

the Messenger

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Jesus is Risen!

Go then to love
and serve your neighbor.

God's Little Angels Kids' Mission Team visits with the
folks at Manor Care Nursing Home.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Dawn Logullo Davis	4/1
Tessa Logullo	4/1
Ruth Rubican	4/4
Ruth Gibney	4/5
Kaitlynn Hughart	4/5
Denise Grubb	4/6
Robert Boyd	4/8
Edward Rash	4/9
Heavenly Coveleskie	4/10
Kelly Gibbons	4/11
Joan Stadelman	4/11
Annmarie Haynes	4/12
Charles Johnson	4/14
Christopher Sutor	4/16
Carol Strickland	4/17
Rosalie Cascone	4/18
Amber Saienni	4/18
Richard Sutor	4/18
Julie Gibbons	4/19
Robert Boyd, Jr.	4/21
Robert Bennett	4/22
Katherine Burge	4/22
Robert Collins, Jr.	4/22
Kathy Russell	4/23
Robert Evely, III	4/24
Alicia Silva	4/25
Christine Martnick	4/26
Margaret Ashton	4/27
Shirley Delpizzo	4/27
Daniel Swain	4/29

NOTE: If your name is not listed on our birthday calendar, please call the church office at 654-0961. Thank you.

KIDS' KORNER

Kristi Doughty

Hi everyone! April brings showers and flowers. Showers of God's love continue at Richardson Park United Methodist Church - - bring your little ones and their friends to Sunday School and see how they blossom into caring youth focused on God's love and Jesus' teachings.

PreK and K will continue with our exciting study called **LIVELY BIBLE LESSONS FOR PRESCHOOLERS**. We will begin our **LIVELY LOOK AT MY FAITH!** with **Who is God?** – Where we will learn about God's love, care and gifts. **Who is Jesus?** – Discovering that Jesus is with us wherever we go. **Talking to God** – Know God hears and answers prayers, and **God's Gift – Forgiveness** – Know Jesus forgives us and wants us to forgive others. Grades 1 thru 4 will learn about how to "**Become Part of God's Family**" by reviewing passages from Romans, 1 John, and John, and Grades 5 thru 7 will explore "**The World God Made**" by focusing on passages in Genesis, James, and 1 Corinthians.

If you have any questions, please speak with our dedicated teaching staff! PreK/K – Kristi Doughty, Michelle Anderson and Annette Ott; Grades 1 thru 4 – Marlene Johnson and Donna Chambers; Grades 5 thru 7 – Rob Anderson and AnnMarie Haynes; and Grades 8 thru 12 – Jennifer Kerby with Neal Davis substituting.

If you would like to share your time and talents with our children or youth, please speak with Pastor Jennifer or call the church office any time. Thank you!

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 - 2:00 AM
"Spring Forward"

Turn your clocks ahead one hour.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In April, Phoebe Circle will take care of the flowers in the church and Elizabeth and Esther Circles will greet everyone joining in worship.

Circle Meetings

Deborah Circle	Mon., April 4, 7:00 p.m. Home of Kathy Russell Bring your calendars
Elizabeth Circle	Wed., April 6, 10:30 a.m. Home of Rosalie Cascone
Esther Circle	Wed., April 13, 7:00 p.m. Church Lounge
Phoebe Circle	Wed., April 6, 10:00 a.m. Church Lounge
Unit Meeting	Monday, April 11, 7:00 p.m. Church Lounge

UMW LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW

**Saturday, April 23 - 11:30 a.m.
\$10.00 per person**

Mark your calendar for this enjoyable annual event with fashions by Bon Worth. Tickets should be purchased in advance from any UMW member or by calling the church office at 654-0961.

The event will begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m. The menu includes:

Chicken Salad on a Croissant
Tomato and Lettuce
Assorted Fresh Fruit
Iced Tea or Lemonade
Pineapple Angel Lush for Dessert

Fashions will be provided by Bon Worth, which is located on the River Front at 952 South Madison Street. Claudia McFarland will be the moderator, and eight members of the UMW will be your fashion models.

Come and enjoy our luncheon and fashion show, support our local models, and be eligible for a door prize.

Also, the Mission/RESTART Committee will be holding a bake sale for the Tsunami Relief Fund. So, buy a homemade baked good to take home with you.

HEALTH KITS FOR MIGRANT FARM WORKERS

Each year, our church participates in this much needed project of Church Women United. It is not too soon to begin purchasing items for health kits for the Delmarva Rural Ministries – they need all the kits we can collect.

Each health kit should contain:

1 toothbrush	1 new washcloth
1 4 oz. tube of toothpaste	1 new bath towel
1 sturdy comb	1 4 oz. bar of soap
1 deodorant	1 shampoo

Wrap the above items in the bath towel and tie with ribbon or a pair of shoelaces.

Health kits must be received in the church office or given to Shirly Ritter by Sunday, April 3.

YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 17 – 10:30 AM

Prepare to be blessed, surprised and delighted by the youth of our church as they lead us in a lively and devoted worship service.

WESLEY TOWER BANKS - 2005

February	\$218.20
March	\$234.63

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Your change is really adding up. Our total to date in 2005 is \$596.35. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on the first Sunday of each month.

MANY THANKS

Thank you for the visits by members of the UMW and Pastor Bill Green and for your cards and prayers while I was ill.

Anna Crowe

WESLEY TOWER NEWS

As of March 14, 2005, the roll down fire door is being installed over the John Wesley window. The elevator is finished except for some details, such as the installation of the call buttons, which have to wait until the wall covering is completed. Work on the interior walls should be in progress now, as well as the exterior wall covering. The two stained glass windows that were removed from the old entrance lobby are being refurbished and will be installed in the new lobby opposite the elevator door. The design for the new round stained glass window above the main door has been approved and the window is in production.

Changes in the main building are progressing rapidly. New carpet, floor coverings, and cove moldings have been selected by our color experts. Work on the new hood over the stove in the kitchen has been delayed because new drawings must be approved before the hood and duct work can be fabricated. The installation looks like it will happen sometime in April. Since the hood is being treated as a separate project, it will hold up the application for an occupancy permit for the tower.

NEWSFLASH

The group formerly known as Tweens has renamed themselves. From now on, they shall be known as...

THE LOLx2 CLUB

Which stands for "Laugh Out Loud while Loving Our Lord."

All kids in grades four through six are welcome to attend our zany and fun-filled fellowships that occur on the first and third Sundays of the month from 5-6:15pm.

THANKS FROM THE TRUSTEES

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to thank all those who participated in the cleaning of the church on Saturday, February 26 and Thursday, March 3.

Earle Snapp, Chairman

CAP SCHEDULE -TUES., APRIL 19

12:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.

Day Hope Club
Evening Hope Club

NOTES FROM THE CAP STAFF

A reminder about CAP's hours: The thrift shop and food closet are open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Thursday from Noon to 6:00 p.m.; and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We invite you to visit during these hours to look for bargains in our cheery shop or to drop off items for re-sale. We especially seek donations of children's clothes, toys, knick knacks, dishes, glassware, and other small household items. Your donations are tax-deductible, if you itemize. If you come on a Friday, you can chat with Lillian Simmons and Ruth Taylor – we send our thanks to these faithful volunteers for taking the Friday shift these many years.

We need "substitute" volunteers for the thrift shop. Please call and add your name to the list of people who can help from time to time if a regular volunteer is ill.

If you are low income and low on food, please visit CAP's food closet. Walk-ins are welcome -- you do not need a referral. If you need transportation home, we can give you a bus pass. In February 2005, the food closet served 118 adults and 63 children; in January 170 adults and 77 children. Through a connection with Stroehmann's Bakery, CAP now has an unlimited supply of fresh bread for low income people. You may pick up bread at CAP, or call for delivery if you need that service.

Emergency Funds: CAP continues to disburse \$2,000 per month to assist with rent, utilities, and medicine.

Special thanks to Five Points Fire Company. The firefighters donated funds that CAP used to purchase beds for a deserving family. One of the firefighters also donated a new mountain bike which was sold the next day in the thrift shop.

From Christina and Mary Jane, your staff at CAP.
Call Christina at 428-1247 or Mary Jane at 428-1494.

CAP STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
PENIEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday, June 4, 2005

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

*******Rain or Shine*******

COME AND JOIN US

- **Flea Market tables available for \$15.00 each**
- **Luncheon**
- **Strawberry Shortcake**
- **Bake Table**

ATTENTION WOMEN OF RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

You are cordially invited to come and explore the INTERSECTION of God's love and your life. An overnight retreat for women sponsored by Chabereth Ministries, Inc. will be held at The Jesus House, 2501 Milltown Road. Discussion topics include:

"Who am I?" "Who is God?" "What difference does prayer make?"
"What influence does Scripture have on my life?" "How can I nurture my Spiritual Growth?"

Friday, May 6, 4:30 p.m. - Saturday, May 7, 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$130 - Includes lodging, three meals and materials

Come as an individual or bring your women's circle or friends for a shared growth experience.

Workshop Leader: Rev. Dr. Karen Covey Moore
Ordained United Methodist Minister and Spiritual Director

TO REGISTER, call Karen Moore at 377-6123. DEADLINE - Friday, April 29

CHILDREN'S CHOIR UPDATE

The Fish Tales Musical has been changed from Sunday, May 29 to Sunday, May 22. Please make this change on your calendars. Thank you.

Mrs. Beth

FINANCIAL INFORMATION - GENERAL FUND

	<u>February</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Receipts	\$15,531.67	\$32,742.30
Budget	<u>\$18,834.42</u>	<u>\$37,668.83</u>
Short	\$ 3,302.75	\$ 4,926.53

MISSION TREE

On Sundays in **April**, we will be hanging "Signs" of **Spring** on our Mission Tree. Hang a "Sign" of Spring on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.

MISSION/RESTART COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Soup and Pie Sale a great success. Our profit after expenses was \$1,125.00.

Ruth Berry

A Note of Thanks...

to all who have sustained me in prayer and kind words throughout these days of preparation. Through God's grace, I am delighted to report that the Board of Ordained Ministry has voted to recommend me to be commissioned as a Probationary Member on my way to becoming an Ordained Elder. May God bless and keep each of you.

Jennifer Kerby

YOUTH SPRING RETREAT

Friday, April 29 – Sunday, May 1

Calling all youth, grades 7-12: save these dates for a fantastic, fun-filled spring get-away at Camp Mardela. Great group fellowship, devotions, games, canoes and swimming (if it gets warm enough!). A special Saturday activity is in the works.



We leave Friday at 5pm and will return to church Sunday afternoon around 2pm. Pack camping clothes, sleeping bags, your Bible and personal care stuff. \$20/person includes all meals except Friday night. Bring a bag dinner or some cash for food on the drive down. Financial assistance available.

Permission forms and medical forms **must be completed and signed** ahead of time. **Reserve your spot ASAP and no later than April 24!** Please see or call Pastor Jennifer, Mr. Rob, Mrs. Beth or Mr. Ryan. Church ph# 654-0961.

ATTENTION ALL POWER HOUR BIBLE STUDY KIDS:

Due to popular demand, we will meet on both the first and third Wednesdays of the month through the end of the year to continue our deep study of the Bible. REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BIBLES! 6:00pm.