



GRACE NOTES

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In Memoriam

Thomas James Neeves,
October 5

Rose Burbank, October 24,
Mother of Suzanne Davies



The Requiem

by Maurice Duruflé

In Worship on November 2 (All Saints' Sunday)

Plan to worship on November 2 (All Saints' Sunday), as we will remember those who have left this temporal life and now rejoice eternally in God's presence. The Chancel Choir will sing the Requiem Mass, as set in 1947 by Maurice Duruflé, who served as organist of the Church of St. Etienne-du-Mont in Paris from 1929 to 1975, at which point injuries he sustained in an automobile accident prevented him from playing regularly. Duruflé's music here in the Requiem is based on Gregorian melodies coupled to harmonies that are infused with impressionism, mysticism, and – dare I say(!) – a bit of jazz. The result is a work that evokes tremendous spiritual comfort and hope.

The two soloists, bass-baritone Vladimir Avetisian and mezzo-soprano Zoe Brooks, are section leaders singers in the Chancel Choir. Organist Larry Allen will be with us, sharing his quite-unmatched expertise and artistry with this piece (it's possible Larry has played the monumental organ part – the composer's own transcription of the original full-orchestra version – some 25 or more times!). Larry, a long-time friend of mine, served for 30 years as the Director of Music and Organist of the Immanuel Congregational Church in Hartford, Conn. He now lives in Pittsburgh, Penna., where he is organist for the Pittsburgh Symphony.

– Jason Charneski

The Opening Word

If we took a poll and asked everybody what their favorite month of the year is, I'm not sure November comes up anywhere near the top. A quick chat with AI appears to confirm that. The favorite month for Americans? December. Followed by June, May, July, and October. Only the deep winter months ranked lower than November.

But for me, November is up there near the top. Yes, I have a birthday during the month, which doesn't hurt. But November begins and ends with two of my favorite holidays. It begins with All Saints' Sunday, where, during worship, we read the names of church members and family members who have died in the last year. We remember the "saints" who have gone before us, and who still surround us, cheering us on, as we faithfully seek to run our race of faith and life. I doubt it was planned that way, but fittingly, the NYC Marathon is run on that same Sunday.

Those we remember are not saints because of their perfection, but saints because they are beloved by God and, in some way – their own unique way – they have shown us a path forward in faith and faithfulness. In them, as in every person, there was the image of God, shining through.

All Saints' Sunday will be special this year for two reasons. For me personally, my father's name will be on that list – a man who, in his medical practice, community service, and everyday ways, showed me a life devoted to the care of others and this world. In a culture that isn't great about talking about death, where we are supposed to get over grief, bring closure, and move on with life, it is helpful to name and remember our saints.

In addition, on All Saints Sunday this year, we will mark that day with a very special music program – the Durufle Requiem. You will not want to miss this special day of worship.



At the end of the month, we will just dip our toes into Advent and the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. But before we do, there is Thanksgiving. Yes, it is a personal favorite - a rare holiday that isn't a working holiday for clergy. But instead, it's a day for all of us to pause and to look around - to slow down for a time and take stock of our many blessings. We live such fast-forward lives, always seeking to improve and grow. But how important it is to stop for a moment and simply be grateful – to look back over a year and name the places where God has shown up. To name the people – the saints – who have been a blessing to us. To name the simple things for which we are grateful.

It may be odd, but one of the reasons I like November is that once the leaves are down, we can see into the forests and through the trees that surround us and get a better glimpse of the landscape of the world. May we all do so this month as we see through the busyness and name our many blessings, past and present.

Gratefully yours,

Announcements

Chapel Yoga

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

Cari Pattison is a certified yoga instructor (RYT 200), and is offering a Level 1 Vinyasa flow class on Wednesday mornings. Weaving a bit of scripture into the basic class structure, the class gives 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 are also available to borrow, along with other props. All are welcome, including beginners! To RSVP, or to learn more, email Pastor Cari at cpattison@ryepc.com.

Walk & Talk Tuesdays

Tuesday, November 4, from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.,
meeting in front of the Sanctuary Doors

As the seasons change, Walk & Talk Tuesdays winds down with a final walk this upcoming Tuesday. In addition to an opening scripture verse and an ending prayer, we'll celebrate with some healthy snacks! All are welcome, including dogs and strollers. To RSVP, or to learn more, email Cari at cpattison@ryepc.com.

Thrift Shop

Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For more information on donations, please check the church website. You can also email the shop at RyeThrift10580@gmail.com.

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 2

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 2. Enjoy the extra sleep, and we'll see you in worship!

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 16, following worship

A congregational meeting is called for Sunday, November 16, following ten o'clock worship, for the purpose of acting on the nominations for Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and members-at-large to the Nominating Committee.

— John Shuck, Clerk of Session

Midnight Run Donations

Through Saturday, November 8

In addition to our youth volunteers (see page 6,) we're looking to the congregation to help make this year's Midnight Run a success. We're collecting new and gently used men's clothing including jeans, hoodies, fleeces, sneakers, backpacks, and jackets. You'll find a donation box in the hallway by the church office. Please contribute!

Thrift Evening Sale

Wednesday, November 12, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Book & Bible Studies

Men's Sunday Evening Bible Study

Sundays, November 2 and 16, at 8:00 p.m., in the Library or via Zoom

This month, we will meet on Sundays, November 2 and 16, at 8:00 p.m. in the church library with a Zoom option available as needed. We continue to work our way through the fascinating stories of the book of Genesis, though the end is in sight. Where to next? All are welcome as we continue our study and time together. If you'd like to be on the email reminder list, let Dan Love know at dlove@ryepc.com.

Monday Morning Bible Discussion

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17 and 24, at 9:00 p.m., via Zoom

Ready for a deeper dive into the bible? Here is your spot! We meet almost every Monday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. via Zoom. Currently, we are early on in the Gospel of Matthew – a great time to step in! If you'd like to be on the email reminder list, let Dan Love know at dlove@ryepc.com.



Moms' Bible Study

Sundays, 8:45-9:45 a.m., in the Conference Room

This group is for moms with young children who are looking for support, encouragement, and fellowship with other moms. If you'd like to be on the email list, or to learn more, please contact Madison Walsh at madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, November 1, 9:00 a.m., in the Library

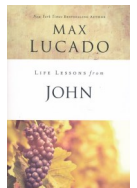
Please join us for Bible discussion and fellowship! Our next meeting will be on November 1. Stay tuned for December dates! For more information, please contact Cynthia Wells at cynthialwells@gmail.com.

RPC Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesdays, 1:00-2:25 p.m., in the Library

Please join us in the RPC library on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:25 for book study and discipleship. Our new study began on Tuesday, October 28. Feel free to jump in anytime! We're reading *Life Lessons from John: When God Became Man*, by Max Lucado.

All are welcome! Please let Courtney Bennett (courtneybennett910@gmail.com) or Alicia Baldwin (alicia.baldwin@verizon.net) know if they can add you to the email list.



above: *Elegant Women in a Library* by Edouard Gelhay

Youth Volunteering



Midnight Run

Saturday, November 8

We hope that you'll join us for RPC's annual partnership with Midnight Run! We'll need all hands on deck to prepare and distribute food and clothing for those who need it most in our community. There are plenty of ways for middle schoolers and high schoolers to get involved with this event!

At 1:00 p.m., middle schoolers are invited to the Rye Presbyterian Church Kitchen to help make bagged lunches that we will be passing out later that night.

At 3:30 p.m., we're looking for a few high schoolers to come with us to prepare the supplies we'll be distributing! Meet at the Rye Presbyterian Church parking lot to go over to Larchmont Avenue Church.

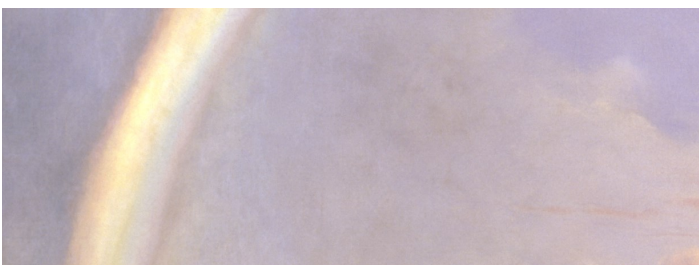
At 7:45 p.m., we hope to have 3 to 4 adult drivers AND 8 to 10 high schoolers for the Midnight Run. We will first meet at Rye Presbyterian Church parking lot, and then we'll drive over together to Larchmont Avenue Church. We will be driving to various locations late in the evening in New York City to distribute food and clothing to our unhoused neighbors!

Spots are limited, so please sign up online:

[Midnight Run Sign-Up](#)

To learn more about donating clothing, see page 2.

Landscape with Rainbow by Robert S. Duncanson



Rainbow Run

Tuesday, November 11, 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Middle School Connection will help the Rye Youth Council host their annual Rainbow Run. This positive event aims to encourage community support for mental health. There will be volunteers along the 1 mile course throwing colored powder to help cheer the runners on! Middle School Volunteers will gather at the Rye Town Park pavilion at 8:30 a.m. to help set up the course for the morning Elementary School run. We'll have lunch together at the pavilion before preparing to run ourselves! The Middle School run begins at 1:45 p.m. and goes until 3:15 p.m.



If you would like to join us,
please sign up online:
[Rainbow Run Sign-Up](#)

Children & Youth

Middle School Connection

Midnight Run

Saturday, November 8, at 1:00 p.m.
See page 6 for more information

Rainbow Run

Tuesday, November 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
See page 6 for more information

November Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.,
in the Youth Rooms

High School Youth Group

Donuts and Devotions

Sunday, November 2, 9:15 – 9:45 a.m.,
in the Youth Rooms

Come join us before worship for a time of fellowship as we unpack a Bible story together. There will be donuts – you won't want to miss it!

Midnight Run

Saturday, November 8, at 3:30 and 7:45 p.m.
See page 6 for more information

November Meeting

Sunday, November 16, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.,
in the Youth Rooms

Confirmation 2026

November Meetings

Sundays, November 2, 16, and 23,
5:00 – 6:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room

Childcare

For Children 3 Months Old — 3 Years Old

Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers is available to care for your young children while parents attend worship services. Childcare can be found on the first floor of the Education Wing.

ryepc.com/ministries/children/

Sunday School

For Children Age 4 — 5th Grade

Sunday School is held Sunday mornings during worship. To register your child, please visit the registration page on our website.

ryepc.com/ministries/sunday-school-registration/



All Souls Community Center

All Souls Community Center Update



We are pleased to announce the recent sale of our All Souls Community Center in Port Chester to the Rye YMCA.

RPC acquired the facilities at 45 and 55 Parkway Drive in March 2022 as an incredibly generous gift from the members of the All Souls Parish—The Presbyterian Church of Port Chester—upon its dissolution in December 2021. This included a sanctuary, three floors of classrooms, and a manse next door. Our goal in acquiring the property was to serve as a steward of this property so it would be used for mission and ministry within Port Chester. That summer, we renamed the property the All Souls Community Center. The facility has housed Five Steps to Five, a non-profit educational bilingual program supporting immigrant families; the village of Port Chester summer camp; two worship groups; EarthCare; Meals on Main Street, preparing meals for the hungry; and Food to Grow On, which packages lunches for Port Chester students weekly.

The village of Port Chester has been identified as a “childcare desert,” with a severe and urgent shortage of care for low and moderate income preschool children. In mid-2023, we approached the Rye Y, whose scope for early childcare has been expanded to include Port Chester. In addition to Rye, the Y runs a childcare center in Mamaroneck. The YMCA has provided considerable financial assistance to Port Chester families in need through a scholarship program to attend their program in Rye. By the end of 2023, we signed an agreement with them to create a full-time, licensed childcare center at the All Souls location to serve 103 children ages 3 months to 6 years old. When it opens, the facility will increase the number of childcare slots in Port Chester by 66% and will serve as a lifeline for families to maintain employment and break the cycle of poverty. The sale closed in late July, and the new center is projected to open in the fall of 2027. The manse was sold to Heather and John Miller in early 2025 upon his retirement as co-pastor at RPC.

Seventy-five percent (75%) of the sale proceeds will be invested into affordable tuition scholarships for children of Port Chester residents. Twenty-five percent (25%) will be governed by the original agreement with the Hudson River Presbytery, with 10% going to HRP and the balance, along with cash and investments, into special funds for outreach initiatives in the Port Chester community.

The Rye Y has begun a capital campaign to raise the construction funds necessary to complete the childcare center. In the meantime, since the closing, the Rye Y continues to provide space and support for the organizations serving the Port Chester community.

Preparing for Christmas

Greening of the Kirk

Wednesday, December 3, at 8:30 a.m.

It's almost that time when RPC's elves gather together to decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays. You can look forward to food and drink, music, and lots of merriment. Please contact Ashley Ginnings at ashleytginnings@gmail.com if we can count on you this year!

Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for carols around the tree to welcome the Christmas season! We'll begin our festivities on the front lawn, followed by desserts at the 890 Manse.

Pageant Christmas Carols

Attention Children Ages 5 through Grade 6!

Preparations for the annual Christmas Pageant, to be given this year on Sunday, December 21, at 4:00 p.m., have begun. As a way to learn and become confident with the carols to be sung within the pageant, all children ages 5 through Grade 6 (the age-range for participation in the Pageant) are invited to attend any or all of three sessions lead by Jason Charneski in November. These 30-minute rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays, November 5, 12, and 19, from 3:45 – 4:15 p.m., in the Westminster Room. A snack will be available beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Let's sing together!

Christmas Pageant Speaking Role Auditions

Tuesday, November 4, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.,
in the Westminster Room

It's time to plan for the annual Christmas Pageant! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 21, at 4:00 p.m. The Christmas Pageant is offered by those age 5 through Grade 6 – anyone in that age range is welcome to participate!

To help us get ready for the pageant, auditions for the speaking roles will be held on Tuesday, November 4, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room. These roles include Mary, Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, Elizabeth, the Innkeepers, Isaiah, the three Magi, and the Narrator. If you are interested in one or more of these speaking roles, please sign up via SignUp Genius, linked below, for a specific audition time. If you cannot come on November 4, please let Anne A. Halloin know, and she will work with you to find another time.

[Christmas Pageant Speaking Role Audition Sign-Up](#)

Please note that these auditions are ONLY for those interested in the speaking roles. For those who are interested in the non-speaking roles, such as Sheep, Animals, and Angels, there is no need to audition. Stay tuned for registration information regarding the non-speaking roles.



REQUIEM

BY MAURICE DURUFLÉ

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Offered by the Chancel Choir and soloists
in worship on All Souls Day to commemorate
all who have died.

Jason Charneski, conductor
Larry Allen, organ



Rye Presbyterian Church, 882 Boston Post Rd., Rye NY, www.ryepc.com

Saying Farewell to Juan Velasquez

Sunday, November 9, 2025



To celebrate Juan, all are invited to come to a special coffee hour in the Assembly Room following worship on Sunday, November 9. Cake and light brunch will be served!

It is with hearts full of gratitude that we announce the retirement of Juan Velasquez, our Head Sexton and Building Manager. Juan began work at RPC in 2009 as the evening sexton, cleaning the nursery school and church after hours. In 2012, his role expanded as he became our Day Sexton and eventual Building Manager. Over the last 16 years, Juan has worked tirelessly and faithfully behind the scenes – setting up for countless meetings and events, tending the many facets of all the RPC buildings, coordinating cleaning and outside contractors, and acting as a gracious presence at weddings, funerals, and columbarium interments. In 2024, he received the Davidson Gordon Quiet Service Award for not only his great work, but the spirit of care, kindness, and hospitality that have exemplified his time at RPC.

In December, Juan will be returning to Colombia to be with his extended family.

To celebrate Juan, all are invited to come to a special coffee hour in the Assembly Room following worship on Sunday, November 9. In addition, all are welcome to contribute to a farewell purse to honor Juan's years of faithful service and work in our midst.

To do so, you may give online at ryepc.com/farewell

Alternatively, you may send a check to the church with "Juan" in the memo line.

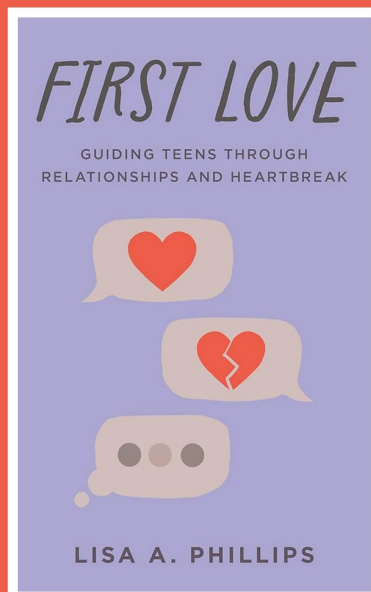


Juan, you will be greatly missed!



DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR LISA A. PHILLIPS

Thursday • November 13 • 7:30 p.m.
Rye Presbyterian Church Chapel



Wish you could help the youth in your life navigate crushes, dating, and breakups?

Join author, journalist, and professor Lisa A. Phillips as she presents her new book, *First Love: Guiding Teens Through Relationships and Heartbreak*, in a joint event sponsored by RPC and Community Synagogue of Rye.

In conversation with Rev. Cari, Lisa will share what she learned from teens, parents, and mental health experts about navigating the new realities of teen relationships. The conversation will include audience discussion and Q&A. This event is open to all adults who wish to support the teens and young adults in their lives, and youth are also welcome to attend!

First Love is available at Arcade Books in Rye and will be on sale in the Chapel at Rye Presbyterian Church before and after the event.

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DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR LISA A. PHILLIPS

Thursday • November 13 • 7:30 p.m.

Rye Presbyterian Church Chapel

About the Author: Lisa A. Phillips

Lisa A. Phillips has written about relationships, mental health, and teens for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Longreads*, *Psychology Today*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Salon*, and other outlets. She teaches journalism and the popular “Love and Heartbreak” seminar at SUNY New Paltz. She’s published two previous books: *Unrequited: The Thinking Woman’s Guide to Romantic Obsession* and *Public Radio: Behind the Voices*. Phillips began her journalism career in public radio, working for radio stations in the Midwest and Northeast for more than a decade. A member of the Jewish Congregation of Woodstock, she lives in the Hudson Valley — where she and Cari became friends through a shared book club.

About *First Love: Guiding Teens Through Relationships and Heartbreak*

Today’s young people are beginning their love lives in a time of rapidly changing ideas and ideals about identity, commitment, sexuality, and consent. For parents, the new realities of teenage relationships can be both mystifying and daunting.

In *First Love*, Lisa A. Phillips chronicles the challenges today’s adolescents face as they navigate experiences of crushes, dating, and breakups—and the challenges adults face as they strive to provide guidance and support. Phillips sheds light on how the relationships teens have today are different from their parents’ generation, including their reliance on technology and social media, the rise of young people identifying as LGBTQ+, high rates of depression and anxiety, and consent consciousness. She provides concrete strategies and insights from experts and teens themselves on ways parents and other adults can help young people cope with the timeless issues of love and heartbreak.



SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

CRAWFORD CHAPEL ✦ FALL 2025

RPC's Crawford Chapel is adjacent to the Sanctuary



NOVEMBER 16, AT 6:30 P.M.

A Service of Contemplative Prayer



DECEMBER 21, AT 7:00 P.M.

Hope and Healing on the Longest Night of the Year

These monthly services, each approximately 40 minutes in duration, provide an opportunity to worship at the close of the day.

The intimacy of the chapel, coupled with its warm acoustics and decorative flexibility, enables clarity and resonance in the sung and spoken word.

Activities will be available for children up through 3rd Grade in the Westminster Room



Please join the Clergy of Rye for the

Rye Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

sponsored by the Rye Women's Interfaith Committee

Sunday, November 23, 2025

3:00 pm

Rye Presbyterian Church, 882 Boston Post Road, Rye

Guest Speaker: Reverend Matt Stone
Christ's Church Rye

Reception to follow hosted by the Rye Women's Interfaith Committee



**Christ's
Church**
Rye, New York



**CHURCH OF THE
RESURRECTION**



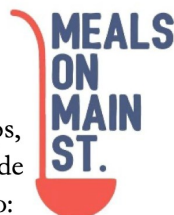
Community Synagogue of Rye

**Rye
Presbyterian
Church**

Non-perishable food and monetary donations
will be collected for Meals on Main Street.

Suggested donations include checks, canned soups,
and shelf-stable milk. Donations may also be made
on their website mealsonmainst.org or by mail to:

P.O. Box 682, Port Chester, NY 10573



Stephen Ministry

Planned Giving

Caring Connections

Stephen Ministry is a distinctively Christian ministry based on the principle that Christ cares for people through people. During September's opening retreat, the members of the new Caring Connections/Stephen Ministry Training Class shared some of the spiritual practices that strengthen their connection to Christ. They include:

Sunday Worship

Sharing faith experiences with others

Participating in RPC offerings, including book studies, small groups, and the Gospel challenge

Being in nature

Meditation

Reading Scripture

Listening to Christian and choral music

Fellowship with RPC congregants during coffee hour, group walks, and yoga classes

Gratitude practice

Prayer

What practices strengthen your faith?



Planned Giving at RPC

So much of what we enjoy and treasure about this church is due to the generosity of the many saints who have come before us in this place. Above and beyond annual support for the life and ministry of the church, planned gifts, during one's life or at the end of life, provide for the future vitality of RPC and for the benefit of those who will come long after us.

In the spirit of gratitude this month, we acknowledge with great thanks those who have taken the step of remembering the church in their legacy giving plan – the 1870 Society:

Marian and Richard Bott, Leslie and Tuck Bradford, Marty and Rick Bradt, Jason Charneski and Richard Coffey, Meg and Demie Duckworth III, Dolores Eyler and Van Siler, Jannie and Campbell Gerrish, Chuck Hildner, Gloria and Jeff Holtman, Cindy and Jim Kuster, Carol and Dan Love, Jean Loveless, Mary Anne Massey, Gabby and Don McCree, Zofia and Pat McGunagle, Amber Nee, Lauris Rall, Becky and Pete Ruegger, and Mary and David Versfelt.

If you are interested in learning more about planning your own legacy of generosity, there is great information on the church website:

<https://plannedgivingnavigator.com/pg-sites/241/>

In addition, please feel free to reach out to one of the pastors or to Maida Robinson, CAO, in the church business office.



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: carlrfriedrich@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

Giving at RPC



Online donation options are available on our giving page, at ryepc.com/give/ and through the QR Code. If you have any questions, please contact Maida Robinson at 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

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

Children & Youth Ministries Monthly Newsletter
Contact ahalloin@ryepc.com to subscribe.

Website Updates

RPC Website – Latest News
ryepc.com/about-rpc/latest-news/

RPC Website – Ongoing Events
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)

Feeding Westchester

We successfully packed 1,000 "Balanced Bites" bags for Feeding Westchester on Sunday, October 5, with thanks to Mission & Outreach's \$3,500 allocation and Christian Education Committee's organizational support. Thank you Ashley, Madison and Chelsea! Thanks also to Peggy for fulfilling the last minute sticker request and to Juan and the sexton team. We were once again blessed with a gorgeous day and had a strong, multi-generation congregational turnout. It's wonderful to see table groups working together and making connections.

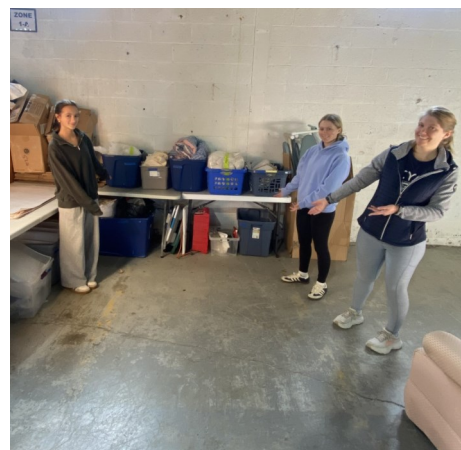
This project started in 2019 and it's great to see it continue – from our original days packing "Breakfast Bags" it has now morphed to Feeding Westchester's new name for it, "Balanced Bites." The items we packed have also changed and included a light tuna pouch, applesauce pouch, animal crackers, whole grain pretzel Goldfish and multi-grain toasted O's. Our bags were shared with Feeding Westchester's youth-focused partners including Yonkers Partners in Education, Boys & Girls Clubs of Mount Vernon and New Rochelle, Girls Inc. in White Plains and the Mary J. Blige Center in Yonkers among others.



Blessing of the Animals



Furniture Sharehouse



Pumpkin Carving



Rising Hope Benefit Dinner

Several of our Mission and Outreach Committee and friends attended the October 4 Rising Hope Dinner at Union Theological Seminary (NYC). Rising Hope is one of our prison ministry education partners, and Linda Otness accepted the award they presented to RPC for our support.



Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

Greetings to the Rye Presbyterian Church Community
from Kristin Bassett Kumar

This school year marks an exciting milestone for Rye Presbyterian Nursery School - the launch of our brand-new one-year-old program! The program has kicked off wonderfully, and we could not be more proud of our youngest learners. It is truly heartwarming to see them engaging with their teachers, exploring their beautiful new classroom, and beginning to build friendships with their peers.

The children have been enjoying a variety of early learning experiences, including creating colorful artwork with dot-dot markers and exploring with sensory materials at the light table. They are also spending time in our completely redesigned toddler play space. This redesigned room is outfitted with age-appropriate gross motor equipment that offers endless opportunities for climbing, exploring, and playful movement.

We are so excited for all that lies ahead this year as our one-year-olds continue their journey of discovery and joy at RPNS!





GRACE NOTES

Church Staff

<u>The Rev. Daniel Love</u>	Co-Pastor
<u>The Rev. Cari Pattison</u>	Co-Pastor
<u>Anne A. Halloin</u>	Director of Children and Youth Ministries
<u>Jason Charneski</u>	Director of Music and Organist
<u>Maida Robinson</u>	Chief Administrative Officer
<u>Peggy Berretta</u>	Administrative Assistant
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