

Living Into Our Future



You could feel the energy and excitement in the Assembly Room as our church officers gathered on Saturday, January 6, to hear the interpretation of our Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT). Our consultant, Michelle Snyder, ably led us through the results. We learned that we are what is called a “Magi church,” which is a church that is both forward-thinking and adaptable. We are also a “Transformational church,” which means that in general, we have both high energy and high satisfaction among our membership. In both these ways and many more, we are well-positioned to move into this season of change and transition.

To assist us in this process moving forward with this pastoral transition, two significant things have taken place, both approved by the Session. First, we have engaged Michelle as our consultant for at least the next year as we move through this time of transition.

Second, a Transition Team, with members suggested by your co-pastors and approved by the Session, is now in place and already working with Michelle. In many ways, this team replaces the need for and the work of an interim pastor. The team is tasked with overseeing the transition component of the plan that will lead us to the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee (the search committee). Much of the work of the transition team is defined by recommendations that are generated by the consultant. The mission of the transition team is to provide leadership in the succession planning process and to take responsibility for implementing the transition plan that is developed. This team does not supersede the Session, but working alongside them, allows the Session to focus on the day-to-day mission and work of the church, as it is charged to do.

We are excited to introduce the team to you. All of them are ordained elders who have either served on the Session or are currently serving on it. Three of them have served as the Clerk of Session. Two have served as the chairs of different Pastor Nominating Committees. All of them have held a variety of leadership positions in the life of our church and are well-qualified to serve. The Transition Team members are Cally Bruce (Co-Chair), Doug DeStaeblar, Carl Friedrich (Co-Chair), Jim Howland, Katy Ridley, and Mary Versfelt.

Read on in this issue of Grace Notes as the Transition Team shares with you an introduction of CAT findings. Also, in the weeks ahead, including on Sunday, February 4, following the annual meeting, there will be several Congregational Conversations.

We look forward to what God will be doing in our midst in the days ahead as together we live into our future and God’s vision for this church. We invite you to pray not only for the congregation in the year ahead of us, but specifically for Michelle and this transition team as they seek to faithfully guide us in what lies before us. May we live out the values of the Magi and Transformational church that we are, all to the glory of God.

Pastoral Transition

The Pastoral Transition – An Introduction

It seems fitting that this year the Epiphany season at Rye Presbyterian Church, marking the beginning of our liturgical year, ushers in the coming of a new chapter within our own institutional legacy. As we embark upon this new chapter, we couldn't be more grateful for God's gracious gifts—for His loving kindnesses—including our steadfast congregation and our ability to work together and to lean on each other, as we faithfully and earnestly embrace each new season ahead.

As John and Dan introduced in their front page article, we have begun our Pastoral Transition process with the engagement of Michelle Snyder—a renowned and incredibly experienced consultant and coach from the Center for Healthy Churches. Michelle has been working with our Co-Pastors since the genesis of this transition (and long before!).

She has been a partner to our church throughout the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) process and is working directly with us—the Pastoral Transition Team.

In the text ahead, we'll share more about our team, a summary from the CAT, and a snapshot of our immediate next steps in the pastoral transition process.

Please take note that should you have any questions throughout any part of this process, including right now, you can reach us directly by emailing: transitionteam@ryepc.com.

What is, and Who Are, the Pastoral Transition Team?

We are members of the congregation who have been hand-selected by our Co-Pastors and approved by our Session, to help create the framework for the months ahead—as we diligently prepare for John's retirement and as we ensure we are supportive and prepared throughout Dan's treatment process.

Among us, we have decades of professional experience in consulting, executive leadership, board relations, medicine, academia, and—ultimately—*leading through change*. Spiritually, we represent all aspects of our congregation. We are all ordained, current or past, members of Session.

It is our job to lay the foundation for each of our next steps **and to think ahead**. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Communication with the congregation;
- Data aggregation and analysis (to support process-mapping);
- Staff interviews (to help inform our processes);
- Role description writing (with pastoral input and based on needs assessments);
- And, soon, support of the Pastoral Nominating Committee.

We are *not* charged with selecting our new Pastor. The pastoral selection will be the work of the **Pastoral Nominating Committee**, soon to be elected by *you*, the congregation.

It *is* our role in this process, to ensure that the framework is in place for each step to run smoothly and to operate transparently.

The CAT: What Type of “Data” Do We Have So Far?

The CAT assessment, completed by over 200 people, yielded a large amount of data that Michelle helped RPC leadership understand holistically, and highlighted many important characteristics of our membership—importantly, ideas on the direction of the church and opinions on what the next pastor could be.

We thank each of you for your diligence and candor in completing the CAT. It is enormously helpful to the Transition team in focusing on our work.

Pastoral Transition, Continued & Stewardship 2024

So, what did the CAT teach us? A great deal about our congregation, including:

- We have a far-reaching and an open-minded theological perspective;
- We embrace change—both within our congregation and our community;
- We care deeply for this institution and the mission we uphold;
- In spite of great parishioner satisfaction, we desire to grow more connected to each other and the broader community;
- Some of the qualities that matter most to us in the selection of a new pastor include:
 - The ability to preach:** by inspiring and connecting us to God’s word;
 - Strategic management:** by guiding us into the future;
 - Pastoral care:** by engaging us empathetically and directly in our times of need.

In the coming weeks, we’ll share additional relevant details and outputs from the CAT.

What Comes Next?

We will have a number of meetings and opportunities for discussion in the months ahead. Below please find a snapshot of those that are immediately forthcoming.

Immediate Congregational Connections

February 4: The first of three Congregational Conversations - Our official kick-off of the transition where our consultant, Michelle Snyder, will give people a sense for where we’re headed in the transition process. In addition, there will be a chance to talk about the history and “DNA” of the church, as well as to speak to the CAT results recently presented to the church officers.

Next 30-days—Transition Team Timeline (for transparency)

February 2: Onsite interview meetings with RPC Staff

February 3: Transition Team strategic planning meeting

Additionally the Transition Team will soon be launching a formal digital communication cadence to provide additional updates throughout this process.



Stewardship 2024 is lighting the way for an exciting year at RPC!

As of January 30, here’s how our light shines:

175 pledges for \$939,000

With decreases, increases, and new pledges, we are up \$130,000 (16.1%) from 2023!

**Thank you for helping generously light the way for the community, mission,
and ministry of Rye Presbyterian Church!**

If you haven’t made your pledge yet, you can do so here:

<https://ryepc.com/stewardship-2024/>

New Members



Bryon and Lingsha Liu Gloden

In September of 2022, Bryon and Lingsha moved from Manhattan to Rye, a month that also marked the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Sarah, who is now 13 months old. They are grateful to have Lingsha's parents with them to help raise Charlotte. Professionally, Bryon serves as the Principal Product Cybersecurity Architect at Abbott, specifically with St. Jude Medical, focusing on the security of cardiovascular devices. He is also the Lead Instructor of Cybersecurity at the New York University School of Professional Studies. Lingsha brings stability to the family with her role as a Senior Accountant at Ernst & Young. Beyond their careers, they are devoted baseball fans and love the thrill of travel. "We're eagerly looking forward to becoming integral members of this church community and are excited to meet every one of you."

Natalie and Tim Creamer

Tim and Natalie live in Rye with their 16-month-old daughter, Corinne. Natalie grew up in Rye attending Rye schools, with her family long-time RPC members. Her mother, Laurel Stevens, still lives in Rye and remains a member of the church. Tim and Natalie were married at RPC in 2018 and moved to Rye in 2020 from Manhattan where they both continue to work - Tim works in investment banking at Goldman Sachs and Natalie is a jewelry buyer for Bloomingdale's. Tim grew up in London (a lifelong Tottenham Hotspur fan/survivor) and they are often visiting family back in England and Scotland. In their free time, they are keen travelers (with new challenges since Corinne's arrival!) and are regularly exploring new places and restaurants in the area with friends.

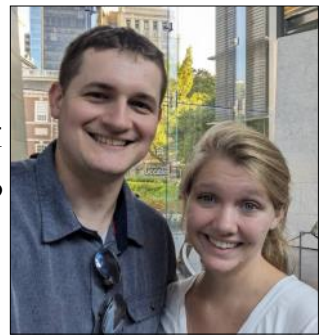


Mary MacDonald

Mary was born and raised in Western New York in Jamestown and Chautauqua. There she founded "A Children's Place," New York's first licensed day care center at the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown. Since, then, Mary went on to a professional life centered around hospitality, the culinary arts and design in the hotel industry. Her company, MACCI, has designed hotels, restaurants, and residences in the US, Europe, and Asia. Until recently, she lived many places with her beloved cat, and is now happy to be living in Westchester and a new member of Rye Presbyterian where she has participated in the Women's Association.

Sam Altenberger and Anne Halloin

Sam and Anne recently moved to New York. Anne is in graduate school at Fordham working on her doctorate in Early Christianity. Sam works as an emergency manager at NYU Langone. In their spare time they love to go hiking and be outdoors. "We are excited to join the Rye Presbyterian Church community!"



Lisa Weinman

Lisa and her husband Sam have two teenage sons, Charlie and Will. Lisa is a longtime Rye resident and a teacher. She enjoys reading, sports, travel, and spending time with family and friends. Her son Charlie is a freshman at Bates College and Will is a sophomore at Rye High.

Lenten Sermon Series & Devotional Booklet

ABOUT OUR LENTEN SERMON SERIES:

During Lent, your pastors will be doing a special sermon series entitled “Wandering Heart.” Using resources from SanctifiedArt.org, we will focus on the life and faith of one of Jesus’ most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter’s journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

In studying Peter’s faith journey, the lyrics of “Come Thou Fount” come to mind. It’s as if Peter himself wrote this song. Like many of us, Peter has a wandering heart. His journey is not polished, or linear, or perfect, but he is always tethered to the love of God.

In this series, we affirm that faith is a constant journey of steadfast pursuit, one that ebbs and flows. We’ll affirm the ways Peter keeps going: he drops his nets, he walks on water, he runs to the empty tomb, he swims to the shore to meet the risen Christ. He keeps searching and yearning and loving, even after missteps or mistakes. Ultimately, in Peter’s story, we are reminded that God loves imperfect people—in fact, time and again, that’s precisely who God claims and calls.

This Lent, we’ll look for ourselves in the stepping stones of Peter’s story. We will reflect on the stages of our own faith journeys as well as who and what has shaped us along the way. As we wander, let us tune our hearts to sing God’s grace. May we rest in streams of mercy, never ceasing.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET

Along with the special sermon series that our pastors will be sharing during Lent, we are also offering a free Lenten devotional booklet. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, this weekly devotional follows the scriptures of the *Wandering Heart* series through the Second Sunday of Easter. Each week offers: commentary, poetry, visual art, written reflections, hymns, and reflection prompts. Printed copies of this booklet are located by each of the sanctuary exits. Please feel free to take one.

Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of this Lenten devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1072485778/>

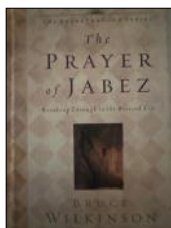
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Bible Studies, Meetings, Notifications, & Coming Home

Women's Discipleship Group

The Women's Discipleship group will be studying *The Prayer of Jabez, Breaking Through to the Blessed Life*, by Bruce Wilkinson. Tuesday, February 1, 1p.m., library For more Information contact Alicia Baldwin (aliciabaldwin@verizon.net) or Courtney Bennett (courtney910@gmail.com)



Monday Morning Bible Discussion

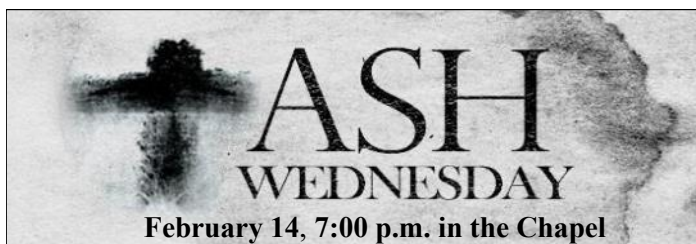
Mondays, February 5, 12, and 26, 9:15 a.m., via Zoom. All are welcome to our ongoing reading of the Gospel according to Luke. Please contact Dan Love - dlove@ryepc.com for more information or to be on the reminder list.

Men's Bible Study

Sundays, February 4 and 25 at 8:00 pm in the church library with a Zoom option. All are welcome to join in as we continue this study and conversation with the letters of the Apostle Paul and with each other. Contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com for more information.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study meets on selected Saturday mornings during the school year at 10:00 a.m. For 2024, we are challenging ourselves to read the whole Bible. We warmly welcome new members. Please contact Cynthia Wells DeSantis at cynthialwells@gmail.com for more information.



Grace Nolan Feeney,
daughter of
Blaire and Stewart Feeney,
January 19

Coming Home



In 2023 we were able to successfully relaunch our Coming Home after three years off due to Covid. If you aren't familiar with COMING HOME, it is an extension of our long-standing Prison Ministry at Rye Presbyterian Church. The program seeks to empower those who are returning to the community from incarceration. The 18-week program pairs RPC congregants with the formerly incarcerated to help them transition back into the community. Teaching sessions and a shared meal are on Thursday evenings.

In 2024 Coming Home begins on February 1 and will conclude with graduation on Sunday, June 2. This ministry offers several volunteer opportunities, including serving as mentors, who are paired with participants, supporting and encouraging them during the course of the program. We also need volunteers who prepare (or purchase) and serve a meal enjoyed by the participants and RPC congregants who share table fellowship together. As always, we need a committed group of volunteers who will once again serve to make Rye Presbyterian Church a place of welcome to those who are returning home from prison. If you'd like more information, have questions, or are interest in serving as a mentor, contact John Miller at 914-967-0842, ext. 14 or by email, jmiller@ryepc.com. To prepare and help serve a meal, contact Margaret Blum, Margaret.l.blum@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 4, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service, in person & via Zoom.

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the congregation and corporation of Rye Presbyterian Church is called for Sunday, February 4, following 11:00 a.m. worship, in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. We will receive the 2023 annual report, hear a brief presentation of the 2024 budget, and act on the terms of call for the pastors.

—John Shuck, Clerk of Session

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Stephen Ministry Celebrates 20 Years

First Stephen Ministry Class- 2004



Front: Stephanie Lord, Carolyn Cunningham, Charlie Massey, Mary Anne Massey
 Standing front: Yvonne Zuk, Julie Cannell, Carol Norton, Jane Mickatavage, Barclay Kass
 Standing back: Manfred Ernst, Patti Adimari, Holt Ardrey, Bobbie Keeshan, Jerralee Ernst, Cheryl Flood, Bob Steed, Nancy Platt, Craig Antico, Marilyn Clague, CJ DeSantis



Stephen Leaders- 2004

Left-Right:
 Rev. Dan Love, Dolores Eyler,
 Charlie Massey, Nancy Steed,
 Mary Anne Massey,
 Katherine Stanford, Rev. Katie
 Pate, Pat McGunagle

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE STEPHEN MINISTRY AT RPC.

Rye Presbyterian Church celebrates this year its twentieth anniversary of being a Stephen Ministry Church. Dan Love was one of the ministers who laid the groundwork the year prior for initiating training of the first team of Stephen Ministers in January of 2004. Over the years RPC has trained 30 Stephen Leaders, the administrators of the program. More impressively, the church has trained 106 Stephen Ministers, congregation members who have provided solace to many in need. A tenet of Stephen Ministry is that the Stephen Minister as the caregiver is a compassionate listener to the burdens of a parishioner (sometimes even a non-parishioner) in a confidential relationship. The Stephen Minister's role provides comfort but it is God who is the the healer. If you are in "pain" of whatever nature, Stephen Ministers are there to assist you through those trying times. You can contact either Dan Love or John Miller (914-967-0842) or Becky Ruegger (rhuegger@aol.com) to learn more about the restorative benefits of the Stephen Ministry program.

Christian Education, Confirmation



This February we continue to make our way through our Celebrate Wonder curriculum, which seeks to engage our children's natural sense of wonder and curiosity to help them know and understand God's love! This month we will explore stories that show Jesus as our guide, showing how we can faithful and intentional followers. Below are the stories we are engaging this month:

Feb 4: Children's Chapel
(Following Jesus)

Feb 11: Matthew 6:5-15
(The Lord's Prayer)

Feb 18: Mark 4:35-41
(Jesus Calms the Storm)

Feb 25: Luke 10:38-42
(Mary and Martha)

We seek to support our parents as they guide and nurture their children on their journey of faith at home! Our weekly CE newsletter provides weekly updates on what's coming up for children, youth, and families at RPC, monthly spiritual practices, occasional book recommendations, and many other ways to engage scripture, wonder about faith, and grow closer to God together at church and at home. If you would like to receive our newsletter, contact Rev. JP. (jmarshall@ryepc.com)

Confirmation

We will meet this month on Sunday, February 4 at 5PM, and to leave room for the Super Bowl, at 4PM on February 11 in the Westminster Room.

NOLA Bingo

Fun for all ages!

Youth Mission Trips Fundraiser

**Sunday, February 11,
11:15 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.,
RPC Assembly Room**



Prizes will be given to winners and snacks provided for all!

All proceeds from the event go towards the Youth Mission Trips to New Orleans.

YOUTH GROUP

All 6th-12th graders are welcome at Youth Connection!

**Sunday, February 4
@ 3:30 p.m., Youth Rooms**

All middle school and high school youth are invited to join us as we take time to catch up over pizza, play some games, and reflect on belovedness and belonging!

**Sunday, February 11
@ 3:30 p.m., Youth Rooms**

All middle school and high school youth are invited to join us as we take time to catch up over pizza, play some games, and reflect on the season of Lent and walk the labyrinth together.

Let Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you'd like to be on the parent email lists. All updates about youth gatherings will also be put up on the website each month.

Daily Lent Instagram Devotionals

This Lent, as a church, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. By following Peter's journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out—just like us.

We will reflect on the stages of our own faith journeys as well as who and what has shaped us along the way. Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14, we invite you each day of Lent to visit the youth Instagram account ([ryepresyouth](https://www.instagram.com/ryepresyouth)) for a moment of rest and reflection with a centering practice, a question for reflection, and a short prayer. We hope you join us in wandering alongside Peter as we figure out faith together!

We are on Instagram!

Username: ryepresyouth

Updates through Remind!

Text @ryepre to 81010 or sign up at <https://www.remind.com/join/ryepre>.



Music Notes



by Jason Charneski

A New Orleans-Flavored Jazz Sunday This Year!

Be sure to get to church early on February 11, as this year’s offering of Jazz Sunday will feature music with a nod to the richness of style that comes from New Orleans. Dr. Jeremy Fletcher and his band will provide the instrumental accompaniment and leadership to our song that morning. A highlight will be a new choir anthem written by Dr. Fletcher, a setting of Charles Wesley’s hymn, “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies.” The high school youth group’s annual NOLA Bingo Fundraiser will take place in the Assembly Room as a part of coffee hour that morning – don your Mardi Gras beads and let the feel continue!

A Summer Housing Need

The Session, upon a recommendation from the Personnel Committee, has granted me a sabbatical leave this coming summer. I will be away from June 10 through September 2, immersing myself in sacred music resource study, immersion, and practice (details to come in coming issues of this newsletter).

Collin Miller, our Knock Intern in Sacred Music, will extend his time with us in order to serve as the organist during this three-month period. As Collin will complete his degree at Yale in May (he will need to vacate graduate student housing at Yale) and prepare to begin a doctorate outside of the New York area in the fall, he will be in need of temporary housing. Might you know of something that could be a good fit? Ideal situations would be an “in-law” sort of apartment or a house-sitting arrangement (we’d like to keep this rent-free; the church can provide documentation for what is known as an “in-kind contribution” in this regard). Collin has a car, but he can leave it here at RPC if there is no parking space available at the temporary residence (assuming the distance is walkable); he does not have any allergies to pets. Please let me know if you have something available or know of a possible lead. Many thanks!



Jazz Sunday

Rye
Presbyterian
Church

Jazz Sunday with a New Orleans flavor!



led by a quartet of instrumentalists,
under the leadership of Dr. Jeremy Fletcher,
and the RPC Chancel Choir.

A highlight will be a new anthem by Dr. Fletcher, using Charles Wesley's text,
"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies."

Sunday, February 11, 2024. 10:00 a.m.

***The RPC Youth Group's annual
NOLA Bingo Fundraiser will follow the service.***

Worship, Giving

Sundays in February

Sunday, February 4

9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-Up
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary / Hybrid
 11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting, followed by Congregational Conversation and lunch
 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 3:30 p.m. Youth Connection, Youth Rooms
 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Westminster Room
 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Library/Hybrid

Sunday, February 11– Jazz Sunday

9:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-Up
 10:00 a.m. Jazz Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary / Hybrid
 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 11:15 a.m. NOLA Bingo
 3:30 p.m. Youth Connection
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Westminster Room

Sunday, February 18

9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-Up
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary / Hybrid
 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 25

9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-Up
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary / Hybrid
 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Library/Hybrid

Board Meetings

Deacons: Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m., Library & Zoom
Trustees: Tuesday, Feb 27, 7:30 p.m., Library & Zoom
Session: Wednesday, Feb. 28, Westminster Room

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study: Sundays, Feb. 4 & 25, 8:00 p.m., Library with Zoom option
Monday Morning Bible Discussion: Feb. 5, 12, & 26, 9:15 a.m., via Zoom
Women's Bible Study: Saturdays, Feb. 3 & 10, 10:00 a.m., Library & via Zoom
Women's Discipleship: Tuesdays in Feb., 1:00 p.m., Library

Children & Youth

Confirmation: Feb. 4, 5:00 p.m., and Feb. 12, 4:00 p.m., Westminster Room
Youth Group:
 -Sunday, Feb. 4, 3:30 p.m., Youth Rooms
 -Sunday, Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m., Youth Rooms

Other Church Meetings

Ash Wednesday: Feb. 14, 7:00 p.m., Chapel
Coming Home Dinner: Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room, Kitchen
Mission & Outreach: Wednesday, Feb. 7, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room
3Ts: Thursday, Feb. 15, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom
 Contact **Jane Mickatavage** (914-967-8622) or **Nancy Steed** (914-328-9658).

WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY SUNDAY SERVICES ALSO ONLINE VIA LIVE STREAM!

Bulletin and instructions
 on joining via Zoom or YouTube
 are on the church website:
ryepc.com/worship/worship-at-rpc/

DIAL IN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!

To attend worship by using your phone, call 1-646-558-8656
 then enter this *Meeting ID*: 560 770 303

WILLING TO HELP ON SUNDAY?

We welcome those who would like to help out on Sunday mornings by joining as a scripture reader, usher, or communion server. If you are interested in doing so on an occasional basis, please reach out to Carl Friedrich (carlfriedrich@gmail.com).

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 for a \$80 donation. The flowers are a blessing to worshippers attending the service live in the sanctuary as well as those attending online. Your donation will be noted in the church bulletin. To make arrangements, contact Tany Linzy (tlinzy@ryepc.com).



Online donation options are available on the RPC website giving page. To access, go to ryepc.com/give or scan the QR Code below with your cell phone. For questions or need assistance please contact Maida Robinson mrobinson@ryepc.com.



Fellowship & Formation

The Stephen Leader Team and Fellowship & Formation are teaming up to host Eleanor Avrutin to address the topic of

Aging and Cognitive Decline: Caregiving with compassion and patience

Please join us in the Assembly room at RPC
Tuesday, February 13th from 7-8pm

There will be a chance to ask questions and connect
with others immediately following the talk

Let us know if you plan to attend by
emailing sdestabler@mac.com

MONTHLY PLAYGROUP MEET-UP

This month, in lieu of February's Playgroup, we are inviting you to attend coffee hour in the Assembly Room immediately after service each Sunday.

Please also mark your calendars for NOLA Bingo, which will be during coffee hour on Sunday, February 11, from 11:15am-12:30pm.



Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the Rye Presbyterian Church Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar.

We are thrilled that RPC Choir Director Jason Charneski has collaborated with RPNS to create a dynamic music program for our oldest students. The classes meet Jason in the Choir Room once a week where he provides engaging and age-appropriate music instruction. So far the children have learned a four part rhythm using their hands, feet, and knees. The classes also learned about notes through counting forward and backward by fours. The children love moving their bodies to the beat! We are grateful for this partnership!



[The Rev. Daniel Love](#), *Co-Pastor*
[The Rev. Dr. John Miller](#), *Co-Pastor*
[The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall](#), *Associate Pastor*
[Jason Charneski](#), *Director of Music and Organist*
 Collin Miller, *Knock Intern in Sacred Music*
[Maida Robinson](#), *Chief Administrative Officer*
[Peggy Berretta](#), *Administrative Assistant*
[Juan Velasquez](#), *Head Sexton/Building Manager*
[Tangy Linzy](#), *Interim Pastoral Assistant*
 Alonso Osorio, *Sunday Sexton*

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 If you need assistance from your pastors, deacons, or a Stephen Minister, please call at (914) 967-0842.
 If you are experiencing an acute crisis, you can call or text 988
 and you'll connect with a mental health professional through the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.*