

# Grace Notes

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Summer 2006



The Confirmation Class of 2006!

Since the Sunday in September that they were given bibles and commissioned for their year of study, the young adults in the confirmation class have worked hard and played hard on their way to confirmation. As a community of faith that is one of the biggest in RPC history, they were very thoughtful in considering the nature of the confirmation commitment. The process culminated in the writing of their personal statements of faith, and individual meetings with elders and church leaders. On May 21, we welcomed these articulate and thoughtful new members into the life, worship and mission of the church.

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2006!

**Clark Antico**

son of Jessica and Craig Antico

**Christopher Barrett**

son of Valerie and John Barrett

**Christina Bott**

daughter of Marian and Richard Bott

**Jeffrey Bouton**

son of Mary and Ed Bouton

**Jonathan Carpenter**

son of Marilyn and Jack Carpenter

**John Davies**

son of Suzanne and Charles Davies

**Neil Davis**

son of Bridget and Mark Davis

**Nicholas DeSantis**

son of Cynthia and C. J. DeSantis

**Brendan Eggers**

son of Susan and Mike Eggers

**Christopher Fulenwider**

son of Susan and Paul Fulenwider

**Alexandra Giroux**

daughter of

Stephanie and Leigh Giroux

**James Goodenough**

son of Sue and Andy Goodenough

**Alexis Gothberg**

daughter of

Michele and Mark Gothberg

**Katherine Hele**

daughter of Katrina and John Hele

**Jay Kuster**

son of Cindy and Jim Kuster

**Simon McNamee**

son of Susie and Dan McNamee

**Jennifer Minerva**

daughter of

Barbara and Frank Minerva

**Matthew Niss**

son of Barbara and Michael Niss

**Alexander Park**

son of Catherine and Hyun Park

**Liza Partington**

daughter of Mary Partington  
and Bart Partington

**Audrey Pincus**

daughter of Christina and Steven  
Pincus

**Eliza Ruggiero**

daughter of Lucy and Bob Ruggiero

**Alexandra Schnitta**

daughter of

Suzanne and Paul Schnitta

**Billy Scragg**

son of Donna and Bill Scragg

**Corinne Segal**

daughter of Debra and Michael Segal

**Turner Smith**

son of Nancy and Turner Smith

**Michael Stewart**

son of Andrea and Jeff Stewart

**Caroline Vickerson**

daughter of

Suzanne and Anthony Vickerson

**Nora Waters**

daughter of Judy Person

**Mack Woodruff**

son of Lee and Bob Woodruff

## Christian Education, Mission and Fellowship

### Church School

As the end of the church school year draws to a close, we would like to extend a heartfelt thanks for the privilege of working with your children. A group of talented and committed teachers has led our parish children on their spiritual journeys. Our children have demonstrated their enthusiasm and joy of learning as they explore, question and celebrate the word of God each Sunday.

Throughout the year, our young people have actively committed their time and energy through outreach projects and community service. The Children's Mission and Enrichment Committee has led our young people through some wonderful projects. They have made snack packs for the kids at Carver Center; collected books and shoes for children who were victims of

Hurricane Katrina; visited with Anne Gentile, the chaplain at the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital and made decorations for young patients.

In the classroom, our children have explored weekly lessons through discussion, art and activities. We have worshiped together in our monthly chapel services, during which we have learned about the church seasons, celebrated saints and acted out lessons from the lectionary. This combination of service, study, interaction and reflection has been for all of our children the beginning of a lifelong journey. As parents and educators we can grow and learn with them and marvel what they intuitively understand about God's grace and love. We are fortunate as a congregation to have parents who bring their children to church, and committed teachers who come to teach early on Sunday mornings. We look

forward to a happy, relaxed summer and then a busy reunion in September when school begins again.

Please join us on **June 11** immediately after classes for our annual end-of-the-year picnic. We will celebrate the year with our traditional hot dogs, chicken and, of course... the ice cream truck! We will say thank you to our teachers with a special cake and recognition gifts. Please join us! On **June 18**, the following Sunday, we will begin our Summer Sundays program. There will be childcare for children ages three months to four. Children ages kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to meet in the youth room after the children's message. We will explore the summer lectionary through crafts, activities and fun!

Have a wonderful summer!

—Susie and Yvonne



The enthusiastic middle schoolers of the Connection Youth Group.

## Summer Beach Party

**Save the date!**  
**Wednesday, July 19**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Rye Town Beach**

Bring the children for an evening of fun, fellowship and fireworks at the beach, hosted by the Congregational Life Committee.

## Women's Association Garden Party

**Monday, June 12**  
**12:00 noon**  
**Grape Arbor**

The RPC Women's Association cordially invites you to its Annual Garden Party and Grant Award Presentation.

Thanks to your donations and our Thrift Shop volunteers, we are able to donate more than \$26,000 to local charities this year!

Please join us for lunch and to meet some amazing people who are making a real difference in our community. Sign up at the reception desk. This event is open to ALL RPC members.

## Connection Year-End Picnic

**Wednesday, June 7**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Reverend Love's Home**  
**900 Boston Post Road**

Please give him a call at 967-0842, extension 15 and let him know what you can bring.

## Sundays in June, July and August

### June 4 — The Day of Pentecost

**8:30** Holy Communion, Crawford Chapel.  
**10:00** Holy Communion, Sanctuary. Dr. Brasel preaching.  
**10:00** Church School. Children go directly to Chapel.  
**10:00** Children's Choir Concert, Chapel.

### June 11 — Trinity Sunday

**8:30** Holy Communion, Crawford Chapel.  
**10:00** Morning Worship, Sanctuary. Dr. Brasel preaching.  
**10:00** Church School. Children attend worship through the children's message.  
**11:00** End-of-year Church School Picnic

### June 18 — Pentecost II

**8:00** Holy Communion, Crawford Chapel.  
**10:00** Morning Worship, Sanctuary. Reverend Love preaching.  
**8:00** Men's Bible Study, Library.

**Summer Sunday School begins today.**  
**Three- and four-year-olds go to the nursery**  
**K — 5 go to the Youth Rooms**  
**Students in sixth grade and above stay in worship.**

### June 25 — Easter VII

**8:30** Holy Communion, Crawford Chapel  
**10:00** Morning Worship, Sanctuary. Dr. Brasel preaching.  
**10:00** Summer Sunday School. Children attend worship through the children's message.

### July and August Worship — Crawford Chapel — Summer Church School

#### July 2

**8:30** and **10:00** Communion Worship. Dr. Brasel preaching.

#### July 9

**8:30** Communion Worship, **10:00** Morning Worship. Dr. Brasel preaching.

#### July 16

**8:30** Communion Worship, **10:00** Morning Worship. Dr. Brasel preaching.

#### July 23

**8:30** Communion Worship, **10:00** Morning Worship. Reverend Love preaching.  
**8:00** Men's Bible Study, Library.

#### July 30

**8:30** Communion Worship, **10:00** Morning Worship. Dr. Brasel preaching.

#### August 6

**8:30** and **10:00** Communion Worship. Reverend Love preaching.

#### August 13

**8:30** Communion Worship, **10:00** Morning Worship. Dr. Brasel preaching.  
**8:00** Men's Bible Study, Library.

#### August 20

**8:30** Communion Worship, **10:00** Morning Worship. Dr. Brasel preaching.

#### August 27

**8:30** Communion Worship, **10:00** Morning Worship. Reverend Love preaching.

**Please join us for coffee in the Assembly Room after ten o'clock worship.**  
**During July and August, coffee hour will be held in the Courtyard.**

# Summer Schedule of Meetings, Events and Programs

## BOARD MEETINGS

**Deacons:** Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room; 8:30 p.m., Library.

**Session:** Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room; 8:30 p.m., Westminster Room.

**Trustees:** Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room; 8:30 p.m., Youth Room.

## WORSHIP AND STUDY

**Worship:** Sundays, 8:30 a.m., Holy Communion, Crawford Chapel; 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship, Sanctuary.

**Church School:** Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

June 4, Chapel; June 11, regular classes; children (4-year-olds through 8th grade) attend worship through the children's message; June 19, Summer Sunday School begins.

**Men's Bible Study:** Sundays, June 4, 5:00 p.m. at the home of Ruth and Bob Smalt;

June 11, July 23, August 13, 8:00 p.m., Library.

**Mid-Week Devotion:** Wednesdays, June 7 and 21, 7:30 p.m., Chapel.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** June 14 and 28, July 19, August 2, 16 and 30, 9:15 a.m., Library.

## YOUTH

**Boy Scouts Troop #2:** Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room.

**Connection:** Wednesday, June 7, 5:30 p.m., The Love's home.

**Cub Scouts:** Leaders, Wednesday, June 28, 7:00 p.m., Library;

**Girl Scout Leaders:** Wednesday, June 7, 1:00 p.m., Library;

**Pre-School Daisies:** Thursday, June 1, 3:00 p.m., Westminster Room; Thursday, June 9, 3:00 p.m., Youth Room.

**NeoKirk:** Sundays, 6:30 p.m. Locations TBD.

## MUSIC

**Children's Choir Concerts:** Sunday, June 4, 10:00 a.m., Chapel, and 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary;

Pizza Party, 12:00 noon, Assembly Room

## OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

**Christian Education Committee:** Wednesday, June 7, 7:30 p.m., Chapel; 8:00 p.m., Youth Room;  
June 21, Conference Room.

**Church School Picnic and Teacher Appreciation Day:** Sunday, June 11, 11:00 a.m., Grape Arbor.

**Comprehensive Campaign Committee:** Wednesday, June 14, 7:30 p.m., Library;

Wednesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room.

**Meditation Series:** Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

**Mission and Outreach Committee:** Wednesday, June 7, 7:30 p.m., Chapel; 8:00 p.m., Westminster Room..

**Pastor Nominating Committee:** Mondays, June 5 and 19; Tuesdays, June 13 and 27, 7:30 p.m., Conference Room.

**Sandwichmakers:** Thursday, June 15, 11:00 a.m., Kitchen and Westminster Room.

**Stephen Ministry:**

Leaders: Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room;

Commissioning, Sunday, June 4, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary;

Continuing Ed, Tuesdays, June 6 and 20, 7:00 p.m., Westminster and Conference Rooms.

**Thrift Shop:** Thursdays, June 1 and 8, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Youth Room.

**Women's Association:** Board Meeting, Monday, June 5, 9:15 a.m., Library;

Garden Party, Monday, June 12, 12:00 noon, Grape Arbor

**Worship and Music Committee:** Wednesday, June 7, 7:30 p.m., Chapel; 8:00 p.m., Library.

## OUTREACH, SUPPORT GROUPS AND OTHER EVENTS

**AA Group:** Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room.

**AA Rye Harrison Group:** Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room.

**Mr. Westchester/AlAnon Group:** Mondays, except May 29, 7:30 p.m., Library.

**Rye Association for the Handicapped:** Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m., Youth Room.

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## RPC Spring Outreach Auction Nets \$26,000+

Thanks to parishioners and friends who attended RPC's ever-thrilling auction fundraiser. Your generous donations and purchases allowed the Mission and Outreach Committee to raise over \$26,000 net, significantly augmenting our church's ability to support worthy organizations serving our community. Hot sellers this year were Giants and Yankees tickets, and especially the Women's Association Tex-Mex Cocktail Party, fully catered by the W.A.'s sultry senoras. Big winners were families that won very good deals on vacation homes in Paris, Nantucket, Vermont and New Hampshire! Congratulations to all!

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

While the Apostle Paul was certainly very busy and traveled often, our study of the Acts of the Apostles has revealed that he also spent considerable time with the people of the new churches of Asia teaching and studying together. Amid the travels of our summer, the Wednesday Morning Bible Study group will emulate Paul as we continue to gather and study together!

We will meet on Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. in the library. Our summer dates are **June 14 and 28; July 19; and August 2, 16 and 30**. All are welcome to join in this ongoing study and conversation.

### Save the Date!

The first in a series of organ recitals celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Jackson Organ

*featuring*

**Tom Murray**  
University Organist  
at Yale University

**Sunday, October 22**  
4:00 p.m.



RPC staff — Jim Brasel, Yvonne Zuk, Kevin Walters, HannahJane Hurlbert, Susie McNiff and Trudi Bunke — serving at the May luncheon honoring church volunteers.



Carol Norton, Valerie Barrett, Jessie Payne, Ana Alvarez, Marge Brasel and Bea Newman — a few of the many RPC volunteers honored at the Volunteer Luncheon on May 17.

### God and Stephen Ministry

When recruiting for a new Stephen Ministers' training class the most often asked question is "how spiritual do I have to be?" Most of our 31 previously trained Stephen Ministers have asked that same question. Most of us feel less than biblically literate. We struggle with prayer and questions of faith. We do, however, have a unifying thread of commonality: that is that we are all searching for a deeper, stronger relationship with God. We are also committed to reaching out in some small way to make the world a little less painful for someone who needs us. So, the answer to the question, "how spiritual do I have to be" to become a Stephen Minister is that we all walk the same path but in different ways and at varying paces.

There is no prerequisite of Biblical knowledge or measure of Christianity required. All that is needed is a desire to know God and to serve others. No prior skill training is necessary as our curriculum will provide the training you will need in order to acquire the skills for care. Should you decide to take this step, we can assure you that you will grow spiritually, mentally and

emotionally through the process of training and care as have our previously trained Stephen Ministers. They have also shared that training, and serving as a Stephen Minister has been a life-changing experience for them which they treasure.

If you are interested in investigating whether Stephen Ministry is right for

you, please contact Jessica Gay by email at [yag5@verizon.net](mailto:yag5@verizon.net), by telephone at 967-4684, or speak to any Stephen Leader. We will be training a new class beginning in late September and are interviewing prospective candidates in May and June.



The third class of Stephen Ministers: Nesta d'Addario, Michael Ghitelman, Brooke Morell, Lynn Kobelt and Betty Vecchiolla.

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