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RICHARDSON PARK U.M.C.

Invites you to share the journey toward Easter.



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 1st - 10:30 AM

"God So Loved The World"

A Morning Of Worship Through Music

HOLY THURSDAY - SERVICE OF TENEBRE

Thursday, April 5th - 7:00 PM

R.P.U.M.C. Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 6th - Noon

Calvary Presbyterian Church

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, April 8th

6:30 AM St. James Episcopal Church

7:30 AM Easter Breakfast

Calvary Presbyterian Church

10:30 AM R.P.U.M.C. Sanctuary



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Dawn Logullo Davis	4/1
Tessa Logullo	4/1
Ruth Rubican	4/4
Ruth Gibney	4/5
Denise Grubb	4/6
Robert Boyd	4/8
Edward Rash	4/9
Heavenly Coveleskie	4/10
Kelly Gibbons	4/11
Joan Stadelman	4/11
Annmarie Haynes	4/12
Charles Johnson	4/14
Christopher Sutor	4/16
Rosalie Cascone	4/18
Amber Saienni	4/18
Richard Sutor	4/18
Julie Gibbons	4/19
Robert Boyd, Jr.	4/21
Katherine Burge	4/22
Robert Collins, Jr.	4/22
Kathy Russell	4/23
Robert Evely, III	4/24
Alicia Silva	4/25
Christine Martnick	4/26
Shirley Delpizzo	4/27
Daniel Swain	4/29

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

KIDS KORNER KRISTI J. DOUGHTY

HI EVERYBODY! I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE THAT CAME OUT TO THE GOD'S LITTLE ANGELS SWEETHEART MASQUERADE DANCE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2007. WE HAD ABOUT 40 IN ATTENDANCE. WE SHARED DELICIOUS FOOD AND HAD A LOT OF FUN DANCING. THANK YOU TO ALL THAT BROUGHT FOOD AND HELPED US PREPARE AND CLEAN UP!

COME TO CHURCH AND BRING A FRIEND ON EASTER - APRIL 8, 2007 AT 9:00 A.M. FOR A SPECIAL BIBLE LESSON FOLLOWED BY AN EASTER EGG HUNT!!!

PREK THRU GRADE 4 WILL EXPLORE NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STORIES FROM THE BOOK OF JOHN ABOUT PALM SUNDAY, EASTER, BREAKFAST BY THE SEA, AND FROM ACTS - JESUS RETURNS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES. GRADES 5 THRU 7 WILL CONTINUE LEARNING "WILD TRUTH BIBLE LESSONS - DARES FROM JESUS" BY STUDYING MESSAGES FROM LUKE AND JOHN INCLUDING "THE TRUTH ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY - JESUS DARES US TO PROVE OURSELVES WORTHY OF TRUST," "THE TRUTH ABOUT HONESTY - JESUS DARES US TO BE AGENTS OF TRUTH," "THE TRUTH ABOUT SECURITY - JESUS DARES US TO BE SECURE IN HIM," AND "THE TRUTH ABOUT REALITY - JESUS DARES US TO EXPERIENCE REAL LIFE."

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, MICHELLE ANDERSON, AND ANNETTE OTT
GRADES 8 THRU 12 - BOB EVELY**



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In April, Rebekah Circle will take care of the flowers in the church.

Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle	Mon., April 2, 7:00 p.m. Home of Pat Cummings
Ruth Circle	Wed., April 4, 10:00 a.m. Church Lounge
Unit Meeting	Monday, April 30, 10:30 a.m. Church Lounge

LOOKING FOR A GUITARIST

Does anyone play the guitar or know of someone who plays the guitar? Please see Terri or call the church office.

MANY THANKS

Thank you for the Poinsettias and flowers and cards sent to me during the Christmas holiday season. I really appreciate your prayers and visits.

Naomi Pugh

Sending thanks for the lovely flowers, many cards, and visits during my time "under." A special thanks for the many prayers for my healing. Praise God for his healing power and for the many people who make up the "family of God."

Clyde Nafzinger

CAP NEEDS YOUR HELP

The food closet at CAP needs the following staples:

Canned Meat
Spam
Tuna
Chicken
Cereal

You can drop these items off at CAP or bring them to church on Sunday and we'll make sure they get there. Thank you for caring.



MUSIC NOTES

Terri Weaver, Director

The chancel choir and chancel handbells have been practicing music for Sundays and other events listed below. Other musicians have provided their talents with music selected for Scriptures during Lent and other events.

A very hearty **THANK YOU** goes to the chancel choir for the extra practice time in February and March. They have been preparing for a cantata called "**God So Loved the World.**" This special music, by Lloyd Larson, will be presented on Palm Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The story of Palm Sunday through the Crucifixion will be depicted through Scripture and music. The music provided will include a solo by Ed Ide and scripture readings by Muriel Campbell and Paul Weaver. Be sure to attend this special presentation as RPUMC prepares for Holy Week and celebrates with the Resurrection!

In April the choir also will be working on special music for a concert at Peniel United Methodist Church in Newport, DE. Save the date on your calendar: **Sunday, APRIL 29, 2007 @ 3:00 PM** RPUMC's choir will join Peniel United Methodist Church's choir for a concert featuring "**Irving Berlin's America.**" The joint choirs, handbells and a 60-piece Community Band will perform at a Spring Concert. The music features songs by composer Irving Berlin -- songs like, *There's No Business Like Show Business*, *Alexander's Ragtime Band*, and *Blue Skies*. We hope you are able to attend this musical concert.

The chancel handbells are practicing weekly to provide beautiful music during our worship services. On March 18, "Evening Prayer," written by Englebert Humperdinck, was a beautiful rendition of familiar tunes. Come to worship service for Easter as we celebrate the season and ring the bells to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

I would be remiss if I did not include the beautiful flute music provided by Denise Swain Reburn, Kristin Beane and Kayla Iacuzio (and Alysha Isakoff on piano.) It was great to hear Bettie Smith on the piano as she shares her gifts with all of us.

Lent is truly a reflective time to also thank and remember everyone who provides music in our worship service. Thank you to all for your dedication to the church. Praise be to God!

Faithfully, *Terri Weaver*



MISSION TREE



On Sundays in **April**, we will be hanging **Easter Eggs** on our Mission Tree. Hang an Easter egg 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

March 2007 \$92.12

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Your change is really adding up. The total to date for 2007 is \$310.22. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on the first Sunday of each month.

Finances at RPUMC

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
January 2007	\$16,491.95	\$17,521.32
February 2007	<u>13,529.48</u>	<u>16,014.86</u>
Total	\$30,021.43	\$33,536.18

Deficit for first two months: (\$3,514.75)

Members and friends...your gifts are extremely important, especially since utilities skyrocketed due to frigid temperatures this winter. Our pledge giving is down 10%. Please prayerfully give as generously as possible. A financial statement is available upon request.

ZINGO TAPES

Don't forget to bring your Zingo tapes to worship on Sundays. Place them in the offering plates or in the wicker basket on the window ledge in the vestibule. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Dickerson at 494-5247.

Update from Richardson Park Community Action Program March 19, 2007

Please visit CAP and meet our new staff member, Mr. Troy L. Rouse. Troy serves as Client Service Coordinator, administering CAP's programs of assistance to people in need: Emergency Funds, Food Closet, Transportation, Medical Equipment, Baby Accessories, Clothing for Adults and Children, Etc.

Troy comes to CAP after nineteen years of experience in various technical and customer service positions. He is a resident of Newark. We are thrilled that Troy has joined our team!

You can pop in and welcome Troy whenever CAP is open: Monday and Tuesday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm; Thursday noon to 6:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; first and third Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**We are located at 107 S. Maryland Avenue.
Phone 428-1247.**

Many thanks to our heavy lifters Sandy and Ed Ide and Brenda and Joe Tucker, who go cheerfully to the Food Bank whenever we ask. We are grateful for this critical support that you give to CAP's food closet.

Thanks again also to Pat and Frank Pugh for special purchases of jelly, chicken, spaghetti sauce, and more.

FROM A CHILD'S VIEW

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces, and laid it upon the altar. And then, Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times. *Now,*" said the teacher, *"can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"* A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand. *"I know! I know!" she said. To make the gravy!"*

CHURCH COUNCIL DIGEST

Ed Ide, Chair

At the February 25 meeting of the Church Council, the Centennial Celebrations Committee, and that's correct "Celebrations," announced the seven events that you found in the March edition of The Messenger. I hope you have circled the dates on your calendar and plan to take part in as many as you can. We are thankful for this committee's diligence in coming up with these events.

Pastor Bill reported on the "Combined" Confirmation class in which four young people from RPUMC are attending. They are: Christopher Doughty, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Melanie Mitten and Maria Ott.

A review of the audio/visual needs for our Sanctuary is taking place. The goal is to enhance the worship experience with clearly seen and heard message screens and speakers. The Memorials Committee has directed a substantial grant for this goal.

At our March 18 meeting, we will be looking at the summer worship schedule. It has been recommended that we move our 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship service to 10:00 a.m., beginning June 3 and ending August 26.

As time grows near for Easter celebrations, please plan to attend the events planned around our holy days and bring a friend with you.



"The Trustees' Times"

Kathy Russell, Chair

It's already April and the Trustees, as well as others, have been busy. Many different sub-teams are now formed to allow members to champion a specific church maintenance project. Some of these projects include: Updating Church Signage led by Brenda Tucker; Elevator Upkeep led by Dennis Johnson; Roof Repair led by Marvin Swain; and Stained Glass Window Restoration led by Ed Ide.

The intent of creating a variety of specific projects led by a single champion is to divide the great number of Trustees' responsibilities into smaller, more manageable tasks. This also gives individuals an opportunity to show case their unique talents with a chance to work on something that appeals to their interests. Most importantly, each champion can manage their own project and develop a sense of ownership and accomplishment in achieving a goal that provides a valuable service to the church and congregation.

One of the oldest functioning project teams in the church is the BMG (Building Maintenance Group). Its current members include: Herb Atkinson, Jay Cummings, Ed Ide, Dennis Johnson, David Swain, Marvin Swain, Harold Ritter and Joe Tucker. As Pat Cummings once said, "The BMG is the closest we have to a United Methodist Men's Group." And that seems right since they meet regularly on Thursday mornings, they're united in their efforts, they're Methodists and they're men! But seriously, what they do each week is everything from kitchen drain repair to kitchen cart maintenance; floor tile and light bulb replacement to painting and roof caulking; heating system repairs to window screen installation; and the list goes on and on and on... This group's attention to "all the little things" and many big things shows all around the church and undoubtedly saves immeasurable amounts of time and money.

We all benefit from the teamwork and tireless personal efforts of those who have stepped up to the many challenges of maintaining the church. And, you don't have to be a Trustee to contribute to this cause! We are still in need of Champions in the areas of: Special Cleaning Initiatives, Landscaping, Plaster Repair and Painting. So please, pray about it and consider using your time and talents in fellowship with others to help keep RPUMC in good working condition for generations to come. And don't miss a chance to thank those who are already selflessly committed to doing just that.

Thank you Project Champions and thank you BMG!

100th CENTENNIAL

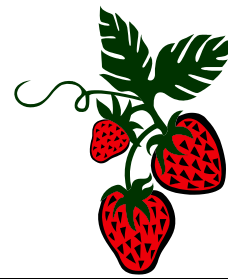
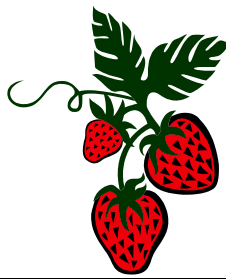
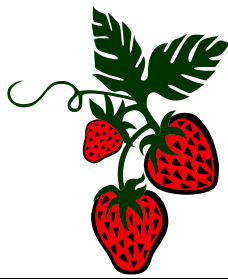
Terri Weaver, Chair

The 100th anniversary committee met in March to continue planning details for our 100th anniversary celebration. A theme was selected and will be featured in all of our communications. **"Rooted and Growing in Christ"** is our theme!

September 1907 through June 1908 is when RPUMC's history began. The following dates will coincide with the Centennial celebration:

- **September 9, 2007 (Sunday) *Outdoor Church Service and Picnic under a tree.*** In case it rains, the event will be held indoors. T- Shirts and Golf Shirts will be worn to kick off the meeting "under a tree." ***Covered Dish event with hamburgers and hot dogs, too.***
- **September 30, 2007 (Sunday) *Founder's Day/Homecoming Service.*** Invitations to former ministers, organists, members of the church past and present. Church open house with exhibits, tours of the church, Christmas gift ideas. **Guest speaker will be Tom McKelvey. *Catered luncheon to follow.***
- **November 3, 2007 (Saturday) *UMW Tea Party*** - tea party with women wearing period costumes. ***Tea, Sandwiches, Desserts.***
- **December 16, 2007 (Sunday) *Family Advent Day*** During regular service, youth, chancel choir and chancel bells will feature a program with a sing-along. (Family Advent Night during regular service.) ***Covered Dish Luncheon after the service.***
- **January 26, 2008 (Saturday) *Silent Movie Night*** In 1907, going to the movies was silent pictures. With that in mind, "The General" as a possible movie theme will feature Buster Keaton. Marc Cheban will be entertaining us at the organ. ***Reception of light refreshments served after the movie.***
- **April 26, 2008 (Saturday) *Music Concert*** - youth, chancel bells, chancel choir and a possible community choir, plus other musicians to play in a themed concert. ***Reception of light refreshments.***
- **May 2008 *Youth Concert*** - "Outside" concert with community youth. More details to follow.
- **June 21, 2008 (Saturday) *Community Open House*** Exhibits including Vacation Bible School, video tapes with history, tours of the church and Sunday School areas, new member welcome packets. ***Food items: bar-b-que, hot dogs, soup, etc. to be sold by the youth.***

The 100th anniversary kicks-off with a celebration under a tree. It builds momentum starting with our members, adds homecoming and founders who have moved away, reflects on the past and looks to the future with youth and community. (Plus they all involve food!) Look to future Messenger 's on how you can add color to these events, work on a scrapbook, order Christmas gifts and "other" gift ideas, dress in period costumes, sing at a concert, go to the movies and celebrate our 100th anniversary, ***"Rooted and Growing in Christ."***



**CAP STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
AT
RICHARDSON PARK UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

Saturday, June 2, 2007

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**

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LAY READERS

April	Cantata
April 8	Phyllis Thomas
April 15	Bob Evely
April 22	Kathy Gibbons
April 29	Sheldon Edwards

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 1	Josefa Majik
April 8	Easter Lilies
April 15	Clyde & Carolyn Nafzinger
April 22	Joyce & Jerry Toy
April 29	Jim and Cheryl Chilcutt

FLOWERS

For the month of April, Rebekah Circle is responsible for the flowers.

*Please submit your articles for the May Messenger to the Church Office by April 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.