



GRACE NOTES

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RPC Community

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Independence Day

The office will be closed on Friday, June 3, and reopened for worship on Sunday, June 5.

Stephen Ministry

"My Stephen Minister listens — really listens. He doesn't judge me or tell me what to do but walks side by side with me. I never realized how helpful and healing that can be. With his care and support, I'm making it through."

- A Stephen Ministry Care Receiver

Summer has begun and Stephen Ministry is going strong! In June, our Stephen Ministers' Continuing Education focused on prayer. Together we explored the power of every kind of prayer, from the most sacred and silent pleas to the loudest joyful praises. We are a year-round ministry, which means that caring relationships and supervision will continue throughout the summer months. If you or someone you care about could benefit from confidential, caring, Christian support, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Dan or Pastor Cari, or reach out to our Referrals Coordinator Mary Versfelt at mdversfelt@gmail.com.

In Memoriam

Rosemarie Zingg-Brupbacher, June 2
Mother of Martin Zingg

The Opening Word

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2026!

At the beginning of June, we celebrated this year's Confirmation Class and their public commitment to live into the promises of baptism. For most, those promises were made by parents years ago. For others, the promises were made on Confirmation Sunday, with two members of the Confirmation Class being baptized as a part of the day!

Choosing to confirm their faith and step into adult membership of the church was not a decision they took lightly. Nine months of study and conversation culminated in their personal statements of faith and conversations with the church elders – not just about what they believe, but about how they plan to live into that faith in the days to come. Excerpts from their statements were included in the bulletin – words inspiring to us all. At least I know I wasn't writing like that when I was in ninth grade!

As we welcome the newest members of the church and as we slide into the quieter days of summer, may we join them in their commitments: to engage in the ancient practices of the faith – worship, prayer, study, community, and service. May we join them in continuing to seek an answer to the questions: "Who are you? And what are you doing here?" May we join them, even over the summer, by continuing to prioritize the "important" over the urgent, and continuing to learn what it means to be both full of faith and faithful in our living.

Do take a look through this summer edition of Grace Notes. RPC life is quieter, but opportunities for us all to live into our baptism and confirmation promises remain. Throughout the summer, Cari and I will be preaching on the stories of the women of the Hebrew Scriptures. Some are well known, others less so. But all offer unique and often overlooked insight into life and the life of faith.

While some groups take a summer hiatus, others continue, and there are great seasonal opportunities to be the church over July and August. An evening at the beach in August, hosted by the RPC deacons, walking groups, small group studies, Summer Sunday school for the young in our midst, Volunteer Summer Choir, and more.

In addition, wherever you may be this summer, we ask your prayers for those going on the summer youth service trip as they head to Grundy, Virginia, in the first week of July. Many of them are from this recent Confirmation class, stepping right into living their faith as they faithfully serve those in need.

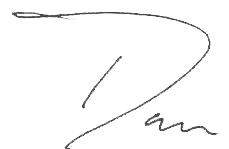
As we have joyfully welcomed the newest members of Rye Presbyterian Church, together may we all affirm the promises they made in June and are living even now:

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, and will you seek the people of God in a congregation wherever you might be?

Will you share in its worship and ministry, and, through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, fulfill your calling as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

With God's help, may it be so!



Confirmation

The Newest Members of Rye Presbyterian Church

*Victoria Asgeirsson
Lucy Beatty
Blakely Clair
Wyche Ernest
Aidan Fletcher
James Greear
Celeste Holler
Soraya Holzer
Gabby Kilroy
Wisdom Ngalauka
Caroline Parks
Justin Qiu
Tyler Simandl
James Urso
Hudson Wallach
Flynn Williams
Rhys Williams
Emily Wirth*



2026 Confirmation Class Gift

There is a tradition each year of the Confirmation class and their families making a gift to celebrate this milestone in their lives. As we welcomed eighteen thoughtful young people into active membership of the church, their gift is a gesture of welcome to others. Half of the funds raised will go to our annual Baby Bundle Project at the Open Door Medical Center in Port Chester, providing a safe and warm welcome by helping provide much-needed supplies for newborns and their families.

The other half will work in concert with the Eagle Scout project of recent confirmand Parker Woods. Parker will be building a prayer garden and seating area on the Great Lawn near the high school – a place to welcome anyone wanting a moment of peace and reflection, or even just a place to wait for a ride home from school.

Thank you to our class members and their families for extending this welcome to so many!

Confirmation 2027

With Confirmation for this year's class completed, this summer, rising 9th graders and their parents should look for information from Rev. Love about getting ready for Confirmation 2027!

There will be a general information and orientation meeting on September 13 following worship. If you have questions, please reach out to Rev. Love at dlove@ryepc.com.

Confirmation



Confirmation Class with Session



Confirmation Breakfast

Search Committee Update



What's happening?

RPC is in the midst of a search for our next Children & Youth Director/Minister. As noted in our last update, our committee of nine has been meeting since late February. By early May, we had developed and received approval for the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) and corresponding job description to then upload into the CLC (Church Leadership Connection), an online matching and referral system that serves as a tool for the Call Process of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

What's new?

Ministry Architects, the consulting firm assisting us in the information gathering, promotion, recruitment, vetting and interview process, got started as soon as our MDP was approved by Session and the Presbytery! We've recently begun the applicant review process.

What's next?

There's no summer break for the Search Committee! Our process will progress throughout the summer and will continue until we've done a thorough search to find our candidate.

What can the congregation do?

The process is still ongoing. As the search consultant and we cast our very wide nets, we ask that if you have suggestions for anyone or an organization that we can notify about the position or network with, to please let us know. As many have experienced, it is always helpful to make an introduction through someone who is known to us. The process is confidential.

Curious about our job posting? Visit:



ryepc.com/employment/

You can also contact the Search Committee directly at search@ryepc.com.

Faithfully,

Margaret Blum & Sue Parish
Co-Chairs, Search Committee

Upcoming & Ongoing Events

Walk & Talk Tuesdays

Tuesdays, from 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 meet every Tuesday rain or shine! We welcome the company of strollers and good leash-walking dogs. If you have any questions, please email either Cari at cpattison@ryepc.com or Anne at ahalloin@ryepc.com.

Westchester County 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 acceptable. A locked bin will be available for drop-off of materials.

RPC Summer Party

Tuesday, August 4, 6:00 p.m., at Rye Town Park

Please join us for the RPC Summer Party on Tuesday, August 4, in Rye Town Park. We will enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, beverages and a Rye Town Park Summer Concert with Billy & The Showmen. We will gather on the lawn near the pavilions beginning at 6:00 pm. The concert starts at 7:00 pm. Please bring your lawn chairs and beverages of your choice. We're looking forward to a lovely summer night of fellowship!

Chapel Yoga

Select Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Chapel:
July 1 & 8 · August 12, 19, & 26

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

Planning for our new club has begun!

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, and "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

The Thrift Shop is closed for the summer and will reopen on Thursday, September 17.

Book & Bible Studies



Old Books, Catherine M. Wood

Men's Sunday Evening Bible Study

Sundays, July 12, August 3, and August 16, at 8:00 p.m., Library & Zoom

Over the summer, the men of Sunday evening will meet several times to continue our work through the Gospel of Matthew. Currently, we are focusing on the Sermon on the Mount – the best summary we have of Jesus' teaching. If you'd like to be on the email reminder list for this gathering, please contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com.

RPC Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesdays, through July 28, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the Library

The RPC Women's Discipleship Group will continue and conclude our study of C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* every Tuesday through the end of July. We will break for August, and we look forward to starting a new study (TBD) in September. Please join us — all welcome!

You may reach out to either Alicia Baldwin at alicia.baldwin@verizon.net or Courtney Bennett at courtneybennett910@gmail.com with any questions.

Young Moms' Bible Study

Sundays, from 8:45-9:45 a.m., in the Upstairs Conference Room
Meeting throughout the summer (excluding July 5.)

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.

Monday Morning Bible Discussion

We'll be taking a pause for the summer – but we'll be back in action starting in September – continuing our reading and discussion of the Gospel of Matthew. If you are interested in joining in, please let Dan Love know at dlove@ryepc.com.

Saturday Women's Bible Study

Saturday Women's Bible Study will resume in October. Until then, if you'd like to be added to the email list, please contact Cynthia Wells at cynthialwells@gmail.com. All are welcome!

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

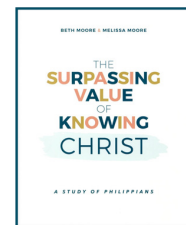
PHILIPPIANS

Wednesdays, August 12 – September 9, from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., in the Library

Join Rev. Cari for an in-depth Beth Moore study through the book of Philippians. One of the best loved 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.

For more information, please email cpattison@ryepc.com.



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

Summer Volunteer Choir

Sundays, through August 9

Please join us! All (middle-school age and older) are invited to meet at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, 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!

Special Music Events

A Look-Ahead to the 2026-2027 Season

Though we are not at the point to be able to share details about each of these (as some exact dates, times, and works to be presented are still to be determined), please mark these upcoming special music events in your calendar:

Silent Movie Night with Jason Roberts, organist.

Friday, October 2 or 16, TBD

Mr. Roberts, a winner of national organ improvisation competitions, will create an accompaniment to *Safety Last*, a comedy starring Harold Lloyd. This will be a great event for all ages!

Special Music Events

A Look-Ahead to the 2026-2027 Season, Cont.

**Restored Harpsichord Inaugural Concert
with the Queens College Baroque Ensemble**
Sunday, October 18, at 3:00 p.m.

Cantata Sunday
Sunday, December 13, in Worship

Christmas Eve: Family Service
Thursday, December 24, at 3:30 p.m.

**Christmas Eve: A Candlelight Service
of Congregational Lessons and Carols**
Thursday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m.

**Christmas Eve: A Candlelight Service
of Choral Lessons and Carols**
Thursday, December 24, at 9:00 p.m.
(Please note earlier time!)

Jazz Sunday
Sunday, February 28, in Worship

Easter: Flowering of the Cross
Sunday, March 28, at 9:00 a.m.

Easter: Communion
Sunday, March 28, at 11:00 a.m.

Two Choirs Concerts
Sundays, April 25 and May 2, at 3:00 p.m.

The RPC Chancel Choir and the Choir of First Presbyterian Church, New Canaan, will combine to present a concert of music for choir, organ, and strings. The performance on April 25 will be at First Presbyterian Church, New Canaan; the performance on May 2 will be at RPC.

Service Trip

High School Youth Summer Service Trip

Rye Presbyterian Church is partnering with the Appalachia Service Project, and traveling to Grundy, Virginia to volunteer from June 28 to July 5. Please keep our service trip participants in your prayers!

Victoria Asgeirsson

Nate Cashion

Blakely Clair

Christian Clair

Colby Clair

Graham Durkin

Christian Hofmann

Elly Holtman

Reese McGill

Wisdom Ngalauka

Ainsley Parks

Caroline Parks

Elle Ridley

Grady Thomas

Hudson Wallach

Margaret Blum

Jonathan Blum

Carol Love

Dan Love

Lindsey Marshall

Kate Stevens

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

Children

Summer Sunday School Registration

Sundays, 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. At the conclusion of each class, we ask that parents and guardians complete a sign-out in person. Please be sure to register online:

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

Summer Sunday School Volunteering

Sundays, 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

Sundays, throughout the summer!
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.

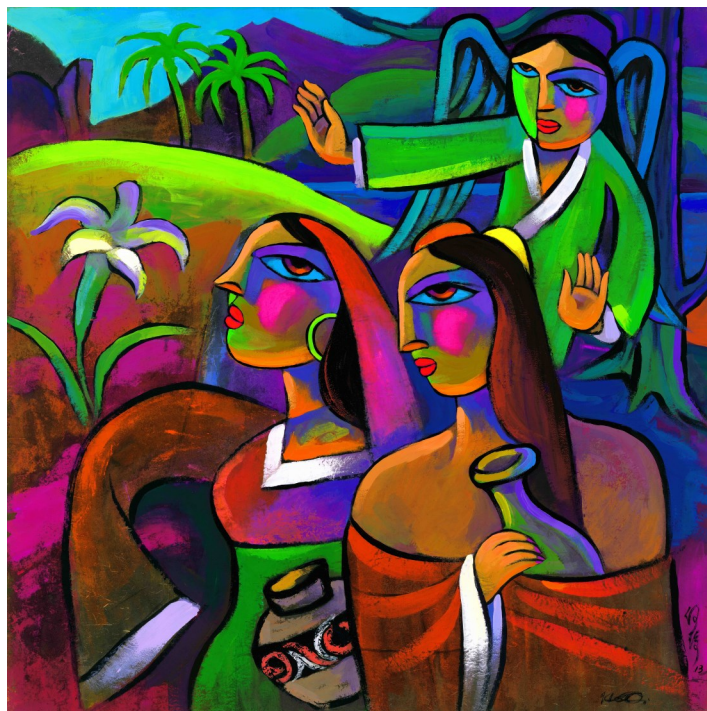
ryepc.com/ministries/children/

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?

If 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, through 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

Artwork courtesy of www.heqiart.com

Sermon Schedule

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.

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 – Upcoming Events

ryepc.com/about-rpc/events/

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)

Women's Association Grantees

The Rye Presbyterian Church Women's Association Thrift Shop 2026 Grant Awards

Thank you for supporting the Thrift Shop throughout the program year! All of our proceeds go to area nonprofits helping women, children, and other underserved populations. This year, for the 2026 Grant Awards, a total of \$102,000 was given to ten local charities! We would like to spotlight these grantees in acknowledgement of all the excellent work that they do:



5 Steps to Five

5 Steps to Five is a Port Chester-based Spanish-language parenting program focused on early childhood brain development. All classes are free!

5stepstofive.org



Carver Center

The Port Chester Carver Center creates opportunities for all to learn, work, and thrive through programs that nourish, educate, and empower.

carvercenter.org



Community Resource Center

The Community Resource Center (CRC) provides economic, social, and political empowerment to local immigrant and low-income families across a variety of programs.

crcny.org



Furniture Sharehouse

Furniture Sharehouse collects your gently used, unwanted furniture and give it a second life by distributing it for free to economically disadvantaged families and individuals across Westchester County.

furnituresharehouse.org

Learn more about the Thrift Shop at ryepc.com/ministries/thrift-shop/

Women's Association Grantees



Helping Hands Rye

For over 25 years, Helping Hands Rye has helped tens of thousands of Westchester residents, by distributing school supplies, food, toiletries, and underwear to our neighbors.

helpinghandsrye.org



Lifting Up Westchester

Lifting Up Westchester supports people across Westchester County experiencing a crisis in their lives resulting in their becoming unhoused or unable to meet their basic needs.

liftingupwestchester.org



RPNS (Scholarship Fund)

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School is a non-profit, non-denominational preschool for children ages one to five. Partial scholarships are available each year, on the basis of need, for those families facing financial difficulties.

rpnskids.org



The Sharing Shelf

The Sharing Shelf combats clothing insecurity by providing children and teens in need with clothing and basic essentials, empowering them to learn, grow and reach their full potential.

sharingshelf.org



Sleep in Heavenly Peace (Rye Chapter)

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is the leading national non-profit dedicated to building and delivering beds to children in need.

"NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!"

shpbeds.org/chapter/ny-rye/



Soul Ryeders

Soul Ryeders provides personalized resources, innovative programs and community support to anyone in the New York Tri-State area impacted by any type of cancer.

soulryeders.org

Learn more about the Thrift Shop at ryepc.com/ministries/thrift-shop/

Women's Association Luncheon



Annual Summer Picnic



Annual Summer Picnic



Annual Summer Picnic



Coming Home Graduation



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Coming Home Graduation



Community Outreach



Thank you for your incredibly generous support of this year's Open Door Baby Bundle Project!



Thank you to the many volunteers who helped make our Coming Home Graduation Lunch and Ceremony a success!

June 2026 at RPC



Rye Presbyterian Nursery School



Thank You from RPNS

Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar.

As the 2025-2026 school year concludes, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our families for entrusting us with their children. It has truly been a joy and a privilege to be part of their journey. We are honored to have the opportunity to watch them learn, grow, and thrive.

To our graduates, you will be dearly missed, and we are so proud of you. For those returning, we cannot wait to welcome familiar faces back in September.

Wishing you all a wonderful, fun-filled summer with your families! Thank you for being such an important part of our school community and for making this year so special!

Red is for the inspiration your children have given us each day,
Orange is for all they have learned along the way.
Yellow is for our school's warmth and caring style,
Green is for the way the children make us smile.
Blue is for the sweet friendships that developed this year,
Purple is for our parent partnerships that we hold so dear.



GRACE NOTES

Church Staff

[The Rev. Daniel Love](#) Co-Pastor

[The Rev. Cari Pattison](#) Co-Pastor

[Anne A. Halloin](#) Director of Children and Youth Ministries

[Jason Charneski](#) Director of Music and Organist

[Maida Robinson](#) Chief Administrative Officer

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We are a Stephen Ministry church that offers one-on-one caring ministry to those in need. If you need assistance from your pastors, deacons, or a Stephen Minister, please call at (914) 967-0842.

If you are experiencing an acute crisis, you can call or text 988 and you'll connect with a mental health professional through the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.