



# GRACE NOTES

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# Fall Picnic

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## In Memoriam

**Katherine H. Hruby**  
Daughter of Zdena Heller

**Brenda Moricle**  
Sister of Richard Coffey  
Sister-in-Law of Jason Charneski  
July 30, 2025

**Simeon Kovacic**  
Husband of Penny Kovacic  
July 31, 2025

**Barbara Blinn**  
Mother of Debbie Zingg  
August 25, 2025



## RPC Fall Special Worship & Picnic

Sunday, September 7, 10:00 a.m.

We will worship outside (weather permitting)  
under the tent on the Great Lawn.  
Chicken and ice cream will be provided.

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

Food may be left in the kitchen before worship.

Please contact Mindy Grigg  
[mindy.grigg@gmail.com](mailto:mindy.grigg@gmail.com)  
if you have any questions.

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

# The Opening Word

## September Resolutions

As you read this, I have just wrapped up my vacation in the Adirondack mountains in upstate New York. Even as the nights have grown cooler, the waters of Lake Pleasant remain very pleasant and inviting – and the sunsets are lovely.

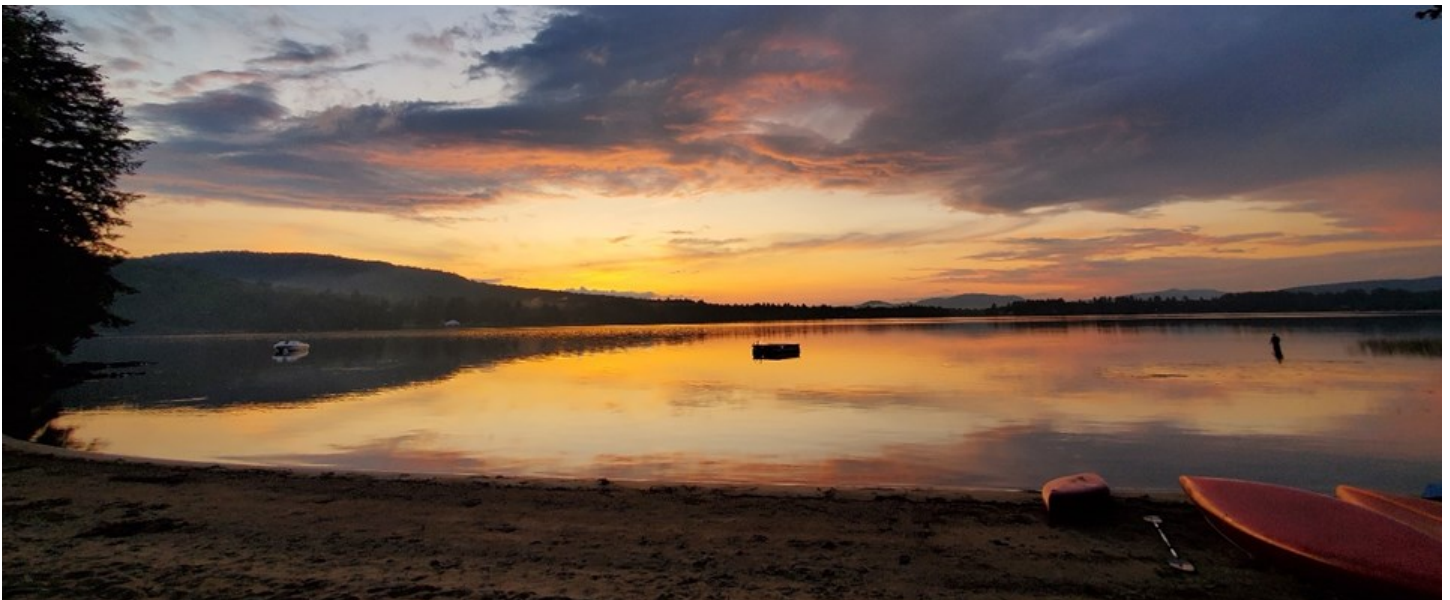
After this time away, it is always a bit of a shock to reenter in September. I get used to driving very slowly up here, but driving south returning to Rye, one can feel the pace picking up. And so it is with September in our world, and not just on the highways, but in every facet of our lives. My old-school write-in calendar goes from a week that just says “vacation,” to days chock-full.

As we dive into a new program year and school year, we all have decisions to make. We can't do everything, but where should we put our energies, time, and resources? How do we resist the tyranny of the urgent and the fast-paced life and tend to the things that are truly important – the things that at a much slower pace nurture our relationships and our souls.

As you get out your calendars and begin filling them up, I encourage you to take a look at this issue of Grace Notes. Take a look at the many opportunities in the life of this church that offer us a chance to deepen and grow in our faith and our sense of community.

There are ongoing Bible studies, social groups, walking groups, and study groups. There is the Stephen ministry training open to all who are curious about Stephen ministry or to those who just want to hone their skills for caring for others. For ninth graders, confirmation begins this month. For all middle schoolers and high schoolers, there are our youth groups and service projects. There is worship every week on Sunday morning, with Sunday school for our children. And new this fall, there will be an added Sunday evening service once a month, and a weekly yoga group.

None of these are urgent. But they may be the most important things you could add to your calendar. I encourage you to take a look, take a step, and jump in. The water's fine.



# PCUSA Special Offering

## Peace & Global Witness Offering

“Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbringing.”  
Romans 14:19

On World Communion Sunday, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. The pursuit of peace in the name of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith — a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

Each year we receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday, which this year is on October 5. This is why we give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace.

We retain 25% of the offering from our congregation, to support local concerns that are important in our community. Another 25% is used by the Hudson Presbytery to support the peacemaking efforts with our neighboring congregations. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.

You are invited to visit the Peace & Global Witness website ([pcusa.org/peace-global](https://pcusa.org/peace-global)) to learn how your support of this Offering helps peacemaking efforts both in the U.S. and around the world. As a community of faith, we want to deepen our commitment to peacemaking so that it becomes a visible and profound witness to our community.

This is one of the four special Presbyterian Church (USA) offerings that we receive each year. May the God of Peace open the generosity in our hearts to join with Christians all over the country on World Communion Sunday, October 5, in response to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

[RPC Peace & Global Witness Offering PayPal Link](#)





# Book & Bible Studies

## Monday Morning Bible Discussion

Mondays, September 15, 22, and 29, at 9:00 p.m. via Zoom

Beginning on September 15 at 9:00 a.m., the Monday Bible Discussion group will resume its weekly Zoom gatherings. Having completed our tour of the letters of Paul, we will begin our reading and discussion of the Gospel according to Matthew. As author of *The Message*, Gene Peterson wrote: "Matthew tells the story in such a way that not only is everything previous to us completed in Jesus, we are completed in Jesus. Every day we wake up in the middle of something that is already going on, that has been going on a long time: genealogy and geology, history and culture, the cosmos – God." To get on the email reminder list, contact Dan Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com). It's a great time to jump in!

## Men's Sunday Evening Bible Study

Sundays, September 7 and 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the Library / Zoom

If you've considered engaging the bible to see how it speaks to us about life and faith, this is a great time to join this twice-monthly discussion group. This month, we will be resuming our journey through the book of Genesis – with many familiar stories and a few of the less familiar! We meet in person on Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. with a Zoom option available. If you'd like to learn more or get email reminders about this ongoing study, contact Dan Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com).

## RPC Women's Discipleship Group

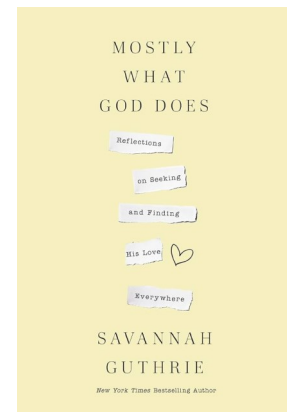
Tuesdays, September 9, 16, 23, and 30, at 1:00 p.m. in the Library

RPC Women's Discipleship Group will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 9, from 1:00-2:25 p.m. in the RPC Library. We will continue our study of *Mostly What God Does; Reflections on Seeking and Finding His Love Everywhere*, by Savannah Guthrie, starting with *Part 4: Grace*. Please let either Courtney Bennett ([courtneybennett910@gmail.com](mailto:courtneybennett910@gmail.com)) or Alicia Baldwin ([alicia.baldwin@verizon.net](mailto:alicia.baldwin@verizon.net)) know if they can add you to the email communication list. All are welcome!

## Gospel Challenge

We encourage you to walk with Jesus this fall by reading one chapter of the Gospels each day. Email [cpattison@ryepc.com](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com) if you're participating with us in the readings and would like to be part of a weekly email unpacking the scripture with Pastor Cari. The challenge began in late August, so if you'd like to join, just catch up on Matthew chapters 1-14 and then proceed with a chapter per day, as noted below:

Sept 7	Matthew 15-21
Sept 14	Matthew 22-28
Sept 21	Mark 1-7
Sept 28	Mark 8-14
Oct 5	Mark 15-16 and Luke 1-5
Oct 12	Luke 6-12
Oct 19	Luke 13-19
Oct 26	Luke 20-24 and John 1-2
Nov 2	John 3-9
Nov 9	John 10-16
Nov 16	John 17-21



# Announcements

## Chapel Yoga

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m.,  
in the Chapel, beginning September 10

Cari Pattison is a certified yoga instructor (RYT 200), and will be offering a Level 1 Vinyasa flow class on Wednesday mornings. Weaving a bit of scripture into the basic class structure, the class will give us an opportunity to stretch and strengthen our bodies, breathe into a posture of prayer, and deepen our relationship with God.

Bring a mat if you have one; mats will also be available to borrow, along with other props. Non-church members and visitors are invited to attend as well. Suggested donation to the church: \$10/class.

Email [cpattison@ryepc.com](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com) to RSVP and learn more. Those with limited mobility are also encouraged to reach out - to help gauge interest in a potential chair yoga class.

Pastor Cari completed her teacher training at Yoga Haven in Tuckahoe in 2010 and has taught at the Andrus Center in Tuckahoe, Stone Wave in Poughkeepsie, and Euphoria Yoga in Woodstock. She believes yoga is for *every* body, regardless of age, size, injuries, or flexibility, and can be joyfully integrated into our spiritual practice of Christian faith.

## Open Door Care Network

Wednesday, October 8, 6:00 p.m. at RPC

Join RPC Mission & Outreach, in conjunction with Open Door Care Network, for an engaging panel discussion to raise awareness about the mental health concerns of youth, and to highlight resources for low-income youth and their families in our neighboring communities. The panel will focus

## Walk & Talk Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m. in front of the  
Sanctuary Doors, beginning September 9

We continue in the spirit of our Summer Session Walking Groups new Walk & Talk Tuesdays. Each walk opens with a scripture verse and simple sharing question, and we end in prayer. All are welcome, including dogs and strollers! To RSVP, or to learn more, email Cari at [cpattison@ryepc.com](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com).

## Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 28, 3:00 p.m.,  
on the Great Lawn

We not only welcome your loving pets, but your beloved stuffed animals as well! We hope you and your furry friends will join us for our annual Blessing of the Animals celebration.

A special offering will benefit our local Pet Rescue. Visit their website at [ny-petrescue.org](http://ny-petrescue.org).

*Pug and Teddy Bear*  
Designed by Freepik



on the increasing demand for mental/behavioral health care and barriers to access faced by many community members; the ways in which Open Door and other community resources are identifying and responding to escalating mental health needs in our community; and how shared connections provide the safety net in our communities. RSVP by Oct 3 to Tara Scarduzio.

See page 7 for RSVP information and further details.



## Spotlight Series

# **SHARED COMMUNITIES: Addressing Youth Mental Health Needs in Rye and the Sound Shore Communities**

**WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 8, 2025  
6:00 PM**

### **Hosted by**

**Rye Presbyterian Church  
Mission and Outreach  
882 Boston Post Road  
Rye, NY 10580**

### **RSVP**

**Tara Scarduzio,  
Development Manager at  
[tscarduzio@odfmc.org](mailto:tscarduzio@odfmc.org) or  
scan the QR code below.**



### **Panel**

**Kim O'Connor, LCSW-R**

Psychotherapist  
Member, RPC Mission and Outreach

**Becky Ruegger, RN, MSN**

RPC Stephen Ministry and  
Community Advocate

**Karen Fink, LCSW**

Executive V.P. of Clinical Services  
Family Services of Westchester

**Karen Mandel, LMSW**

Sr. Director, Behavioral & Community Health  
Open Door Care Network

**The Rev. Dr. Tim Ives**

Psychoanalyst and Scarborough  
Presbyterian Church Minister

### **Moderator**

**Lindsay Farrell**

President & CEO  
Open Door Care Network

# Children's Programs



## Sunday School Registration

Get ready for classes to begin on September 7! Sunday school will be held on Sunday mornings during worship for children between kindergarten and fifth grade. After the children's message, children will be dismissed to their Sunday school classrooms. To register your child for Sunday school for the upcoming 2025-2026 year, please visit the registration page on our website, linked below, or scan the QR Code above.

[ryepc.com/ministries/sunday-school-registration/](https://ryepc.com/ministries/sunday-school-registration/)

## Sunday School Teaching

Interested in helping our children grow in their faith? We're looking for a few additional Sunday School teachers and substitutes for the upcoming year. If you have a passion for sharing stories, leading crafts, or just being a positive presence, we would love to have you. Please contact Anne A. Halloin at [ahalloin@ryepc.com](mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com) if you're interested in learning more about how you can make a difference.

## Childcare

Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers is available to care for children 3 months to 3 years old while parents attend worship services. Childcare can be found on the first floor of the Education Wing. If you have any questions, please reach out to Anne A. Halloin at [ahalloin@ryepc.com](mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com).

[ryepc.com/ministries/children/](https://ryepc.com/ministries/children/)



*Landscape with Rainbow* by Robert S. Duncanson



# Youth Programs

## Confirmation 2026

Does science fit with what is taught in church? What is God really like? If God is so good... why do bad things happen?

This month, the Confirmation class of 2026 will begin its exploration of these questions and many more, as together we explore the bible story and the life of faith. As a ninth grader, you may not be asking these questions out loud (or at all!) - or eager to take on some extra work as high school begins. Yet the Confirmation process – no matter your decision at the end of the year - is a unique opportunity to explore the life of faith at this important point in your life journey.

To begin the year, following worship on Sunday, September 14, there will be an informational meeting for those considering Confirmation and their parents in Crawford Chapel. All ninth graders and at least one parent are encouraged to come to this brief meeting regardless of eagerness, willingness, doubts, or questions!

The class will meet throughout the year and will be active in many aspects of the church, including the traditional duty as the Sunday crucifer.

This year, we'll start our time together as a class with a gathering on Sunday, September 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room.

If you are ninth grader or have a child who is in ninth grade, and have not received information regarding Confirmation, or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Love. You may register for the class on the Confirmation page of the church website:

[ryepc.com/ministries/confirmation/](http://ryepc.com/ministries/confirmation/)

## High School Youth Group Welcome Back Bonfire

Sunday, September 14, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Love Manse

We're kicking off the new school year with a Welcome Back Bonfire. Come and get ready for a great night of games and good company – not to mention s'mores! Looking forward to seeing you then. Email Anne A. Halloin at [ahalloin@ryepc.com](mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com) to RSVP and learn more.

## Middle School Connection Welcome Back Pool Party

Wednesday, September 17, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Dive into the fun with our Welcome Back Pool Party! It's the perfect way for our group to cool off before the school year kicks into full gear. Don't forget your towel and sunscreen — we'll take care of the rest, including plenty of pizza and snacks! RSVP to Anne A. Halloin to receive the address at [ahalloin@ryepc.com](mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com).

## Volunteer: Dinner at Noon

Saturday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.,  
Carver Center Market in Port Chester

Join us for this exciting volunteer opportunity! We'll be preparing and serving food to about 50 community members, and we'll conclude with a kitchen cleanup. If you're interested, RSVP to Anne A. Halloin at [ahalloin@ryepc.com](mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com). We hope to see you there!

# Music Notes

by Jason Charneski

## Offer Your Musical Gifts in Worship This New Program Year

As we begin a new program year, please consider how you might add your musical gifts and abilities as an offering in worship. Details about specific singing groups (Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, and Music Makers) are printed elsewhere. But what about your skills as an instrumentalist (I'm thinking of a number of youth and young adults)? Please let me know; trust, and fear not!

## Two Major Works to Be Offered by the Chancel Choir This Season *Consider Singing in the Choir for One or Both*

The Chancel Choir will present two major works within the next four months. The first will be in worship on Sunday, November 2, with an offering of the Requiem, op. 9, by Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986). Duruflé, the long-time organist of the Church of St. Etienne-du-Mont in Paris (in the Latin Quarter, somewhat behind and to the north of the Pantheon), wrote this masterpiece in 1947 to the memory of his father. Scored originally for full orchestra (with a minor organ part), Duruflé wisely created an organ-only reduction: it is this version we will offer, with Larry Allen (a great friend, and a colleague from my Hartford days) at the organ. The melodic material is based on the Gregorian chants associated with the Requiem texts. This is music that will complement well RPC's annual remembrance of those who departed this temporal life and now rejoice eternally in God's presence.

The second major work is the Gloria, RV 589, by Antonio Vivaldi. This will be offered in worship on December 14: the annual Cantata Sunday. An orchestra comprised of players from New York City's and the wider region's finest ensembles will join forces with the choir and soloists.

Please let me know if you would like to add your voice to one or both of these special pieces of music.

Get in touch with Jason Charneski

Call: 914-967-0842, ext. 16

Email: [jcharneski@ryepc.com](mailto:jcharneski@ryepc.com)



*An Angel in Green with a Vielle*  
by Giovanni Ambrogio de Predis



# Music Notes

by Jason Charneski

## Welcome to Haniel Neves

### Our 2025-2026 Knock Intern in Sacred Music

Haniel Neves, an incoming student in the master's program at the Yale School of Music and the Institute of Sacred Music, will be our Peter B. Knock Intern in Sacred Music here for the 2025-2026 program year. Welcome, Haniel (pronounced "on yell")!

Mr. Neves, who hails from Spring, Texas, graduated in May from Trinity University in San Antonio, where he earned his Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance, along with studies in harpsichord, under Dr. David Heller. Haniel served various churches in San Antonio and was most recently organ scholar at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church. He was awarded first prize and the hymn playing excellence award for the undergraduate division in the 2025 William C. ("Bill") Hall Organ Competition in San Antonio, and was the winner of the 2025 Trinity Concerto Competition.

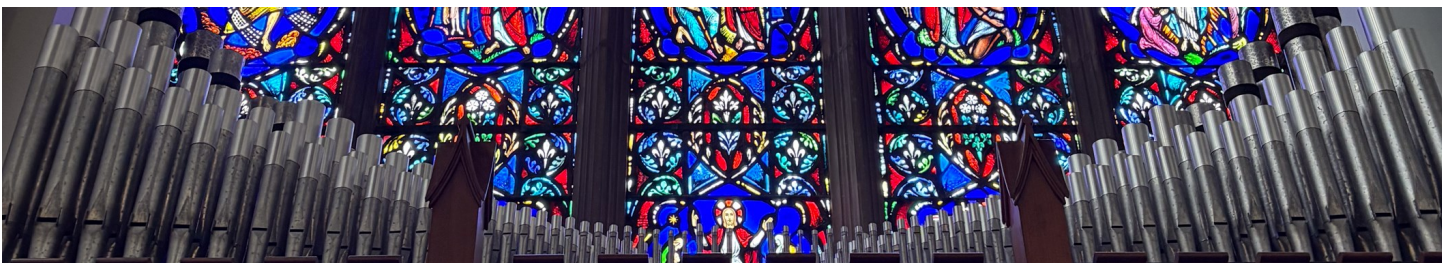
The comprehensive nature of the internship, particularly the opportunities presented to grow as a choral conductor, caused Haniel to inquire. He stated that a brief video (thanks to Cari Pattison, Charles Park, and Max Crawley), provided additional inspiration.

The Peter B. Knock Intern in Sacred Music is an outgrowth of the Peter B. Knock Scholarship, an award that was given from 1991 to 2016 to promising organists whose career path was leading them to work in the field of sacred music.



### Peter B. Knock Intern in Sacred Music Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAasWdrqfVc>



# MUSIC MAKERS

## KINDERGARTEN – GRADE 2

We've revamped our music ministry to those in the first years of elementary school!

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Music Makers will meet on **Wednesdays**, beginning **September 17**, with a snack at 3:30 p.m., followed by an exploration of music and a Bible story, in the Westminster Room, from 3:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Participation in Music Makers is a great way for children to make new friends.

Assistance from parents (on a rotating basis) is an important way for children to come to know and be supported by other adults and for parents to make connections with each other.

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If your child is interested,  
please speak with Jason Charneski.

Call: 914-967-0842

Email: [jcharneski@ryepc.com](mailto:jcharneski@ryepc.com)



# CHILDREN'S CHOIR

## FOR THOSE IN GRADES 3-5

We're excited to expand our renewed music ministry to children!

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Children's Choir will meet on **Thursdays**, beginning **September 18**, with snack at 3:30 p.m., followed by rehearsal, in the Westminster Room, from 3:45 – 4:15 p.m.

While one of the goals is to have the Children's Choir sing in worship, the more important aspect is growing in and learning about faith through making music together.

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Assistance from parents (on a rotating basis) is an important way for children to come to know and be supported by other adults and for parents to make connections with each other.

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If your child is interested,  
please speak with Jason Charneski.

Call: 914-967-0842, ext. 16

Email: [jcharneski@ryepc.com](mailto:jcharneski@ryepc.com)

# SING IN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

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!

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The Chancel Choir sings most Sundays of the program year (mid-September through mid-June) and in services on Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday.

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 (11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

The ability to read music is helpful, but the main criterion is the ability to match and maintain pitch.

Section leaders (professional musicians) assist and help to inspire all singers.

High school students are encouraged to participate.

Childcare is available.

**September 14** is the first Sunday of the Chancel Choir's 2025-2026 program year.

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If you are interested, please speak with Jason Charneski.

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# Stephen Ministry



*Landscape with the Flight into Egypt* by Pieter Bruegel the Elder, 1563

## Stephen Ministry's Caring Connections

### Fall 2025 Friendly Visitor and Stephen Minister Training

Caring Connections, a Stephen Ministry-based training course, has been helping RPC members become better listeners and caregivers since 2004. This offering is open to all who wish to explore and improve their skills to lead and serve with compassion. Let us deepen our faith together as we learn how to give back!

Classes are led by our clergy and RPC Stephen Leaders. Completing these twelve sessions qualifies you to serve as a Friendly Visitor. For those wishing to go further, Caring Connections is foundational for becoming a Stephen Minister, where training and continuing education continues through January 2026, followed by monthly Supervision Meetings. To register, and to reach out for more information, contact Debbie Zingg at [debbie.zingg@gmail.com](mailto:debbie.zingg@gmail.com), or reach out to Becky Ruegger or Mary Versfelt.

### Caring Connections Schedule

RPC Westminster Room

9/20	8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
9/23	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
9/30	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
10/7	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
10/14	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
10/21	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
10/25	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
10/28	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
11/4	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
11/11	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
11/18	7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
11/22	8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Stephen Ministry

### Are You Going Through a Difficult Time?

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. This care is confidential, free, and very helpful. To learn how you—or a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative—can receive care, contact one of our co-pastors, Dan Love or Cari Pattison (both at 914-967-0842), or e-mail Becky Ruegger at [rhuegger@aol.com](mailto:rhuegger@aol.com).

## The Experience of a Stephen Minister



"I have found my time as a Stephen Minister to be so rewarding. I met the nicest and most compassionate church members in my Stephen Ministry class. I learned how to effectively listen to my care receiver and help lift the burdens from her shoulders. I have truly felt God's love work through me to help others. He is the cure giver."

— Anonymous Stephen Minister

# Worship and Giving



## Call for Sunday Helpers

We welcome those who would like to assist in worship on Sunday mornings by joining the team of people who read scripture, usher, or serve communion. If you are interested in doing so on an occasional basis, please contact our chair of the Worship and Music Committee, Carl Friedrich: [carlfriedrich@gmail.com](mailto:carlfriedrich@gmail.com).

## Sunday Chancel Flowers

Each week flowers adorn our sanctuary and provide an uplifting reminder of the goodness of God and the beauty of God's creation. Please consider honoring the memory of a loved one or recognizing a special occasion for a \$100 donation. The flowers are a blessing to all attending the service, in the sanctuary as well as online. We will acknowledge your donation in the church bulletin. To make arrangements, please visit our website: [ryepc.com/worship/flowers](http://ryepc.com/worship/flowers)

## Giving at RPC



Online donation options are available on our giving page, at [ryepc.com/give/](http://ryepc.com/give/) and through the QR Code. If you have any questions, please contact Maida Robinson at [mrobinson@ryepc.com](mailto:mrobinson@ryepc.com).

*Your generosity makes all that you see here in Grace Notes possible!*

## Sunday Worship

Join us each week for Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m. Instructions for online worship via Zoom or YouTube are on the church website:

[ryepc.com/worship/worship-at-rpc](http://ryepc.com/worship/worship-at-rpc)

Previous sermons, bulletins, and livestreams can be found online on our sermons page:

[ryepc.com/worship/sermons/](http://ryepc.com/worship/sermons/)

## Email Updates

RPC Weekly Updates – Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Worship Reminders – Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Contact [mcrawley@ryepc.com](mailto:mcrawley@ryepc.com) to subscribe.

Children & Youth Ministries Monthly Newsletter

Contact [ahalloin@ryepc.com](mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com) to subscribe.

## Website Updates

RPC Website – Latest News

[ryepc.com/about-rpc/latest-news/](http://ryepc.com/about-rpc/latest-news/)

RPC Website – Ongoing Events

[ryepc.com/about-rpc/ongoing-events/](http://ryepc.com/about-rpc/ongoing-events/)

## Social Media

RPC Facebook – [Rye Presbyterian Church](https://www.facebook.com/RyePresbyterianChurch)

RPC Instagram – [@ryepres10580](https://www.instagram.com/ryepres10580)

RPC Youth Instagram – [@ryepcyouth](https://www.instagram.com/ryepcyouth)

# RPC and RPNS Staff Updates

## Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the Rye Presbyterian Church Community  
from Kristin Bassett Kumar

Please join us in giving a warm welcome to Bernadette, our new school nurse and administrative assistant! We are absolutely thrilled to have her join our faculty. Bernadette's warm, friendly demeanor and joyful presence will be a bright and comforting addition to the nurse's office at our front entrance, where she will greet families with a smile.

Bernadette graduated from Fordham University with her Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and from Wagner College with her second Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. She worked as a registered nurse on a Medical/Surgical Unit at NYU Langone Health in Tisch Hospital for the past 11 years. Prior to working as a nurse at NYU, she held administrative positions at New Line Cinema and Random House Publishing.

With her extensive background in the medical field and her kind, nurturing nature, we know Bernadette will be a true gift to our school. Bernadette will be moving to the area this summer with her husband and their four beautiful children, and we could not be happier to welcome them to the community.

It has always been a dream of Bernadette's to become a pediatric nurse, and she is so excited to begin her new role at RPNS!



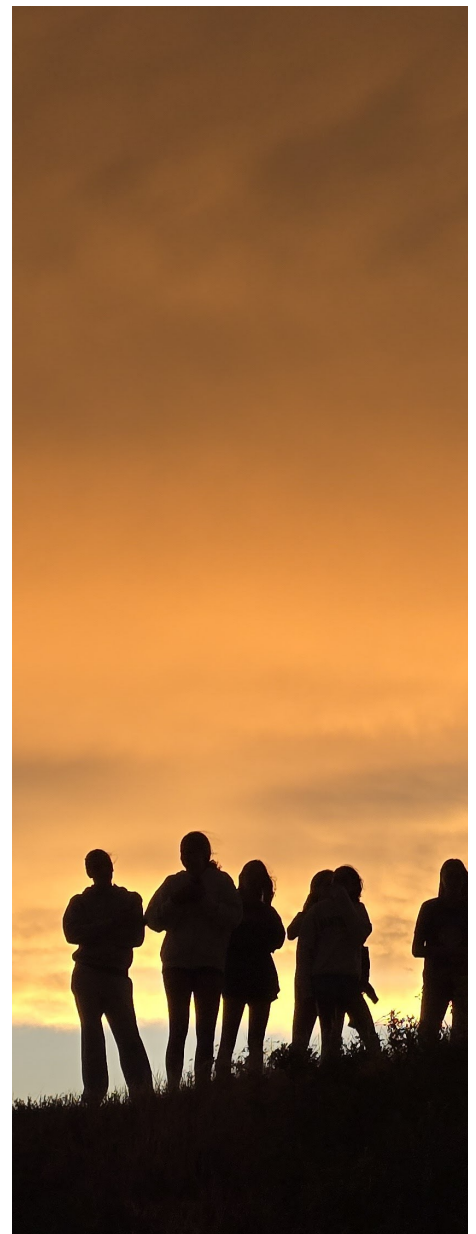
## Rye Presbyterian Church

On Sunday, August 31, Anne A. Halloin preached her first sermon with us at Rye Presbyterian Church. Anne has been serving as our Director of Children & Youth Ministries for the past year. Originally from Eau Claire, Wisconsin, she graduated from St. Olaf College in 2018 and from Harvard Divinity School in 2022. Currently she is pausing her doctoral studies at Fordham University to begin a year of Inquiry toward ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Our Session approved the church-endorsement portion of her application to Presbytery, which marks the beginning of a multi-year discernment process.





# Youth Service Trip Photos





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# Summer Session Photos



Walking Group: Moderate Mondays



Sunday Fun-Day: Arts and Crafts



Fruit of the Spirit



Sunday Funday: Bible Lesson



Sunday Fun-Day: Ants on a Log



# Summer Session Photos



Sunday Fun-Day: Arts and Crafts



Sunday Fun-Day: Group Exercise



Sunday Fun-Day: Bible Lesson





# GRACE NOTES

## Church Staff

<a href="#"><u>The Rev. Daniel Love</u></a>	Co-Pastor
<a href="#"><u>The Rev. Cari Pattison</u></a>	Co-Pastor
<a href="#"><u>Anne A. Halloin</u></a>	Director of Children and Youth Ministries
<a href="#"><u>Jason Charneski</u></a>	Director of Music and Organist
<a href="#"><u>Maida Robinson</u></a>	Chief Administrative Officer
<a href="#"><u>Peggy Berretta</u></a>	Administrative Assistant
<a href="#"><u>Max Crawley</u></a>	Administrative Assistant for Communications
<a href="#"><u>Aileen Lynch</u></a>	Office Assistant
<a href="#"><u>Juan Velasquez</u></a>	Head Sexton/Building Manager
<a href="#"><u>Alonso Osorio</u></a>	Sunday Sexton

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