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RICHARDSON PARK U.M.C.

Invites you to share the journey toward Easter.



HOLY THURSDAY - LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

Thursday, April 13th - 7:00 PM
R.P.U.M.C. Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 14th - Noon
R.P.U.M.C. Sanctuary

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, April 16th

6:30 AM St. James Episcopal Church

7:30 AM Easter Breakfast
Calvary Presbyterian Church

10:30 AM R.P.U.M.C. Sanctuary

“LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS”

Holy Thursday Tenebrae Service

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend our Holy Thursday Tenebrae Service on April 13 at 7:00 p.m. Our special music for the evening is “Light in the Darkness,” a new work composed and arranged by one of America’s foremost church musicians, Patrick Liebergen.

“Light in the Darkness” features our Chancel Choir, along with guest musicians Kristin Beane and Denise Reburn – flutes, Beth Warfel – violin, and Brian Cummings – drums. The narrators for the evening will be Dee Dee Painter and Muriel Campbell.

Holy Communion is a part of this musical presentation, so please be sure to attend this commemorative service that recalls the institution of the Lord’s Supper, as well as the events of the night leading to the crucifixion and resurrection.

Holy Week will include special music on Palm Sunday by our Children’s Choir, as well as the Chancel Choir; and on Easter Sunday, our Chancel Bells will join our Chancel Choir for a glorious celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 16. Of special note, the Community Good Friday Service will be held at our church on April 14 at Noon.

From Palm Sunday to Easter is a walk everyone should make by attending all the services that are offered. The special opportunity to share in communion on Holy Thursday will be worth the effort to attend. Nursery care will be available, but families are encouraged to attend with their children for this important evening.





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
Anmarie Haynes	4/12
Charles Johnson	4/14
Christopher Sutor	4/16
Rosalie Cascone	4/18
Amber Saienni	4/18
Richard Sutor	4/18
Julie Gibbons	4/19
Robert Boyd, Jr.	4/21
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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 - 2:00 AM



“Spring Forward”

Turn your clocks ahead one hour.

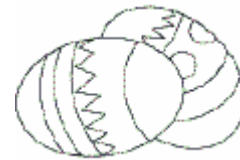
KIDS’ KORNER

Kristi Doughty



Easter is almost here! The flowers are starting to appear. Our Sunday School classes are a great place to learn about Jesus’ ultimate sacrifice and the redemption available to us all, young and old. Please come share the fellowship and bring a friend!

On Easter – we will be doing fun crafts and having two Easter egg hunts!



PreK thru 4 will continue to learn about Jesus’ crucifixion; “Jesus came to show us the truth about God” (Jesus on trial); “God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sin” (Jesus’ crucifixion); “Jesus is alive today” (Jesus’ resurrection); and “People worship God in churches all around the world” (The Holy Spirit) by focusing on passages from John, Matthew, and Acts. Grades 5 thru 7 will explore the New Life We Have in Christ: “Telling others about God is a privilege” (sharing our faith); “Only God makes us new” (Becoming new in Christ); “God has power over life and death” (Jesus’ resurrection); and “Jesus’ return gives us hope” (Jesus’ return) – by studying passages from Acts, 2 Corinthians, Romans and 1 Thessalonians.



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

PreK/K thru 4 – Marlene Johnson and Donna Chambers
Grades 5 thru 7 – Rob Anderson
Grades 8 thru 12 – Bob Evely

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 and Esther Circles	Mon., April 3
Elizabeth Circle	Wed., April 5, 10:30 a.m.
Phoebe Circle	Wed., April 5, 10:00 a.m. Church Lounge

Unit Meeting **Monday, April 24**
7 PM - Church Lounge



MISSION TREE



On Sundays in **April**, we will be hanging **Easter Eggs** on our Mission Tree. Hang an Easter Egg on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.

Thank You from Missions

Thank you to everyone who devoted their time in helping with the Soup and Pie sale. Our profit after expenses was \$1,203.

Many Thanks, Betty Swain and Ruth Berry

WESLEY TOWER BANKS

February 2006	\$184.00
March 2006	\$262.38

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 2006 is \$582.55. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on the first Sunday of each month.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

RPUMC'S 100 ANNIVERSARY

In 2007, RPUMC will celebrate its 100th Anniversary! If you are interested in participating in a group which will plan the anniversary celebration, tentatively slated for October 2007, please call the church office at 654-0961 and leave your name. A member of Church Council will contact you.



NEEDED - A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

Saturday, April 1
9 AM - 12 PM

**Special pre-Easter Touch-up
of Sanctuary**

Thanks in advance for your help!

Earle Snapp, Chair, Trustees

DON'T MISS THIS!

***All You Can Eat
Pancake Breakfast***

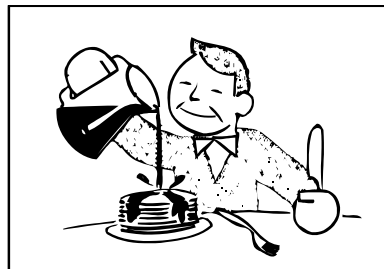


***Sunday, April 2nd
11:30 AM – Right After Church***

Sponsored By RPUMC Youth Group

***Adults: \$7.00
Children 10 & Under: \$5.00
Family Of 4 Or More: \$20.00***

**Tickets will be on sale after church.
Or
Call the church office.**



This is the second article in a series featuring committees and activities represented on RPUMC Church Council, the administrative body of the church. These articles are intended to provide insight about many contributions from our church family.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Led by **Earle Snapp**, current members of the RPUMC Board of Trustees are **Greg Haynes, Sandy Ide, Muriel Campbell, Tod Mitten, David Swain, Dennis Johnson, Kathy Russell, and Marvin Swain.**

The primary purpose of the trustees is to maintain the church building, the parsonage, and grounds.

To illustrate the various maintenance projects done at church in the past year, the Trustees and other volunteers:

- Organized a church clean-up day
- Hired Gemini Cleaning Service to clean the church weekly
- Contracted for removal of snow in the parking lot and organized volunteers to shovel snow from sidewalks
- Updated insurance and pest control policies on the buildings
- Replaced all outside locks of the church
- Trimmed trees at the rear of the church
- Repaired roof leaks and plaster damage
- Repainted sections of the church including Fellowship Hall
- Stripped and rewaxed floors in Fellowship Hall
- Replaced the parsonage dishwasher
- Installed a new hot water heater in the parsonage

Volunteers who deserve special thanks include the Building Maintenance Group (**Dave Swain, Marvin Swain, Ed Ide, Jay Cummings, Joe Tucker, Harold Ritter, and Dennis Johnson**) which meets weekly for fellowship and service to the church.

Another volunteer worthy of special recognition is **Rob Anderson** who devoted countless hours to electrical work related to the Wesley Tower project. Rob, assisted by other electricians and volunteers, installed a fire alarm system, upgraded the electrical service to the building, and added distribution panels on the inside of the building among other projects.

**KUDOS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.**

**Quick Facts about CAP, “Your Outreach Partner”
The Richardson Park Community Action Program, Inc.**

March 2006

Mission	Crisis alleviation and broad human services.
Motto	“The CAP House Can Help”
Programs	Food Closet. Thrift Shop. Emergency payments for rent, utilities, medicine. Loans of medical equipment. Transportation. Winter holiday baskets. Referrals to specialized agencies.
History	Continuous operation for 39 years.
Service Area	Most of zip code 19804. Small part of 19805.
Staff	20 paid hours per week. 150 volunteer hours.
Annual Budget	\$58,000, of which \$24,500 goes to emergency payments for clients. Revenue comes from fund raisers, donations, United Way designated gifts, and a State of Delaware grant-in-aid.
Food Distribution	Will give 45,000 pounds of food this year. Member Food Bank of DE.
Status	Charity qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the tax code.
United Way	Agency Code 9414.
Supporting Churches	Peniel United Methodist. St. Matthew’s Roman Catholic. Calvary Presbyterian. Richardson Park United Methodist. Wilmington Church of the Brethren.
Hours of Operation	Monday through Wednesday 10 am to 3 pm. Thursday noon to 6 pm. Friday 10 am to 2 pm. Closed on national holidays.
Address and phone	107 South Maryland Avenue, Wilmington DE 19804, next to the QuickMart. 302/428-1247. You are warmly invited to visit us.

Come to CAP’s Annual Strawberry Festival at Calvary Presbyterian Church.
Saturday, June 3, 2006 from 9AM to 3PM
Flea market tables available for rent at \$15.
Fresh berries, hot lunch, kidstuff, treasures to buy, and fun for everyone.
Call us at 428-1247 to volunteer or for more information.



ALTAR EASTER LILIES

If you would like to place a lily on the Altar for Easter, please return this form to the church office by Wednesday, April 5. Cost of each plant is \$8.00. Please make your check payable to Richardson Park United Methodist Church and mark "Easter Lilies."

Number of Plants _____

Donor's Name _____

In Memory of _____
(for those not living) _____

In Honor of _____
(for those living) _____

In Memory of _____
And Honor of _____

Check/Amount Enclosed: _____

Shall we deliver your flower to a Church Shut-In? YES ____ NO ____

Please arrange to pick up your flowers immediately after the Easter worship service if they are not being delivered to a shut-in. Thank you.