

# the Messenger

# JULY-AUGUST 2006

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## THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

This beautiful ancient prayer is never out of season. In this troubled time for our nation and our world, I find it especially appropriate.

Peace Be With You,

*Bill*

### *Instrument of Your Peace*

*Lord, make me an instrument of Your  
peace.*

*where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
where there is injury, pardon,  
where there is doubt, faith,  
where there is despair, hope,  
where there is darkness, light,  
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may  
not so much seek to be consoled  
as to console,  
not so much to be understood  
as to understand,  
not so much to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
it is in dying that we awake to eternal life.*

*St. Francis of Assisi*



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Joey Davis	7/1
Diane Maloney	7/2
George Reinert	7/5
Joseph Tucker	7/5
Robert Collins	7/6
Ali Knott	7/6
Eric Granby	7/7
Michael Haynes	7/7
Gail Crozier	7/8
Gerald Nichols	7/8
David McFarland	7/10
Joey Beane	7/11
Mark Panaccione	7/13
Jennifer Patterson	7/15
James R. Chilcutt	7/17
Ashley Arms	7/18
Marie Cloud	7/18
Nancy Perugini	7/18
Alysha Maybroda	7/19
Kathy Smallwood	7/21
Dennis Connor	7/23
Harold Follett	7/25
Elsie Bixler	7/26
Wyatt Rash	7/26
Michelle Anderson	7/27
RuthAnn Woodward	7/27
Mabel Dunfee	7/28
Nicole Cummings	7/30

Kristi J. Doughty



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Beougher	8/1
Shirl Snapp	8/1
Kathy Evely	8/3
Rachel Heckler	8/3
Lisa Maher	8/3
Scott Doughty	8/4
Jeanne Thomas	8/6
Jerry L. Arms	8/7
Jacalyn Foraker	8/8
Sharon Panaccione	8/8
Dorothy Burris	8/9
Thomas Logullo	8/9
Jennifer Pettyjohn	8/10
Kathryn Mitten	8/11
Ruth Taylor	8/11
Edward Locke	8/12
Donna Chambers	8/15
Carol Hopkins	8/15
Chad Hughes	8/15
Nicole Anderson	8/18
Sara Anderson	8/18
Sandy Ide	8/20
David Collins	8/21
Sarena Yarrusso	8/21
Anthony Connor	8/24
Richard Hall	8/25
Sandy Swain	8/27
Jane McAllister	8/29
Carol Ewing	8/31

Hi everybody! Hope you're enjoying the lazy hazy days of summer! On Sunday mornings, come in where it's cool and join us at Sunday School - - participate in the Time for Children at the beginning of the church service, then all the kids move to the classroom downstairs to hear about Friendship First! Each week you'll choose a challenge to show that you are following Jesus' example.

July's lessons - Jesus shows us how to be kind ("Be kind to each other" Ephesians 4:32a); Jesus Listens to Us ("Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them" Ephesians 4:29b); Jesus Loves Us No Matter What ("A friend is always loyal" Proverbs 17:17a); Jesus Trusts His Friends ("Trust in the Lord with all your heart" Proverbs 3:5a); Jesus Forgives Us ("For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life" John 3:16).

August's lessons - Handle with Care! ("Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves" Philippians 2:3b); Can We Talk? ("Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity" 1 Timothy 4:12); Jesus Wants to Spend Time with Us ("Come close to God, and God will come close to you" James 4:8a); and Jesus Keeps His Promises ("The Lord always keeps his promises; he is gracious in all he does" Psalm 145:13b).

Thanks so much to all the teachers who are so dedicated to our kids, especially Miss Marlene and Miss Donna!!

**If your name is missing from our birthday list, please call the office at 654-0961. We don't want to miss your special day!**

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In July, Phoebe Circle will take care of the flowers in the church and in August, Esther Circle will take care of the flowers.

### Circle Meetings

Phoebe Circle	Wed., September 6, 10:00 a.m. Church Lounge
Elizabeth Circle	Wed., September 6, 10:30 a.m.
Deborah and Esther Circles	Mon., September 11, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Unit Meeting</b>	Mon., October 2, 7:00 p.m. Church Lounge

### MISSION TREE

On Sundays in July and August, we will be hanging **Stars** and **Sea Shells**, respectively, on our Mission Tree. Hang a star or sea shell on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.

### WESLEY TOWER BANKS

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.

### FALL EVENTS

#### **Mark Your Calendar**

Saturday, October 14	Vintage Fashion Show
Sponsored by	UMW
Friday, November 3	Soup & Pie Sale
Sponsored by	Mission Committee
Friday, November 10 & Sat., November 11	Yard Sale
Sponsored by	Koinonia

### ZINGO TAPES - 2006

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. Your support is appreciated.

**Update from Richardson Park Community Action  
Program  
June 15, 2006**

**Strawberry Festival.** Despite rainy weather, the Strawberry Festival on June 3 was a big success. The accounting is not quite complete, but we know the profit was at least \$1,400! Special thanks to Sandy Ide for her leadership, and to Calvary Church for hosting this spirited event.

**Holiday Hours.** CAP will be closed from Saturday July 1 through Wednesday July 5. We will re-open Thursday July 6 at noon. (Don't forget that CAP is **closed every Wednesday** during June, July, and August.)

**Medical Equipment.** A reminder that CAP has medical equipment to give or lend. We have crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, potties, shower chairs, bathtub railings, leg braces, neck braces, etc. We welcome donations of these things (other than crutches – we have too many of those).

**Air Conditioners.** CAP has air conditioners to give to needy households. Contact us if you know of a deserving family who can use one.

**Supporting Businesses.** The following businesses give special support to CAP, and we sure hope we have not left anyone out: The Quick Mart, Stroehmann's Bakery, Buckley's Auto Center, Academy Printing, Charlene's Hair Crimpers, Trader Joe's, Shop Rite, Zingo's, Curves of Newport, Wilmington Trust Company, Central Outlet Appliances, Prudential Fox & Roach Realtors, and oh, did we mention our next-door neighbor The Quick Mart, where milk is only \$2.39 a gallon?

**Drivers still needed.** We are still looking for folks who can drive (your vehicle or CAP's) to pick up donations for the Thrift Store. Hours **very** flexible. Please call Mary Jane at 428-1247.

We are located at 107 S. Maryland Avenue. You are warmly invited to visit us. Open Monday and Tuesday 10 to 3, Thursday noon to 6, Friday 10 to 2.

**CAP's Annual Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 6:30 pm at Calvary Presbyterian Church. At this meeting, electors will choose people to serve on CAP's board. Electors are people who live within CAP's service area, plus others, regardless of where they live, who work in furtherance of CAP's programs. For more information, or to explore possible service on CAP's board, please call Mrs. Jo Quattrociocchi at 302/998-4339.



**RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Vacation Bible School Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother (home and cell #): \_\_\_\_\_

Father (home and cell #): \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of one special friend your child might like to be with during VBS: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_



**SUNDAY, JUNE 25 - THURSDAY, JUNE 29**  
**5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**  
**(INCLUDES DINNER)**

*This is the fourth 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 by our church family.*

## **STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

The SPRC acts as a liaison among the pastor, staff and congregation. The committee's activities include:

- hiring, promoting, or dismissing non-appointed (staff) personnel
- performing annual evaluations of the pastor and staff
- recommending salary for the pastor and staff as part of the church's budget
- developing and updating job descriptions
- encouraging the pastor to take opportunities for continuing education and spiritual renewal
- helping the pastor and staff prioritize their efforts in relation to the goals and mission of the church
- recommending to charge conference lay preachers and candidates for ordained ministry
- sharing with the pastor the concerns of the church

Janet Dickerson chairs the SPRC. Rob Anderson, Mary Ann Atkinson, Mary Alice Bair, Pat Cummings, and Richard Sutor serve on the committee. Ed Ide also serves as a member by virtue of his position as lay leader, and the pastor attends all meetings.

Our congregation recognizes the sensitive nature of the work and tireless effort of this committee. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!

## **SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR STAFF**

### **Pastor Bill Green**

Bill has provided spiritual leadership to our congregation for six years. He grew up in the outskirts of New York City, as did his wife, Pat. Bill graduated from Mercy College as a history major and later earned his Masters in Education at Iona College. After teaching social studies and other subjects to middle school students for 11 years, and actively participating in his local church at many levels, Bill felt the call to ministry. While enrolled at Wesley Theological Seminary, Bill acted as student pastor for the West Side Charge near Salisbury. After graduation in 1993, Bill became a full-time pastor for the charge, which consisted of three rural churches. In 1995, Bill was appointed as Associate Pastor at Trinity UMC, working his first year under Rev. Olin Shockley before his retirement, then for four more years under the guidance of John Mitchell, who later became District Superintendent. Bill joined our church in July 2000 and has been challenged ever since! Bill's other half is his wonderful wife, Pat who works part-time at Circle Veterinary Clinic. Bill and Pat enjoy their two cats, Bunny and Diamond, named by people at an animal shelter before becoming part of Bill and Pat's family. For brief periods of respite, Bill and Pat travel to their home in Nanticoke, MD.

Harriet Ann's pleasant voice greets us from the church office when we call or visit weekdays from 9 AM to 1 PM. After retiring from her position as an administrative assistant with the DuPont Company for 27 years, Harriet Ann started her position as church secretary in December 2000, the same year Bill was appointed pastor here. Harriet Ann graduated from Tamaqua High School in Pennsylvania and from Goldey Beacom College. She is the mother of four children, all of whom live in Delaware, and nine grandchildren. She lives in the city of New Castle and enjoys cooking and reading. Harriet Ann keeps in close contact with her 97-year-old mother who lives in Phoenix in her own residence. With a smile, Harriet Ann welcomes members of the congregation to stop in the church office and say hello.

### **Music Director Donald McFarland**

Don was born in Birmingham, Alabama and began piano lessons at age 5. In Mobile, he started organ studies at age 15, becoming assistant organist to his teacher at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. After Don's graduation from Davidson High School in Mobile, his family moved to Johnstown, PA. As a young adult, Don studied organ and choral music with Robert Arnold at Trinity Church on Wall Street, NYC and at the University of Alabama. He later earned a B.A. in English from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Don served as church musician at Grace UMC and at St. David's Episcopal Church, both in Wilmington, prior to joining our staff at RPUMC. He also directed the Madrigal Singers of Wilmington for four years. Don holds membership in the American Guild of Organists, American Guild of English Handbell Ringers, American Choral Directors Association, and Fellowship of United Methodists in Worship and the Arts. We are privileged to have not only Don but also his family (wife Claudia, daughter Beth Warfel who is our children and youth choir director, son-in-law Ryan Warfel) as part of our music ministry.

### **Youth Director Christina Chiappine**

Christina began her position as Director of Youth Ministry following Pastor Jennifer Kerby's transfer to Mt. Lebanon UMC. She graduated from Ursuline Academy College Preparatory School in 1997 and has attended both the University of Delaware and Delaware College of Art and Design. Prior to her joining the staff at RPUMC, Christina worked with the State Division of Parks and Recreation at Bellevue State Park and Fox Point, was a voter registration clerk for the Department of Elections, and initially joined the Richardson Park Community Action Program as an AmeriCorps Public Ally. Christina now is employed by CAP and handles many of the vital duties associated with providing emergency food and services to our community.

We are BLESSED to have such talented and dedicated people to serve as our church Pastor, Secretary, Music Director, and Youth Director. Thank you ever so much!!

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## LAY READERS

July 2	Ed Ide
July 9	Marlene Johnson
July 16	Sath Amara
July 23	Brenda Tucker
July 30	Lillian Simmons
August 6	Carol Cathell
August 13	Herb Atkinson
August 20	Kelly Gibbons
August 27	Bob Evelyn

## FLOWERS

*For the month of July, Phoebe Circle is responsible for the flowers  
and for the month of August, Esther Circle is responsible.*

*Please submit your articles for the  
September Messenger to the Church Office by Friday, August 11.  
Thank you.*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

July 2	Winfield Lane
July 9	United Methodist Women
July 16	Phyllis Bowman
July 23	Shirley Roberts
July 30	OPEN
August 6	Cliff and Muriel Campbell
August 13	Richard and Mary Sutor
August 20	Jay and Pat Cummings
August 27	Joyce Mills
At the Cross	OPEN
At the Cross	Barbara Sayles
At the Cross	Ruth Gibney

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

*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.*