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RICHARDSON PARK U.M.C.
CELEBRATES ADVENT & CHRISTMAS!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

6:00 P.M. - ADVENT FAMILY NIGHT
COVERED DISH DINNER, CHRISTMAS CAROLS,
AND SPECIAL MUSIC FROM THE CHILDREN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

"SONG OF EMMAUEL" CHOIR CANTATA - 10:30 A.M.
JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL MORNING OF WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
CHRISTMAS EVE

6:30 P.M. - FAMILY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

10:45 P.M. - TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
CHRISTMAS MORNING

10:30 A.M. - COZY AND CASUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
"COME AS YOU ARE"



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Patrick Elliott	12/2
Anthony Burgos	12/3
Bryan Cummings	12/3
Helen Haynes	12/4
Andrea Burgos	12/5
Marjorie Newton	12/5
Dorothy Scarborough	12/5
Donald McFarland	12/7
Bea Burke	12/8
William Boyce	12/9
Zachary Casalvera	12/9
Andrew Hughes	12/9
Billee Boyd	12/10
Carolyn Stafford	12/11
Mary Lou Boyce	12/12
Vernon Burris	12/12
Rose Davis	12/12
Steven Ott	12/12
Kelsey Flanagan	12/13
Justin Farren	12/14
Melanie Mitten	12/14
George Smallwood	12/15
Holly Bentley	12/16
Alexis Burris	12/18
Shirly Ritter	12/19
Gabrielle Arnold	12/20
Noel Bartell	12/20
Sandy Tomlinson	12/20
Michael Toy	12/22
Charles Heite	12/23
Adeline Le Breton	12/23
Tom Atkinson	12/25
Cheryl Lynn Krebs	12/25
Barbara Przywara	12/26
Betty Swain	12/26
Neal Davis	12/27
Katie Estevez	12/29
Turquoise Nichols	12/30
Amanda Graham	12/31

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

KIDS' KORNER

Kristi J. Doughty

Advent is a wondrous time when we learn that God's most precious gift is the most unique and generous gift you will ever receive and you will ever share with others - - Jesus, His son.

PreK and K will hear stories about the Angel telling Mary about Jesus' impending birth, the journey to Bethlehem, Jesus' humble birth in the stable, and the visit from the shepherds. Grades 1 thru 4 will study passages in Luke to learn about how all things are possible with God; God uses ordinary people; Jesus is God's son; and God rewards those who trust Him. Grades 5 thru 7 will explore how "People change, but God never changes (Hebrews 13:8); "God knows and cares about who you are becoming" (Ephesians 2:10); "Jesus loves both guys and girls, so we should respect each other" (Colossians 3:12-14); and "God understands our feelings" (John 11:35).

Come share this special time of year - - we want you to join in the fun. ***No Sunday School on Christmas Day, December 25*** - - sleep in and come join us for an informal, cozy church service of singing and celebration at 10:30 a.m. May you and your family enjoy God's richest blessings this most inspirational time of year!

If you have any questions, please speak with our dedicated teaching staff!

PreK/K - Kristi J. Doughty, Michelle Anderson, and Annette Ott

Grades 1 thru 4 - Marlene Johnson and Donna Chambers

Grades 5 thru 7 - Rob Anderson and assist.

Grades 8 thru 12 - Bob Evely

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

During December, Deborah Circle will take care of the flowers in the church and Phoebe Circle will greet everyone joining in worship.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Monday, December 5 - 6:00 p.m.

The United Methodist Women invite you to join them for their annual Christmas covered-dish dinner. A delightful musical program with the McFarland family will help us usher in the season. We will have our blanket tree where a \$5.00 donation will help keep someone warm this winter. We also will take a collection for CAP which will be used to help with their Christmas baskets for families in need.

Wednesday, December 7 - 9:00 a.m.

Church Women United will hold its Annual Cookie Pack at 9:00 a.m. at Peniel UMC. 6500 cookies are needed. Cookies (in airtight containers) and 2006 calendars can be left in the church office. Thank you for your baked goods.

Saturday, December 10 - 9:00 a.m.

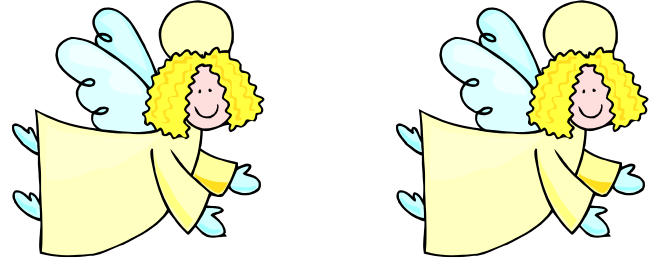
The United Methodist Women again will have our Cookie Walk. These cookies make wonderful gifts and they also can be frozen. So, please join us by bringing and buying tiny cookies that sell for \$4.00 a can!

Sunday, December 11 - After Worship

We will have a taste testing of homemade candy in the Extension! You may taste fudge, peanut brittle, chocolate bark and mints. Orders will be taken at this time and delivered on Sunday, December 18. The candy will sell for \$9.00 per pound and \$5.00 per half-pound. All proceeds will go to support UMW mission projects.

ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

The Angel Tree Program is being held again this year. We have names available for those wishing to purchase a gift for a child. We also will accept contributions to purchase a gift on your behalf. Some contributions will be used for our restart children. The gifts will be distributed at Advent Family Night on Saturday, December 3. Please contact Carolyn Nafzinger if you are interested in participating in this program.



GOD'S LITTLE ANGELS

On Saturday, November 19, a group of angels visited the Foulk Manor North Health Care Facility. With goodies, songs, and Christmas decorations, God's Little Angels brought some Holiday cheer to the residents on two different floors. We were especially pleased to be able to visit with Anna Crowe, one of our church members, during our morning there. Thanks so much to all of our young people and special thanks to the "adult" angels who made our trip possible.

CAP SCHEDULE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:00 p.m.	Day Hope Club
5:00 p.m.	Evening Hope Club

ZINGO TAPES

Don't forget to bring your Zingo tapes to worship on Sundays. Just place them in the offering plates or in the wicker basket in the vestibule. We received a check in the amount of \$168.95 in November. Thanks for helping.

Richardson Park Community Action Program



November 2005

Crisis Alleviation: In the month of October, CAP distributed \$2,000 in crisis alleviation funds. Of this total, \$600 went to help our clients with rent, and the balance to help them with utility bills. The food closet served 67 households, representing 92 adults and 44 children.

Foot Clinic: Podiatrist Dr. Gina Freeman continues to see six to eight patients per month. She comes to CAP the third Monday of every month, at 1:00 pm. Dr. Freeman charges a fee, and her services are open to everyone. Please call Mary Jane if you would like to become a new patient.

Hope Clubs: Only because of the loyal support of the Koinonia class, CAP continues to serve an average of 22 households per month with this sustaining food distribution program.

United Way of Delaware: If you give to United Way at your office, you can designate CAP as the recipient of your gift. CAP's Agency Code number is 9414. You simply need to insert this number on your pledge form, and your donations will come right to CAP. (Note that the correct Agency Code is 9414. We had given you an incorrect number in the last Messenger.)

Our thanks to you: We have lots of "thank yous" this month, and we hope we have not missed anyone. We are very grateful.....

To Jim Chilcutt, for finding documents that had gone missing in our computer.

To Charlene Workman, for the big Halloween food raiser. Charlene's delightful event netted many pounds of food, plus some cash donations.

To the church, for the many cans of food we picked up from the vestibule over the past weeks.

To Ed Locke, for bringing food donations to CAP faithfully every week.

To the church for giving CAP the leftover treasures from your gigantic yard sale.

To the Koinonia Class, for ongoing support of the Hope Clubs.

CAP's Hours: Monday through Wednesday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Thursday noon to 6:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. You are warmly invited to visit us at 107 S. Maryland Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804. Telephone 428-1247.

From Mary Jane and Christina, your staff at CAP.