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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Joey Pytel	2/1
Ashley Aiken	2/3
Shirley Godfrey	2/4
Edward Podgorski	2/4
Lillie Collins	2/8
Anna Crowe	2/8
Carol Cathell	2/10
Mary Sutor	2/11
Brian Crozier	2/12
Terri Antonine	2/13
Sherry Beamer	2/14
Ellen Willard	2/14
Katherine Oakmont	2/15
Lorne Shannon	2/17
Elaine Spedden	2/17
J. Frank Pugh, III	2/18
Chris Chancy	2/19
Robert Truitt	2/20
Emma Riley	2/21
Kristi Beane	2/21
Karalyn Hughart	2/21
Emma Riley	2/21
Greg Haynes	2/22
Morgan Coverdale	2/23
Ben Brindle	2/24
Robert L. Thomas	2/24
Angel Adams	2/25
Alice Brosch	2/26
Cassie Adams	2/28
Erin Maloney	2/28

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

Hi everybody! We have a special event on February 11, 2005 – the God’s Little Angels’ Sweetheart Dance! Please see details in this Messenger and listen for announcements in church.

PreK and K will hear stories from Matthew’s teachings that peacemakers are blessed; learn the Golden Rule – “Treat others just as you want to be treated” (Luke 6:31); The Greatest Commandment – Mark 12:30 – “You must love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength” and celebrate a psalm of praise – Psalm 8. Grades 1 thru 4 will focus on friendships through studying passages from Luke, Mark, and John where they will learn that “Real friends stick up for each other;” “Real friends comfort each other when they’re sad;” “Real friends don’t ask you to do something that’s wrong;” and “Real friends still love you even when you disappoint them.” Grades 5 thru 7 will explore how “The Holy Spirit is God’s gift to Christians;” “The Holy Spirit helps us;” “The Holy Spirit guides us;” and “The Holy Spirit helps us grow in faith”– focusing on passages from Ezekiel, John, and Galatians.

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 assistant
Grades 8 thru 12 – Bob Evely

We are always 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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In February, Esther Circle will take care of the flowers in the church and Deborah Circle will greet everyone joining in worship.

UMW Circle Meetings

Deborah and Esther Circles

Mon., Feb. 6, 7:00 p.m.
Home of Marlene Johnson
115 W. Monroe Street
New Castle

Elizabeth Circle

Wed., Feb. 1, 10:30 a.m.

Phoebe Circle

Wed., Feb. 1, 10:00 a.m.
Church Lounge

Unit Meeting

Mon., Feb. 27, 7:00 p.m.
Church Lounge

WESLEY TOWER BANKS

January 2006 \$136.17

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Your change is really adding up. 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.

MISSION TREE

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

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.

ANGELS' SWEETHEART DANCE

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 11, 2006
2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall



GIA IS SPONSORING A VALENTINE'S DAY SENIOR PROM – BUT IT'S NOT JUST FOR THE SENIORS AT RPUMC – IT'S FOR EVERYONE!! COME AND BRING A FRIEND! GET DRESSED UP OR COME IN COMFORTABLE CLOTHES SO YOU CAN DANCE THE AFTERNOON AWAY! I HEAR SOME GUYS ARE BUYING THEIR SWEETIES CORSAGES! MUSIC WILL BE FEATURED FROM THE 1940'S THRU 1960'S. WE WANT TO PLAY ALL OF YOUR FAVORITE TUNES SO LOOK FOR THE "SUGGESTION BOX" IN THE SANCTUARY. THERE'LL BE DELICIOUS FOOD, FUN AND GAMES, WE'LL BE TAKING PROM PICTURES, AND YOU'LL EVEN GET A CHANCE TO "GET MARRIED" OR RENEW YOUR VOWS WITH YOUR SWEETHEART! IF YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 654-0961 BY FEBRUARY 10 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR KRISTI. WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR THOSE LIGHT ON THEIR FEET WILLING TO TEACH ALL OF THE MOVES YOU DID WAY BACK THEN! LET'S MAKE THIS SOMETHING REALLY SPECIAL FOR US ALL TO REMEMBER!

Kids & Youth from God's Little Angels and all who wish to decorate: please meet at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.



SPECIAL UPCOMING EVENT IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 5, 5:00-10:00 PM!

An All-Church Super Bowl Party



Come join the football fun as we watch the game on a **BIG SCREEN TV** set up downstairs on the stage in Fellowship Hall. Games, snacks, and prayer will keep the evening enjoyable.

ADMISSION PRICE: At least one can of food to be donated to Richardson Park Community Action Program.

Update from Richardson Park Community Action Program January 13, 2006

Food Closet: From July 1 to December 31, 2005, CAP's food closet served 324 households, representing 475 adults and 325 children. In addition, CAP provided twenty-five special Christmas food baskets to needy families in our service area.

Crisis Alleviation: We thank the Woodcrest Civic Association for its grant of \$500, to be used for heating oil and natural gas for our clients. This gift has been added to the amount already in CAP's budget for these necessities. The price of heating oil and natural gas has jumped by about 45 percent over the last twelve months. This price increase has created a financial crisis for many of our neighbors. The food closet helps to fill out strained budgets.

Thanks to....

United Methodist Women, for their December donation in the amount of \$600.
Pat and Frank Pugh, for their special support of CAP's food closet.
To Pat Cummings, for providing transportation for CAP's clients.

Thrift Shop: We need inventory! Please bring us your unwanted knick knacks, figurines, wall hangings, cookware, jewelry, toys, accessories, sheets, towels, blankets, curtains, and small household items.

CAP is located at 107 S. Maryland Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804. Telephone 302/428-1247. Tax id number 51-0107657. United Way Agency Code 9414.

SOUP & PIE SALE
Sponsored by the Mission Committee

Saturday, February 25
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

SOUP - \$5.00 PER QUART

Chicken Noodle _____Qts.

Vegetable Beef _____Qts.

PIES - 10" DEEP DISH - \$8.00 EACH

Apple _____Qty

Cherry _____Qty.

Coconut Custard _____Qty.

NAME -----

ADDRESS -----

PHONE NO. -----

Please submit your order by Monday, February 13 by contacting
Ruth Berry at 654-4797
Betty Swain at 838-6044
Church Office at 654-0961
Or mail this form to the church.

Thank you.

YOUTH EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2006

Sunday, February 5, 2006 - 5 PM – 10:00 PM

Super Bowl Party - come support your favorite team. LOLX2 and TYG "Bring a Friend"!!! We will have lots of food and fellowship.

Wednesday, February 8, 2006 - 6:30 PM

TYG Power Hour - meet in the Extension.

Sunday, February 12, 2006 - 9:15 AM (in church parking lot)

LOLx2 and TYG visit Pastor Jennifer at Mount Lebanon UMC (tentative). After the service, we will go to lunch as a group or we will hang out with Pastor Jennifer at her church. **Please bring money for lunch - \$5-\$7.** If you can't, please come anyway!!!! Pastor Jennifer is so excited to see everyone!!!!

Friday, February 17, 2006 - 7:00 PM

LOLx2 and TYG Lock-In. Please be sure to bring a sleeping bag. We will have a fun evening of games, pizza, devotions and movies. Parents, please pick up your children at 9 AM on Saturday, February 18.

Sunday, February 19, 2006

LOLX2 AND TYG CANCELLED.

Wednesday, February 22, 2006 - 6:30 PM

TYG Power Hour - meet in the Extension.

Sunday, February 26, 2006 - 6:30 PM

TYG - meet in the Youth Room.

YOUTH RALLY UPDATE JANUARY 2006

The Youth Rally 2006 was a very powerful experience for all who attended. The title of the Youth Rally was "All or Nothing," and it challenged us to come to the LORD fully or not at all. Seven of our Youth were able to attend the Rally this year, and we also had three adult leaders. We stayed at the Carousel in Ocean City, and the view from our condo was breathtaking. Ms. Beth said that she actually was able to hear the ocean from our condo.

We arrived in Ocean City after dinner on Friday. After we checked into our condo, we went to the first session. We saw performances from the Skit Guys and heard music from various performers. After the show, we went back to our room, ate junk food and finally crashed when the sugar wore off.

On Saturday morning, we went to our second session. This included a break-out session for leaders and youth. The adult leaders chose a speaker that spoke to their hearts, while the youth went to another break-out session geared specifically to their journeys. This was particularly powerful for the youth, who continued to reference a young boy who was in their session. They spoke about this boy who had Downs Syndrome and whose heart was completely engaged in ALL aspects of this weekend. After the second session, we were starving and had sandwiches and great fellowship back at our condo, followed by a few hours of free-time. Individually, the youth toured the grounds, went on the beach - Maegin even walked barefoot in the water!!! The more energized - Kelly Gibbons and Ms. Beth - utilized the facility's fitness center.

On Saturday evening, we went to the final session of the day, where we saw for the second time our Youth Group's favorite band - Starfield. They were a very powerful band and even led us in an old hymn in a bluegrass/mountain music style. Chris Tomlin (my favorite) performed that evening, and we heard a very powerful message from Stacey Brooks. Michelle Anderson and the Gibbons' girls particularly enjoyed George Hutt - an American Idol finalist. The evening wrapped up with devotions led beautifully by Katie Chambers.

The next morning, we prepared for our final session - it was very powerful!!! We heard JME Medina perform pop/Latin songs. She also told an encouraging story that reminded us that the LORD can right even our biggest mistakes and reminded us of His amazing, perfect Love for us. The girls from our group were also able to have their T-shirts signed by Starfield. Kayla Brown and the Anderson girls were particularly excited because they were one of the last people to have their shirts signed before the band had to leave - leaving the rest of the crowd without their autographs.

I would like to say a BIG THANKS!!!! to our Youth Leaders - Beth Warfel and Michelle Anderson. They have amazing giftings relating to the Youth! Also, thank you to the Youth for being awesome and open-minded!!! We truly missed Alicia Ott and Kat Mitten who were unable to attend the Rally with us. Another thank you to the Church and Pastor Bill (probably one of the best pastors in the world) for praying for us and providing funds for us to be able to go on the trip...and BIGGEST THANKS to God for keeping us safe, uniting us, and touching us with His Word and for all He continues to do - because He is AMAZING!!!!

Truly,
Christina Chiappine