

## A SEASON OF GRATITUDE. A SEASON OF GIVING THANKS.

The Apostle Paul writes to the Colossians these words: *“<sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. **And be thankful.** <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”* - Colossians 3:14-17

November is a season to give thanks. And there are many good reasons for this season of gratitude. It was five years ago, on November 1, when we began a journey together as co-pastors and congregation. We began with high hopes and expectations. I believe that God has used us, pastors and congregation alike, and has used this unique way of doing ministry together, blessing us so that we might live to be a blessing in the lives of others and in our community. And so, I am thankful for Dan and all of my staff colleagues, for the strong leadership offered by our officers, and for the faithful commitment of our congregation.

I am thankful for all that God has accomplished, working through us and our Imagine Initiative, which is now drawing to a close. You know the good things that we have been able to do through this initiative – substantial building repairs and improvements, but also some significant mission initiatives as well, such as adding a second youth mission trip, starting the Coming Home program for the formerly incarcerated, and adding another Rise Against Hunger event, to name just a few. We also were able to call our associate pastor and provide for housing for this position.

As I wrote in the cover article for the September Grace Notes, the pieces of the puzzle that is Rye Presbyterian Church are creatively coming together to form an image of who and what our church is today and for the future. We are again at a key moment in our life together, as ministries and programs that were begun using funding from the Imagine Initiative are now being integrated into the planned budget for 2019.

This year the Stewardship Committee is asking you to prayerfully consider what part you will play in this year of financial transition. Each one of us is a piece of the puzzle, and without all of the pieces, the puzzle remains incomplete. Ephesians 4:16 - “Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly as each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts

grow, so the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

To those of you who have been faithful in your giving both through your annual pledge and to the Imagine Initiative, thank you! To those who continue to pledge, thank you! To those who give, but do not pledge, thank you! We invite you to join us in this spiritual discipline of pledging so that our church leaders will have a better indication of the financial resources that will be available in the year to come. To those who do not give, I invite you to consider how important your piece of the puzzle is to Rye Presbyterian Church.

As we seek to be faithful to commitments that we began through the Imagine Initiative and now will be assuming in our regular annual budget, the Stewardship Committee asks that you prayerfully consider pledging at a higher amount. You’ll be receiving letters and pledge cards in the mail. Stewardship Commitment Sunday is November 18, and all pledges received by December 3 will be gratefully acknowledged by name in the December 9 worship bulletin (Cantata Sunday).

Please know, my friends, how thankful I am for this congregation, for our ministry together, and for that which God is yet to do in us and through us.



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## Stewardship, Charitable Deductions, Donating Stock

### Stewardship 2019



THERE IS A PLACE IN OUR CHURCH ONLY YOU CAN FILL

### Stewardship Commitment Sunday is November 18.

All pledges received by December 3 will be gratefully acknowledged by name in the December 9 worship bulletin (Cantata Sunday).

*If you are unable to attend on Commitment Sunday, you can mail in your pledge card or pledge online <http://ryepc.com/resources/whats-happening-at-rpc/stewardship-pledge-2019>*

#### YOUR CHARITABLE DEDUCTION

Church financial records will close at the end of the business day on **Friday, December 28, 2018, at noon**. Gifts may be dropped off in the reception area mailbox. All checks must be received by **December 31** to qualify for a charitable deduction in the **2018 tax year**.

#### PLEDGE BALANCE

If you would like to check your pledge balance online through Access ACS, please go to [ryepc.com](http://ryepc.com):

<http://ryepc.com/resources/database-login-for-members/>

#### DONATING STOCK TO RPC

Gifts of stock to RPC are cleared through:

The Beringer Weinstock Group  
Janney Montgomery Scott  
800 Post Rd., Darien, CT 06820

Attn: Geoff Beringer

Tel: 203-662-6360

Credit to Rye Presbyterian Church AC #8926-9870.

To insure that your donation is accurately recorded, please also forward a copy of your letter of instruction to: Maida Robinson, [mrobinson@ryepc.com](mailto:mrobinson@ryepc.com).

## Adult Education, Caring Connections, Caritas Food Collection, Mobile Giving, M&O “Transforming Lives”

### Sunday Mornings 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room



This lectionary-based study is 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.

**Through December 23**  
*(There will be **no** class on the holiday weekend of 12/30)*

### Interfaith Study



#### WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

**Wednesday evenings  
November 7, 14**

**7:30 p.m.** *(locations listed below)*

You're invited to learn more about your neighbors during this four-week journey through the four houses of worship in Rye. Each week we will gather at a different house of worship, in the congregation's worship space, to learn more about its faith tradition. The clergy from the house of worship you are visiting will engage you in an introduction to their community's faith tradition. These presentations will be followed by Q & A.

Nov. 7- Church of the Resurrection; Nov. 14 - Rye Presbyterian Church



### Caring Connections

Caring Connections participants take a few moments to prepare for discussion about topics including Active Listening, Process vs. Results, and Maintaining Boundaries, just a few of the ways Stephen Ministers are trained to provide trustworthy, skilled, faithful, compassionate care to those in need.

### New Ways to Support the Ministry of RPC via Mobile Giving

RPC is pleased to announce two new methods to support the Church's ministry via your cell phone. You can now make donations by text or with the QR code in the bulletin. The initial set-up process is quick and easy.

**Give-by-Text:** Text to 914-240-2181 the amount you would like to donate (\$xx or \$xx.xx) and you will get a link to the registration page.

**QR Code:** You will need to download a QR reader app on your phone if you do not already have one. (There are several free QR apps available). When you scan the code, it will take you to a page to create a profile to make a donation.



### A NOVEMBER FOOD COLLECTION FOR RPC NEIGHBORS IN NEED



During November, we again will be collecting support for RPC mission partner and grant recipient, Caritas of Port Chester, Inc. In-kind donations for Caritas' food pantry may be placed in the collection basket near the reception office. Parents, this offers a great way for your children to participate in our community's giving! There will be a special blessing of the collected food during the children's message in the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 18. Food pantry needs include family-sized containers of vegetable oil, mayo, pasta sauce (in plastic or cans, please), boxes of pasta (any kind), bags of rice, bags of black beans, large boxes of cereal, and cans of tuna, soup, canned vegetables, and canned fruit. You can also support Caritas by putting a check in the offering plate made payable to RPC and marked "Food Drive" in the memo line. Caritas is able to buy staples from a food bank for a small percentage of retail prices.

### M&O: “Transforming Lives”



The Mission and Outreach Committee presented the “Transforming Lives” event on Sunday, October 21. If you were not able to join us, we invite you to explore our service “menu” (click [here](#)) and to respond by using the response form (click [here](#)).

## Christian Education, Confirmation, Pumpkin Carving



### Sunday School

We continue this month with the Season of Pentecost during which we, with the community of Mark's gospel, will discover that the way for disciples of Christ is anything but ordinary. We are called to be bridges not barriers; to contemplate the tough questions, address those things that get in the way of faithful living; and to embrace the way of inclusion, love, and just living. The gospel of John leads us on the last Sunday of the church year, the Reign of Christ Sunday, where we contemplate our response to the one who is Truth and who speaks truth to us. Below are the themes and texts for each week. We invite families to engage these stories together at home!

- **Nov 4:** Mark 12:28-34  
(The Way of Love) Singing Our Faith
- **Nov 11:** Mark 12:38-44  
(The Way of Giving & Receiving)
- **Nov 18:** Mark 13:1-8  
(The Way of Faithfulness)
- **Nov 25:** John 18:33-37  
(Reign of Christ) Enrichment Sunday

### The Christian Education Newsletter

It has been found that parents are the primary influence on their children's journey of faith. That means our children first begin to understand the love of God and the Christian faith through the love and care of their parents and through the faith practices observed at home.

We seek to help parents with faith development at home by providing a variety of ways for families to engage scripture, ask questions, and grow closer to God together. It is our hope that this weekly newsletter helps families experience God at work in their everyday lives.

The newsletter will be sent out each Monday. If interested in receiving this newsletter, please contact Jean-Paul Marshall ([jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com)).

### Middle School Connection

Connection, RPC's Middle School youth group, is open to all 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders.

We will meet twice this month. We will have a "regular" meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 7.

On Friday, November 16, we will go rock climbing at The Rock Club in New

Rochelle. We'll meet at 4:30 p.m. in the church parking lot and should be done by 7:00 p.m. Are any parents willing and able to drive and chaperone? Let [Dan Love](#) know.

### High School Youth Group

**Sunday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room**

We will be sharing dinner and conversation with the young men from the Youth Shelter of Westchester.

**Sunday, November 18, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room**

NOLA Reunion! We will gather around some food and shared memories. Then we will assemble 30 Clean-up Buckets for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

### We are on Instagram!

Username: ryepesyouth  
(click [here](#)).

### Updates through GroupMe!

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

### Confirmation 2019

**Class meetings—Sundays in the Westminster Room:**

November 4 & 18 at 5:00 p.m.



Pumpkin Carving  
2018!



Music Notes, Chamber Music, Christmas Eve Services, Live Nativity



**From Jason Charneski**

**Two Opportunities to Sing in the Chancel Choir:  
Cantata Sunday (December 9) and Christmas Eve**

Please let me know if you'd like to sing in the Chancel Choir for either or both Cantata Sunday (December 9, within the 10:00 a.m. service) or Christmas Eve (10:00 p.m. service). Don't be shy; give it a try!

For Cantata Sunday, we will offer J. S. Bach's Cantata 140, *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* (Awake, the Voice Calls to Us), accompanied by a 16-piece orchestra. Rehearsals will begin Sunday, November 4, following the 10:00 a.m. service (as a part of the choir's regular weekly rehearsal).

The 10:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve will be a Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols. This service presents ample opportunities for carols and anthems, all enriched through the addition of a string quartet. So that you might plan accordingly, the warm-up that evening will begin at 9:00 p.m. Rehearsals for Christmas Eve music will commence on December 2 as a part of the choir's regular weekly rehearsal (following the 10:00 a.m. service). The subsequent rehearsals on December 16 and 23 will focus on this music.

*Jason*

[jcharneski@ryepc.com](mailto:jcharneski@ryepc.com)

**Chamber Music  
at Rye Presbyterian Church**

Ronald Arron, artistic director

2018-2019 Season

**Piano Four-Hands**

**Jeewon Park and Andrew Armstrong**



**Sunday, November 11, at 2:30 p.m.**

**Music of Brahms, Dvořák, Fauré,  
Gershwin, and Schubert**

**Admission: \$20**

(a special rate for RPC members and friends!)

Contact Ronald Arron to reserve seat(s)  
phone: or 914-523-4646 / email: [ronarron@optonline.net](mailto:ronarron@optonline.net)

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**Make a note—new schedule:**

**Christmas Eve Services  
Monday, December 24**

- 3:00 p.m. **Family Service**  
with Live Nativity
- 5:00 p.m. **Family Candlelight Service**  
With Live Nativity
- 10:00 p.m. **Candlelight Service of  
Lessons & Carols**  
With the Chancel Choir and  
string quartet



**Live Nativity—2018**

This Christmas, the high school youth will create a live nativity scene during the 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve services.

If you have questions or are interested in participating, please contact [Lisa Rawson](#) or [Jean-Paul Marshall](#).

## RPC Upcoming Events



**Sunday,  
December 2,  
at 7:00 p.m.**

Carols around the trees on the front lawn to welcome in the Christmas season with dessert following at the Miller manse, 890 Boston Post Road!



## THE GREENING OF THE KIRK



Yes, it feels early . . . but it's almost that time when RPC elves gather together to decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays.

Come by on **Wednesday, December 5,** from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

As usual, there will be food and drink, music, and lots of merriment.

Please contact [Kristin Jautz](mailto:Kristin.Jautz@ryepc.com) if we can count on you this year!

~ RPC Family Fellowship ~

### Pizza & Gingerbread House Party!



Bring your family for a Pizza Dinner and stay for the Tree Lighting at 7:00 p.m. Once the tree has been lit and dessert enjoyed, your house will be dry and ready to take home.

**Sunday, December 2,  
Assembly Room: 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

RSVP Jean-Paul Marshall ([jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com)) with how many houses you'll need.

## Christmas Pageant 2018

**Sunday, December 16, 4:00 p.m.**



The Pageant is open to all children Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you or your children are interested in participating through acting or working behind the scenes, sign-up sheets are available on the wall across from the RPC reception

desk. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in helping out with narration, lighting, or ushering, please contact: Lisa Rawson, *Director*, at [lrawson@ryepc.com](mailto:lrawson@ryepc.com)

*All forms are due November 26*

#### Auditions:

Sunday, Nov. 4,  
11:15 a.m.,  
Westminster Room

#### Rehearsal Schedule:

Thursday, Nov 29, 3:45-5:15  
Thursday, Dec. 6, 3:45-6:15  
Thursday, Dec. 13, 3:45-5:45

### RYE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Sunday, November 18, 4:00 p.m.**

Community Synagogue of Rye  
200 Forest Avenue, Rye, NY



**The Rev. Kate Malin, preaching  
Rector of Christ's Church, Rye**

**Reception hosted by the Rye Women's Interfaith  
Committee will follow the service.**

Non-perishable food and monetary donations will be given to Caritas of Port Chester. (Formerly Holy Rosary Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry)



## September & October Events!

Community Synagogue of Rye returned their Torah scrolls to their newly renovated synagogue on September 30. Members of RPC joined them as they marched the scrolls from RPC to CSR and then celebrated with singing, dancing, and food. We enjoyed having them use our chapel and other facilities for the past year and wish them much happiness in their renovated home.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our fall Rise Against Hunger event on Sunday, October 14! We were able to pack a total of 10,152 meals during our time together. Each meal included enough enriched rice, soy protein, dried vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and nutrients to feed six people. I encourage you to visit the Rise Against Hunger website (<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>) to learn more about their organization and their goal to end world hunger by 2030.

## Weekends in November, Bible Study

### Saturday, November 3

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

### Sunday, November 4

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

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

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

9:30 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal / Chapel

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Communion in the Sanctuary  
Children's Choir sings  
Sunday School

-Children attend worship through children's message.

11:00 a.m. Christmas Pageant Auditions / Westminster Room

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

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Westminster Room

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Westminster Room

7:00 p.m. New Member Dessert / Library

8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

### Saturday, November 10

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

### Sunday, November 11

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

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

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

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

New Members reception

Sunday School

-Children attend worship through children's message

11:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting / Sanctuary

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

2:30 p.m. Chamber Music at RPC Concert / Sanctuary

### Saturday, November 17

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

### Sunday, November 18—Stewardship 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

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

Sunday School

-Children attend worship through children's message.

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

4:00 p.m. Rye Interfaith Thanksgiving Service / Com. Synagogue

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Westminster Room

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group / Assembly Room

8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study / Library

### Saturday, November 24

5:00 p.m. Contemplative Service / Chapel

### Sunday, November 25

8:40 a.m. Prayer Gathering / Library

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

No Sunday School—Enrichment Activities

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

### Men's Bible Study

Sundays, November 4 and 18,  
at 8:00 p.m. in the Library

If you'd like to be on an email reminder list, let [Dan Love](#) know.

### Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion

Wednesdays, November 14 and 28,  
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

All are welcome to jump in any time for our tour of the Hebrew Scriptures! We will be using resources from "The Bible Project" (<https://thebibleproject.com>) for our discussion—worth checking out!

We meet on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.

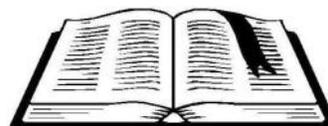
If you'd like to be on the email reminder list, let [Dan Love](#) know.

### Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, November 3 and 10,  
at 10:00 a.m. in the Library

Please join 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](#).



### Contemplative Saturday at 5 Service November 24 in the Chapel

In a break from our typical format, all are invited to a time of worship in a quiet space, with music, silent meditative prayer, and guided quiet reflection on scripture.

*Come, enter God's presence.  
Find your center.*

### Congregational Meeting Election of Officers

Sunday, November 11,  
following 10:00 a.m. worship

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## November Schedule of Meetings, Events, and Programs

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**CHURCH OFFICES AND BUILDINGS CLOSED  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, and FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23,  
IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING**

### BOARD MEETINGS

**Deacons:** Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., Library  
**Trustees:** Wednesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room  
**Session:** Wednesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m., Westminster Room

### WORSHIP AND STUDY

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

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m., November 3, 10, 17, & 24, in the Chapel

#### **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:**

“Feasting on the Word”: Sundays, 9:00-9:45 a.m., Westminster Room, through December 23

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor” - 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, November 7 at Church of the Resurrection, and November 14 at RPC.

**Sunday School:** Regular Sunday School on November 4, 11, 18; Enrichment Activities on November 25

**Confirmation:** Sundays, November 4 & 18, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room

**Men’s Sunday Bible Study:** November 4 & 18, 8:00 p.m., Library

**Wednesday Morning Bible Discussion:** November 14, & 28, 10:00 a.m., Library

**Women’s Bible Study:** Saturdays, November 3 & 10, 10:00 a.m., Library

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

### YOUTH

**Boy Scout Troop #2:** Every Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Assembly Room

**Connection:** Wednesday, November 7, 5:30 p.m., Youth Room;

Friday, November 16, Rock Climbing, Rock Club, New Rochelle; meet 4:30 p.m., church parking lot;

**High School Youth Group:** Sunday, November 4, 6:00 p.m., Westminster Room;

Sunday, November 18, 6:00 p.m., Assembly Room: NOLA reunion and clean-up buckets assembly

### MUSIC

**Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** Sundays, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.

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

Sunday, November 3, sing in church; 9:30 a.m. rehearsal, Chapel

**Youth Choir Rehearsal:** Sunday, November 18, 11:00 a.m. rehearsal, Chapel

### OTHER CHURCH MEETINGS, EVENTS, AND PROGRAMS

**3 Ts:** Tuesday, November 20, 10:00 a.m., Westminster Room

**Chamber Music at RPC Concert:** Sunday, November 11, 2:30 p.m., Sanctuary

**Christmas Pageant Auditions:** Sunday, November 4, 11:15 a.m., Westminster Room

**Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, November 11, following 10:00 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

**Friendly Visitor:** Monday, November 5, 11:00 a.m., Library

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

#### **Stephen Ministry:**

Stephen Leaders: Tuesday, November 6, 5:30 p.m., Library

Continuing Education and Supervision: Tuesday, November 6, 7:00 p.m., Library

Caring Connections: Mondays, November 5 & 12, 7:00 p.m., Westminster Room

Retreat: Saturday, November 17, 8:00 a.m., Westminster Room

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

**Women’s Association:** Monthly Meeting, Monday, November 5, 9:00 a.m., Library

**Worship & Music:** Tuesday, November 13, 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; and Monday, November 1, 7:30 p.m., Chapel

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

**Helping Hands:** Thursday, November 15, 10:00 a.m., Kitchen & Assembly Room

## Rye Presbyterian Nursery School

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

#### Registration:

Come join us at Rye Presbyterian Nursery School for the 2019-2020 school year! In-house registration will be held on November 5 through November 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. All current students, new siblings of returning families, and church members should register at this time to guarantee their placement. **All church members are part of our In-House registration.** If you are a new family please call 914-967-2073 or email Co-Director, Kristin Kumar, at [kkumar@rpnskids.org](mailto:kkumar@rpnskids.org) to set up a tour. Rye Presbyterian Nursery School offers morning and afternoon programs for two, three, and four year olds and a morning five year old class. Our morning and afternoon sessions have the same goals and activities at each of their respective age levels. We look forward to hearing from you soon!



to learn responsibility is to have responsibility.”

In The Whole Brain Child, Daniel Siegel and Tina Bryson share recent brain research that explains why this is true: “In order to develop decision-making and reasoning skills, children need opportunities to exercise and practice doing those things. Classroom jobs give students such chances, and they also give students a chance to be responsible in a meaningful way: the children know that completing their job helps their classmates or their teacher (or both).”

The Fours were very excited to learn that they have classroom jobs. Every Monday, after the children wipe their hands and check in, they go over to the job chart to find out if they have a job for the week, and if so, what job will be their responsibility. The jobs last all week. The types of jobs vary and are incorporated throughout the school day, from start to finish. This is an excellent way for the children to learn responsibility and gain a sense of ownership over the classroom. Ask your child if he or she has a job every Monday!

These are the weekly jobs in the Fours:

- **2 Snack Helpers:** These children wash hands before the rest of the class as they set the tables for the whole group.
- **Schedule Reader:** The schedule reader reads the daily picture/word schedule at meeting, telling their classmates how the day will flow.

- **Time Keeper:** This friend rings the bell informing children that there are 5 more minutes of work before clean-up. Five minutes later, the time keeper rings the bell to signal it is clean-up time.

- **Line Leader:** He or she heads the line when leaving and returning to the classroom.

- **Caboose:** The caboose is the end of our line. He or she makes sure everyone is in line.

- **Block Manager:** This friend helps with clean-up in the block area and makes sure the space is organized according to shape.

- **Calendar Helper:**

The calendar helper reads the classroom calendar at meeting time to inform the children of our month and day of the week. He or she counts to the date in that month.

- **Attendance Assistant:** This child helps the teachers record which friends are in school and which friends are absent. He or she counts the children.

- **Door Holder:** He or she holds the doors when going in and out of the classroom.

- **Problem Solver:** After trying to solve a problem on his or her own, a friend can seek out the problem solver for suggestions on a solution. These are for small problems, never a problem where a friend might get harmed. If the problem solver cannot help, the friend can ask a teacher for help next.



#### The Fours Have Jobs:

“Classroom jobs can help build a sense of excitement, community, and interdependence in a classroom from the very start of the school year. Classroom jobs also teach children responsibility... The only way for children

[The Rev. Daniel Love](#), Co-Pastor

[The Rev. Dr. John Miller](#), Co-Pastor

[The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall](#), Associate Pastor for Christian Education

[Jason Charneski](#), Director of Music and Organist

[Lisa Rawson](#), Director of Choirs for Children and Youth

[Maida Robinson](#), Chief Administrative Officer

[Peggy Berretta](#), Administrative Assistant

[Nancy Lavalle](#), Staff Assistant

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We are a Stephen Ministry church.