

the Messenger

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SELLING SWIMSUITS IN THE ARCTIC

Seven Simple Keys
To Growing Churches
by Adam Hamilton

A Study
For Everyone Interested
In Helping Our Church Grow!
Tuesdays – 6:45 PM
February 13, 20, 27
March 6th

Adam Hamilton is pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leewood, Kansas and a popular author and seminar leader. With wit, wisdom, and a touch of whimsy, he leads us through this parable designed to help us think about the life of our church and our ministry in the surrounding community. Join us in the exploration. To register, fill out the form you will find in the bulletin on Sunday mornings or call the church office.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
7:00 PM - SANCTUARY

KIDS KORNER

KRISTI J. DOUGHTY

HI EVERYBODY! WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL GOD'S LITTLE ANGELS EVENT THIS MONTH – GLA'S SWEETHEART MASQUERADE DANCE ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 FROM 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.! PLEASE HELP US SET UP ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 AT 6:00 P.M. GRADES 5-7 WILL BE WORKING ON DECORATING MASKS AND OTHER FUN PROJECTS DURING SOME OF OUR CLASSES -- WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP TO GET READY! LOOK FOR FURTHER DETAILS IN THIS MESSENGER AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS, PARENTS, AND GRANDPARENTS.

PREK THRU GRADE 4 WILL EXPLORE JESUS' PARABLES BY STUDYING PASSAGES IN MATTHEW AND LUKE TO LEARN THAT "WE CAN HELP OTHERS TO BELIEVE IN GOD" (PARABLE OF THE SOWER), "GOD WANTS US TO LOVE OUR ENEMIES" (THE GOOD SAMARITAN); "GOD WANTS US TO FORGIVE OTHERS" (FORGIVENESS); AND "GOD WANTS US TO BE HAPPY WHEN OTHERS ARE HAPPY" (THE PRODIGAL SON). GRADES 5 THRU 7 - AFTER OUR LESSON MOST WEEKS, WE'LL EITHER WORK ON DECORATING MASKS FOR OUR GLA DANCE OR HAVE A GREAT TIME AND A LOT OF LAUGHS PLAYING THE *FRIENDZEE* GAME.

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



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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

UMW Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle	Mon., Feb. 5, 7:00 p.m. Home of Marlene Johnson 115 W. Monroe Street New Castle
Ruth Circle	Wed., Feb. 7, 10:00 a.m. Church Lounge

“Sweet Lovers Delight”

The UMW will sponsor a Valentine Candy Sale on Sunday, February 11. Orders will be taken on Sunday, February 4 for:

- Peanut Brittle
- Chocolate Bark
- Fudge
- Chocolate Peanut Butter “Martha Washingtons”

The homemade candy will sell for \$5.00 a half-pound and \$9.00 for a full pound.

We hope that you will enjoy some sweets while helping UMW meet our mission budget.



MISSION TREE

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

**In 2006, your contributions added up to \$84.00!
Thanks to everyone who participated. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.**

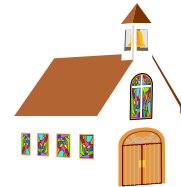
RPUMC'S 100 ANNIVERSARY

The 100th anniversary of RPUMC is coming... and very soon. If you have some ideas you want to share on celebrating and making this occasion SPECIAL, I can use your help.

If you like to plan parties, decorate, know church history, celebrate events, have any ideas on what to do, when to do it and how to do it, see Terri Weaver after church or call her at 610-869-7704 or email her at Icebust@verizon.net.

**100 is an awesome birthday!
Help to make it momentous, indeed!**

*Terri Weaver
100th Anniversary Committee Chair*



WESLEY TOWER BANKS
January 2007 \$133.69

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.

ZINGO TAPES

Thanks to everyone for sharing your Boxwood Shopping Center and Pike Creek Zingo tapes with us. This money is deposited in the General Fund and may be used to help pay for programming expenses, utilities, or wherever there is a need. Please contact Janet Dickerson (494-5247) if you have any questions about the Zingo rebate program. And 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.





MUSIC NOTES

Terri Weaver, Director

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Not officially documented, but Dietrich Buxtehude may have been born in Denmark where his father was the organist. (But, he was considered a German composer!) He followed in his father's footsteps in various organist positions previously held by his father. He moved to Germany in 1660 where he took a prestigious position for a German congregation in Lubeck, Germany. He married the outgoing organist's daughter, which may have been a condition of employment. (Oh wow!!!)

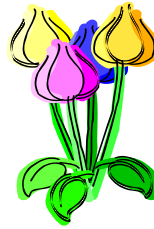
His official duties (besides all of the music/organ) included treasurer, secretary and business manager for the church. He wrote Sonatas, Chamber music, vocal and organ music. He is most famous for his concerts, *Abendmusik*, held in the afternoon after five Sunday services and special occasions. (Sounds like the beginning of cantatas?) These concerts were described as extraordinary and were the basis for his fame. J.S. Bach (1685-1750) once traveled over 200 miles to hear one of his concerts and stayed for three months. Buxtehude thus inspired the young Bach while he studied with him. Just like Bach, Buxtehude did not become famous until 100 years after his death.

In 1703 Buxtehude had a chance to retire. Georg Friedrich Handel and Johann Matheson visited with him as possible candidates. Matheson considered but later balked because he was required to marry Buxtehude's daughter. After Buxtehude died in May 1707, another organist agreed to marry her and was Buxtehude's replacement. (Things really have changed in the organ world!!)

As a board member of the Delaware AGO (American Guild of Organists), we sponsor various workshops and recitals performed by AGO members. I invite you all to a "member recital" scheduled in March 2007 featuring music of a Baroque composer named Dietrich Buxtehude. 2007 marks the 300th anniversary of a composer's life who influenced much of J.S. Bach's music. I plan to feature some of Buxtehude's music in February as my Preludes and Postludes. (Details of the concert to follow next month.)

Faithfully, Terri Weaver

PS We always are looking for new choir members. I promise we don't sing Buxtehude's music. Yet!



ALTAR FLOWERS

Beautiful flowers on the altar are an expression of the beauty in God's world. Flowers may be presented to the Glory of God, in honor of loved ones, in memory of loved ones or to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary. Cost of the flowers is \$30.00 for both bouquets. If you have a desire to present the flowers on a particular date, please contact the flower Chairperson, Betty Swain at 838-6044.

Thank You from the Heart

My heartfelt thanks for all of the cards, visits, and prayers Vernon received while he was ill. He wanted me to send his deep appreciation to his beloved church family. I appreciate very much all of the expressions of sympathy extended to me during a most difficult time.

Dorothy Burris (Dot)

Thank you very much for your help in my time of need. Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Noel Van Sant

KOINONIA YARD SALE

March 23 – March 24

Friday, March 23

9 AM – 3 PM

Saturday, March 24

8 AM – 2 PM

If you would like to donate items for the yard sale, please make arrangements to have them picked up by calling the church office at 654-0961.

Also, we need help on Monday, March 19 at 9:00 AM to help set up the tables and on Saturday, March 24 at 2:00 PM to clean up. Thanks to everyone for your contributions, time and support for this very important project.



GOD'S LITTLE



ANGELS'
SWEETHEART MASQUERADE
DANCE

GLA invites you to attend

WHEN: Saturday, February 17
2007 - 2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

DANCING, FOOD & FUN

Masks will be provided

Price of admission: Canned food for
CAP

Please RSVP by calling the church
office, 654-0961

Come join us!!

If you have questions or wish to
bring Hors d'oeuvres or
Desserts- please call the
church office or see Kristi
Doughty.



Youth News

Our youth group kicked off the New Year in
style at the Peninsula-Delaware Youth
Conference in Ocean City, MD. We had 11

youth and 4 adults who made the weekend
trip. As usual, the music was "amazing," and
the speakers got right into the very core of
our youth and God started moving them in ways
you can't imagine. Each night as the battle cry
for God's army was put out there, our youth
stepped forward, physically and spiritually, and
accepted that call. By the end of the
weekend, the entire youth group came forward
and either accepted or recommitted their lives
to Christ. What an "amazing" thing to
experience with these "amazing" youth. The
"amazing" love of Christ showed in our children
all weekend long.

If you're wondering why the word "Amazing" is
in quotes - the theme for the weekend was
"BE AMAZED." I truly think we all walked
away amazed. As a memento of our trip, we
purchased a painting for our newly renovated
youth room, painted by one of the Jesus
Painters, on stage, in front of our very eyes.
We talked about it in church on Sunday but, if
you were not at church, you should stop by our
youth room sometime and check it out. The
image of Christ is quite vivid, and the text
around it really captured the spirit of the
weekend.

Looking for something to do on Sunday
evenings? Youth choir and youth group always
are looking for new members; so stop by and
see what we are all about!

Hoping you can experience the "amazing" love
of Christ this month,

Beth & Ryan Warfel, Youth Directors



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Joey Pytel	2/1
Ashley Aiken	2/3
Shirley Godfrey	2/4
Edward Podgorski	2/4
Lillie Collins	2/8
Anna Crowe	2/8
Jeff Sheridan	2/8
Carol Cathell	2/10
Mary Sutor	2/11
Brian Crozier	2/12
Terri Antonine	2/13
Sherry Beamer	2/14
Ellen Willard	2/14
Katherine Oakmont	2/15
Lorne Shannon	2/17
Elaine Spedden	2/17
Frank Pugh	2/18
Chris Chancy	2/19
Robert Truitt	2/20
Kristin Beane	2/21
Karalyn Hughart	2/21
Emma Riley	2/21
Greg Haynes	2/22
Morgan Coverdale	2/23
Ben Brindle	2/24
Bob Thomas	2/24
Angel Adams	2/25
Alice Brosch	2/26
Erin Maloney	2/28

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

CONFIRMATION



THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY CONTINUES

Confirmation can be an important part of the spiritual life of a young person. The journey is designed to help people gain a better understanding of their faith, to deepen their commitment, and to "Claim the Name" as followers of Jesus Christ.

This year, R.P.U.M.C. will join with seven other United Methodist Churches in our area as we offer confirmation classes. The experience will include some "hands on" work in a local mission, and a trip to Barrett's Chapel to get a better handle on our history.

Confirmation is open to youth in sixth grade or older. We will be starting with an orientation session on February 17th at St. Mark's U.M.C. The class concludes in May with the confirmands being welcomed into the membership of the church.

If you are interested, please contact Pastor Bill at the church office.

"Will you come and follow me if I but
call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and
never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you
let my name be known, will you let my
life be grown in you and you in me?"

From "The Summons"
by John Bell

CHURCH COUNCIL DIGEST

Ed Ide, Chair

The first meeting of the Church Council for 2007 was held on Sunday, January 20 with 23 members and guests attending. New members Ed Ide (Chairman), Earle Snapp, Marlene Johnson, and Richard Sutor were welcomed, and outgoing Chairperson Phyllis Thomas was thanked for her leadership. Committees are being formed in preparation for our Centennial celebration:

1. To cover the "**celebration**" activities, and
2. To "**freshen up**" the church for the event.

Trustees requested a meeting of a newly formed "**kitchen committee**," which will help design a plan for updating and improving the serving area of the kitchen. Interest in joining any of the above committees is welcome. Terry Weaver will chair the **celebration** committee, Kathy Russell will chair the **freshen up** committee, and Ruth Berry will chair the **Kitchen** committee. If you would like more information on any of these committees, please contact the committee chair.

Brenda Tucker, Secretary of the Church Council for the past two years, has asked to be replaced. If you have an interest in taking and publishing notes on Church Council meetings, please contact Ed Ide.

The next Council meeting will be on Sunday, February 27 following worship.

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"A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHURCH LEADERS FOR 2007"

Church Council: **Ed Ide***, Marlene Johnson, Earle Snapp and Richard Sutor

Board of Trustees: Herb Atkinson, Janet Dickerson and Ed Ide (**Kathy Russell***)

Staff-Parish Relations Committee: **Sherlynn Aurelio***, Kristin Beane and Joe Tucker

Mission Committee: Marlene Johnson, Mary Ann Atkinson, Ed Locke,
Sue Cummings, Kristi Doughty and Bob Evely

Lay Leader: Brenda Tucker

Membership: Mary Alice Bair

Memorial Committee: Eve Thomas

Lay Leadership Committee: Tammy Brindle and Rob Anderson

We give our thanks to all those who serve the church in so many different ways.
Blessings to all of you.

* **Incoming Chairperson**

Update from Richardson Park Community Action Program
January 16, 2007

Notice of Job Opening

CAP seeks a Client Service Coordinator. The CSC works directly with CAP's clients -- folks in need of food, funds, and other support. Time commitment is 22 hours per week, hours somewhat flexible, mostly weekdays. We offer \$10 per hour, an informal work setting, and a unique opportunity to contribute to the community. Email resume to RPCAP107@verizon.net or mail to CAP at 107 S. Maryland Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804. Call Mary Jane Simmons at 428-1247 for more information.

Report on CAP's programs of service to the community

From July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, CAP disbursed the following amounts for neighbors in need:

Emergency Rent and Mortgage Program	\$5,973
Emergency Utilities Program:	6,322
Bus passes	156
Window fans	75
Prescription medicine	42
Uniform for client's first day at new job	22
Purchased groceries for food closet and holiday baskets	<u>1,789*</u>
Total	\$14,378

*This is just the purchased food. We still are tallying the many donated food items.

Many thanks to the Church for your financial support. Since July 1, the beginning of our fiscal year, we have received \$600 from the Church, \$600 from the United Methodist Women, and \$600 from the Koinonia Class. Your contributions are essential to our work and are very much appreciated by the staff and clients of CAP.

Thanks to the community for \$180.50 raised at the Thanksgiving service at Calvary.

Thanks to the following organizations for major donations: Woodcrest Civic Association, Five Points Fire Company No. 1, VFW Diamond State Post No. 2863.

Thanks to Ed Locke for regular donations of food brought directly to CAP.

SOUP & PIE SALE
Sponsored by the Mission Committee

Pick-Up Date!!
Friday, March 9
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

SOUP - \$5.00 PER QUART

Vegetable Beef _____ Qts.

PIES - 10" DEEP DISH - \$10.00 EACH

Apple _____ Qty.

Cherry _____ Qty.

Coconut Custard _____ Qty.

Pecan _____ Qty.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

Please submit your order by Monday, February 26 by contacting
Ruth Berry at 654-4797
Betty Swain at 838-6044
Church Office at 654-0961
Or mail this form to the church.

Thank you.

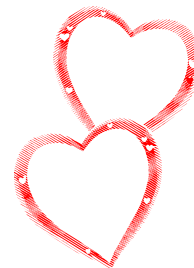
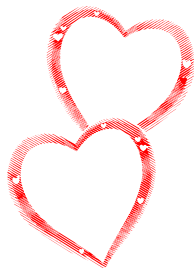
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LAY READERS

February 4 Beth Warfel
February 11 Jennifer Fitzgerald
February 18 Herb Atkinson
February 25 Tod Mitten

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 4 Marlene & Dennis Johnson
February 11 Bob and Lee Thomas
 At the Cross Melissa, Chad & Andy
 Hughes
February 18 Chancel & Bell Choirs
February 25 Kathy & Bob Evelyn

FLOWERS

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

*Please submit your articles for the
March Messenger to the Church Office by
Monday, February 12. Thank you.*

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

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experience the amazing love of God and develop a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.*