant will assist one of our Teaching Volunteers in leading our

Sunday morning classes. If you have a passion for working with children and/or teaching, this is a great opportunity to live into that passion within our community of faith. Also, we do offer community service hours for each morning you help teach. If interested in sharing your gifts with us this year, please contact [Jean-Paul Marshall](#).

We are on Instagram!

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

Updates through GroupMe!

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

Confirmation 2019

If God is so good... why do bad things happen? What do all those weird stories in the Bible have to do with me? How does science fit with what is taught in church? Is God even real?

This month, the confirmation class of 2019 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 23, there will be an Orientation Meeting for those considering Confirmation and their parents in Crawford Chapel. 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.

This year we'll start our time together as a class with a pizza dinner at the church on Sunday, September 30, at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

If you are a 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 [Mr. Love](#).

Confirmation

Youth Mission Trips—2018





The August NOLA Youth Mission Trip was made possible in part by the Imagine Initiative of Rye Presbyterian Church.

Imagine

M&O Transforming Lives Special Event, Musical Notes

On Sunday, October 21, following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Assembly Room

Take part in:

“TRANSFORMING LIVES”

Learn about the many ways our congregation is making a difference for people in need in our communities.

Meet the leaders and congregation volunteers of organizations we support.

Find out how you and your family can get involved!

Activities for all ages - Extended childcare for infants and toddlers.

Brought to you by the Mission & Outreach Committee.



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 below; please contact me (jcharneski@ryepc.com) with your questions.

The Children’s Choir and the Youth Choir, both directed by Lisa Rawson, would be made all the more wonderful with additional voices and spirits!

Please contact Lisa (lrawson@ryepc.com) about these opportunities for children (grades 1-6) and youth (grades 7-12).

2018-2019 Offerings of Magnificent Music

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 magnificent music to be presented in concerts and in worship this 2018-2019 season. Many of these events are made possible through seed money from the Imagine Initiative.

The first program, a concert of music for organ and chamber orchestra presented in collaboration with Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian Church, will be given on Sunday, October 14, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Simon Thomas Jacobs, winner of the 2013 St. Alban’s International Organ Competition, will join 15 of the excellent orchestral musicians (strings and horns) who are with us annually for Cantata Sunday for a program that will include one of Handel’s delightful and colorful concertos (the “Cuckoo and the Nightingale”), and the soothing warmth and melodies of the Concerto No. 1, op. 137, by Josef Rheinberger. This is a great event for all ages. The student admission rate is \$10; general seating is \$25; and premium seating (front center rows of the nave and middle rows of the balcony) is \$40. Please let me know how many seats you’d like to reserve!

Jason



*Rye
Presbyterian
Children’s
Choir*

Invites all children in **grades 1-6** to join us for the 2018-2019 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 20, 2018.
- * 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 2018-2019 school year!

- * Rehearsals will be held **Sundays** after worship, in the Chapel, at Rye Presbyterian Church.
- * Rehearsal dates TBD based on youth schedules.

For more information, please contact:

Lisa Rawson, Director
lrawson@ryepc.com



JOIN THE
CHANCEL CHOIR
FOR ANY OR ALL
OF THE
2018-2019
PROGRAM YEAR!

RPC's music ministry thrives because many volunteers contribute their time and talent. Might you have interest in singing in the Chancel Choir? If so, please read on!

- The Chancel Choir, open to anyone who is a high school junior or older, sings each Sunday of the program year (mid-September through mid-June) and in services on Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday. A highlight this year will be collaborating with the choir of Christ's Church to present the Mozart *Requiem* in concert on March 31.
- **September 23** is the first Sunday of the program year on which the choir will lift its voice in worship.
- The usual Sunday schedule begins with warm-up at 9:15 a.m., continues with singing in the 10:00 a.m. service, and concludes with a rehearsal following that service (there is time to enjoy a bit of coffee hour).
- Ability to read music makes for ease of progress; but, those who do not yet know the "language" of music, yet are able to match and maintain pitch, are most welcome to join.
- Section leaders (professional musicians) assist and help to inspire all singers.

If you are interested, please speak with Jason Charneski, call him at 967-0842, ext. 16, or send him an e-mail: jcharneski@ryepc.com.

Rye Presbyterian Church

Magnificent Music In Concerts and in Worship 2018-2019

Sunday, October 14 2:30 p.m.
Organ and Orchestra
Simon Thomas Jacobs, organ;
Chamber Music at RPC Orchestra

We open the season in collaboration with Chamber Music at RPC with a concert of masterworks for organ and orchestra. Organist Simon Thomas Jacobs, winner of the 2013 St. Alban's Competition, and a 15-piece chamber orchestra will thrill and delight us with music by J. S. Bach, Handel, Mozart, Grieg, and Rheinberger.

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

Sunday, December 9 10:00 a.m.
Bach: Cantata 140

The tradition of Cantata Sunday continues as the Chancel Choir and soloists, accompanied by an orchestra of 17 players, present within worship Bach's Cantata 140, *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* (*Awake, The Voice Calls to Us*) In addition, the orchestra will offer music to begin and to conclude the service.

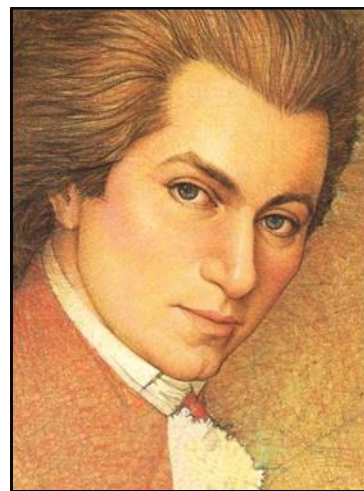
Free admission. Offerings received will assist the church in its outreach to the community.

Sunday, March 31 3:00 p.m.
Mozart: Requiem

The Chancel Choir and the Choir of Christ's Church, Rye, accompanied by an orchestra, will present the stirring setting of the Requiem Mass begun by Mozart and completed, following his death, by Franz Süssmayr.

Suggested Donation: \$10

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Magnificent Music is made possible in part by the imagine Initiative of Rye Presbyterian Church.

Sundays in September, Bible Study

Sunday, September 2

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Communion in the Sanctuary
No Sunday School – Family Worship

Sunday, September 9

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
- 9:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
Sunday School
-Children attend worship through Children’s Message.

Sunday, September 16—RPC Fall Festival

No 8:30 a.m. service today!

- 8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Communion under the Tent
on the Great Lawn
Commissioning of Sunday School Teachers
Sunday School
-Children attend worship through Children’s Message.
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room
- 11:00 a.m. Fall Festival and Picnic / Great Lawn
- 8:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study / Library

Saturday, September 22

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

Sunday, September 23

- 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
-Children attend worship through Children’s Message.
- 11:00 a.m. Confirmands and Families Orientation / Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Youth Room

Saturday, September 29

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

Sunday, September 30

- 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.
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Pizza Dinner / Assembly Room
- 8:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study / Library

Saturday Service at 5 - Returns on September 22



- 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays in the RPC Chapel
- 45 minutes in length
- The same sermon as on Sunday
- Usually Communion is celebrated

BIBLE STUDIES

Men’s Bible Study

**Sundays, September 16 and 30,
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. This month we will be starting work on the letters of Peter – famed disciple of Jesus, who is passing along his hard-won wisdom to the next generation. If you’d like to get email reminders about this ongoing study, contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com.

Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion Group

**Wednesdays, beginning September 19
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library**

We will resume work on our journey through the Old Testament. In a slight change of format, we will be using videos from *The Bible Project* (thebibleproject.com) to give us overviews of the books of the Old Testament, while pausing to dive deeper into the bible text along the way. We meet in the library at 10:00 a.m. every other Wednesday.

To get on the email reminder list, contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com.

Women’s Bible Study

Will reconvene in October.

Meets Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.

A warm welcome and hot coffee await!

For further information, contact [Cynthia De Santis](mailto:Cynthia.DeSantis@ryepc.com).

RPC FALL FESTIVAL



**SPECIAL WORSHIP
& PICNIC
Sunday,
September 16,
10:00 a.m.**

**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 [Lisa Keegan](mailto:Lisa.Keegan@ryepc.com)
if you have any questions

Note: There will be no 8:30 a.m. service that day.

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

September Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

**CHURCH OFFICES AND BUILDINGS WILL BE CLOSED
ON LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons: Wednesday, September 19, 7:30 p.m., Library
Trustees: Wednesday, September 26, 7:30 p.m., Youth Room
Session: Wednesday, September 26, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

WORSHIP AND STUDY

Worship on Saturday evening:

Worship in the Chapel, Saturdays, beginning September 22, 5:00 p.m.

Worship on Sunday:

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel (Note: no service on September 16)
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary (Note: September 16 under the Tent on the Great Lawn)
Prayer Gatherings: Sundays in the Library, September 9 at 9:40 a.m., September 16, 23 & 30 at 8:40 a.m.

Adult Education:

“Feasting on the Word”: Sundays, September 16, 23 & 30, 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room

Special Event: “#BeThe1To” (suicide prevention awareness): Tuesday, September 25, 7:30 p.m., Library & Chapel

Sunday School: Regular Sunday School on September 9, 16, 23 & 30; No classes on September 2, Family Worship

Confirmation: Sunday, September 23: Confirmands & Families Orientation Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Chapel
 Sunday, September 30: Class & Pizza Dinner, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room

Men’s Sunday Bible Study: September 16 & 30, 8:00 p.m., Library

Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion: September 19, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women’s Bible Study: Will reconvene in October on Saturdays, dates TBD, 10:00 a.m., Library

Women’s Discipleship: Tuesdays, beginning September 18, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Library.

YOUTH

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

Connection: Pool Party, Wednesday, September 19, Skelsey residence.

Starting in October will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

High School Youth Group: Sunday, September 23, 6:00 p.m., Youth Room

MUSIC

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

Children’s Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays, beginning September 20, 3:45 p.m., Choir Room

Youth Choir Rehearsal: Dates TBD based on youth schedules, Sundays following 10:00 a.m. worship, Chapel

OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

3 Ts: Tuesday, September 18, 10:00 a.m., Library

Fall Festival: Sunday, September 16, following 10:00 a.m. worship, Great Lawn

Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, September 5, 7:30 p.m., Library

Stephen Ministry:

Caring Connections Course: Saturday, September 15, 8:00 a.m., Westminster Room & Library;

Monday, September 17, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, September 11, 6:00 p.m., Library

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education and Supervision: Tuesday, September 11, 7:00 p.m., Library

Thrift Shop: Reopens Thursday, September 13. Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Women’s Association: Monthly Meeting, Monday, September 10, 9:00 a.m., Library

Worship & Music: Wednesday, September 12, 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, September 20, 11:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

School Wide Project: Ducklings

Collaboration between classrooms is a key component to support and drive emergent curriculum experiences at our school. During the 2017-2018 school year, the RPNS students had the pleasure of watching ducklings hatch and grow through the 4H incubation project at Cornell Cooperative Extension!

The eggs were kept in an incubator located in the RPNS art studio for a few weeks. The children observed the eggs with excitement as the ducks developed and eventually hatched right in front of



Students had the opportunity to sketch and draw pictures of the ducklings and watch the ducklings enjoy splashing around in water outside. The children had the chance to study biology and science up close through their experiences with the ducks. The ducks traveled back to the 4H project a week post-hatching and were welcomed by several other newly hatched ducks from around the state. This project was warm and endearing for the families and children of all ages!



their eyes. The students watched the immense determination each duckling had as it made its way out of an egg shell and onto its feet. First, the children observed a little beak peck out of the eggshell. Then the hole created by the duckling would get larger as a way to enter the world! Once the ducks hatched, the RPNS students observed the growth and development for one week. They were amazed at how fast they grew in such a short period of time. Parents visited the ducks with their children and it was a memorable school-wide project for all the RPNS students.



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