

# Grace Notes

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fabulous group now, but we need more. Secondly, wireless internet in the CE wing would help our teachers bring high-tech elements into the classroom—think video clips, games, etc. Wireless internet would bring our classrooms into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and make lessons so much more “real” for our children. Third and finally, I’d love to have more music in our classrooms. Programs like Children’s Chapel and Singing Our Faith have laid the groundwork, but I’d love to have music be a weekly part of the Church School experience. So if there are any of you out there who play an instrument or sing, I’d love for you to make the occasional guest appearance in our Church School classrooms.

Here’s to a great year, RPC! It has been such a pleasure getting to know you.

*Emily Sullivan*

Dear Members and Friends of Rye Presbyterian Church,

When Nan asked me to write a reflection on my first year here at RPC, my initial thought was: Has it really been a year? Time flies... when you are having fun, that is. Having been here almost a year, I can say that I just love being a part of the RPC community. The Church School teachers are an absolutely unbelievable group of people who wonderfully nurture our lovely, fun children. They are truly inspiring. I’m thrilled that we have used Mission as a teaching tool this year: from making cards and soup mixes for our own members to making blankets for Haitian children, Mission has been integral to Church School this year.

Having been here nearly a year, I now have plans for the future. In order to establish a basic level of Biblical knowledge for our children, I will write my own curriculum for the next few years. In fact, I have already begun—the remainder of this school year will see our Church School classes focusing on Jesus’ parables. In the Fall, my curriculum will start with the first Creation story and go forward through the Old Testament, hitting all the major stories until we get to Advent. Then, we’ll switch to the New Testament. Starting in January, the curriculum will pick up with the life of Jesus until summer. In addition to introducing these essential Bible stories to our children, a custom-designed curriculum will free up precious CE funds for fun projects that serve to enrich our children’s Church School experience. In addition, this will free funding for bigger and better ways to focus on Mission in the Church School. As thrilled as I am for this new plan, there are some things that will help our Christian Education program improve even more. First of all, we need teachers! We have a



One of Emily’s many fun, creative and mission-oriented projects—blankets for Haiti.

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## *Confirmation*



### **Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2010!**

This year's class was the largest class since 1973, and as a class is larger than 16 of the 90 churches in our Presbytery! Our blessings here at this church are many! But as we all know, numbers are not everything, and what really matters is the depth of faith, thought, and commitment made by the members of the class. As the elders who met with them attested, they were thoughtful, mature, and articulate about their confirmation commitments. On May 2, the church rightly celebrated as we welcomed 43 new members into the life, worship and mission of the church.

Ryan Amill, son of Susan and Andrew Amill  
Connor Antico, son of Jessica and Craig Antico  
Hunter Baldwin, Jr., son of Alicia and Hunter Baldwin  
Serena Bradt, daughter of Marty and Rick Bradt  
Matthew Brunner, son of Eadie and Albert Brunner  
Jason Chin, son of Judy and Richard Chin  
Evan Clark, son of Elaine and Robert Clark  
Miles Clyatt, son of Wonda and Bob Clyatt  
Marisa Curlen, daughter of Julie and Steve Curlen  
Tyler Davidson, son of Susan and Scott Davidson  
Jack Durkee, son of Kathleen and Mal Durkee  
Lauren Eames, daughter of Sarah and Scott Eames  
Colby Ellis, son of Elizabeth and David Ellis  
Melissa Fulenwider, daughter of Susan and Paul Fulenwider  
Katherine Grusky, daughter of Hope Eiseman/ Bob Grusky  
Richard Hardis, son of Amy and William Hardis  
Connor Hatch, son of Kerry and Ed Hatch  
Trevor Hele, son of Katrina and John Hele  
Emma Jennings, daughter of Kate and Marc Jennings  
Audrey Love, daughter of Carol and Daniel Love  
Thomas Lovinger, son of Linda and Dan Lovinger  
Olivia Mandracchia, daughter of Diane and Steve Mandracchia

Alex Martin, son of Michele and Charles Martin  
Fiona McFarland, daughter of Cathy and Bob McFarland  
Kristin McHugh, daughter of Vicki and Jim McHugh  
Liza Morell, daughter of Brooke and Mark Morell  
Christina Park, daughter of Catherine and Hyun Park  
Jackson Reed, son of Randy and David Reed  
Clara Robertson, daughter of Elizabeth and Hugh Robertson  
Molly Robertson, daughter of Elizabeth / Hugh Robertson  
Jennifer Rohde, daughter of Darla and Greg Rohde  
Tristan Scragg, son of Donna and Bill Scragg  
Cynthia Segal, daughter of Debra and Michael Segal  
John Shuck, son of Maria and John Shuck  
Nathaniel Sizemore, son of Amparo and Ron Sizemore  
Anna Skelsey, daughter of Susan and Henry Skelsey  
Michael Spiegel, son of Carlene and George Spiegel  
Whitney Spiegel, daughter of Carlene and George Spiegel  
Jack Tobin, son of Sally and John Tobin  
Marshall Vickerson, son of Suzanne and Anthony Vickerson  
Reed Waggoner, son of Karin and Doug Waggoner  
Katie Weld, daughter of Andrea and Donald Weld  
Abigail Woods, daughter of Elizabeth and John Woods

## *Bible Studies, Women's Association, Stephen Ministry, and Christian Education*

### **Summer Youth Mission Trip to Harlan, Kentucky**

Please keep the group traveling to Appalachia in your prayers for safe travel and a terrific week extending RPC's ministry to the people of eastern Kentucky. We'll be commissioning them in worship at the end of June for their trip from June 28 – July 3. They are:

Connor Antico, J.P. Barrett, Serena Bradt, Katie Killip, Robby Kuster, Audrey Love, Taylor Love, Olivia Mandraccia, Alex Martin, Jennifer Rohde accompanied by Jonathan Blum, Carol and Dan Love, and Emily Sullivan.

### **The Men's Bible Study**

Over the summer, the men's bible study will continue its reading of Tim Keller's book *The Reason for God*. We will meet at 8:00 p.m. in the church library on Sundays June 6 and 20, July 25 and August 22. If you'd like to be on the email reminder list, please contact Dan Love [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com).

### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

For most of the summer, the Wednesday study group will continue its journey through the Gospel of Mark, leading up to its somewhat curious and surprising ending. All the while we will continue to ask – how does this fascinating story relate to our story.

We meet on Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library. Our summer dates are June 2 and 16; July 21; August 4 and 18. All are welcome to join in this ongoing study and conversation.

If you'd like to be on the email reminder list, please contact Dan Love – [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com).

### **Women's Association**

The Women's Association has had a wonderful year. Here are a few highlights.

#### **Thrift Shop**

This year the Thrift Shop raised an amazing \$45,000! Many thanks to the amazing crew of volunteers for all their hard work sorting, pricing and selling! Thank you as well to all the faithful and

generous donors and to the many shoppers who come looking for bargains. Thank you to all, and please keep those donations coming!

To honor our many wonderful volunteers, and we are planning a volunteer party in June to remind them how important they are to our success.

The Thrift shop closes in June and we will restock the shelves for our September opening. On June 7th we will be having our annual Grant Award Luncheon during which we will giving out 25 grants to twenty five organizations and projects. A special thank you goes out to **Gabby McCree** and **Andrea Stewart** for coordinating the grant giving.

#### **International Lunch**

Our recent international lunch, led by **Cindy Kuster**, was an Italian meal at Aurora in Rye. These lunches are really tasty and fun. Keep an eye out for our next culinary venture — join us and bring a friend!

#### **Carver Center Tour**

The Carver Center Tour was very informative. We toured the facility, talked about the activities held there and what wonderful support the center provides to the Port Chester community. **Kim O'Connor** now works there and is a wonderful addition to their team. We will be delivering food and clothing donations at the end of May to the Carver Center but please keep in mind that their needs do not end. If you cannot make your donation drop at the Carver Center, please leave it in a bag clearly marked at our church (by reception) and we will make sure it gets over there.

#### **Ladies Night Out**

Our last Ladies Night Out was at the home of Tracy Turner. It was a wonderful gathering of friends. Thank you Tracy for having us in your home! If anyone wants to host a Ladies Night Out next year, please let us know.

#### **Looking ahead...**

Next year's Board members are: Cheryl Hunt and Cynthia Deen, Co-Presidents; Kristin Jautz, Publicity; Michelle Gothberg, Grace Notes; Nancy Bassett, Treasurer; Amy Hardis, Secretary. Gabby McCree will chair Grants with a

co-chair, and Beth Sydell will be the new member liaison. We would love to have additional women step forward and chair an event. Please contact any of us with any questions you may have.

A big THANK YOU to **Teri Greene** for her two years as a co-president of the Women's Association. We have a lot of ideas for next year and look forward to seeing you over the summer.

### **Stephen Ministry**

#### **BATTER UP! Has life thrown you a curveball?**

Or, maybe you feel more like a spectator, blindsided by a foul. Like the sport of baseball...you might be at bat, ready for the pitches and plays that are a part of life's game, but find that this season isn't going so well.

We all find ourselves in difficult situations at one time or another...it's a part of being human. Even positive events (birth, moving, a new job...) can cause stress which might be managed better with the help of a Stephen Minister. RPC Stephen Ministers are trained and available to listen to you, encourage you, and provide confidential one-to-one care. To learn more about the resource Stephen Ministry might be for you, talk to RPC clergy, or contact one of our Stephen Leaders, Patti Adimari, Linda Goldstein, Gail Langeloh, Carol Love, Patrick McGunagle, or Becky Ruegger.

### **Summer Sunday School**

That's right, Sunday School goes on throughout the summer once regular church school ends in June. Children sixth grade and younger typically stay in worship until after a children's message when they adjourn to the Westminster Room. Come join us in the Westminster Room!

#### **Interested in teaching?**

Summer Sunday School is a short commitment (think 1 or 2 Sundays) and a great way to "get your feet wet" if you are new to teaching. Sound enticing? Let Emily know at 914-967-0842 x 17 or [esullivan@ryepc.com](mailto:esullivan@ryepc.com).

## *Lives in Transition, Summer Choir, Peter B. Knock Scholarship and a word from Trudi*

### **Lives in Transition**

Our Lives in Transition Program will continue through the summer months, meeting on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month, with informal networking beginning at 6:45 p.m.; the sessions begin promptly at 7 p.m. and end by 9 p.m. If you or a friend are interested in attending one of the sessions, please remember to RSVP to: [livesin-transition@gmail.com](mailto:livesin-transition@gmail.com) The sessions are free and open to all.

#### **Summer Schedule:**

- **June 3:** “Influencing and Persuading in Challenging Times,” presented by Ruth Sherman
- **June 17:** “Exploring the Entrepreneur in You,” a panel discussion led by Arjan Eenkema Van Dijk
- **July 1:** “We All Scream for Ice Cream Social .. Networking,” a regional network gathering
- **July 15:** “We want YOU,” a recruiting panel discussion led by Alan Kelsey and Kevin Johnson
- **August 5:** “All about You,” small group discussions on transition issues and progress
- **August 19:** “Compensation and Salary Negotiations,” presented by Donna Held

The September 2 and 16 programs will be announced in the September issue of Grace Notes.

### **Come Sing with the Summer Choir**

The regular full choir season ended on May 23 but there is an opportunity to participate in the informal summer choir through the end of June. If you enjoy singing and would like to participate in this informal group, we will meet in the choir room at 9:15 a.m. each Sunday beginning on June 6. During worship you can sit in the congregation with everyone standing on the chancel steps at the time of the offertory. Easy repertoire – no vestments – please join us. We are eager to repeat last year’s successful experience. A warm welcome (but not a warm vestment!) awaits you. If you

have questions, please contact music director Kevin Walters, 967.0842x16 or [kwalters@ryepc.com](mailto:kwalters@ryepc.com).

### **Peter B. Knock Scholarship**

#### **Winner chosen for Peter B. Knock Scholarship**

The winner of the nineteenth annual Peter B. Knock Scholarship has been chosen. This scholarship, in the amount of \$3,500.00, has been awarded to Filippa Duke, a native of Henderson, North Carolina. Ms. Duke is a graduate of East Carolina State university and Indiana University; in the fall she will begin the DMA (Doctor of Musical Arts in church music) program at the University of Kansas where she will concentrate on choral conducting and advanced organ studies.

The Peter B. Knock Memorial Music Fund honors Peter Knock, our member and an accomplished organist and harpsichordist who was committed to perpetuating the performance of sacred music. The fund encourages young church musicians by providing financial assistance to promising students of sacred music whose continued study would be hindered by a lack of funds.



**Filippa Duke,  
Peter B. Knock Scholarship Winner**



### **A Thank You Note from Trudi**

For all the notes, cards, gifts, and kindnesses you bestowed upon me for my retirement, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. The coffee hour celebration was great fun--I can still hear the sound of your voices joining in the chorus of Cindy Kuster's marvelous song. The framed photograph taken by Michael Ghitelman of the angels in the tympanum hangs in a special spot in my home. Most of all, though, I appreciate your friendship.

My time at RPC has been a blessing. I treasure the years I had the privilege of working with a great staff and many, many wonderful people, and I look forward to seeing many of you while I continue to participate in both Stephen Ministry and the prison project. I count it an honor to be able to be part of this outreach. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

*Trudi Bunke*

## *Sundays in June, July and August*

### **June 6**

**8:30** Holy Communion, Crawford Chapel.

**10:00** Holy Communion, Sanctuary. Reverend Love preaching.

**10:00** Church School. Children go directly to their classrooms.

### **June 13**

**8:30** Holy Communion, Crawford Chapel.

**10:00** Morning Worship, Sanctuary. Dr. De Vries preaching.

**10:00** Last day of Church School. Children attend worship through the children's message.

**11:00** End-of-Year Picnic, Grape Arbor

### **June 20 Summer Church School begins today.**

**8:00** Holy Communion, Crawford Chapel.

**10:00** Morning Worship, Sanctuary. Reverend Love preaching.

**10:00** Summer Church School.

### **June 27**

**8:30** Holy Communion, Crawford Chapel

**10:00** Morning Worship, Sanctuary. Reverend Love preaching.

**10:00** Summer Church School.

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

#### **July 4**

**8:30** and **10:00** Communion Worship. The Rev. Dr. Julie Faith Parker preaching. No church school.

#### **July 11**

**8:30** Communion Worship, **10:00** Morning Worship. Rev. Joe Gilmore preaching.

#### **July 18**

**8:30** Communion Worship, **10:00** Morning Worship. Rev. Susan Andrews preaching.

#### **July 25**

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

#### **August 1**

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

#### **August 8**

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

#### **August 15**

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

#### **August 22**

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

#### **August 29**

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

#### **September 5**

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

**During June, 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 Grape Arbor.**

## Bulletin Board

### Annual Church School Picnic

**Sunday, June 13**

**All are invited!!**

Immediately after worship under the Grape Arbor  
Come and celebrate the end of the school year!

Featuring RPC picnic favorites:

**hot dog cart and ice cream truck!**

Please bring a dish - according to your last name:

A - F: green, vegetable or pasta salad

G - S: sandwiches or a side dish

T - Z: dessert - fruit salad, cookies, etc.

Food may be left in the kitchen before worship.

Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up. To lend a hand please sign up at the Reception Desk or call the Church Office, 967-0842 ext. 17 with any questions.

### The Women's Association Annual Garden Party and Grant Awards Luncheon

Monday, June 7th  
11:30 am to 2:00 pm  
in RPC's Grape Arbor

If you have any questions, please  
contact Cynthia Deen  
at [cdeen@optonline.net](mailto:cdeen@optonline.net)  
or 967-8272

Sign up sheet is available at the  
Reception Desk.

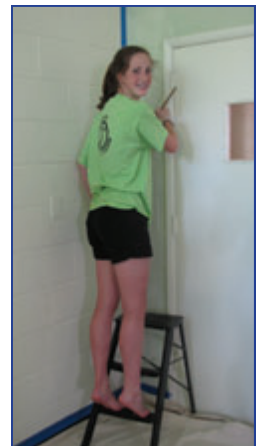
### Summer Beach Party

Save the date!

Wednesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.  
at Rye Town Beach

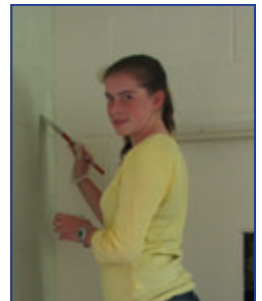
Bring the children for an evening of fun,  
fellowship and fireworks at the beach.

Hosted by the  
Congregational Life Committee  
of the Board of Deacons.



### THRIFT SHOP YEAR-END BLOW OUT SALE!

June is half price time at the Thrift Shop!  
Everything is half price on our last two  
Thursdays, June 3 and June 10. Now is the  
perfect time to make a trip downstairs...  
Help us reach our goal of raising \$45,000  
this year. We're just about there. Then  
we'll be closed for the summer and will  
re-open on September 16.



Mission Team practicing  
painting skills on the West-  
minster Room.



### Connection Year end Picnic

Wednesday, June 9  
5:30 p.m.  
at Rev. Love's House

## *Summer Schedule of Meetings, Events and Programs*

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

**Deacons:** Wednesday, June 16, 6:30 p.m., Place TBA  
**Session:** Wednesday, June 23, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room  
**Trustees:** Wednesday, June 16, 7:30 p.m., Youth Room

### **WORSHIP AND STUDY**

#### **Worship on Sunday:**

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel  
10:00 a.m. June Worship Services are in the Sanctuary.  
Beginning **July 4**, worship will be held in the Chapel.

**Church School on Sunday:** Regular Church School on June 6

June 13, Last day of Church School - Picnic in Grape Arbor

**Men's Bible Study:** June 6 and 20; July 25 and August 22, at 8:00 p.m., Library

**Women's Bible Study:** June 5 and 26 at 9:00 a.m., Library

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** June 2 and 16; July 21; and August 4 at 9:15 a.m., Library

### **YOUTH**

**Boy Scouts Troop # 2:** June 1 and June 8 at 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

### **MUSIC**

**Summer Choir Rehearsal:** Choir Room, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. during the month of June only.

### **OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

**"What are the dynamics when a young adult child comes out as a gay or lesbian person and how can we support these families"** with Dr. De Vries, Tuesday, June 1, in conjunction with the Continuing Education Program of the Stephen Ministry, Westminster Room

**Mission and Outreach Committee:** Tuesday, June 16, 6:30 p.m., at the Atwell home

**Sandwichmakers:** Thursday, June 17 and August 19 at 11:00 a.m. Kitchen and AR

#### **Stephen Ministry:**

Leaders: Tuesdays, June 1, 15 and 29; July 13, and August 17, at 9:00 a.m., Library.

Continuing Education and Supervision: Tuesdays, June 1, 15; July 13 and August 10; 6:30 p.m., Westminster Room.

**Thrift Shop:** Thursday June 3 and 10, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Downstairs.

**(June 10 is the last day of the Thrift Shop until September)**

### **OUTREACH AND SUPPORT GROUPS**

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

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

**Lives in Transition:** Thursday, June 3 and 17; July 1 and 15; August 5 and 19; September 2 and 16;  
at 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

**Mr. Westchester/Al Anon Group:** Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Library

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**Please note the Church Offices will be closed on Monday, July 5 to commemorate the July 4th holiday.**

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### *Rye Presbyterian Nursery School*

#### **RPNS**

*Greetings to the Rye Presbyterian Church community from Kathy Price, Administrator/Studio Teacher/Curriculum Coordinator at RPNS*

#### **The Story of the RPNS Food Garden Project**

A number of 4 and 5 year olds have been involved in the RPNS Children's Food Garden which is in the front of the school. Our 11 container garden was planted in mid March after being nurtured in a small "greenhouse" in the studio until the plants and weather were suitable for outdoor growing. We chose plants that we could grow and eat by the end of the school year: basil (for a pizza), and salad ingredients: mesclun, radishes, chives, spinach. There is also a corn plant and "we don't know if it is popcorn or corn on the cob as we found the seed on the studio shelf." The

children were fascinated with the tiny seeds and they slowed down for the delicate fine motor work of planting, and peeked in regularly to see what was growing on the windowsill.

First we weeded and prepared the pots, adding rich soil and counting worms! This is delicate work, planting the tiny seeds and recording this on a calendar, spritzing and watering them, and finally transplanting the seedlings outside. Mrs. Price pointed out that few families know we have a garden. The children suggested we make a sign. The sign painters first white-washed a piece of plywood, then named the garden and lettered the sign, welcoming visitors. We also enlarged the seed packet images to make signs for each pot. The "gardeners" continue to weed, water, and check the plants. We regularly photograph the "vegetable patch" to monitor progress. We are hoping for a salad and pizza party during the first week of June.



**RPNS Food Garden Project**