



In May we celebrate two significant days in the Christian liturgical year. Thursday, May 18, is the Ascension of our Lord, when we remember that Jesus, forty days after his resurrection, returned to his Father in heaven (see Luke 24:44-53). The second important celebration is on May 28, Pentecost, which arrives fifty days after Easter. Often referred to as the birthday of the Church, the event in Acts 2 is ushered in by foreboding imagery of “violent winds,” and “tongues of fire.” Maybe this is why we Presbyterians seem to shy away from this story. We like to think of the coming of God’s Spirit as a gentler event. In Acts, we see that the foreboding imagery found in the Pentecost story is one of the most profound ways that God captures our attention.

We live in a world where daily we see images of bombs, explosions and other scenes of terror. We have become accustomed to seeing apocalyptic images in the media. They disturb our lives and unsettle our everyday routines. Yet scripture suggests that this is what the Holy Spirit should be like as well. But unlike the chaos that we see and hear around the world, God’s noise comes to bring life. It is easier and more palatable to want the Holy Spirit to come to us in a gentle whisper, but are we prone to listen for it? This is what makes Pentecost both powerful and profound. We find that whether we like it or not, God, through the power of the Holy Spirit seeks to get our attention!

In addition to challenging sights and sounds, the Pentecost event presents us with a larger challenge – the challenge of witness. Pentecost does not just commemorate the “birthday of the church,” it also celebrates a “birthing” day, where we are chal-

lenged to live in the newness of the spirit. It is a day that challenges us to use our faith to make new relationships happen and to be witnesses to the loving and transforming power of Jesus Christ to all around us. It’s a birthing because we are called to use our strengths and gifts to bring about change in our lives and lives around us.

As we are called to live Pentecost in our lives, we find that God’s fire does not consume us; rather we are warmed and comforted by it. As God’s community of faith, we are also melded together by it. As we carry the torches of Pentecost in our lives, we begin to celebrate what God is doing in our midst. We see reflections of the Holy Spirit in our day-to-day church activities as well as in our worship. Pentecost shows us that our faith calls us to engage with others and with our world. It is God’s disruptive Spirit that pushes us out into the world.

William Sloane Coffin wrote, “Most church boats don’t like to be rocked; they prefer to lie at anchor rather than go places in stormy seas. But that’s because we Christians view the Church as the object of our love instead of the subject and instrument of God’s. Faith cannot be passive; it has to go forth – to assault the conscience, excite the imagination. Faith fans the flames of creativity altogether as much as it banks the fires of sin.” (*Credo*, p. 140.)

May God’s Spirit be in us, and working through us as God’s people.

Planned Giving, Pentecost Offering



Rye Presbyterian Church is pleased to welcome the following parishioners as inaugural members of our new 1870 Legacy Society:

- Marian and Richard Bott
- Leslie and Tuck Bradford
- Marty and Rick Bradt
- Dolores Eyer and Van Siler
- Gloria and Jeff Holtman
- Cindy and Jim Kuster
- Carol and Dan Love
- Mary Anne Massey
- Mary and David Versfelt

We are delighted to recognize these families because they have included Rye Presbyterian Church in their wills or estate plans.

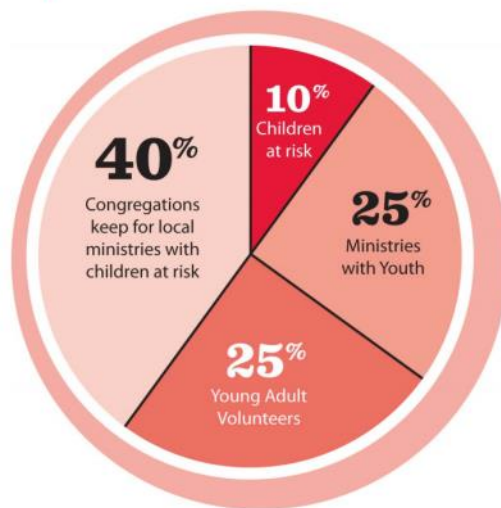
“What’s your Legacy?”

To learn more about Planned Giving at our church please contact Rev. Dr. Miller or Reverend Love or [click here](#). If you have already made a Legacy Gift and we don’t have your bequest intentions recorded, please let us know.

Pentecost Offering

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come.

Pentecost arrives 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension — when Jesus ascends to heaven. Jesus and the Scriptures are making an important theological point at Pentecost. Jesus ascends and the church is born. If Christ’s mission and ministry are to continue, it is upon us, his disciples, to keep it going, and we have the Holy Spirit to lead us, who blesses us all with different gifts to be used at different times and in different ways. These gifts of the Spirit are bestowed upon us to be used for the “building up of the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12). Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God’s hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith.



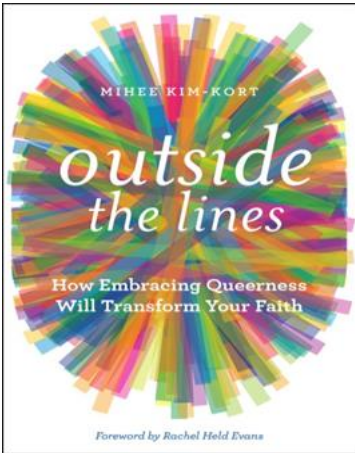
BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST.



Your gifts to the Pentecost Offering, one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) that we receive at Rye Presbyterian, support ministries with children, youth and young adults in our community, across the nation and around the world. As we prepare to receive the Pentecost Offering, remember that 40% of the offering remains in our community. As we did last year, our 40% will be used to support the Open Door Medical Clinic’s Baby Bundle program. The remainder of the offering is forwarded to the denomination so that young adults can form a foundation for their lives through a year of service in the Young Adult Volunteer Program; youth can be among the 5,000-plus having mountaintop experiences in worship, play and faith formation at events like the Presbyterian Youth Triennium; and children can receive educational support through the Educate a Child, Transform the World initiative.

Book & Bible Studies

BOOK STUDY



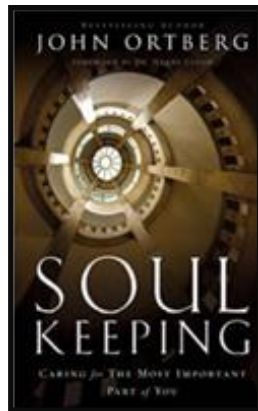
OUTSIDE THE LINES

HOW EMBRACING QUEERNESS WILL TRANSFORM YOUR FAITH

Tuesday evenings, May 2, 9, 16, 23

7:30pm, Church Library

Through this book study, we will discuss how through the life, work, and witness of Jesus, we see a God who loves us with a queer love, and how our faith in that God becomes a queer spirituality--a spirituality that crashes through definitions and moves us outside of the categories of our making. Please contact JP Marshall at jmarshall@ryepc.com to let him know you plan to attend.



Women's Discipleship Group

“Soul Keeping” by John Ortberg

All are welcome!

Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., in the RPC Library

Please e-mail questions to:

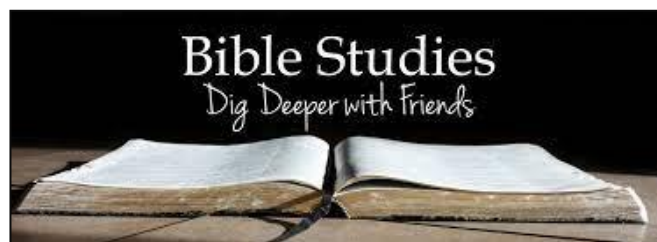
Alicia Baldwin

(alicia.baldwin@verizon.net)

or

Courtney Bennett

(Courtneybennett910@gmail.com)



Men's Bible Study

Sundays, May 7 & 21

8:00 p.m., in the Library with Zoom option

Join in the ongoing reading and discussion of Paul's letters to the early churches under his care. No shortage of drama there as the earliest Christians find their way forward! Please contact **Dan Love** (dlove@ryepc.com) to be on the email reminder list.

Monday Morning Bible Discussion

Mondays, May 8, 15, & 22

9:15 a.m., via Zoom

All are welcome to join in as we continue discussing our way through the Gospel according to Luke! Contact Dan Love - dlove@ryepc.com for more information and to join the email reminder list. Soon we'll be figuring out what to read next!

Women's Bible Study

**Saturdays, May 6 & 20, 10:00 a.m.,
2nd. Fl. Conference Room and via Zoom**

For further information,
contact Cynthia De Santis (cynthialwells@gmail.com).

Church & Justice, RPC Pastors' Anniversary Celebration



On April 16 RPC celebrated its annual Church and Justice worship service, led entirely by men who had been incarcerated in New York State prisons, some for as many as more than 25 years. Our guest preacher this year was Dr. John Ducksworth, who was a member of the first class of New York Theological Seminary's Masters in Professional Studies program at Sing Sing, graduating in 1989.

After his release on parole in 1990, John went on to achieve a Doctor of Ministry. He also immediately turned his intelligence, creativity, and boundless energy to creating programs focused on criminal justice reform, restorative justice, and helping men and women released from prison create positive, productive lives on the outside. He also became a much sought-after speaker and workshop leader on these and other subjects related to the criminal justice system.

Not forgetting his roots in Sing Sing, he recently collaborated with Eric Waters, another NYTS graduate, to create a program, approved by the State's prison administration, to hold workshops for men currently in prison. They are helped to build the tools they'll need to succeed when they are ultimately released.

The arc of John's career, from inmate to leader in the effort for criminal justice reform and restorative justice, is traced by hundreds of the men who have led and participated in RPC's Church and Justice Service over the decades since it was launched. RPC is proud of our leadership in this important work.

you are cordially invited

RPC PASTORS' ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

To honor their 40 collective years of leadership & dedication to
Rye Presbyterian Church

Dan 25 years | John 10 years | JP 5 years

Friday, May 12, 2023
6:30 - 10:00 pm

*The evening will begin with a toast to our Pastors under the Grape Arbor
followed by light dinner, dancing and dessert in the Assembly Room.*

RSVP required by April 25

Feel free to pop in or stay all evening
Casual Attire | Adults Only | Your presence is your present—no gifts, please

RSVP on the church website:

<https://ryepc.com/article/pastors-anniversary-celebration/>

Christian Education, Confirmation



This May we continue our journey through our Sunday School curriculum called **Celebrate Wonder**, which seeks to engage our children's natural sense of wonder and curiosity to help them understand God's love. Through opportunities for reflection, music, engaging activities, and spiritual practices, our children will be given a safe space to ask big questions and help them live into their identities as beloved children of God. Below are the stories we are engaging this month:

- May 7:** Acts 12:17-17
(Peter in Prison)
- May 14:** Acts 9:36-43
(Peter and Tabitha)
- May 21:** Acts 2:1-41 (Pentecost)
- May 28:** Enrichment Sunday
(PreK-5th /grade)

We invite families to engage these stories together at home! This curriculum comes with its own Take-Home pages that invite families to read, wonder, and pray together. These pages will be sent home with your children every Sunday morning. We will also include these pages in our **weekly Christian Ed newsletter**. If you would like to receive these pages and are not already signed up for our newsletter, please contact **Rev. JP** (jmarshall@ryepc.com).

Bible Sunday

Join us during the 10:00 a.m. service on May 14 as we give out bibles to our first graders and high school seniors!



If interested in receiving an inscribed bible, please contact

Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com)

with the following info:

For parents of 1st graders, how would you like child's name to be written?

For seniors, how would you like your name to be written?

Will you be present for worship on May 14?

Middle School All 6th-8th graders are welcome at —

-RPC's Connection!
-Wednesday, May 3, 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms

We'll take time to catch up over pizza and have a conversation with Meals on Main St. about their mobile food pantry and food waste.

-Wednesdays, May 17 & 31, 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms

We'll take time to catch up over pizza, play some games, and reflect together.

-Let Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you'd like to be on the **parent email list**. All updates about Connection gatherings will also be put up on the website each month.

-Updates through Remind!

Text @rpcccon to 81010 or sign up at <https://www.remind.com/join/rpcccon>.

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

YOUTH GROUP **-Saturday, May 6, 10:00-11:30 a.m., RPC Kitchen.**

Join us as we pack 50 bagged lunches to take on the Midnight Run in NYC later that night. Youth and their families are encouraged to help collect food donations for the lunches; individual chip bags, bottled water/juice boxes/Gatorade, individually wrapped cookies/brownies/candy, and soft fruit (grapes, oranges, bananas).

-Saturday, May 6, 7:30 p.m., Larchmont Avenue Church & NYC.

We are partnering with the Larchmont Avenue Church to hand out clothes and food to people on the streets of NYC.

We will meet first at Rye Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m. We should be done and back at the church some time around midnight. We will also need adult drivers for the event who drive SUVs or mini-vans. Please let Rev. JP

(jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you would like to join us.

-Sunday, May 7, 6:00 p.m., Youth Rooms. Join us at The Table, where we will gather around a meal together for reflection, conversation, and games. Everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite dish/dessert to share! Please let Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you plan on joining us and if bringing food.

-Sunday, May 7 & 21 at 12:00 p.m., Jay Heritage Gardens. Join us as we help plant, maintain, and harvest organic garden beds at Jay Heritage Center. Please bring a water bottle and work

gloves if you have any. Please let Rev. JP (jmarshall@ryepc.com) know if you plan on joining us.

-Sunday, May 21, 6:00 p.m., Assembly Room. NOLA Service trip participants will take time to get to know one another and continue our discussion on why we are going on the trip.

-We are on Instagram!

Username: ryepresyouth

Updates through Remind!

Text @ryepre to 81010 or sign up at

<https://www.remind.com/join/ryepre>.

Confirmation

Looking forward to Confirmation Sunday on June 4, the Confirmation class will be wrapping up their good work this month. Statements of faith – their personal thoughts on where they are in their journey of faith – were finalized at the end of April, 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 talk about their statements and their plans for beginning their adult life as a follower of Christ and as a member of this church. There is a regular class meeting to plan for Confirmation Sunday on Sunday, May 21 at 5 p.m., and on Wednesday, May 24 at 8 p.m. the class will meet with the full Session to be approved for confirmation and full adult membership.

We look forward to celebrating their Confirmation next month!

Baby Bundle Donations

The children of our church and their families are invited to participate in the collection of Baby Bundle items from May 14 through June 18! It is a great way to put into practice what they have been learning about in Sunday School: sharing the gracious love of God with one another. Your donations of newborn basics go to support new parents giving their babies a healthy and safe start in life. Please take a look at the Baby Bundle Project information on page 7 to learn more about the project and what your family can do to help. Please also feel free to leave donated items in each of the bassinets on display in the Chapel Foyer, the hall outside the first floor Welcome Office, and in the RPNS entranceway.

Music Notes

Collin Miller to Offer Great Music for Piano and Organ on May 21

Collin Miller, our current Knock Intern in Sacred Music, will offer a concert of great music for piano and organ immediately following worship (beginning at 11:15-ish) on Sunday, May 21. Collin's program will feature works by two composers whose 150th birth anniversaries are this year: Sergei Rachmaninoff and Max Reger. The Rachmaninoff piece (piano) will be the *Sonata No. 2 in B-flat Minor*; the Reger work (organ) will be the *Fantasia on the Chorale "Hallelujah! Gott zu loben bleibe meine Seelenfreud"* [translated: "Hallelujah! Praiseworthy God, Remain the Joy of My Soul"]. Collin also will play music by J. S. Bach, Jeanne Demessieux, and Leo Sowerby. The concert will last about one hour.

Please plan to stay that morning to listen to and be inspired by moments of musical thrill and tenderness, to affirm Collin's talents, and to thank Collin for his year with us.

Rye Presbyterian Church
presents

Collin Miller, organ & piano

*Collin has served as the church's
Knock Intern in Sacred Music
this 2022-2023 program year.*



Sunday, May 21, 2023 11:15 a.m.

*Music by J. S. Bach, Jeanne Demessieux, Sergei Rachmaninoff,
Max Reger, and Leo Sowerby*

Rye Presbyterian Church 882 Boston Post Rd. Rye, NY 10580

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MUSIC PROGRAMS UPDATE: PLANNING FOR THE 2023-2024 PROGRAM YEAR

Attention Parents of Children and Youth in Grades 1 through 8: We hope getting this information (below) to you now will help you and your family plan your activities for the 2023-2024 Program/School Year.

Children's Music (Grades 1-5): Thursdays, immediately following dismissal from school, until 4:15 p.m. The plan will be to have children arrive to have a light, healthful snack before we begin our music-making session at 3:30 p.m. We'll plan to have our first session on September 14. Having this group meet on Thursdays will allow for a smooth transition into rehearsals (after Thanksgiving) for the Christmas Pageant (which will be given the afternoon of Sunday, December 17).

Youth Music (grades 6-8): 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. on the Wednesdays when Connection (the Middle School youth group, led by Rev. Marshall) meets.

To help you further in your planning, both groups will not meet the week of Thanksgiving and during the weeks when Rye City Schools are in recess.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you'd like to register your child or middle-schooler for these groups. I look forward to making music with them!

Baby Bundle Project

Baby Bundle Project

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14 through Father's Day, Sunday, June 18

Please join our partnership with Open Door Family Medical Center to support new parents in giving their babies a healthy and safe start in life.

Between Mother's Day and Father's Day we will be collecting all the essentials for creating a Baby Bundle for new moms and dads at Open Door to welcome their newborns. Baby Bundles include diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream, an infant thermometer, health and grooming kits, sleep sacks, sleep and play pajamas, onesies and other clothing, board books, and small infant toys. The entire baby bundle can be purchased for \$200 per newborn.

There are bassinets on display in the hall outside the first-floor Welcome Area and in the RPNS entrance for the church. Please feel free to drop your donations off in the bassinets during our month-long drive.

You can also order items to be sent directly to Open Door through the Amazon Open Door Baby Registry at: <https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes>

And if you would like to contribute "Beyond the Bundle" to help support prenatal care, education, and wellness classes, please make your check out to RPC and indicate "M&O Open Door" on the memo line. You may also donate online—[click here](#).



Upcoming Events



VOLUNTEER FOR DINNER AT NOON

Dinner at Noon is a volunteer collaboration between local faith based groups including Rye Presbyterian Church, Community Synagogue, and Resurrection who serve a hot meal at the Carver Center every Saturday to those in need. Each group manages several Saturdays during the year.

RPC's upcoming date is **June 3**. We are in need of 5 volunteers for each date from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Volunteers will set tables, plate food, serve meals to guests, bag meals to go and clean up. Masks are recommended for all volunteers.

Please contact Gabby McCree (gabmccree1@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping. Families and children ages 10 and up are welcome to volunteer together!

If you are not able to volunteer in person, please consider donating nut-free baked goods (homemade or store bought) to serve with the meal.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY MOBILE SHREDDER

On-site at RPC - Monday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The Westchester Country Mobile Shredder will be in the parking lot at Rye Presbyterian Church from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Please enter the church parking lot from Parsons Street and stay in your car. Someone will assist you with your documents.

Box up your documents and:

- Bring your confidential personal papers for shredding.
- Remove all large binder clips and covers.
- Paper clips and staples are ok.

Can't come Monday?

A locked bin will be available in Assembly Room for drop-off of materials beginning Friday, June 9.

THRIFT SHOP

SAVE THE DATE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 7 PM
AN EVENING AT THE THRIFT SHOP!

Shop for mom.
Wonderful jewelry, home goods, crystal, china, and generally fun items.

The Thrift Shop is open Thursdays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm.

For information on donations,
please check the church website.

You can also email the shop at RyeThrift10580@gmail.com.

Drop-Off Times: Wednesdays and Thursdays,

Holy Week at RPC

*Palm
Sunday*



*Good
Friday*

*Easter
9:00*



*Easter
11:00*

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New Members— Spring 2023



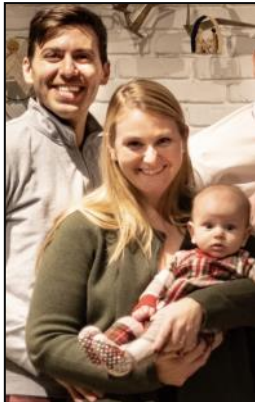
Anna Parisi and Joseph Arietta

Joe and Anna are recently engaged and are new to the area. Joe is an electrician from Rockland County, while Anna is from Orange County and works in the fashion industry. They love to go to the Mamaroneck theater and take day trips exploring new towns in the area. “We will be married at Rye Presbyterian in November of this year and we can't wait!”



Kelly & Todd Castagno

Kelly and Todd moved to Rye in late 2019 after living 10 years in NYC, and before that came from St. Louis; they both have accounting degrees from Mizzou. They have an 8-year-old daughter Peyton, six-year-old son Parker, and almost 3-year-old daughter Presley; Peyton is in 3rd grade, Parker in Kindergarten at Midland Elementary, and Presley is at a nearby daycare. Both Todd and Kelly work in Finance, commuting a couple of days a week into the city. “We are excited to meet people at RPC!!”



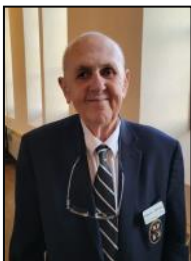
Katie & Daniel Gahagan

Katie, the daughter of Mary and David Versfelt, grew up at Rye Presbyterian and Dan was raised Catholic in the Baltimore, Maryland area. Katie and Dan live in Stamford, CT and welcomed their first child, Jack, in July 2022. Katie works in Recruiting and Dan in Finance.



Holly & Brian Hesse

Brian and Holly relocated from Kansas City to New York almost four years ago. They have a daughter Ella who is 9, and a son Jaxon who is 15. Brian owns an aluminum distribution business based in Rye Brook serving the Americas. As a family, they love traveling, hiking, and game nights.



John Johnson

John comes to Rye Presbyterian Church from Florida after moving to the area to be near his son. He transferred his membership from First Presbyterian Church of Saint Petersburg. Prior to that, John was a member of 5th Ave. Presbyterian in New York City. He has served both as an elder and a deacon.



Julianne & Michael Kizer

Julianne & Michael Kizer moved from San Francisco, CA to Rye, NY with their two children, Mackenzie (2 years old) and James (1.5 years old). Originally from Chicago & Atlanta, they enjoy being back in seasons and are looking forward to summer on the Long Island Sound. Julianne is Vice President of Executive Talent at WestCap. She earned her BS from Vanderbilt University. Michael is a Managing Director at GLC Advisors, and earned his MBA from the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School and BSBA from Georgetown University. On weekends, you can find the Kizer Family at the park or running around town for swim class, soccer class, playdates, or brunch. We look forward to meeting more people at RPC and becoming a part of the church community.



Jacqueline & Jared Manks

Jacqueline and Jared met in NYC over 10 years ago and were married at RPC in 2018. Jared is originally from Whitehouse Station, NJ and Jacqueline is a third generation Rye resident. Jacqueline's parents, Gail and Stephen Feeny, are members of RPC as well as her sister's and brother's families. Jared works in finance at JP Morgan Chase and Jacqueline is a residential interior designer with Eve Robinson Associates in NYC. We like to get away and enjoy New England, whether skiing in VT or exploring beaches in Rhode Island and Maine. We have a passion for cooking, food and health, and bringing people together. We've lived in Rye for 4.5 years and enjoy the sense of community and small-town feel that it offers and are looking to further explore the connections and community through our involvement here at RPC.



Chelsea & Andrew Singer

Chelsea and Andrew are thrilled to be joining Rye Presbyterian Church. Born and raised in Charlotte North Carolina, they have been Westchester residents in Larchmont since 2018. They and their three children, Camden (4), Teddy (2) and Merritt Mae (5 months) are in the midst of renovating a home across the street from the church on Milton Road.



Meryl Stemberg

Born and raised in the suburbs of Cleveland OH, Meryl got her bachelor's degree from Ohio Wesleyan University. After college, she moved to New York City where she met her husband Mac, who is originally from Boston. They have two children: daughter Louisa, age 4, and two-year-old son Rory. After living in the city for 12 years, they moved to Harrison in July 2022. Meryl works in the city at The New York Interconnect, an advertising sales company.

Worship, Giving

Weekends in May

Sunday, May 7

- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-Up
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary / Hybrid
- 12:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, Jay Heritage Center
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, Youth Rooms
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Library / Zoom

Sunday, May 14

BIBLE & YOUTH SUNDAY (see below)

- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-Up
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary / Hybrid
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 21

- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-Up
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary / Hybrid
- 11:15 a.m. Collin Miller organ recital
- 12:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, Jay Heritage Center
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Westminster Room
- 6:00 p.m. NOLA Prep Meeting, Assembly Room
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study, Library

Sunday, May 28

- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary / Hybrid

Worship in the Sanctuary In Person

As conditions and guidance change, please [click here](#) for updated Covid protocols.

Sunday Services also Online via Live Stream!

Bulletin and instructions on joining via Zoom or YouTube are on the church website: ryepc.com/worship/worship-at-rpc/

DIAL IN TO SUNDAY WORSHIP!

To attend worship by using your phone, call 1-646-558-8656 then enter this Meeting ID: 560 770 303



Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page.

To access, go to ryepc.com/give or scan the QR Code to the right with your cell phone.

Please contact Maida Robinson:

mrobinson@ryepc.com

if you have any questions or need assistance.



ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE ON SUNDAY?

We welcome those who would like to help out on Sunday mornings by joining the crew of people who read scripture, usher, or serve communion. If you are interested in doing so on an occasional basis, please reach out to one of the pastors or Gary Gibson (ggibson@med.cornell.edu), chair of the Worship and Music Committee.

BIBLE AND YOUTH SUNDAY MAY 14

Join us during the 10:00 a.m. service on May 14 as we give out bibles to our first graders and high school seniors! The service will also be led by last year's youth leaders (Ty Bibas, Niklas Hofmann, and Lili Waters) and the current youth leaders (Teddy Holtman, Bryan Laverty, William Olsen, and Leigh Smith).

In Memoriam

*Patsy Jones McCree, April 4,
mother of Don McCree*

*James Jackson, April 20, 2023
Jack Morgan, April 20, 2023
Hope Reeser, April 25, 2023*



May Meetings

MAY MEETINGS

**Church Office Closed Monday, May 29,
in observance of Memorial Day**

Board Meetings

Deacons: Wednesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., Library/Hybrid

Trustees: Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room/Hybrid

Session: Wednesday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. Westminster Room/Zoom

Book Study

Outside the Lines: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 7:30m p.m., Library

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study: Sundays, May 7 & 21, 8:00 p.m.,
Library with Zoom option

Monday Morning Bible Discussion: May 8, 15, & 22, 9:15 a.m., via Zoom

Women's Bible Study: Saturdays, May 6 & 20, 10:00 a.m.,
2nd fl. Conference Room & via Zoom

Women's Discipleship: Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., Library

Children & Youth

Confirmation: Sunday, May 21, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room &
Wednesday, May 24, 8:00 p.m., meet with Session, Library

Middle School Connection:

- Wednesday, May 3, 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms, Meals on Main Street mtg.
- Wednesdays, May 17 & 31, 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms

High School Youth Group:

- Saturday, May 6, 10:00 a.m., RPC Kitchen, prepare food for Midnight Run
- Saturday, May 6, 7:30 p.m., Larchmont Ave. Church, NYC Midnight Run
- Sundays, May 7 & 21, 12:00 p.m., Jay Heritage Gardens
- Sunday, May 7, 6:00 p.m., "The Table", Youth Rooms

Music

Chancel Choir: Sundays, May 7, 14, 21, meet at 9:15 a.m., sing at 10:00 a.m.;
May 7 & 14, rehearsal following service (11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

Other Church Meetings

Coming Home Dinner: Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

NOLA Prep Meeting: Sunday, May 21, 6:00 p.m., Assembly Room

Organ & Piano Recital, Collin Miller, Sunday, May 21, 11:15 a.m.

RPC Pastors Anniversary Celebration, Friday, May 12, 6:30 p.m.

Stephen Leaders, Tuesday, May 23, 11:00 a.m., Library

3Ts: Thursday, May 18 10:00 a.m., via Zoom

Contact [Jane Mickatavage](#) (914-967-8622) or

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Westminster Room/Hybrid

Thrift Shop: Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 p.m., Evening Sale

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

Stephen Ministry Supervision: Tuesday, May 9, 6:00 p.m.,

Westminster Room/Hybrid

Women's Association: Tuesday, May 23, 9:30 a.m., Library.

Women's Association Grants Committee Mtg.: Friday, May 12, 9:30 a.m.,
Library

Rye Presbyterian Church Nursery School

Greetings to the Rye Presbyterian Church Community

One of our classes had the amazing opportunity to take a field trip to the Milton Harbor! They were greeted with a vibrant sun, a refreshing breeze, and knowledgeable Milton Point Harbor experts. The workers from the Harbor provided a special tour and shared facts about the Harbor and how important it is to the Rye community. The class learned that the Harbor houses several different boats - some boats that belong to community members, some police and fire boats, and other boats that belong to the Milton Point Harbor.

The harbor professionals shared knowledge on boat parts, how the boats work, the use of boats on the harbor, and how the boats can be taken out and placed back in the water at different times of the year. The children also learned about the operations of workers at the harbor and their important role in taking care of the harbor and all the boats that enter the area. The Milton Point Harbor experts were so kind to let each child take a turn to walk down and explore an actual harbor boat that is used to patrol surrounding waters.

To conclude the field trip, the class walked across the street to Milton Point Provisions where they were welcomed by the chefs who had set a beautiful table for the class to gather together for a delicious breakfast. The choices presented were: pancakes (plain or with blueberries) and Belgium waffles (plain or with chocolate chips!) The children had so much fun talking about the trip to the harbor as they ate together in a very quaint space! We are so grateful to our local community for welcoming us to explore and expand our knowledge of boats! It truly was a memorable trip!



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