

ONLY THE BEGINNING

Rye Presbyterian Church 2026 Annual Giving Campaign



A quarter of a century ago, as RPC stepped into the new millennium, a sculpture was carved above the steeple door of the church. As you can see above, the depicted angel opens the doors to a promising new era with the hope of God leading us toward a bright future.

In this past year, there has been a vivid sense of the spirit of God's angels working in us, through us, and beyond us, faithfully steering us forward. Through the uncertainty and financial challenge of a pastoral transition, so many gave generously of their time, skill, and resources to keep RPC moving confidently forward. As a member of the Co-pastor Nominating Committee triumphantly declared, "Clearly, the Spirit has been at work!" Indeed, good things are happening; and yet, it is *Only The Beginning...*

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We celebrate and give thanks for the early signs of the Spirit's work among us (*see right*) – and there is so much more ahead. As we look to 2026, we sense God's angels guiding us into a new chapter: one of deeper connection, greater commitment, and expanded ministry for both our congregation and the wider community. What we see now is **Only The Beginning**, and we invite you to walk through this door of opportunity into God's greater vision...

- New Co-Pastor Cari Pattison...
- New children's choir...
- New summer activities for all ages...
- Sunday evening chapel services...
- Extended youth service opportunities...
- Enhanced music program...
- Expanded Stephen ministry offering...
- Addressing childcare needs through the All Souls Community Center property...



We feel God's presence with us today and together with your support, we can help make God's vision a reality!

I give regularly, why should I pledge?

Pledging, an act of faith, allows Session and Trustees to more confidently make decisions about our future direction and mission. In 2025, almost 87% of RPC's total operating budget (\$2 million) was funded through giving.

What does it mean to tithe?

A tithe is the idea in the Bible of giving 10% of one's income. While there is debate about this requirement today, it still serves as a goal, challenge, or even a minimum level to consider.

Does a small pledge matter?

Every level of support makes a difference. Even if you can only pledge a small amount for the year, your promise to give contributes to our whole and helps us know what we can do.

What does my pledge support?

Your giving is crucial to the vitality of our church. In addition to supporting the ministry and many programs of RPC, your giving funds community outreach, mission giving, and the operation and maintenance of our facilities. For a full report on all RPC does, see our annual report on the church website: ryepc.com/about-rpc/resources/

What happens if my financial situation changes?

Your pledge is non-binding. You may adjust your pledge at any time by reaching out to the church office.

Can I pay directly from my bank?

Yes. It is easy! Please go to the church website GIVE page at ryepc.com/give/ for ways to give via Zelle, PayPal, credit card, stock, and to set up autopay.

2025 Pledging Statistics

Number of Pledges	Total Pledge %	Pledge Range
11	4%	\$25,000 +
25	9%	\$10,000-24,999
37	13%	\$5,000-9,999
56	19%	\$2,500-4,999
101	34%	\$1,000-2,499
65	22%	\$1-999

2026 Pledging

So... how much should I pledge?

While the range is wide, as a place to begin the average pledge last year was **\$4,518**. Yet operational costs and our dreams for the future exceed current giving.

Your pledge will help us continue sharing God's love, hope, and grace with all who walk through our doors, our community, and beyond. We can't do it without you. This is **Only The Beginning** of our journey of faith together.



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