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Pastor's Ponderings

"I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. – Habakkuk 2:1-3

At one time or another most of us have seen these clever words on a poster or refrigerator magnet:

"Dear God please give me patience and give it to me now!" We laugh at those words in part because they ring so true. In a world of instant messaging, instant oatmeal and 24/7 availability of so many things, patience is definitely not one of our strong suits. Give it to me NOW!

The prophet Habakkuk lived during a horribly difficult time for the children of Israel, and when it came to God, Habbakuk was losing patience. The words he writes in the opening chapter of his oracle bristle with anger and frustration. "Why? How Long? Why do you not listen?" Habakkuk screams these questions at God. Habakkuk knows that God has made many promises and none of them seems to be coming true. Like many of his contemporaries, he wonders if God has abandoned the people. "How long shall I cry for help?" is the prophets desperate plea to God. Habbakuk is running out of patience.

The answer the prophet receives is one that gives assurance and hope. There is indeed still a vision God has for his people. "If it seems to tarry, wait for it, it will surely come."

Patience is not our strong suit, and yet so much of what we desire as individuals and as a church family does not come overnight. Patience, faith, and hope are required. We do well to heed the word spoken to Habakkuk.

If our visions and dreams are truly inspired by God, we will not be disappointed in the long run.

Peace Be With You,
Bill



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Karen Boyd	10/1
Brittany Brown	10/1
John Lee	10/2
Dee Dee Painter	10/3
Tim Williamson	10/3
Robert Evely, Jr.	10/4
Edward Przywara	10/4
Brandon Henderson	10/5
Winfield Lane	10/5
Alissa Ayala	10/6
Cheryl Chilcutt	10/7
Eve Thomas	10/7
Kathy Moore	10/8
Angela Ott	10/8
Jessica Donnelly	10/9
Will Fader	10/9
Marjorie Heite	10/9
Carol Haynes	10/10
Kaia Phillips	10/10
Logan Phillips	10/10
Melissa Hughes	10/11
Frederick Cleaver	10/12
Emma Perugini	10/13
Jerry Toy	10/13
Brian Snitch	10/16
Jay Cummings	10/19
Patrick Donnelly	10/22
Charles Ober	10/24
Esther McDowell	10/25
Paulette Cleaver	10/26
Dianna Deaton	10/26
Dorothy Austin	10/27
Tod Mitten	10/27
Scott Cloud	10/28

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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30
TIME TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

During October, 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 Leader - Trish Williamson
 Monday, Oct. 3, 7:00 p.m.
 Home of Marlene Johnson
 115 West Monroe Avenue
- Elizabeth Circle Leader - Barbara Sayles
 Wed., Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m.
 Anna Crowe's Residence
 Foulk Manor North
- Esther Circle Co-Leaders - Pat Cummings
 And Shirly Ritter
 Wed., Oct. 12, 7:00 p.m.
 Church Lounge
- Phoebe Circle Leader - Brenda Tucker
 Wed., Oct. 5, 10:30 a.m.
 Church Lounge

Unit Meeting - Monday, Oct. 17 - 7:00 p.m.

Peninsula-Delaware Conference
United Methodist Women
Annual Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 8, 2005
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Leeds United Methodist Church
1579 Blue Ball Road
Elkton, Maryland

KIDS' KORNER
Kristi J. Doughty

Hi everybody! There will be a chill in the air before we know it, but RPUMC is a warm place to come join your friends for fun and worship!

PreK and K will hear stories from *Genesis* and *Exodus* about Jacob and Esau ("be kind"), Jacob's Ladder, the Burning Bush ("God will watch over you"), and Moses' Escape from Egypt ("God fills our lives with good things"). Grades 1 thru 4 will focus on Adventures with Abraham, using passages from *Genesis* to learn that "God is in control of the future;" "God forgives us when we do wrong;" "God protects us when we're afraid;" and "God wants us to trust him even if we don't understand at first." They will then begin to Understand the Bible and hear about how "God inspired people to write the Bible." Grades 5 thru 7 will explore dealing with School by focusing on passages from *Colossians*, *1 John*, *Ecclesiastes*, and *1 Peter*. The areas examined are: "God Expects us to do our best in school;" "Cheating Hurts Everyone;" "God can help us lead balanced lives;" "Our Faith can help us get along with teachers;" and "We can take our faith to school."

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

The teaching schedule is as follows:

Prek/K	Kristi Doughty, Annette Ott & Michelle Anderson
Grades 1-4	Marlene Johnson & Donna Chambers
Grades 5-7	Rob Anderson & Assistant
Grades 8-12	Bob Evely

We always are interested in including anyone in the congregation in teaching and working with the children and youth, so please contact me at 832-1271 if you are able to assist in any way. This would include special appearances in sharing your talents in crafts or storytelling or any other support you may wish to offer. Thank you!

POWER HOUR

>>>Bible Study & Dinner for Youth<<<

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 5

CAP SCHEDULE - OCTOBER

Tuesday, October 18

12:00 p.m. Day Hope Club

5:00 p.m. Evening Hope Club

CAP NEWS AND NEEDS

CAP needs your trash to turn into treasures. We suddenly find the Thrift Shop inventory (other than clothing) is very low. Please dig into those closets and bring us your knick knacks, bric-a-brac, wall hangings, jewelry, kitchen ware, linens - all of your small household items that would like a new home. We also need food for the food closet and plastic and paper bags for people to carry away their purchases.

WESLEY TOWER BANKS

September 2005

\$98.96

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 for 2005 is **\$1,629.11**. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on the first Sunday of each month.

MISSION TREE

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

ZINGO TAPES

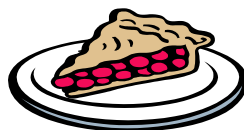
Don't forget to bring your Zingo tapes to worship on Sundays. Just place them in the offering plates.

SOUP & PIE SALE

Sponsored by the Mission Committee

Mark your calendars for our Soup and Pie sale which will be held on Saturday, October 8 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Orders must be received by Sunday, October 2.

Soups - Ham & Bean or Vegetable Beef
\$4.00/Quart



Pies - Apple, Coconut Custard, Pumpkin
\$8.00 Each (10" Deep Dish)

To place an order, call the church office
at 654-0961.

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KOINONIA YARD SALE

Friday, October 21 9 AM - 3 PM

Saturday, October 22 8 AM - 2 PM

If you have any contributions, please call the church office at 654-0961 to arrange for pick up.

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HALLOWEEN PARTY - OCTOBER 30

Our annual Halloween Party will be held on Sunday, October 30, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Monetary donations, cookies and candy, and prizes would be appreciated to help make this event as successful as always. Please contact Charlene Workman at 654-9966 if you can make a donation or help with this event.

Note to volunteers: Please arrive one-half hour before the event to help set up games, etc.

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LAY READERS

October 2
October 9
October 16
October 23
October 30

FLOWERS and GREETERS

For the month of October, Phoebe Circle is responsible for the flowers and Elizabeth and Esther Circles are responsible for the greeters.

The purpose of Richardson Park United Methodist Church is to help people experience the amazing love of God and develop a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 2
October 9 Claudia McFarland Ko
At the Cross Ed Locke Carter Palmer
October 16 Lillian Simmons
October 23 Alicia Ott The
At the Cross Bob Thomas Anna Mae Shewbrooks
October 30 Dorothy

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING FOOD FOR CAP THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

Please submit your articles for the November Messenger to the Church Office by Monday, October 10. Thank you.