



# GRACE NOTES

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# Introduction

# RPC Community

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## Stephen Ministry

*"I have heard it said that winter, too, will pass, that spring is a sign that summer is due at last. See, all we have to do is hang on."*

-Dr. Maya Angelou

As spring gets into full swing, you might be feeling stuck in your own personal winter. If you are having a hard time or feeling blue, you do not have to go through it alone. Stephen Ministers are available to every member of our church AND the broader community. They provide a light in the darkness and a steady presence when your world feels shaky. Whether you are navigating a temporary stressor or an ongoing circumstance, a Stephen Minister can help. To learn more, contact Stephen Ministry's Referrals Coordinator Mary Versfelt at [mdversfelt@gmail.com](mailto:mdversfelt@gmail.com), or reach out to pastors Cari or Dan at any time.



## In Memoriam

Robert Gay, March 25

June Cardinali, April 2

Barbara Moe, April 6,  
grandmother of Samuel Altenberger, and  
extended family to his wife, Anne A. Halloin

Joan Rutherford Mazzotta, April 2,  
mother of Lesley Mazzotta

Nancy Platt, April 14

Rodney Earl Moyer, April 8,  
father of Grant Moyer

# The Opening Word



It is one of my favorite images in the Bible. “We are the clay, God is the potter. We are all the works of God’s hand.” Sometimes the image is used perhaps a little more roughly, where the potter has to start over, making a new pot. But most of the time, it is an image of intimacy, care, connection, and creativity, where God is lovingly shaping us to be vessels who can pass along the love and hope and new life we experience from God to others. Each pot, each one of us, is unique. And if you look closely, what makes us unique is our flaws. Not quite round, our glaze imperfect, more than a few rough edges. And yet if you flip each one of us over, it still says right there on the bottom of the pot, we are the works of God’s hand - still being shaped, still being formed, as individuals and as a community.

As you can read later in this newsletter, this month we will celebrate our 20th Empty Bowls fundraiser. After worship on Sunday, May 3, the talented artists from the Clay Art Center in Port Chester will have made clay bowls - beautiful, unique, occasionally flawed, but amazing bowls. Along with donated soup and bread, the proceeds from every bowl sold will go to address food insecurity in the Port Chester community through the Salvation Army and Meals on Main Street.

But the spiritual metaphor continues throughout the month. We continue to live in the season of Easter, not just one day back in April, but a season where we live more fully into the hope and truth of resurrection. Easter and resurrection are ongoing as God continues to shape and form and recreate us and this world.

Wendell Berry writes of “practicing resurrection” as the way that Easter continues to be celebrated and honored. As much as I love Wendell Berry and commend his books to you, being the church and living out our faith is not simply a matter of us knuckling down to do the work of resurrection. Like the image from Isaiah of the potter at work, resurrection is what God does. It is God’s way in this world. It is the way of the world, despite so much evidence that might make us think otherwise. God is in the business of shaping us to participate in resurrection - to be vessels of hope and new life where the love of God is poured into us, and through us into this world.

Our job is to say yes to that invitation, not just on Easter morning, but every day. Yes, to the practices of worship, prayer, and community - practices that, as Gene Peterson writes, “encourage our improvisation on the resurrection story.” Practices that allow us to be slowly but steadily and creatively shaped by the hand of God.

Welcome to May. It is that home stretch before summer comes, chock full of busy activity - that mad scramble before the finish of the school year. But may we be found faithful in the quieter practices of faith, patiently allowing God to continue to shape us and form us into Easter people.

Still celebrating Easter with you,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

# Saying Farewell to Anne A. Halloin



## **A Celebration of Calling for Anne Halloin**

As many of you know, our Interim Children and Youth Director, Anne A. Halloin, has sensed a call to ordained Ministry of Word and Sacrament. She will be starting classes at Princeton Theological Seminary on the Masters of Divinity track later this summer. Anne has served faithfully for the past two years, leading with calm, kindness, creativity, and care for the families of our church.

We are so grateful for all that Anne has brought to our church. During her time at RPC, Anne has been instrumental in improving and increasing participation at Sunday School for children in Pre-K to 5th grade. She has also been an amazing leader for some of our favorite RPC family fellowship events, such as gingerbread house decorating, the Easter Egg hunt, and pumpkin carving. She has led two successful Christmas Pageants in collaboration with Jason Charneski. Anne has also focused on building engagement in the Middle School and High School youth group programs, and last year launched a new Youth Summer Service Trip to Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

We are proud to be sponsoring her under care of our Session in the Inquiry phase of discerning her call to ministry — through Rye Presbyterian Church and the Hudson River Presbytery. She and Sam continue to be members here, and we will keep them both in prayer in this exciting new chapter!

## **Join Us in Celebration and Worship**

To celebrate Anne, all are invited to come to a special coffee hour and brunch in the Assembly Room following worship on Sunday, May 31. Please join us in thanking her as we send her off with prayer and festive food!

She will also be preaching here for the second time on Sunday, June 14, at 10 a.m., and we hope you can be there with us in worship. She and Sam will continue to live in the Cornell Street manse while Anne leads the Sunday School ministry throughout most of the summer, working 10 hours per week as she studies Hebrew remotely.

## **Next Steps for Children and Youth Ministry**

Our Search Committee has already been hard at work, in conjunction with the Ministry Architects Consultant Martha Whitesides, and Presbytery Supervisor Rev. Anna Grace Claunch. The job description has been finalized and the process is underway, to finding our next long-term full-time Children & Youth Pastor / Director. Thank you for keeping this committee and their work in prayer.

Lastly, we as Co-Pastors and Session are committed to making sure our children and youth ministries don't miss a beat in the interim between Anne's departure and our next full-time hire. Stay tuned in the months to come for more updates.

## **Special Coffee Hour and Brunch**

Sunday, May 31, 11:00 a.m., Assembly Room

## **Worship with Anne A. Halloin Preaching**

Sunday, June 14, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

# Search Committee Update

## What's happening?

With Anne A. Halloin heading to seminary this summer, we have embarked on a search process to find our next Children & Youth Director / Minister. We seek a gifted and committed leader to help shepherd our young people in their spiritual formation, service, fellowship, and growth in Christian faith. A Search Committee consisting of nine members of the RPC Congregation has been established to lead this important hiring initiative.



## What's new?

The Search Committee recently finalized and Session has approved the MDP (Ministry Discernment Profile). This document serves as a comprehensive and detailed job listing that defines RPC's core values, the church's vision for ministry, and key responsibilities of the Children & Youth Director / Minister role. The MDP will be instrumental in helping the Search Committee & our consultant Ministry Architects to build an initial pool of candidates.

## What's next?

After final review and approval, by the Hudson River Presbytery's Commission on Ministry, the MDP will be uploaded to the Presbytery's career site and sent to our search consultant, Ministry Architects, to include in their job search platforms and network. The information will be made available to potential candidates and the search process will begin.

To ensure continuity for our children and youth during this time of transition, Anne A. Halloin has agreed to stay with RPC until mid August. After her departure, if a hire has not yet been made, your church leadership will see to the continuity for RPC's various programs for children & youth, including Sunday School.

## What is RPC looking for in a Children & Youth Director / Minister?

In March we hosted Martha Whitesides, from Ministry Architects, to lead listening sessions to hear from our congregation's volunteers, parents and youth on what they hope to find in a new youth leader. Common themes expressed include: long tenure, with enough time in the role to guide our children through at least one season of their youth; deep understanding of Rye's culture and community, including the heavy demands on our youth's time; exceptional management, organizational, and interpersonal skills; and ability to connect and build trust with our youth. Thank you to those who participated in the listening sessions.

To stay up to date with RPC's Search Committee Updates, please visit at [ryepc.com/about-rpc/search-committee-updates/](https://ryepc.com/about-rpc/search-committee-updates/).

# Nominating Committee

## Recommendations for Church Officers and Nominating Committee 2027

Submissions are open through Sunday morning, June 7

Are you, or is someone you know: interested in putting faith into action, a good leader, knowledgeable about business affairs or physical infrastructure, friendly with a variety of RPC members, and an active part of the life of RPC?

Serving the church is a fulfilling responsibility that helps build a strong faith community. As an active member of RPC, you are eligible to serve in one of these valuable and enriching roles. As a part of the leadership team at Rye Presbyterian Church, you can grow in your faith and help shape the future direction of our community.

We are currently seeking individuals interested in serving as deacons, trustees, elders (Members of Session), or Nominating Committee members. Deacon, trustee, and elder positions require a three-year commitment, while Nominating Committee members are asked to serve for two years. Youth elders and deacons are selected for a one-year term.

If you are interested in contributing to our community in this way, we encourage you to apply. If you know of someone who would be a good candidate, please submit their name (with their permission.)

Our recommendation form can be completed as either a printout or an online submission by visiting [ryepc.com/nominating](https://ryepc.com/nominating).

Please submit the form to either the church office, website, or email at [nominations@ryepc.com](mailto:nominations@ryepc.com) by the morning of June 7.



# Upcoming & Ongoing Events

## Chapel Yoga

Wednesdays, from 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 scripture and poetry into the basic class structure, Cari 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. We encourage you to come five minutes early for setup. All are welcome, including beginners! To RSVP, or to learn more, email [cpattison@ryepc.com](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com).

## Communion Workshop

**A warm welcome to the table**

Saturday, May 2, from 10:00-11:15 a.m.  
Beginning in the Westminster Room

If a young person in your household has been curious about the Lord's Supper, this is a great opportunity for them to learn more. Those in grades 4-7 are invited to come to this special workshop. Together, we will explore the church and its many symbols, and then focus in on the meaning of the sacrament and how we celebrate it here at Rye Presbyterian. Space is limited, so please sign up by contacting Rev. Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com).

## Thrift Shop

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Assembly Room

For more information on donations, please check the church website. You can also email the shop at [RyeThrift10580@gmail.com](mailto:RyeThrift10580@gmail.com).

## Coming Home 2026

Dinner is open to church members by RSVP  
Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room

Coming Home is an expression of our long-standing Prison Ministry at Rye Presbyterian Church. We seek to empower those who are returning to the community following incarceration.

Congregants may serve as dinner cooks and hosts, volunteer as mentors, or join our weekly Thursday night dinners in the Westminster Room – making a real difference in the lives of formerly incarcerated persons. Coming Home will conclude with graduation on Sunday, June 7.

For more information, please contact Douglas Carey at [poningoeearthcare@gmail.com](mailto:poningoeearthcare@gmail.com), or Pastor Cari at [cpattison@ryepc.com](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com).

## Boundless Adventures High School Youth Summer Service Trip

Saturday, May 30, 10:00 a.m., RPC Parking Lot

On Saturday, May 30, the volunteers for the High School Service Project will be going to Boundless Adventures to test our fear of heights and our sense of teamwork! We will gather in the Rye Presbyterian Church parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and drive together. RSVP to Anne A. Halloin at [ahalloin@ryepc.com](mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com) to help us coordinate rides and vehicles.

## Thrift Evening Sale

Wednesday, May 13, 5:30 p.m., Assembly Room

# 20th Annual Empty Bowls

## Empty Bowls 2026

Sunday, May 3, following worship, in the Assembly Room

On Sunday, May 3, we are pleased to host this much-enjoyed team-effort fundraiser! This year, for our twentieth time, potters from the Clay Art Center in Port Chester will be working with the middle school youth of our church to bring Empty Bowls to Rye Presbyterian.

Following worship on May 3, all are invited to the RPC Assembly Room. There you will find beautiful ceramic bowls created and donated by local artists at the Clay Art Center. With the purchase of a bowl, guests receive a meal (to stay or to go) of soup and bread. A great gift or addition to any home, the bowls remain as a reminder that amid all that we have, there is always someone with an empty bowl.

With food, bowls, and help provided by local talent, all proceeds will be donated to hunger relief efforts in Port Chester. Since its inception in 2000, the Empty Bowls event has raised over \$80,000!

Come be a part of this great event!



# SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP CRAWFORD CHAPEL

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RPC's Crawford Chapel is adjacent to the Sanctuary

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**MAY 3, 2026, AT 7:30 P.M.**  
**Holy Communion**

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Choral Music for this service will be offered by a quartet comprised of professional singers from the Chancel Choir.

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These 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.

# Book & Bible Studies



*Old Books*, Catherine M. Wood

## Men's Sunday Evening Bible Study

Sundays, May 3 and 17, at 8:00 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom

Join in as we continue to explore and discuss the Gospel of Matthew together. Contact Dan Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com) to be on the email list.

## Monday Morning Bible Discussion

Mondays, May 4, 11, and 18, at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom

All are welcome to join in as we continue to follow Jesus' ministry and teaching in the Gospel of Matthew. Contact Dan Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com) for more information and to join the email reminder list.

## RPC Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesdays, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the Library

Please join the Women's Discipleship for our study of *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the church library. Everyone is welcome!

You may reach out to either Alicia Baldwin at [alicia.baldwin@verizon.net](mailto:alicia.baldwin@verizon.net) or Courtney Bennett at [courtneybennett910@gmail.com](mailto:courtneybennett910@gmail.com) with any questions or to be added to our email list.

## Moms' Bible Study

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

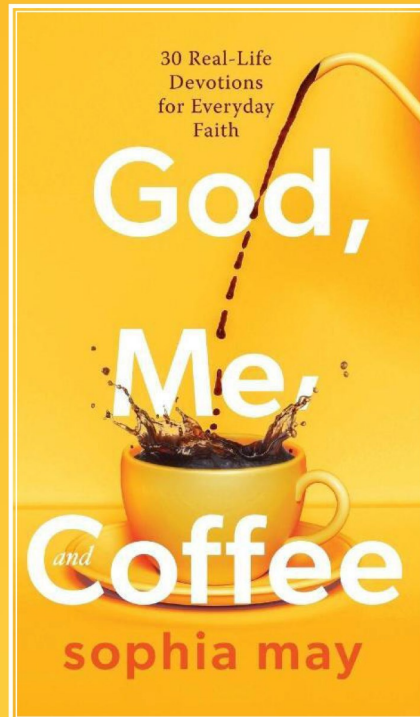
This group is for moms with young children who are looking for support, encouragement, and fellowship with other moms. Childcare is available! If you'd like to be on the email list, or to learn more, please contact Madison Walsh at [madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com).

## Saturday Women's Bible Study

Select Saturdays, at 9:00 a.m., in the Library and via Zoom

Start your weekend by joining us in discussion and fellowship! For more information about upcoming meeting dates, please contact Cynthia Wells at [cynthialwells@gmail.com](mailto:cynthialwells@gmail.com). All are welcome!

# AUTHOR TALK with Sophia May



**Tuesday, May 5, at 10:00 a.m., in the RPC Library**

We're excited to welcome author Sophia May, discussing her new book *God, Me, and Coffee: 30 Real-Life Devotions for Everyday Faith*.

Join us for this book launch, author reading, book-signing, and discussion. Coffee and pastries will be served. This event is free and open to all!

**Organized by the Fellowship and Formation Committee**

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# Open Door Baby Bundle Project



Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, through Father's Day, Sunday, June 21

## **Big Problem • Simple Solution • Huge Impact**

RPC Mission and Outreach invites you to celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day with new parents at Open Door by participating in our 9th Annual Open Door Baby Bundle Project. Open Door midwives deliver over 400 babies a year. The majority of their patients live at or below the federal poverty level. They struggle with inadequate housing, food insecurity, low health literacy, and cultural/language barriers.

Even under the best circumstances, the birth of a new baby can be overwhelming. Then consider the stress of living in poverty and not being able to provide the most basic necessities for your child. The Baby Bundle, supported only through donations, provides Open Door prenatal patients with basic newborn essentials: diapers, wipes, onesies, hats, mittens, socks, bibs, a thermometer, and seasonal clothes.

The support through Open Door doesn't stop with Baby Bundles. All women who deliver their babies with Open Door are supported by a Patient Advocate who provides prenatal information, postnatal support, nutrition and wellness guidance, and access to insurance benefits.

The entire Baby Bundle can be purchased for \$200 per newborn. Bassinets are in the hall outside the first-floor Welcome Area and the entrance to RPNS. During our month-long drive, we invite you place your donations in the pack-n-plays. Additionally, you can order items to be sent directly to Open Door through the Amazon Open Door Baby Registry. Please scan the QR Code above, or follow the link:

<https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes>



## **BABY BUNDLE WISH LIST ESSENTIALS**

- **Sleep Sacks:** Cotton Wearable blanket, (non-swaddle type) Size Small
- **Infant Rapid-Read Rectal Thermometer**
- **Wellness Kits & Hair Brushes**
- **Diaper Rash Cream**
- **Baby Body Wash**
- **Girl & Boy Outfits:** 3 to 12 months
- **Hats, Mittens, & Socks**
- **Bibs & Burp Cloths**
- **Size 1 & 2 Diapers**
- **Infant Towels & Washcloths**
- **Sleep & Play:** 3 to 9 months
- **Onesie or Bodysuits:** 3 to 12 months
- **Small Infant Toys & Board Books**
- **Wipes**

## **WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE**

- **PURCHASE AND DONATE ITEMS IN COLLECTION BINS AT CHURCH MARKED FOR OPEN DOOR**
- **SAVE TIME AND SHOP ONLINE**
  - Use our Amazon Registry: <https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes> or scan the QR Code below



*Remember to use a Gift Card so you can specify your Name/Organization Name*

- **DONATE ONLINE**
  - Donate using our secure [online donation form](#)
- **DONATE BY MAIL**
  - Checks can be made payable to Open Door Foundation.
  - **In Memo line add: Baby Bundle**
  - Mail to: Open Door Foundation, 560 White Plains Road Suite 200, Tarrytown, NY 10591

**For Additional Information Contact:** Wendy Armstrong, Senior Manager of Volunteer Services  
Email: [warmstrong@odfmc.org](mailto:warmstrong@odfmc.org) Phone: 914-606-1858

# RPC Children & Youth

## Middle School Connection

All 6th-8th graders are welcome at RPC's Middle School Connection!

Wednesday, May 6, at 5:30 p.m., in the Westminster Room  
Middle School Connection & Open Door Baby Bundle Project

On May 6, we will be partnering with the Open Door Baby Bundle Project and making special bags and crafts for young families welcoming their new babies! This will be in conjunction with our regular meeting and dinner.

Wednesday, May 20, at 5:30 p.m., in the Youth Rooms

## High School Youth Group

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

Sunday, May 17, at 6:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room  
High School Youth Group Dinner

## Confirmation 2026

Sunday, May 17, at 5:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room  
Planning for Confirmation Sunday

Wednesday, May 27, at 8:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room  
Meeting with the full Session to be approved  
for confirmation and full adult membership.

With Confirmation Sunday on June 7, the Confirmation class will wrap up their good work this month. Their Statements of Faith – their personal thoughts on where they are in their journey of faith – were recently finalized and are now in the hands of the elders of the church. This month, each confirmand will meet individually with one of the church elders to discuss their statements and plans for beginning their adult lives as followers of Christ and as members of the church.

We look forward to celebrating their Confirmation on June 7.

For more information about our youth programs, please visit the  
Ongoing Events page on our website at [ryepc.com/about-rpc/ongoing-events/](https://ryepc.com/about-rpc/ongoing-events/).

## Childcare

3 Months Old — 3 Years Old

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

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

## Sunday School

Age 4 — Grade 5

Sunday School is held on Sunday mornings during worship in the Education Wing.

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

## Bible Presentation

Sunday Worship, May 10

During worship this Mother's Day, join us for our annual coming-of-age celebration as we present Bibles to RPC's first graders and high school seniors!

# SPRING SING... AND MORE 2026

for Children in Kindergarten  
through Grade 5



**Wednesdays, through May 20**

**4:15 - 4:45 p.m., in the Westminster Room**

**(snack available at 4:00)**



Children are invited to join Mr. C. to grow in faith through song and story. There also will be occasional explorations of different musical instruments, having the children hear, see, and learn about them from those who play them.

So that he might be able to prepare appropriately, please let Mr. C. know if your child plans to attend:

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



# 2026 Stewardship Update



As of April 27, we have received 285 pledges for \$1,404,000 – our highest pledge total ever! Of those 285, 41 were new pledges, and 124 households increased their pledge.

We are 99.4% of the way to our goal – just \$8,300 to go!  
Help put RPC over the top by making your pledge today!

Thank you for your commitment to be a part of this new chapter in the community, mission, and ministry of Rye Presbyterian Church!

If you haven't yet made your pledge,  
you can do so at [ryepc.com/stewardship-2026/](https://ryepc.com/stewardship-2026/).

Your Stewardship Committee:

Sarah Barringer, Young Kim, Dan Love, Cari Pattison, Scot Stevens,  
Chris Winston, Avery Woods, and Grace Yoon Kilroy



# 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 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 [mrcrawley@ryepc.com](mailto:mrcrawley@ryepc.com) to subscribe.

Children & Youth Ministries Monthly Newsletter  
Contact [ahalloin@ryepc.com](mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com) to subscribe.

## Website Updates

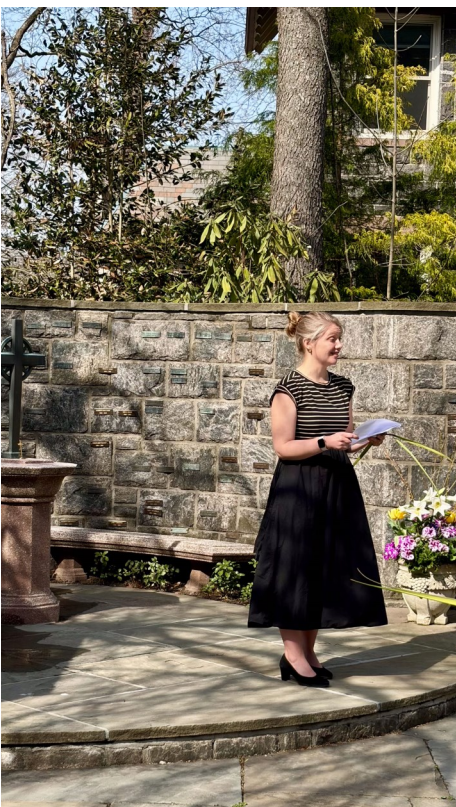
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RPC Website – Ongoing Events  
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## Social Media

RPC Facebook – [Rye Presbyterian Church](https://www.facebook.com/RyePresbyterianChurch)  
RPC Instagram – [@ryepres10580](https://www.instagram.com/ryepres10580)

# Holy Week & Easter



# Holy Week & Easter



# Easter Egg Hunt



# Easter Egg Hunt



# Church & Justice Sunday



Guest Preacher: Deborah Pretlow, MPS



# Welcoming in Spring



Spring Sing... and More



Parenting Young Adults (with Andrea Raynor)



High School Youth Group



Confirmation

# New Members Spring 2026



## The Driscoll Family

The Driscoll family – Blaise, Alexandra, and one-year-old Payton – are so thankful to call Rye Presbyterian Church their home for many years. Currently residing in Larchmont, NY, Alexandra has been a part of the church community since she was a young child, attending the nursery school, participating in confirmation, Sunday school, and taking part in many church events throughout her youth. The church has also been the setting for many meaningful moments in the family's life - from Alexandra and Blaise's wedding in September 2023 to the recent baptism of their daughter, Payton.

As a family, the Driscolls value faith, love, and spending quality time together. They enjoy building lasting friendships within the community, and they feel incredibly blessed to have celebrated so many important family milestones here at RPC. They look forward to continuing to grow in faith alongside such a caring and supportive church family.

## The Greenfield Family

Tom and Abigail Greenfield moved to Rye two years ago and live there with their four-month-old son, Teddy, and their golden retriever, Winnie. Tom is originally from England and is an avid golfer and member of the Royal Liverpool Golf Club. Abigail grew up in nearby Bronxville, NY, and the two met while Abigail was attending the University of St Andrews in Scotland. They both enjoy spending time with family and taking walks with their dog and are happy to be joining the church community.



# New Members Spring 2026

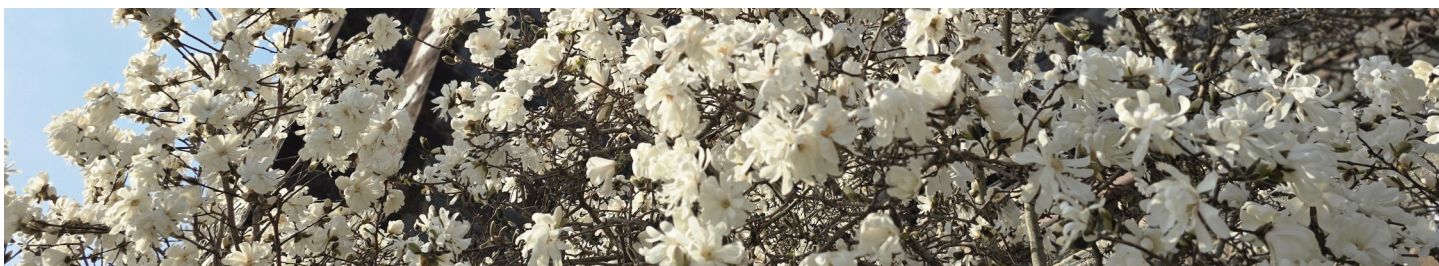


## The Majeski Family

Kady and Paul Majeski moved to Rye six years ago from the Upper West Side. Paul is a Senior Managing Director at Guggenheim Partners; Kady, formerly an attorney, is now raising their four children and serves on the board of the Rye Arts Center. Their two older children, Teddy (9) and Malcolm (6), are now Midland School students after attending RPNS, while their younger children, Astrid (3) and Reid (1), are currently enrolled at RPNS. The Majeski family is eager to build upon the wonderful community they've found in Rye and looks forward to participating in RPC's local service projects.

## The Maloney Family

BJ and Darren moved to Rye in the summer of 2024 from Dallas, TX, with their two boys, Dillon (7) and Matthew (4). Matthew is a preschool student at RPNS, and Dillon is a first grader at Midland. Darren grew up in Northern California, and BJ grew up in Austin, TX. Rye Presbyterian Church has been a welcoming community for their family, and they appreciate all the kindness shown to them and their two boys. Life is better with a village, and we are excited to expand ours to include RPC!



# New Members Spring 2026



## The Mellet Family

Jennifer (Jen) Mellet, maiden name Ely, is a Rye native. The eldest of three children, Jen went to college at Georgetown University and, after graduating in 1998, moved back to New York to pursue a career in marketing and fashion.

One of seven children, Vincent (Vince) grew up in Merion Station, Pennsylvania. He attended Penn State University with his three younger brothers and after graduating in 2001, moved to Manhattan.

In 2016, Vince joined Deerfield Management, a leading healthcare investment firm, where he is a partner. Jen now focuses her energy on raising their twins, Madeleine (Maddie) and Charles (Charlie), who are in 5th grade at Rye Country Day.

Jen and Vince appreciate more than ever the close-knit, small-town community feeling of Rye. To the Mellets, family is of utmost importance, and being around good people in a caring, lovely community means everything. They know that RPC offers such, and are so grateful to be a part of it.

## Cairistin Mills

Cairistin grew up in NYC and is a longtime Harrison/Rye resident. She has worked as the Director of Student Support Counseling and Wellness at School of the Holy Child in Rye for 15 years, and has a therapy private practice in Rye since 2005 specializing in child, adolescent and family therapy... She also worked for many years at both NY Presbyterian Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry as a therapist.

She currently lives in Byram, CT, with her two rescue dogs, Winnie and Maisie, both shepherd lab mixes with lots of other things mixed in, which makes their personalities endlessly interesting. Cairistin also has three human daughters, Christina 29, Julia 26, and Eliza 23. She finds them endlessly interesting as well and loves visiting them frequently. In her free time, she loves spending time with friends, working out, hiking with her dogs, and reading - voraciously, and in many different genres.

She is grateful to have found RPC, and looks forward to growing together in faith and healing with the community.

# Rye Presbyterian Nursery School



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Greetings to the Rye Presbyterian Church Community  
from Kristin Bassett Kumar

One of our four-year-old classes took a field trip to the Rye Post Office! They started the day by taking a school bus to the post office, where they were greeted by our local friendly post office workers and postmaster, Robert Glennon. The postmaster and workers graciously provided a tour of the post office and gave a short history lesson on the United States Postal Service.



Throughout the school year, the children have been learning so much in class about the mail system and this special field trip helped to extend and match their knowledge. The post office tour consisted of lessons on stamp usage, descriptions of the different kinds of postal workers, opportunities to scan packages that needed to be delivered to families in Rye, and a search-and-find mail location game where the children learned about the different zoning areas where mail is designated to be delivered in Rye.



The class also had a close-up look at the mail delivery truck and learned about its function and purpose. The children learned that the mail system is a very valuable system in our country. Taking trips like this one helped to bring the curriculum to life and provided the class with a fun-filled, meaningful school memory!



# GRACE NOTES

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<a href="#"><u>Aileen Lynch</u></a>	Office Assistant
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