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Introduction

RPC Community

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Stephen Ministry

"There are only four kinds of people in the world: those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers, and those who will need caregivers."

— Rosalynn Carter

At some point, all of us will experience the need for care and support. In those moments, having someone to listen, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you can make a meaningful difference. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing difficult seasons such as grief, illness, loneliness, stress, or other challenges.

If you or someone you care about could benefit from confidential weekly visits with a skilled, compassionate Christian companion, contact our Referrals Coordinator Mary Versfelt at mdversfelt@gmail.com, or reach out to pastors Dan or Cari at any time. They are all available to answer any questions you may have regarding the healing work of Stephen Ministry!

In Memoria

Richard Paul Boggs, May 12
Father of Hollis O'Rorke

Heather Elizabeth Allen, May 13
Mother of Andrea Weld

Issac Nyakamera, May 13
Brother of Fallys Ngalauka

Maurice Burke, May 20
Father of Terry Ann Weil

The Opening Word

“In the last days it will be,” God declares, “that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my servants, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit...” (Acts 2)

We just celebrated Pentecost, a day that brings us back to the Acts 2 passage about the arrival of the Holy Spirit in tongues of fire upon the apostles’ heads, enabling them to speak and hear each other’s languages as they shared the good news of God in Christ. It’s often considered “the birthday of the church.”

But in trying to determine the birthday of Rye Presbyterian Church, one finds it’s a long and winding path: small gatherings of people met around the area during the 18th century, hosting an assortment of guest preachers, and an early church structure was burned down by marauders during the Revolution. By 1821, retired New York City businessman Ebenezer Clark moved to Rye and said he was dismayed to find no Presbyterian presence to speak of.

According to *A History of The Rye Presbyterian Church (1957)*, by Ellen Cotton McKay, Clark found the Sabbath “generally neglected” and the people exhibiting little interest in religion. Many were “idling and pursuing vain activity” and in the surrounding area he observed those “who’d been notorious corrupters of their fellow men and patrons of all uncleanness. Family feuds were common, and not infrequently, intense, and breaches of the peace were painfully prevalent.” McKay notes, “The spirit of devotion was not found in that day, and attendance on divine worship was more a matter of form and wont than of conviction and desire.”

Clark thus decided to start something with a Presbyterian bent, and began not with a building, worship service, or even a preacher: but a Sunday school. Controversial at first, but it took off and doubled in attendance every week of its opening season, serving as a light and a blessing to the community at large. It was a movement of the Spirit, to be sure: the young leading the old, children bringing their parents. Soon that gave way to the establishment of a full church—from the 1820’s all the way up to now: from family feuds to fellowship and formation!

It makes me wonder: how do we, as heirs of that legacy, embody a spirit of devotion? What are the dreams and visions among us now, that spark hope in old and young, women and men, for God to fan into flame for future generations? Got an idea? Dan and I would love to hear it!

In Kate Bowler’s new book *Joy, Anyway*, she writes about the persistent ache that lies within each of us and asks Father Ronald Rolheiser, “What do you do with all the longing?” He says, “I think that’s the very definition of spirituality. It’s what we do with that divine fire, a fire that moves through our longing, channeling it toward better and better aims.”

What will you do with that divine fire this summer? Coming up, we have our June 7 Coming Home graduation, and our June 14 Gospel Sunday and outdoor picnic. Shortly after, our teens and advisors head to the far reaches of Appalachia (Grundy, Virginia) for their annual service trip. So many ways even this month for that spark of dreams and vision to ignite!

This summer, may your family feuds be few, and may the Holy Spirit channel your longings to be a light and a blessing in Rye and beyond.

See you in church!

Cari

Coming Home Graduation

Coming Home Graduation Lunch and Ceremony

Sunday, June 7, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Assembly Room

All are invited!

Join us in celebration of our Coming Home graduates! These students, formerly incarcerated, are completing an 18-week term of study, mentoring, workshops, and more – all toward their goal of a bright present and future in their return to civilian life. **Even if you haven't previously been involved in Coming Home, the presence of church members is essential for this event.** You provide encouragement, support, and a vote of confidence just by being there. Not only will diplomas and awards be given, but each participant will be sharing a few words about what the Coming Home experience has meant to them, and each mentor will then impart a personalized blessing in kind.

Email poningoeearthcare@gmail.com to RSVP with Douglas Carey so that we know how many plates and chairs to prepare. If you are interested in donating a tray of food items for the graduation reception, please indicate it in your email. Thank you for your generosity, and thank you for supporting the achievements and mission of Coming Home!



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Vice President, New Beginnings Transitional Housing
[Visit hudsonlink.org to learn more.](http://hudsonlink.org)

Sean Pica is the President of Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison and Vice President of New Beginnings Transitional Housing, a not-for-profit organization that provides college education, life skills and re-entry support to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated men and women to help them make a positive impact on their own lives, their families and communities.

Mr. Pica has presided over Hudson Link's growth in size and scope. Since taking over leadership of the organization in 2007, it has grown from 60 students attending Mercy College at Sing Sing Correctional Facility, to more than 580 students attending college prep, and college programs in 5 New York State Correctional Facilities. Partnering with Columbia University; Columbia Greene, Mercy University, Mount Saint Mary, SUNY Ulster, Hudson Link has awarded over 2000 college degrees. In addition, Hudson Link is now actively involved in the very important work of providing re-entry support, including transitional housing, to its more than 3000 released alumni to help them successfully transition back into their families and communities. Before joining Hudson Link, Mr. Pica served on its Board of Directors.

Mr. Pica serves on the Governors New York State Council on Community Re-Entry and Reintegration, is a founding Board Member and serves as the Advisory Board Chair for the national Alliance for Higher Education in Prison, and serves on the Board of Directors for the New York State Consortium for Higher Education in Prison, and the Sing Sing Prison Museum Project.

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.

Please submit the form to either the church office, website, or email at nominations@ryepc.com by the morning of June 7.



Upcoming & Ongoing Events

Summer Picnic

Sunday, June 14, following worship, Grape Arbor

Sunday, June 14, following worship, in the Grape Arbor To celebrate the beginning of summer, we will have a picnic in the Grape Arbor following worship on June 14. We will be providing chicken tenders, hot dogs, ice cream, and more picnic favorites! Please bring either a side dish or a salad to share. Food may be left in the kitchen before worship. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up. Please contact Anne A. Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com if you can help!

Teacher Appreciation

Sunday, June 14, during worship, Sanctuary

On Sunday, June 14, we will have the opportunity to thank all of our Sunday School teachers for all of their hard work throughout the year! Our volunteers have done a wonderful act of service for the children of our congregation, and due to their efforts, we were able to have a great year together. Our Sunday School program continues through June 14. The following week, on June 21, we will begin our Summer Sunday School program. Children ages 5 through 11 meet weekly in the Westminster Room in a one-room-schoolhouse model.

Mobile Shredder

Friday, July 31, 9:30-11:30 a.m., RPC Parking Lot

The Westchester County Mobile Shredder makes its annual return! To prepare, you'll need to box up your confidential personal papers for shredding. Be sure to remove all large binder clips and covers. Paper clips and staples are accepted. A locked bin will be available in the Assembly Room for drop-off of materials.

Chapel Yoga

Select Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Chapel:
June 3, 10, & 17 · July 1 & 8 · August 12, 19, & 26
Chapel Yoga continues throughout the summer!

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. Mats are available to borrow, along with other props. We encourage you to come five to ten minutes early for setup. All are welcome, including beginners! To RSVP, or to learn more, email cpattison@ryepc.com.

Senior Social Club

We are in the early planning stages for creating a social club for our older church members. We're considering a number of potential activities, including guest speakers, luncheons at local restaurants, "meet & greets" to get to know one another more!

Our goal is to have our first official meeting in early fall. If you are interested in this idea and would like to be kept up to date as we progress, please contact Penny Kovacic or Lynn Ferguson-Mastalli. (Contact kovacicpenny@gmail.com or ferg426@verizon.net, respectively.)

Thrift Shop

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Assembly Room
Breaking for the Summer after June 11

RyeThrift10580@gmail.com.

WALK & TALK TUESDAYS

Resuming Tuesday, June 2, and continuing throughout the Summer

9:00-10:00 a.m. starting in front of the Sanctuary Doors

Facilitated by Cari and Anne, this series of weekly morning walks opens with scripture and a theme for the day and closes in prayer.

We'll proceed each day through rain or shine! We welcome the company of strollers and good leash-walking dogs.



If you have any questions, please email either Cari or Anne at cpattison@ryepc.com or ahalloin@ryepc.com, respectively.

Book & Bible Studies



Old Books, Catherine M. Wood

Men's Sunday Evening Bible Study

Sunday, June 14, at 8:00 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom

We just began the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5 – a great time to jump in to explore this gospel and Jesus' foundational teaching. We will meet once more in June before slowing our pace for the summer. Contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com to be on the email list.

Monday Morning Bible Discussion

Mondays, June, 1, 8, and 15, at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom

As June begins, the Monday morning discussion group continues through Matthew's gospel. All are welcome to join! After these meetings, we will be pausing for the summer and restarting in September. Contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com for more information and to receive the Zoom link.

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 or Courtney Bennett at courtneybennett910@gmail.com with any questions or to be added to our email list.

Young 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.

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. All are welcome!

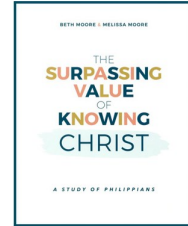
SUMMER BIBLE STUDY PHILIPPIANS

Join Rev. Cari for an in-depth Beth Moore study through the book of Philippians. One of the most beloved letters of Paul, written from prison, this short book packs a powerful message of joy, unity, and hope amid hardship.

We'll be exploring *"The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ: A Study of Philippians,"* co-authored by Beth Moore and Melissa Moore. Throughout the summer, we'll meet across five consecutive weeks for 90-minute sessions in the church library, in-person only. This study includes workbook homework, live discussion, and a weekly viewing of Beth Moore's teaching videos together.

To RSVP, please email cpattison@ryepc.com by Wednesday, June 3.

The date and time of the study will be determined once we've received sign-ups. We'll do our best to work around your summer plans!



If this is your introduction to Beth Moore, you're in for a treat! She's a decades-long Bible teacher and speaker based in Houston, TX, whose studies are full of humor, life-application, and intensive research on Scripture. Moore writes: *"The book of Philippians is exhortation driven by unabashed affection. Discover how you can be unstoppable in love, faith and good works even amidst frustration and opposition."*

The required workbook is purchasable online for \$20:

Beth Moore
Co-Author



Melissa Moore
Co-Author

lproof.org/philippians

Music Notes

by Jason Charneski

Gospel Sunday

June 14, 10:00 a.m. Worship

The recent custom of concluding the church's program year with worship that includes a hearty dose of Gospel-style music will be held on June 14. The Chancel Choir, accompanied by the jazz ensemble that normally graces worship annually on Jazz Sunday, will offer arrangements of "Order My Steps," a standard by Glenn Burleigh, and "Children, Go Where I Send Thee," in an exuberant setting by Ryan Murphy. Organ and instruments will undergird our hymn singing that morning. The church's annual summer picnic will follow the service.

Harpsichord Restoration

The church's Hubbard & Broekman harpsichord, built in 1986 (a gift to the church in 1991 from the estate of Peter B. Knock), will be restored this summer. This work will entail replacing the strings of the bass octaves, regulation of the key action, and replacement of the plastic keyjacks and plectra (the means by which the strings are plucked – akin to a guitar pick) with wood components that will remain more stable in our seasonal climate (the plastic components have run the course of their lifespans; many now are broken or warped). The harpsichord will be moved in late June to the New Jersey shop of Mr. Masayuki Maki and then returned in mid- to late-September. We hope to offer a concert in the fall, featuring the restored harpsichord, by the Queens College Baroque Ensemble, which Mr. Maki conducts. We express our gratitude to the Peter B. Knock Memorial Fund for underwriting this project.

Summer Volunteer Choir

June 21 through August 9

Continuing the practice of past summers, we will include in worship many Sundays this summer a message in simple choral song from a weekly volunteer choir. Please join us! All persons middle-school age and older are invited to meet at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, June 21 through August 9, in the chapel, to learn and rehearse a piece of music to sing in the 10:00 service. You get to sit with your family or friends, and you do not wear a robe. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and to find your way into the church's music ministry.

Though there is no commitment required for any one of or all of these Sundays, I find it helpful to know if you plan to be there. To that end, please call me at 914-967-0842, ext. 16, or send an email to jcharneski@ryepc.com. Thank you!

Spring Sing... and More



Spring Sing... and More 2026 concluded with an exploration of the church's organs.

Together, we grew in faith through song and story.

GOSPEL SUNDAY

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

Hymns, Anthems, and More

led by the Chancel Choir and a Jazz Ensemble

RPC's annual Summer Picnic will follow the service.

Youth Programming

Middle School Connection

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

Wednesday, June 3, 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms
Join us for food, faith, and fellowship!

Wednesday, June 17, 5:30 p.m., Love Manse
900 Boston Post Road

Join us for our final gathering before the summer: an outdoor party and barbeque! Keep an eye on your email for weather updates, as we will move the celebration indoors in case of rain.

Confirmation 2026

The 2026 confirmation class has been hard at work since last September, learning the essentials of the Christian faith, reflecting on their own beliefs, and thinking about how their faith will be practiced amid all the details and concerns of everyday life.

In early May, they put their final touches on their Statements of Faith – personal reflections of where they are in their journey of faith. Each confirmand then met individually with an elder of the church to talk about their statements and their plans for beginning their adult life as a follower of Christ and as a member of this church. At the end of May, the class met with the full Session to be approved for full adult church membership.

For most of the class, Confirmation is an affirmation of their faith and the vows made by their parents at their baptism years ago. For some, it is their profession of faith and will be celebrated with their baptism on Confirmation Sunday. In both cases, it is a public commitment to continue the growth, learning, and service that are a part of the journey of faith in the context of the life of the church. Rather than “graduation,” Confirmation truly is a beginning and not an end. We look forward to seeing how the journey goes for this great group of young people!

On June 7, we will celebrate the start of this new chapter as we worship together and welcome these 18 new members to the table of fellowship. The festivities will begin with a breakfast for confirmands and their families at 8:45 a.m. in the Assembly Room. Worship with Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion will be at 10:00 a.m. There, with the confirmands, we can all reconfirm our commitment to grow in faith and to be a part of God's good work in the world!

High School Youth Group

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

Sunday, June 14, 6:00 p.m., Westminster Room
Our final meeting before the summer.
Join us for food, faith, and fellowship!

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, June 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m. Worship

Breakfast for confirmands and families
at 8:45 AM in the Assembly Room

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

Service Trip

High School Youth Summer Service Trip

Rye Presbyterian Church will be partnering with the Appalachia Service Project, and traveling to Grundy, Virginia to volunteer from June 28 to July 5. Thank you to everyone who signed up! Here are our upcoming key dates:

Church Blessing & Commissioning

Sunday, June 21, during 10:00 a.m. Worship

Before we depart, our pastors will bless you before the congregation, asking them to keep you in their prayers and wish you well on your journey!

Final Informational Meeting

Sunday, June 21, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Westminster Room

We will be going over final details for this year's trip, including (but not limited to) packing information, location details, and departure times. Be sure to wear work clothes, as we'll be doing tie-dye at the end!

Departure Date

Saturday, June 27, 10:00 a.m., RPC Parking Lot

We will be loading up in the vans and beginning the trip to Grundy, Virginia, stopping overnight in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Return Date

Sunday, July 5, in the evening, RPC Parking Lot

For more information, please visit ryepc.com/article/high-school-youth-summer-service-trip/.

Children

Summer Sunday School Registration

June 21 through August 14 (excluding July 5)

RPC's Summer Sunday School is a one-room school-house model for children ages 5 through 11 to learn together.

Using the "Project Restoration" curriculum, the Bible stories that we learn will be applied to our daily lives through crafts, games, nature experiments, and service projects. Please be sure to register via the link below:

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

Summer Sunday School Volunteering

June 21 through August 14 (excluding July 5)

Calling all volunteers! If you have been interested in volunteering to teach Sunday School, then Summer Sunday School is a great opportunity for starting out! Adults, high school, and middle school youth are welcome to serve. To learn more, please email Anne A. Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com.

Childcare

For Children 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/

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 us. During her time at RPC, she 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, Easter Egg hunt, and pumpkin carving. She has led two joy-filled 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 is instrumental in helping the Search Committee and our consultant Ministry Architects build an initial pool of candidates.

What's next?

Having received final review and approval by the Hudson River Presbytery's Commission on Ministry, the MDP was 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 was made available to potential candidates and the search process has begun.

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, our church leadership will oversee 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 the 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/.

Open Door Baby Bundle Project



Through Sunday, June 21, on Father's Day

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 to 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 Phone: 914-606-1858

Summer Sermon Series

Women in the Hebrew Bible

*"Half of the world are women.
The other half are their children."*

— Efu Nyaki

Have you ever wondered how many women's stories are included in the Bible? Not just one-off mentions of wives and daughters, but whole narratives, plot twists, lessons, and laughs?

With both halves of our world so inextricably shaped by women, then surely women inextricably shape the holy scripture. And, of course, with both halves in mind, every story centered on women can't help but speak to men as well.

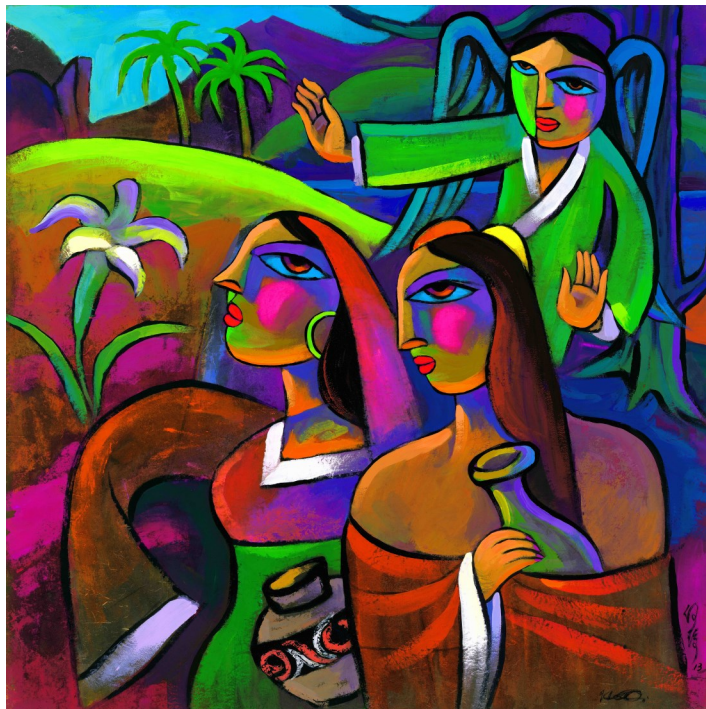
This summer, Cari and Dan take a break from the usual Revised Common Lectionary readings (RCL is a 3-year scripture cycle shared by many Christian denominations) and zoom in on some of the signature stories of women in the Hebrew Bible.

Over twelve Sundays (June 21 – September 6), we'll walk with Eve and Sarah, Rebekah and Rachel, Leah and Shiprah/Puah. We'll learn from Deborah, Rahab, Ruth and Esther, and pray alongside Hannah and the Witch of Endor.

Get ready to be surprised, perplexed, and deepened in your faith, as we explore these texts of matriarchs and midwives, monarchs and military leaders, madams and mediums! Who knew the Bible had all this in store?

Do Not Be Afraid by He Qi

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Sermon Schedule

June 21	Eve
June 28	Rebekah
July 5	Rachel
July 12	Leah
July 19	Shiprah and Puah
July 26	Miriam
August 2	Deborah
August 9	Rahab
August 16	Ruth
August 23	Esther
August 30	Hannah
September 6	Endora

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.

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.

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.

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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.
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May 2026 at RPC



Thank you to Fallys Ngalauka for organizing such a celebratory Mother's Day Coffee Hour!



Thank you to Fellowship and Formation for organizing an insightful Author Talk with Sophia May!

The 20th Empty Bowls



Rye Presbyterian Nursery School



Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night

Greetings to the Rye Presbyterian Church Community
from Kristin Bassett Kumar



We were thrilled to host our annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo Night on the Great Lawn! This event is truly beloved by our RPNS families. Each year, Mrs. Sculti lovingly prepares her homemade tomato sauce, delicious meatballs, and tasty chicken cutlets for all to enjoy, creating a meal that feels both special and comforting.

As families arrived, they were welcomed by the cheerful sounds of an accordion player, setting the tone for a festive Italian evening. Under the tent, the space was transformed into a charming Italian restaurant, complete with red gingham tablecloths, fresh flowers, and baskets of Italian bread.

During the event, children delighted in playing alphabet and animal bingo, eagerly winning prizes and celebrating together. The night concluded with a visit from the ice cream truck, which was a joyful ending to a wonderful evening.

We are so grateful for this special tradition, and for the community that makes it so meaningful. Proceeds from the evening support our scholarship fund, helping to ensure that more families can be part of our RPNS community.



Rye Presbyterian Nursery School



Mother's Day "Two Teas"

Our two-year-old classes celebrated Mother's Day with our special "Twos Teas" under the beautiful Grape Arbor. Each child painted a photo frame and presented their mom this gift with a photo inside. The children sang a Mother's Day song and enjoyed a special snack with their mommies. They then had the chance to visit a petting zoo and see the animals. It was a memorable day for all!



GRACE NOTES

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<u>The Rev. Daniel Love</u>	Co-Pastor
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If you are experiencing an acute crisis, you can call or text 988 and you'll connect with a mental health professional through the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.