

the Messenger

JUNE 2006

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CONGRATULATIONS

GRADUATES!

On Sunday, June 4, during morning worship,
we will celebrate the accomplishments of
our graduates of 2006.

JOEY BEANE is receiving his High School Diploma from Newark High School and plans to attend Keystone College in La Plume, PA. His parents are Richard and Cindi Beane and his grandparents are Marvin and Betty Swain.

BRYAN CUMMINGS is receiving his High School Diploma from Middletown High School and plans to attend the University of Delaware in the fall. His parents are Mark and Sue Cummings and his grandparents are Jay and Pat Cummings.

RANDY EVELAND is receiving his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware and plans to attend law school. His parents are Elwood and Susan Eveland and his grandparents are Dave and Sandy Swain.

KELLY GIBBONS is receiving her High School Diploma from McKean High School and plans to further her education. Kelly is a member of RPUMC's TYG.

TYLER REBURN is receiving his High School Diploma from Avon Grove High School in PA and plans on attending Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology in Lancaster, PA. His parents are Denise and Alan Reburn and his grandparents are Dave and Sandy Swain.

ROBBIE SWAIN is receiving his High School Diploma from A. I. DuPont High School and plans on attending DelTech. His parents are Daniel Swain and Amy Hurff and his grandparents are Dave and Sandy Swain.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| Bette Farra | 6/3 |
| Brisa Peterson | 6/5 |
| Michael Pytel | 6/8 |
| Julia Maybroda | 6/11 |
| Billy Sorensen | 6/11 |
| Trish Williamson | 6/11 |
| Ruthann Will | 6/13 |
| Chase Stout | 6/14 |
| Yvonne Mitten | 6/15 |
| Anna Latourney | 6/16 |
| Jeannine White | 6/18 |
| Kayla Brown | 6/19 |
| Robert Anderson | 6/21 |
| Keith Coleman | 6/22 |
| Alicia Ott | 6/23 |
| David Pruitt | 6/23 |
| Earle Snapp | 6/23 |
| Carolyn Swain | 6/23 |
| Charlene Workman | 6/23 |
| Kaitlyn Adams | 6/24 |
| Jarrett Miles | 6/26 |
| Ida Burgos | 6/29 |
| William Cathell | 6/29 |
| Brian Maher | 6/29 |

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

Hi everyone! Summer is finally here! We have some exciting and interesting plans for summer Sunday School! Here's the scoop:

6/4/06 - No Sunday School

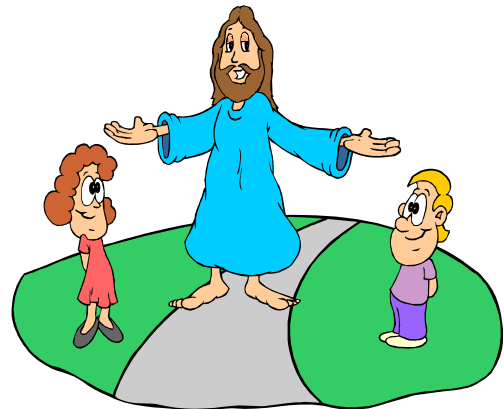
Beginning 6/11/06, our summer Sunday School will begin with the children going to the church service and participating in Time for Children at the beginning of the service, then moving to the classroom downstairs behind the kitchen for a combined class. We'll be starting a brand new adventure - - "*Friendship First*"!!!

Jesus said our greatest call in life is to love God and love others. *Friendship First* uses food and fun to teach people how to make lasting friendships...and how that parallels their relationship with Christ. This Friendship First adventure combines friendship and faith like never before. And it helps kids focus on one thing -- a growing relationship with Jesus.

Hope you'll come and join the fun!

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 June, Deborah Circle will take care of the flowers in the church and Phoebe Circle will greet everyone joining in worship. There are no meetings scheduled in June.

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

As we prepare for the 100th anniversary of our church in 2007, we are eager to locate, borrow, copy or receive any photos, bulletins, minutes, or keepsakes relative to our church. We especially are interested in items and information from 1907 to 1940 and hope you may have something which your parents, grandparents or great grandparents passed down to you and which you are willing to share with us. We are blessed with many records and items already, but our collection is not complete. Please contact me at (302) 998-8005 or leave a message in the church office if you have questions or contributions. Many thanks.

Mary Alice Bair, Church Historian



MISSION TREE



On Sundays in **June**, we will be hanging **Strawberries** on our Mission Tree. Hang a strawberry 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. Our total to date for 2006 is \$693.11. 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. On May 12, we received a check from Zingo's in the amount of \$216.26 bringing our total for the year to \$368.97. Thank you for your support.



CHANCEL CHOIR – SUMMER SCHEDULE

The Chancel Choir will sing the first Sunday in July, August and September. Practice will be held at 10:00 a.m. on these Sundays.

RPUMC's WEB SITE

www.rpumc@rpumchurch.org
Jim Chilcutt, Coordinator

It was requested that I update everyone about our web site. There are two things offered at the site. First, it allows strangers to see what we look like outside and inside. When the web site was developed, the purpose was to show people who have computers what our church looks like. The first thing you see on our site is a picture of the outside of the church. This is to help people locate it and know what it looks like. When you enter the site, you see a quiet, relaxing room (our Lounge) – a place for fellowship and discussion. When you look at the services, you see our sanctuary and the image of worship on Sunday mornings. Second, the site provides information about what we are doing. Our bulletin is posted weekly and our newsletter, "The Messenger," is posted monthly so that any prospective worshiper can see what is available in a timely manner. In addition, the staff members are listed and are accessible to anyone who wants to reach us.

The challenge of a web site is not the pictures or the technology. It is about finding current content and news to publish. No one individual can make a dynamic web site. It takes contributions from many different people. If you have news or information that you feel is relevant for the web site, please send it to the church office so that it can be published on our site.



HEY KIDS.....SPICE UP YOUR SUMMER....
at our FIESTA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!!

Join us as we CELEBRATE Jesus' love for us with a Fiesta flare.

Activities for children 4 years old - through this year's 6th Graders will run Sunday, June 25th - Thursday, June 29th. Pre-registration is appreciated; see form in this *Messenger*.

We will begin each night at 5:30pm with dinner, move on to great music and crazy skits, colorful crafts, fun games and special Bible stories. We'll wrap-up at 8:30pm, singing our newly learned songs together in the sanctuary.

***** VBS VOLUNTEERS AND ITEMS NEEDED *****

There is still time to volunteer to assist those who have already committed to decorate, tell Bible stories, teach music, make crafts, prepare dinner, plan outdoor games, and guide children from one station to another. Grades 7 and higher - we need your help, too! But you must register to do so, so fill out the registration form and write on it that you would like to help. Adults - please call Sherlynn, our FIESTA coordinator, at 475-9062.

With VBS coming up quickly, we need help gathering supplies for our crafts, decorations, and skits. Please drop off all items at the church office, and PLEASE make sure to mark your name on any item you want back.

Potting Soil Quick Dry Fabric Markers Black Markers (All Sizes) Cardboard (gift boxes)
Mike & Ike Red Jellies Scotch Tape (7 & 8mm) Google Eyes (7 & 10 mm)
Spaghetti Ribbon (red & green) Ribbon 1/2 - 1" (All sizes & colors)



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: _____

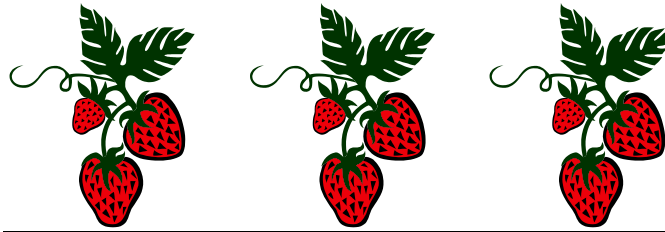
Home church: _____

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



**CAP STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
AT
CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Saturday, June 3, 2006

9 AM - 3 PM (Rain or Shine)

Come and Join Us!

- **Flea market tables available - \$15**
- **Luncheon served**
- **Strawberry shortcake for sale**
- **Bake table**
- **CAP flea market table – donations appreciated**
- **Help wanted**



**Contact:
Sandy Ide, Richardson Park U.M.C.
798-8664**

Update from Richardson Park Community Action Program May 17, 2006

Crisis Alleviation July 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006: As always, CAP continues to focus on its core mission of crisis alleviation. Over the first nine months of this fiscal year, we distributed \$17,757 to assist clients with rent, utilities, and medicine. The food closet served 483 households, representing 716 adults and 474 children. We distributed over 30,000 pounds of food.

Our thanks to you. We are overwhelmed by the amazing support we receive from RPUMC. We send hearty thanks to....

The Koinonia Class, for giving CAP the leftover treasures from the April yard sale;
Frank and Pat Pugh, for buying us a shiny new fridge;
Frank and Pat, for trips to the Food Bank and for jumbo contributions of food they purchase at Costco;
The Church, for your generous financial support, including the special Mother's Day gift.

Fresh Milk and Eggs. Since January 1, 2006, the Koinonia Class has been donating \$100 per month, earmarked for purchase of fresh milk and eggs to be given to clients. We buy these items daily from our next-door neighbor, the QuickMart. These purchases are a boon for CAP's clients, and they support our ongoing good neighbor policy. We love to find ways to be friends with the QuickMart. (And their prices on milk and eggs are wonderfully low.)

Ecumenical services. CAP thanks all neighborhood churches for donations raised at ecumenical services held through the Easter season: Mid-March at Calvary; late-March at Church of the Brethren and at St. Matthew's; Good Friday at Richardson Park United Methodist; Easter Sunrise at St. James Episcopal. These services together raised \$604 for CAP, and we are very grateful.

Summer Hours. Please note that we will be going to "summer hours." During June, July, and August 2006, CAP's hours of operation will be as follows:

Monday 10 am to 3 pm
Tuesday 10 am to 3 pm
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday noon to 6 pm
Friday 10 am to 2 pm
Closed on national holidays

Drivers needed. Have you ever wanted to drive a really big rig? CAP is looking for people, male or female, who can occasionally take our hefty van, "Frosty," to pick up donations for the CAP Thrift Shop. Mary Jane has been doing the driving and lifting herself (with Stewart's help), and she would **really, really** like to delegate this function to others. No specific time commitment is necessary, just willingness to be put on a list of people we can call on. You are free to say "yes" or "no" when we call. (No double clutching skills required; Frosty is an automatic.)

*Faith Says Give To Those
Less Fortunate Than We Are*

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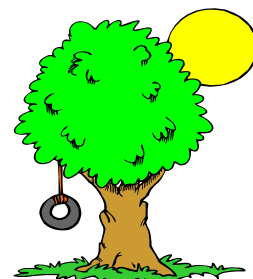
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Bill Green, Pastor

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HAPPY SUMMER!!!



LAY READERS

June 4
June 11
June 18
June 25

Beth Warfel
Mary Ann Wilkinson
Tad Mitten
JoAnne Cross
At the Lectern
June 25

ALTAR FLOWERS

Tod & Y
Richard & Al
Robert & Joyce Collins
Ruth Gibney
Rob & Mich

FLOWERS and GREETERS

For the month of June, Deborah Circle is responsible for the flowers and Phoebe Circle is responsible for the greeters.

Please submit your articles for the July/August Messenger to the Church Office by Monday, June 12. Thank you.

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.