



## How Shall You Live This Season?

The month of May has within it three significant liturgical feasts or celebrations – The Ascension of the Lord (May 10), The Day of Pentecost (May 20), and Trinity Sunday (May 27). While we often think of Easter as being a single day, liturgically, it is actually an entire season, which this year ends on Sunday, May 13. We are invited to remember that Jesus, following his resurrection, spent another 40 days before his ascension. We can only imagine what it must have been like for Peter and Mary and the others to continue to be in Christ’s presence following his resurrection!

And yet, in some ways Christianity didn’t start with Jesus’ birth, or his death, or even his ascension. It started with Pentecost — the day the “Holy Spirit” entered a room holding Jesus’ apostles and fell upon them, filling them. This event is what makes the church the church. But I must wonder what it was like for Jesus’ followers for the ten days between these two events. Did they feel abandoned? Were they waiting anxiously for what would happen next? What do you think? How would you have lived out those ten days?

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and they were empowered to preach to people from every nation who had come to Jerusalem for the feast. The Acts of the Apostles records that about 3,000 people were added to their number that day.

Pentecost, which means “fiftieth day,” was the Feast of Weeks celebrated by the Jewish people at the end of the grain harvest. Over time, the Feast of Weeks came to be associated with the giving of the Torah to Moses. The Jews saw this event as the founding of the Jewish nation, and early believers were quick to note a parallel with the founding of the Christian church.

The Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday, when we rejoice in the mystery that God is triune (three-in-one) — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the beginning of the longest season of the church year. It lasts until Christ the King Sunday, which is right before the first Sunday in Advent.

In some traditions, the whole season is called Pentecost, in others it is simply referred to as “ordinary time.” It is interesting that our Presbyterian Church (USA) official program calendar uses both designations. Thus June 3 is both the “2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost” and the “9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.”

We are not unlike those first disciples who lived through those ten days between Jesus’ ascension and the coming gift of the

Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We live in the time between the gift of the Spirit, and Christ’s coming again. It’s been a bit longer than ten days, more like 2,000 years and counting.

I believe we have a choice about how we shall live in this time. We can either treat it as “ordinary time” or we can live these days as days of Pentecost – Spirit filled days, where God is still revealing God’s very self to us through the work of God’s Holy Spirit. How shall you choose to live this season?

In the Spirit,



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## Mission & Outreach Baby Box Project



### Make a difference in May with Open Door Medical Centers

**It's hard to believe that in the wealthiest country on earth, there are parents who wonder how they are going to feed, house, and care for their children. Open Door Family Medical Center is our community's health home for these people.**

**Please join the congregations of Rye Presbyterian Church and Community Synagogue of Rye as we launch a month-long program to support new moms giving their babies a healthy and safe start in life.**

**The Collection:** Join us May 7 through June 2 collecting items to make Baby Boxes for the moms and their babies. What's a Baby Box? It's a remarkably designed cardboard box filled with newborn basics that include a waterproof mattress and cotton sheet so the box can be used as the baby's first bed or bassinet. There are Baby Boxes on display in the Chapel Foyer, the hall outside the first floor Welcome Office, and in the RPNS entranceway. Please click [here](#) to see a YouTube video for an amazing overview of the project.



There are many things a newborn may need and Open Door has registered at Buy, Buy, Baby just for us! Please click on this link to see the registry: [545756455](#) or simply type in [Open Door](#). CVS has their own brand Health Flexible Tip 3-in-1 Digital Thermometer that Open Door Doctors want all new moms to have, and Arcade Books has partnered with us again this year to have bilingual board books available as well.

Please feel free to leave donated items in each of the empty Baby Boxes in the three designated sites any time during the drive.

**The Celebration:** Join both houses of worship as we come together June 2, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Assembly Hall to assemble Baby Boxes using all the items we have collected AND to make Diaper Cakes for each Baby Box. It's sure to be a fun family event.

**The Connection:** Join us at Open Door in Port Chester to tour their wonderful facility, learn more about all the services that new moms and their babies receive and help assemble and distribute Baby Boxes to the moms to be. Dates to be announced.



## Pentecost Offering, Confirmation Sunday, Stephen Ministry



### THE PENTECOST OFFERING -- BUILDING A LIFE OF FAITH

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.

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Studies show that a foundation of faith established during childhood through young adulthood, helps ensure lifelong faith and service.

These lessons might be taught through a congregation's commitment to *Educate a Child, Transform the World* in ministries that shape a child's academic achievement, setting them on a path toward a stable future. They might be taught through one of the youth events sponsored by *Ministries with Youth* at the national church level that brings together young people from all over the country to share their experiences of faith with one another, and learn how their faith can help them address challenges all over the world. Or our young adults may be guided through a

year of intentional service where they discern God's call upon their lives by our *Young Adult Volunteer Program*.

Forty per cent of this offering will be retained by Rye Presbyterian Church to continue funding our Baby Box Program, which supports new moms through the Open Door Family Medical Center in Port Chester.

Bulletin inserts over the next couple of weeks will also help us see the stories and faces of those whose lives have been changed by our gifts.

We also invite you to visit the Pentecost Special Offerings website—<http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/pentecost.html>—to learn more or to donate directly online.

By giving to the Pentecost Offering, one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come; children, youth, and young adults. We invite you to join with the worldwide church in building for our future, in building individual lives of faith by giving now through Pentecost Sunday, May 20. Offering envelopes will be available in the pews, or you may donate online via PayPal [here](#). If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

### Confirmation Sunday

May 6, 2018

Breakfast for confirmands and families at 8:45 a.m. – Assembly Room  
Worship with communion at 10:00 a.m.



### Back to the Beginning

The confirmation class has been hard at work over the last eight months learning the basics of the faith, reflecting on their own beliefs, and thinking about how their faith in God is

to be lived in all the details of everyday life. In the last month they have crafted their Statements of Faith – personal statements of where they are in their journey of faith. Each confirmand met individually with an elder of the church to talk about their statements and their plans for beginning their adult life as a follower of Christ and as a member of Rye Presbyterian Church. Following that, the class had a meeting with the full Session to be approved for full adult membership.

Confirmation is a public affirmation of their faith, and a public commitment to continue the growth, learning, and service that is a part of the journey of faith lived in the context of the life of the church. Rather than “graduation,” confirmation truly is the beginning of the next chapter.

On May 6, we will celebrate this new beginning as we worship together and welcome these new members to the table of fellowship.

The festivities will begin with a breakfast for confirmands and their families at 8:45 a.m. in the Assembly Room. Worship with Confirmation and Communion will be at 10:00 a.m. There, with the confirmands, we can all reconfirm our commitment to be a part of God's transforming work in the world!

*“Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance.”  
Proverbs 1:5*



One way our congregation provides for people in need is through a team of equipped caregivers—our Stephen Ministers. The initial fifty-hour training, RPC's Caring Connections, lays the foundation for high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care. Subsequently, Peer Supervision and Continuing Education programs encourage RPC Stephen Ministers to gain insight, develop relational skills, and deepen their faith.

Over the past year, classic Stephen Ministry training topics such as “maintaining healthy boundaries” and “assertiveness in caregiving” were reviewed. Workshops in Myers-Briggs personalities, mindfulness, and prayer collage enhanced caregivers' self-awareness and spiritual disciplines. Experts from the area were invited to clarify how addiction impacts families and to facilitate discussion on strategies for counseling those who have experienced loss.



*Stephen Ministers build prayer collages as a unique way to enhance spiritual disciplines.*

If you are interested in assisting others through challenges toward hope and healing, or if you have experienced loss and want to learn more about the support available through Stephen Ministry, please contact [Dan Love](#) or [John Miller](#).

## Church & Justice, Adult Education, Coming Home, Mobile Shredder

### Church and Justice Service, April 8, 2018

At this year's Church and Justice Service, RPC hosted the largest number of formerly incarcerated individuals and their families in the 24-year history of this important event in the life of the church. It featured a room-rocking sermon from Rev. Hector Custodio—"Pastor Bennie" as he is fondly known. He earned a standing ovation for his testimony of the power of education, faith, and hard work in the redemption of men and women in prison.

Another feature was a poem, written by Ja'Far Abbas, class of '98, and read by his brother and fellow prisoner Joe Byrd to honor Ja'Far who died this year. The poem, entitled "*I Never Meant*" was written for his late mother to thank her for her love and to ask her forgiveness for the life he led leading up to prison and the pain and heartbreak it caused her.

As is our tradition, all the elements of the service were led by formerly incarcerated people, some of whom are participants in RPC's Coming Home Program. The service was followed by a luncheon for about 100 people, most of whom were formerly incarcerated and their families, plus young men in the Youth Shelter of Westchester which RPC proudly supports, and a scattering of other people involved in prison ministry. Each got to briefly tell his or her story and many expressed their gratitude for the support RPC has given them over the years.

Next year's Silver Anniversary service will be in the spring of 2019—and we hope as many of you as possible will join in this powerful worship service.



Rev. Hector Custodio, Guest Preacher,  
Church & Justice Sunday

SUNDAY MORNINGS TO JUNE 10  
9:00-9:45 A.M., WESTMINSTER ROOM  
(THERE WILL BE NO CLASS ON MAY 27.)



How does your faith formation and worship integrate with your knowledge and experience of the world?

Adults see the world through the filter of life experience and life transitions. Adults enter Bible study and worship with this variety of views. *Feasting on the Word* engages adults in a deeper exploration of biblical texts.

This lectionary-based study will be facilitated by both staff and church members as we explore the scriptural texts that will be used in worship each Sunday. Faith is enhanced when the Scriptures read and proclaimed in worship are expanded on during our studies together. Each session is a stand-alone session, so participants can join the study at any point. Education and worship can be mutually supportive in helping God's word come alive in the Sunday morning experience.



### COMING HOME DINNERS Thursdays through May 31

Church and community members are welcome to join us for dinner from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Reservations are not needed. Come and experience the special fellowship with these Returning Citizens who are committed to the Coming Home program.

Contact Program Coordinator Charles Lewis [here](#) or call 914-645-8822; or John Miller [here](#) or call 914-967-0842.

### WESTCHESTER COUNTY MOBILE SHREDDER

On-site at RPC,  
Monday, June 11, 10:00-10:30 a.m.



- 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 the Assembly Room for drop-off of materials beginning Friday, June 8.

## Christian Education, Mardi Gras Bingo, Bible Sunday



For the month of May, we will continue learning for most of the month about what it means to live out the grace experienced through Jesus Christ. Halfway through the month, Pentecost Sunday arrives, when new life is breathed into Christ's body – the Church. We will turn our focus then on what it means to be called out into the world, to love without fear, and how to put our trust in God as we accept such a call.

Below are the focus texts of each week:

**May 6:** John 15:9-17

**May 13:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, Bible Sunday/Mother's Day

**May 20:** Acts 2:1-21, Pentecost Sunday

**May 27:** Isaiah 6:1-8, Enrichment Sunday

*There will be no Sunday School this Sunday. Children will be welcomed in the Westminster Room for Enrichment activities.*

### Baby Box Donations

The children of our church and their families are invited to participate in the collection of Baby Box items from May 7 through June 2! It is a great way to put into practice what they have been

learning about in Sunday School: to share the gracious love of God with one another.

Your donations of newborn basics go together with a remarkably designed cardboard box to be used as the baby's first bed and to support new moms giving their babies a healthy and safe start in life. Please take a look at the Baby Box Project flyer included in this month's Grace Notes 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 empty Baby Boxes on display in the Chapel Foyer, the hall outside the first floor Welcome Office, and in the RPNS entranceway.

Contact [Jean-Paul Marshall](#) with any questions.

### Middle School Connection

RPC's Middle School Youth Group is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> graders.

#### Regular Meetings:

**Wednesdays, May 2 and 16,**

5:30-6:45 p.m. in the Youth Rooms

#### Year-End Picnic

**Wednesday, May 30**

Weather permitting, at the Love home, 900 Boston Post Road. Two doors down from the church.

### High School Youth Group



All 9<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome at RPC's High School Youth Group!

**Sunday, May 6: NOLA Orientation 6:00-7:00 p.m., Westminster Room**

We are holding an important meeting for all youth going on either the June or August NOLA trips. We will be discussing details about each trip, so please plan to be there.

**Sunday, May 20:**

**Dinner and Devotional**

**6:00 p.m., Westminster Room**

To celebrate the end of AP testing, we will cook a meal together, then gather around a table to share the meal and conversation.

**We are on Instagram!**

Username: ryepresyouth

**Updates through GroupMe!**

Please email your name and phone number - [jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com).

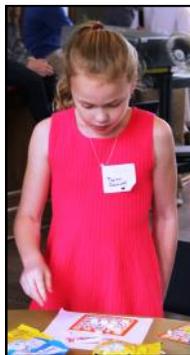
### Bible Sunday



Join us during the 10:00 a.m.

service on May 13 as we give out bibles to our high school seniors and first graders. If interested in receiving an inscribed bible, please contact Rev. Marshall ([jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com)) with the following info:

- For seniors, how would you like your name to be written?
- For parents of 1st graders, how would you like your child's name to be written?
- Will you be present for worship on May 13?



### Mardi Gras Bingo



The Youth Mission Trip fundraiser held on March 4 was enjoyed by all while raising \$835 for this year's Youth Mission Trips to New Orleans.



## Photo Directory Update, April at RPC

### It's Time to Update the RPC Photo Directory

Perhaps you've noticed that your graduating senior was in preschool in your last family photo

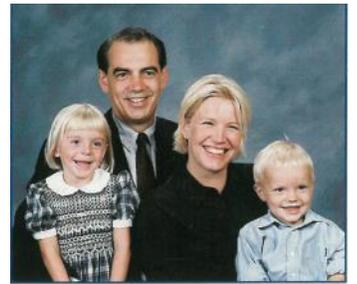
Please take a moment to check out your photo in the current RPC Directory or follow this link (<http://ryepc.com/resources/database-login-for-members>) to see your photo and contact information in the church database.

If you would like to update your photo, please send the jpeg of your favorite photo to John Miller at [jmiller@ryepc.com](mailto:jmiller@ryepc.com) or you can bring a hardcopy of the photo to the church office and we can scan it for you. Please note that the photos work best if they are clear and close up. Any questions can be directed to John Miller at the above email or at 967-0842.

We appreciate your efforts to make our wonderful Directory reflect who we are today as we celebrate all the growth and changes in RPC over the last few years with new staff and many new members adding to the vibrancy of our congregation!

**Photographer Available for Photos after 10:00 a.m. Worship on Mother's Day, May 13**

**We're making it easy for you to update your photo in the RPC Directory!**



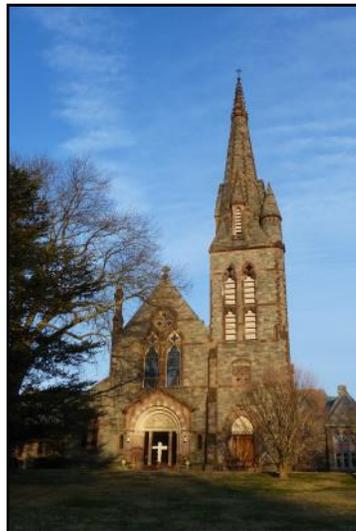
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Peter & Courtney Bennett,  
Alexandra, William & Caroline

*April*

at  
RPC



**Easter Sunday  
April 1**



**April 2!**



*Preparing Rise Against Hunger food packages—Sun., April 15.*



*Tree arrives ready for the Earth Day planting on Sat., April 21.*

## Weekends in May, Bible Study

### Saturday, May 5

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship & Communion in the Chapel

### Sunday, May 6—Confirmation Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

8:45 a.m. Confirmation Breakfast with family / Assembly Room

9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room

9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-up / Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary  
Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal / Choir Room

6:00 p.m. NOLA Pre-trip Meeting / Westminster Room

### Saturday, May 12

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship & Communion in the Chapel

### Sunday, May 13—Bible Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room

9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-up / Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary  
Sunday School

All Sunday School sings

-Children attend worship through children's message.

11:00 a.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal / Chapel

11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

### Saturday, May 19

5:00 p.m. Evening Worship & Communion in the Chapel

### Sunday, May 20—Pentecost Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

9:00 a.m. Adult Education / Westminster Room

9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-up / Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up / Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary  
Youth Choir sings

Sunday School

11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Kitchen & Westminster Rm

### Sunday, May 27

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary

-Children attend worship through children's message.

#### Saturday at 5 Worship—Make a Note

Saturday at 5 Worship will take a break for the summer with the last service being May 19, and will resume in the fall on Saturday, September 22.

## BIBLE STUDIES

### Men's Bible Study

Sundays, May 6 and 20,  
at 8:00 p.m. in the Library

This month we continue our journey through the honesty, wisdom, and faith of the Psalms. If you'd like to be on the email reminder list for this gathering, please contact Rev. Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com).

### Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion

Wednesdays, May 9 and 23,  
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

All are welcome as we continue to study the highlights of the Old Testament. It may be "Old," but it still has plenty to teach us! Please contact [Dan Love](mailto:Dan Love) for more information.

### Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, May 5 and 19,  
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

Please join the Women's Bible Study twice monthly on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the RPC Library. A warm welcome and hot coffee await!

For further information, contact [Cynthia De Santis](mailto:Cynthia De Santis).



**NOLA Youth Mission  
Pre-trip Meeting  
Sunday, May 6,  
6:00-7:00 p.m.  
in the Westminster Room**



**Annual Picnic  
in the Grape Arbor  
Sunday, June 10**

Immediately after 10:00 a.m. worship

**Come and celebrate the end of the school year!**

Featuring RPC picnic favorites:

**The Ice Cream Truck, Sliders from Jerry's,  
and Hot Dogs!**

Please bring a dish - according to your last name:

A-K: side dish or salad

L-S: fruit or dessert

T-Z: wraps or sandwiches

**Food may be left in the kitchen before worship.**

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## May Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

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### CHURCH OFFICES AND BUILDINGS CLOSED ON MEMORIAL DAY, MONDAY, MAY 28

#### BOARD MEETINGS

**Deacons:** Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m., Library  
**Trustees:** Wednesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room  
**Session:** Wednesday, May 23, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

#### WORSHIP AND STUDY

##### **Worship on Saturday evening:**

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m., May 5, 12, 19

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

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
**Prayer Gatherings:** Sundays in the Library at 8:40 a.m.

##### **Adult Education:**

**Sundays, 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room:**

**Feasting on the Word:** through June 10

**Book Study:** "The Gift of Failure" by Jessica Lahey, Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 7:30 p.m., Library

**Sunday School:** Regular Sunday School on May 5, 12, 19; Enrichment Activities on May 26

**Confirmation:** Confirmation Sunday, May 5; Breakfast with Family, 8:45 a.m., Assembly Room

**Men's Sunday Bible Study:** May 6 & 20, 8:00 p.m., Library

**Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion:** May 9 & 23, 10:00 a.m., Library

**Women's Bible Study:** Saturdays, May 5 & 19, 10:00 a.m., Library

**Women's Discipleship:** Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m., Library.

#### YOUTH

**Boy Scout Troop #2:** Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., Assembly Room

**Connection:** Wednesdays, May 2 & 16, 5:30 p.m., Youth Rooms

Year-end Picnic, Wednesday, May 30, Love residence

**High School Youth Group:** Sunday, May 6, NOLA Orientation, 6:00 p.m., Westminster Room

Sunday, May 20, Dinner & Devotional, 6:00 p.m., Kitchen & Westminster Room

#### MUSIC

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** Sundays, May 6, 13, 20, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

**Children's Choir Rehearsal:** Thursdays, 3:45 p.m., Choir Room

**Youth Choir Rehearsal:** Thursdays/Sundays TBD

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

**3 Ts:** Tuesday, May 15, 10:00 a.m., Library

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

**Friendly Visitors:** Monday, May 14, 10:30 a.m., Library

**Mission & Outreach:** Wednesday, May 2, 7:30 p.m., Library

##### **Stephen Ministry:**

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, May 1, 6:00 p.m., Library

Continuing Education and Supervision: Tuesday, May 1, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

**Thrift Shop:** Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Women's Association:** Monthly Meeting, Monday, May 7, 9:00 a.m., Library

**Worship & Music:** Wednesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m., Conference Room

#### OUTREACH AND SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

**Helping Hands:** Thursday, May 17, 10:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

## Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

### Greetings to the RPC Community from Kristin Bassett Kumar

We are so proud of the meaningful and hands-on learning that takes place at Rye Presbyterian Nursery School. As emergent curriculum studies happen throughout the school year, RPNS educators plan special experiences for the children to enhance their learning. Here are some highlights:

#### Tape Resist Letters:

Mrs. Laux and Mrs. Quinn always find a way to make learning fun, exciting, and hands-on for the children! You might have noticed the vibrant letters that line the first floor hallway that have



been created by our three-year-olds! The classroom teachers decided to offer the children the idea to create an alphabet out of tape and paint! Beginning letter recognition has always been a huge component in our three-year-old curriculum and making these learning experiences enticing for young children was a priority in Mrs. Laux's and Mrs. Quinn's curriculum planning. The tape was placed on the paper to create different alphabet letters and the children were invited to paint over the tape and paper. Once dry,



the students peeled the tape off to reveal a letter of their choice! This activity was a favorite for the class and was placed in the hall for our school community to enjoy. Thinking outside of the box and offering academic activities like this one aids in the learning process. It makes for activities that are memorable and engaging! Come check out the community alphabet outside their classroom and share the letters with your children!

We certainly do with all the classes as they pass by Mrs. Laux's and Mrs. Quinn's classroom!

#### Planetarium Visit:

Mrs. Cotter's and Mrs. Prata's afternoon fours class has an interest in

astronomy this year! The classroom teachers listened carefully to the interest of the class and promoted experimentation and exploration on this topic! Discussions about planets, spaceships, and constellations have taken center stage! The children had thoughtful questions and participated in research around space. To extend the children's curiosity and knowledge, the class went on a field trip to the Stamford Museum and Planetarium. Throughout the visit, the children gained more information about stars, constellations, and planets. They learned that the North Star helps to guide us and the brightest star is called the Betelgeuse (beetle juice)! At RPNS, we welcome field trips to expand the children's research. It was a special and memorable experience for the class and will extend their learning through the rest of the school year!



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