

Richardson Park United Methodist Church
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RICHARDSON PARK U.M.C.

Invites you to share the journey toward Easter.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 1st - 7:00 PM
R.P.U.M.C. Sanctuary

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, March 15th - 7:00 PM
Calvary Presbyterian Church

Wednesday, March 29th - 7:00 PM
Wilmington Church Of The Brethren

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 Cemetery
7:30 AM Easter Breakfast Calvary Presbyterian Church
10:30 AM R.P.U.M.C. Sanctuary



Kristi Doughty

Spring must be around the corner as the days are getting longer and decisions are being made about Vacation Bible School! We're going to have a "Fiesta" in June, so stay tuned!

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Louise Evely	3/1
Martin Shannon	3/3
Hedda Loose	3/5
Morgan Straughn	3/5
Damen Lane	3/6
Frankie DelCampo	3/7
Janet Dickerson	3/7
Carmen Guelen	3/7
Steven Palmer	3/7
Stephanie Swain	3/7
Kimberly Cloud	3/10
John DuVall	3/10
Andrew Burgos	3/12
Calvin Brosch	3/13
Susan Eveland	3/15
Josefa Majik	3/15
Donald Painter	3/15
Ruth Carter	3/16
Kevin Cecelia	3/16
James A. Chilcutt	3/18
Victoria Maher	3/29
Tom Beane	3/22
Neal R. Davis	3/22
Michael Coverdale	3/23
Austin Painter	3/23
Susan Cummings	3/25
J. Robert Ashton	3/30

To give our small but mighty PreK/K little ones a chance to share the fun with other boys and girls, they will be included with Grades 1 thru 4 for awhile. PreK thru 4 will learn about Jesus' crucifixion; "Jesus used his power to point people to God" (Jesus raises Lazarus); "Jesus came to show us God's love" (Jesus washes the disciples' feet); "Jesus understands our feelings" (Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane); and "Jesus loves us, even when we fail" (Peter's denial) by focusing on passages from John, Mark, and Luke. Grades 5 thru 7 will explore Struggles Kids Face: "God can help us face people who intimidate us" (bullies); "God cares when we're feeling down" (depression); "God can heal hurting family members" (family crises); and "What we say reflects who we are" (bad language) by studying passages from Psalms and Ephesians.

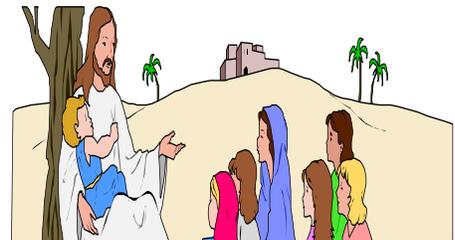
If you have any questions, please speak with our dedicated teaching staff!

PreK/K thru 4 – Marlene Johnson and Donna Chambers

Grades 5 thru 7 – Rob Anderson and assistant
Grades 8 thru 12 – Bob Evely

If you would like to share your time and talents with our children or youth, please speak with Kristi Doughty or call the church office any time. Thank you!

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



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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

Circle Meetings

Deborah and Esther Circles	Mon., March 13 Meet after Moravian Love Feast
Elizabeth Circle	Wed., March 1, 10:30 a.m.
Phoebe Circle	Wed., March 1, 10:00 a.m. Church Lounge

Moravian Love Feast

Monday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. - Extension

All of our church family are invited to come!

Health Kits for Migrant Farm Workers

Each year, our church participates in this much needed project of Church Women United. It is not too soon to begin purchasing items for health kits for the Delmarva Rural Ministries – they need all the kits we can collect.

Each health kit should contain:

1 toothbrush	1 new washcloth
1 4 oz. tube of toothpaste	1 new bath towel
1 sturdy comb	1 4 oz. bar of soap
1 deodorant	1 shampoo

Wrap the above items in the bath towel and tie with ribbon or a pair of shoelaces.

Health kits must be received in the church office or given to Mary Alice Bair by Wednesday, March 22.

God blessed us with a wonderful event as the beautiful snow began to fall on February 11 – about 50 of us gathered for the Angels' Sweetheart Dance. It was warm inside and folks were dressed in their special prom attire while they gathered to talk and play, "Who's that Star?" while they were challenged to "Guess who we are" using actual prom pictures from Pat and Jay Cummings, Ed and Sandy Ide, Marlene and Dennis Johnson, as well as Phyllis Thomas and Janet Dickerson (though the young girls in the pictures still had their maiden names at that time!). The highlight of the afternoon was six special couples renewing their wedding vows who inspired us all by showing that real love exists and flourishes for many years! Congratulations to Pat & Jay Cummings, Betty & Marvin Swain, Sandy & David Swain, Sandy & Ed Ide, Brenda & Joe Tucker, and Phyllis & Bob Thomas. Their first dance afterward was romantic "Moon River." The Newlywed Game brought a lot of fun and laughs, made possible by the good natured folks who participated. The party really seemed to just be getting started with more dancing including the "Cha Cha Slide" enjoyed by many of God's Little Angels as well as other "hip" and "with it" brave souls and a little jitterbugging as the dance came to a close and the snow really started to come down. Many thanks to Jay Cummings and Sheldon Edwards for the hours spent recording the 40's – 60's music which we'll cherish and keep for possible future dances – sock hop anyone? Thanks also to the Thursday morning group who constructed the frame for the backdrop, Joe Tucker for lending us his camera, all who helped decorate and set up, brought great food, and helped clean up. God's Little Angels had great fun and worked very hard to show our congregation how much they are loved and appreciated.



MISSION TREE



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

**ANGELS' SWEETHEART DANCE
SENIOR PROM 2006**

“NEWS FROM GERMAN GRANNY”

Hello, Church family. I have been wondering and praying for you. I have been busy with the three grandchildren, a five-bedroom house, and doing my praise and worship work. I really don't consider it work because I love doing it so much. Now, I also am teaching a class for thirteen weeks that is called, "Live a Praying Life." This book I am studying and teaching from is written by Jennifer Kennedy Dean. It is awesome what I can learn that I thought I already knew. It is amazing what Jesus teaches us everyday. A also am taking a class by Philip Yancy that is called, "The Jesus I Never Knew." As you know, Julia is in Iraq. The weather over there changed from 120 degrees to rainy and cold. They said they even need to turn on portable heaters at night. Julia came down with pneumonia and was in bed for 12 days. Please pray for her and all the soldiers who are protecting our lands and freedom, not only in the United States but elsewhere. I love you all very much and sure wish I were home and around the family I love. Not only my immediate family but my extended family at Richardson Park United Methodist Church. You are in my thoughts and prayers very much. I'll close for now and write again. REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU and so do I.

Love in Jesus, Patricia Cloud

ZINGO TAPES

Don't forget to bring your Zingo tapes to worship on Sundays. Place them in the basket on the window ledge in the vestibule.

KOINONIA YARD SALE

March 23 – March 25

Friday, March 24 9 AM – 3 PM
Saturday, March 25 8 AM – 2 PM

If you would like to donate furniture for the yard sale, please make arrangements to have it picked up the week of March 13 by calling the church office at 654-0961. Smaller items can be picked up the week of the sale.

Thanks to everyone for your contributions, time and support for this very important project.

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.**



Church Council is the administrative body of the church. Leaders of various committees and activities meet throughout the year, working together to plan and implement programs for nurturing, outreach, and witness ministries. To illustrate activities of church members represented at Church Council, a series of articles will feature a specific committee or activity. The first article focuses on the Missions Committee and Restart Program.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Led by **Ruth Berry**, the Missions Committee currently consists of **Pat Cummings, Winfield Lane, Lorraine Peterson, Joan Stadelman, and Betty Swain.**

The Missions Committee raises funds through the Mission Tree, located in the church extension, and activities such as sales of soups and pies, submarine sandwiches, and baked goods. In 2006, the Missions Committee hopes to raise \$3,750 to send to the following groups and organizations:

- Kids Café—Based at our church for over four years, Kids Café is a structured after-school ministry committed to provide homework assistance, educational enrichment, and recreational activities. Sandy Swain currently leads a group of about 20 volunteers who make a positive impact on the lives of children in our community.
- Richardson Park Community Action Program —CAP is a non-profit community outreach program directed by Mary Jane Simmons, assisted by our Youth Director Christina Chiappine. CAP supplies food, clothing, and other assistance to local families in need. CAP is located at 107 S. Maryland Ave. and can be reached by calling 428-1247.
- Emmanuel Dining Room—Located at 121 N. Jackson Street and at 226 N. Walnut Street in Wilmington, as well as in the state service center on Rodgers Road in New Castle, EDR serves about 500-800 meals per day free of charge. A hot meal at noon is served restaurant style in all three locations. The Jackson Street location also serves breakfast on weekdays. Call 652-3228 or 652-2577.
- Neighborhood House—This organization provides emergency assistance, child care, education, and activities for children, youth, and adults in the Southbridge community of Wilmington and in Middletown. Call 378-7217 for information.
- Delaware Youth for Christ—DYC helps youth break the chain of destructive behavior and offers them Christ as their personal savior. They provide homework help, mentoring, games, and voluntary Bible study five days a week after school at three locations: Market Street in Wilmington, Belvedere, and Middletown. To learn more, contact their office at 995-6947.
- Sojourners' Place—Located at 2901 Northeast Boulevard in Wilmington, Sojourners' Place offers shelter for the homeless and provides help with drug and alcohol dependency. Call 764-4713 for more information.

In addition, members of the Restart Program provide housing assistance such as help with utility bills and provision of some household items to individuals and families in need.

Restart is presently lead by **Sandy Ide** and other members are **Milfred Keen, Eve Thomas, Shirly Ritter, June Victor, and Earle Snapp.**

**TO MEMBERS OF THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE AND RESTART PROGRAM,
OUR CHURCH FAMILY THANKS YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!!**

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YOUTH EVENTS FOR MARCH 2006

Sunday, March 5th- LOLx2 meeting from 5pm-6pm.
TYG meeting from 6:30-8pm...Please meet in the Youth Room.

Wednesday, March 8th- TYG - Service night @ Sunday Breakfast Mission-
6:30pm-8pm...activity TBA...Please meet at church by 6pm.

Sunday, March 12th- TYG will be meeting from 6:30pm- 8pm....
Please meet in the Youth Room.

Wednesday, March 22nd- TYG Power Hour held in the Extension from 6:30-8pm...
Bring a friend!!

Sunday, March 26th- Trip to visit our beloved friend, Pastor Jennifer..
Please meet at Church by 9:15am. Lunch to follow - please bring \$5-\$8 dollars for
lunch... Please RSVP to Christina by 3/22
(302) 397-7613...No TYG this evening...

Update from Richardson Park Community Action Program February 15, 2006

Food Closet: CAP's food closet served 61 households in January 2006, representing 85 adults and 69 children. Since the first of the year, we have stepped up the "fresh and free" fare at the food closet. The Tuckers and the Pughs swing by the Food Bank when heading our way. They load their vehicles with the various grocery items available for free. We have gotten bananas, pineapples, chocolate soy milk (delicious!), Herr's products, and lots of other yummy stuff. This abundance, added to our Monday fresh produce and Stroehmann's bread supply, helps stretch strained budgets.

Crisis Alleviation: In January 2006, we disbursed \$2,293 to assist clients with rent, utilities, and medicine.

Thanks to.....

Carolyn Nafzinger, for the donation of 96 packages of TastyKakes;
The youth of the church, for the Super Bowl food raiser;
All church members, for your regular Sunday food donations.

Strawberry Festival: Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 3, 2006. Our annual Strawberry Festival will be held at Calvary Presbyterian Church. Maybe you would like to pick strawberries, or rent a flea market table (a bargain at \$15). There will be lunch and children's activities and something for everyone.

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.