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"For everything there is a season..."

Ecclesiastes 3:1

In so many ways, the month of September marks the beginning of a new season. To the cheers of parents and the groans of children, a new school year begins. The dog days of August fade into memory as cool fall breezes begin to blow. Swimsuits are put away and sweaters are dragged out of their hiding places in closets. Routines are reestablished, school and church activities begin anew. In so many ways, September is a time of new beginnings.

I love the words found in "This Is a Day of New Beginnings," one of our newer hymns. The author, Brian Wren, reminds us of God's presence with us through the changing seasons and new beginnings of life. He writes:

*"This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing..."*

In our church family, we certainly share:

A time to remember

I can still hear the glorious sound of voices raised in praise and thanksgiving to God, and I continue to sense the heartfelt love and appreciation poured out as we gave thanks for the time that Don and Claudia shared with us. What a gift the ten years Don served as Director of Music has been. Don and Claudia have been a blessing to us in so many ways. While their departure brings a sense of loss and sadness, we have so much to be thankful for and so many wonderful memories to treasure.

A time to move on

Our faith, patience, and persistence have yielded good fruit, and the Wesley Tower Project is now simply the Wesley Tower! We are moving on! We have received a Certificate of Occupancy from the County and the doors are open! On **Sunday, September 17th** we will begin morning worship outside as we dedicate the Wesley Tower! Details inside.

A time to believe what love is bringing

It is a great joy to share the news that Beth and Ryan Warfel will be sharing in ministry as our new youth directors. The love they have for children and youth is sure to bring blessings to all of our young people and to all of our volunteers. Please continue to hold Beth and Ryan, as well as our youth, in your prayers. Exciting things are on the way.

The month of September is truly a time of new beginnings. By grace may our faith be strengthened as we "move on" together in our journey as a church, eager to see what God's love is bringing.

Peace Be With You,

Bill

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In September, Deborah Circle will take care of the flowers in the church.

Circle Meetings

Phoebe Circle and Elizabeth Circle Wed., September 6, 10:00 a.m.
Church Lounge
Deborah and Esther Circles Mon., September 11, 7:00 p.m.

Unit Meeting Mon., October 2, 7:00 p.m.
Church Lounge

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!

On Saturday, October 14, the United Methodist Women will sponsor a nostalgic "Vintage Fashion Show and Dessert Buffet." We will have fashions and other memorabilia from days gone by. Everyone will enjoy a sing-a-long of Golden Oldies and a wonderful Dessert Buffet. More information will be in the October Messenger.

HELP!

We need your help! If you have any fashions from the 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's, etc., we would very much like to display them at our Vintage Fashion Show. We could use men's, women's or children's articles. Also, we are in need of dressmaker forms and hat display pieces. We could use hats, shoes, gloves and purses. We also are planning to put together a photo display. Therefore, if you have any old photographs that display fashions of days gone by, please let us know. Let your imagination soar! We want to make this a memorable occasion. Contact Betty Swain at 838-6044 or Brenda Tucker at 731-4110.

TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER & SHARE

**6:45 – 8:00 P.M. - Lounge
Starting September 19th**

**Join us for prayer, fellowship,
& informal Bible Study (no homework).**

Questions? Ask Pastor Bill

FALL EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 14
Sponsored by

Vintage Fashion Show
UMW

Friday, November 3
Sponsored by

Soup & Pie Sale
Mission Committee

Friday, November 10 &
Sat., November 11
Sponsored by

Yard Sale
Koinonia

"GETTING CONNECTED"

A team has been formed to evaluate the attendance flow at worship services. Patterns of absence will be addressed, visitors will be acknowledged by letter, email, etc. Future plans include:

- Ways to better welcome and follow-up on new residents;
- Development of a new brochure;
- Ways to "get connected."

Pastor Bill will be offering a course entitled, "SELLING SWIMSUITS IN THE ARCTIC" this fall. Watch for dates for this course and get involved.

MISSION TREE

On Sundays in September, we will be hanging **School Houses** on our Mission Tree. Hang a "school house" 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

May	\$401.73
June	\$236.45
July	\$97.60
August	\$106.34

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 \$1,535.23. 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 July 28, we received a check from Zingo's in the amount of \$176.91. **Thanks again for your support!**

KIDS KORNER
Kristi J. Doughty

Hi everyone! Believe it or not, fall is upon us. There will be no Sunday School Labor Day weekend on September 3, but we welcome you back to Sunday School on September 10 at 9:00 a.m. with fun and exciting new materials and games. So please come join us!

PreK thru Grade 4 will begin discovering *David: Shepherd and King* and will hear stories from 1 and 2 Samuel about how **God wants us to respect our leaders** (David served Saul); **God doesn't want us to seek revenge** (God spares Saul); **God wants us to thank and praise him** (David's prayer); and **God wants us to be kind to others** (David and Mephibosheth).

Grades 5 thru 7 will explore "**Life: Why God Made Me**" using brand new curriculum called *Faith 4 Life*. We'll also begin playing a Bible study/game called *Friendzee!* focusing on *Christian Character* including topics such as courage, integrity, humility, grace, compassion and perseverance.

Grades 8 thru 12 will explore "**Life: Worshipping 24/7**" using the new *Faith 4 Life* curriculum. They also will begin playing the Bible study/game called *Friendzee!* focusing on *Close Connections* including topics such as acceptance, forgive-ness, trust, accountability, transparency/freedom, and genuine love.

Friendzee! is an exciting addition to our classes – kids will tell stories, sculpt clay, write, sketch, share experiences, perform charades and more, all which will lead to deep discussion about scripture passages and connecting God's truth to their lives!

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

PreK thru Grade 4 – Marlene Johnson and
Donna Chambers

Grades 5 thru 7 – Kristi J. Doughty, Annette
Ott, and Michelle Anderson

Grades 8 thru 12 – Bob Evely

Join Us For Morning Worship

**Sunday, September 17th 10:30
AM**

**As We Celebrate The
Completion**

Of

**The Wesley Tower
&
Dedicate It For Use**

Service Begins Outside



The time to celebrate is here!
We have received our Certificate of
Occupancy and the doors are open. What a
special blessing it is to have completed the
project debt and mortgage free.

Join us as we give thanks and process
through the doors together for the first time.

**RICHARDSON PARK UMC'S FIESTA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
WAS A SUCCESS...
THANKS TO THE DEDICATION OF MANY VOLUNTEERS.**

An average of 65 children from 3 years old to 6th grade attended our colorful celebration; learning about and experiencing the power of Jesus's love. We were pleased to also enroll 16 7th - 12th graders, who assisted adults throughout the week. So actually, we attracted about 80 youth to our VBS! Kudos to Sandy Swain and Janet Dickerson, who mailed out personal invitations to many of those children. Although we would like to enroll more children, this number proved to be very manageable and a great experience for everyone.

We are very fortunate at RPUMC to have members that possess and share their artistic, musical, culinary, athletic, and creative expression talents. In fact, Brenda's colorful scenery and decorations were also enjoyed at St. Mark's UMC VBS.

I want to publicly acknowledge and thank this year's volunteers. The poem on the next page is dedicated to them. God Bless You All, **Sherlynn Aurelio**, VBS Chairperson

Brenda & Joe Tucker	Beth & Ryan Warfel	Charlene & Bruce Workman	
Pat & Jay Cummings	Bill & Pat Green	Mark, Sue & Nicole Cummings	
Marlene & Dennis Johnson	Kristi & Chris Doughty	Christina Chiappine	
Michelle, Sara, & Nichole Anderson		Tod, Yvonne, Kat & Melanie Mitten	
Carter Palmer	Harold Ritter	Ginger Pettyjohn	Tammy Brindle
Annette & Maria Ott	Ruth Phillips	Donna & Katie Chambers	Rose Davis
Sandy Swain	Ruth Gibney	Alvretta Crozier	Eve Thomas
Janet Dickerson	Bob Evely	Joan Stadelman	Tylor Brown
Kelly & Julie Gibbons	Rachel Heckler	Heavenly Covleskie	Diashea Clark
Maegin Coverdale	Ida Burgos	Stephanie Malantonio	Cianna Betts

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

Written by a former child

**A message every adult should read, because children are watching you
and doing as you do, not as you say.**

**When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator,
and I immediately wanted to paint another one.**

**When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat,
and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.**

**When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me
and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.**

**When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God
I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.**

**When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who
was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.**

**When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people
who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those
who don't.**

**When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house
and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.**

**When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you
didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible
when I grow up.**

**When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned
that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.**

**When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be
everything that I could be.**

**When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know
to be a good and productive person when I grow up.**

**When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say,
"Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."**

THANK YOU

Patti and I want to thank you for the beautiful "First State" blanket presented during worship a few weeks ago as we began our seventh year together. The opportunity I have been given to serve as your pastor is one of the great blessings of my life. Your graciousness and support are deeply appreciated. I have received from you far more than I could possibly give. I am often overwhelmed by the faith, courage, and commitment this church family demonstrates as you reach out to serve God and neighbor. Patti and I will always treasure the time shared with you and where ever we go, you will be in our hearts.

Peace,
Bill

MANY THANKS

Thank you for all the cards, concern and caring upon the death of my sister, Jo Justis. Your prayers and love are very much appreciated.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Love, Joan

CHURCH HUMOR

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

- Don't let worry kill you - let the church help.
- Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belzer, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- Tuesday at 4:00 PM, there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- Wednesday the ladies liturgy will meet. Mrs. Johnson will sing, "Put me in my little bed" accompanied by the pastor.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

André Burgos	9/1
Tyler Hughart	9/2
Michael Paoli	9/2
Alanis Stout	9/2
Carlton Hughes	9/4
Meghan Logullo	9/5
Holly Ramsey	9/5
Betty Focht	9/6
Ed Ide	9/6
Maggie Painter	9/6
Kelsey Faux-Dugan	9/7
Bob Gamble	9/7
Richard Locke	9/7
Molly Mucha	9/7
Richard Crozier	9/8
Barbara Loose	9/10
Madison Mucha	9/10
Sami Davidson	9/12
Kevin Pytel	9/12
Lillian Simmons	9/12
Karen Davis	9/15
Patt Jones	9/15
Clara Creedon	9/16
Annette Ott	9/16
Patricia Pugh	9/17
Sharon Wright	9/17
Mark Cummings	9/18
John Pruitt	9/20
Charles Simpson	9/21
Alvretta Crozier	9/22
Marlene Johnson	9/22
Katelyn Carlson	9/25
Kristen DelCampo	9/25
Matthew Logullo	9/25
Mildred Reinert	9/25
Mary Heckler	9/26
Christopher Knott	9/28
Curtis Knott	9/28
Robert Swain	9/28
Christopher Bowen	9/29
Pat Cummings	9/30
Amy Przywara	9/30

TO OUR YOUTH AND PARENTS

Dear Youth & Parents,

Welcome back to another season full of fun, spiritual, sacrificing, rewarding, and did we say FUN Christian fellowship with our church youth. Mr. Ryan and Mrs. Beth are VERY EXCITED to serve as your youth leaders this year. We aren't really new to most of you, so please pardon us if we don't give much "info" about ourselves. If you want to know more about us, just ask - we'll be happy to talk, anytime.

We are not prepared to give you a full list of activities just yet, but I do have news that you should know before our official **Kick-Off** happens on **Sept. 17**.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, Sept. 17 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF

* Wear clothes you don't mind getting WET! (maybe very, very wet)

* Bring your ideas for the renovation of our youth room. Think reality TV here everyone!

"EXTREME MAKEOVER" What kinds of furniture, games, paint, decoration, lighting, etc. do you want to see in our youth room? Get out the crayons and markers, and draw it for us, or at least write down your ideas on paper. We will set them all out and spend time choosing our favorite ideas and come up with the ultimate design for our youth room! * **Cookout dinner provided.**

Sunday, Sept. 24 - 5:30 PM Youth Choir

6:00 - 8:00 PM Youth Group Grades 4- 12 working on youth room renovations.

Wear yucky clothes! Snack provided, but not dinner.

Saturday, Sept. 30 - Light the Night Walk for Leukemia with God's Little Angels.

Registration 5:00 PM, Walk at 7:00 PM

We will need to know if you are definitely going to walk so you can have your own fundraising envelope. Please see one of the Warfel's immediately if you are willing to give up your Saturday night for this GREAT cause. *There will be a fundraising event sometime between now and then to help our walking team raise money. Announcements will be made in church and via email, so keep your ears and eyes peeled.

Sunday, October 1 - 5:30 PM - Youth Choir

6:00 - 7:00 PM Youth Group Grades 4 -12 working in the youth room. Wear yucky clothes!

Snacks provided, but not dinner.

7:00 - 8:00 PM Youth Group Grades 7-12 begin rehearsal for first drama to perform in church.

Official performance date given a little later.

Sunday, October 8 - 6:00 PM - Youth Choir

6:30 PM - Youth Group Grades 7 - 12 drama rehearsal, create props/sets as needed, costumes; bible study on verses the drama is based upon.

As always, Mrs. Beth has to put in her plug for people interested in singing in the youth choir. The first rehearsal times are on the calendar above. Please talk to your friends, both at church and outside church, and bring yourself and them to youth choir. Experience is NOT necessary, but a love for fun and singing (even in the shower) is a must!

If you ever need us, there are several ways to get in touch with the Warfel's:

Mr. Ryan Cell: 494-5935

Mrs. Beth Cell: 377-4507

Emails: _bethnroses2@aol.com (mailto:bethnroses2@aol.com)

_rjw8675309@aol.com (mailto:rjw8675309@aol.com)

We are moving into a new house in the following weeks and will give you the new home phone number when we have it. We love to hear from you, but remember, it eats up everyone's cell phone minutes to call for no reason at all so please be reasonable and responsible.

In Christ's Love, Beth & Ryan Warfel

Update from CAP

August 21, 2006

Notice of Annual Meeting Richardson Park Community Action Program, Inc.

Everyone is invited to CAP's Annual Meeting, which 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 of directors. Electors are people who live within CAP's service area, plus other people, 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 (we call her Jo Q) at 998-4339.

New!!! Saturday Hours for CAP!

We are pleased to announce that CAP will be open two Saturdays each month.
We will continue to be closed on Wednesdays. Our new hours:
MON & TUES: 10 am to 3 pm. THURS: Noon to 6 pm. FRI: 10 am to 2 pm.
Starting September 16, 2006, 1st and 3rd SATURDAYS: 10 am to 2 pm.
CLOSED Wednesdays, Sundays, and national holidays.

Clothes for Needy Babies

With St. Matthew's Church as our inspiration, CAP has created a new program to provide clothing and other necessities cost free to expectant mothers and families with babies. When we determine need, we will apply the same income screen that we use for CAP's other services.

Special Thanks

To Adrian, Swami, and Jackie from The Getty Auto Center at Banning Park. The Getty Center gave us 532 pounds of food and other grocery items.

To Annmarie Haynes of Happy Harry's, for giving us a discount on fans. (We received a special heat-wave grant from a donor to buy fans for our clients.)

As always, to the Koinonias and the Pugh's, for ongoing special support.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE CROP WALK

SAVE THIS DATE: On the afternoon of **Sunday, November 5, 2006**, we will walk to raise funds for CAP and for development projects worldwide. Lots of fun, exercise, and fellowship.

Details and pledge forms to follow.

THE NUMBERS ARE IN.....

CAP'S fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. Some notable numbers for this successful year:

Food distributed: 43,700 pounds

Adults served by the food closet: 935

Children served by the food closet: 646

Crisis alleviation funds paid: \$23,022

Net profit from the Strawberry Festival: \$1,458 (Thank you again, Sandy Ide.)

Gross revenue from the Thrift Shop: \$8,830

As always, we appreciate your donations to the Thrift Shop:

Knick knacks, towels, sheets, cookware, dishes, household items, toys, jewelry, and accessories.

We are at 107 South Maryland Avenue, Wilmington DE 19804, next to the Quick Mart.

Phone 302/428-1247.

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LAY READERS

September 3	Sath Amara
September 10	Sherlynn Aurelio
September 17	Christopher Doughty
September 24	Ruth Berry

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 3	Brenda and Joe Tucker
At the Cross	The Cathell Family
September 10	Alice and Cal Brosch
September 17	Sath and Chandra Amara
September 24	Herb and Mary Ann Atkinson

FLOWERS

For the month of September, Deborah Circle is responsible for the flowers.

Please submit your articles for the October Messenger to the Church Office by Monday, September 11. 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.