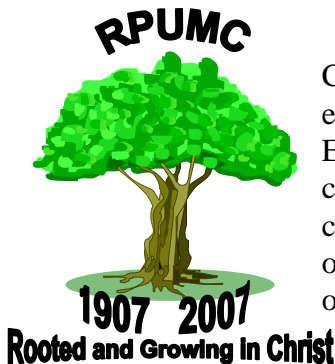


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## COUNTDOWN!

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1...



Countdowns can be very exciting! We wait with anticipation! We have a sense of expectancy! As the numbers grow smaller, our hearts beat a little faster. On New Year's Eve, we count down the seconds as we prepare to usher in a brand new year. School children (and their teachers) count down the days left in the school year. People who are close to that magical land called "Retirement" count down the months, weeks, and days left on their work calendar. If our football or basketball team is on the verge of winning the big one, we count down the seconds remaining in the game as we prepare to celebrate. When I was in elementary school, the launching of a rocket propelling astronauts into outer space was always a huge event. I remember several classes packed into the one room that had a TV (black and white no less!) so that we could witness history. Countdowns can be very exciting!

Here at RPUMC, we are counting down the days leading up to the kick-off of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. We are planning a year-long celebration. Many of you have seen the schedule. Below is a reminder of what's happening in September. There are more details inside. Are you ready? 5, 4, 3, 2, ...

### September 9, 10:30 AM

Outdoor Church Service & Picnic

### Sunday, September 30, 10:30 AM

Homecoming Service. Rev Tom McKelvey, who served here as Associate Pastor from 1970-1971, will be one of our special guests and will bring the message that day. RPUMC was Tom's first appointment!

In Preparation: Sunday, September 2 – Join our Youth and members of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team as we canvass the neighborhood, handing out flyers and inviting people to RPUMC .



### "ROOTED AND GROWING IN CHRIST" CHURCH DIRECTORY



To coincide with the Centennial activities, we felt that the church directory needed to be updated. To be included in the directory will be updated pictures of our new and existing members, and members of the different groups that we have within the church. Pictures will be taken here at the church, inside our new Tower lobby, on the following Sunday's after the Worship Service:

*July 29 August 5, 12, 19 26 September 16 (last opportunity)*

A sign-up sheet with the dates and times is posted on the bulletin boards outside the Extension. A variety of photo packages also will be available for purchase at reasonable prices thanks to our photo employees at Happy Harry's. If you will not be available on any of the above dates, please contact Annmarie Haynes at 302-838-1564 or email her at Gsharp222@comcast.net. With everyone's prayers and support, this could be the best directory this church has ever published.



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Joey Davis	7/1
Diane Maloney	7/2
George Reinert	7/5
Joseph Tucker	7/5
Robert Collins	7/6
Ali Knott	7/6
Eric Granby	7/7
Michael Haynes	7/7
Gail Crozier	7/8
Gerald Nichols	7/8
David McFarland	7/10
Joey Beane	7/11
Mark Panaccione	7/13
Jennifer Patterson	7/15
James R. Chilcutt	7/17
Ashley Arms	7/18
Marie Cloud	7/18
Nancy Perugini	7/18
Alysha Maybroda	7/19
Kathy Smallwood	7/21
Harold Follett	7/25
Elsie Bixler	7/26
Wyatt Rash	7/26
Michelle Anderson	7/27
RuthAnn Woodward	7/27
Mabel Dunfee	7/28
Nicole Cummings	7/30

**If your name is missing from our birthday list, please call the office at 654-0961. We don't want to miss your special day!**



### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Beougher	8/1
Shirl Snapp	8/1
Kathy Evelyn	8/3
Rachel Heckler	8/3
Lisa Maher	8/3
Scott Doughty	8/4
Jeanne Thomas	8/6
Jerry L. Arms	8/7
Jacalyn Foraker	8/8
Sharon Panaccione	8/8
Dorothy Burris	8/9
Thomas Logullo	8/9
Jennifer Pettyjohn	8/10
Kathryn Mitten	8/11
Ruth Taylor	8/11
Edward Locke	8/12
Donna Chambers	8/15
Carol Hopkins	8/15
Chad Hughes	8/15
Nicole Anderson	8/18
Sara Anderson	8/18
Sandy Ide	8/20
David Collins	8/21
Sarena Yarrusso	8/21
Richard Hall	8/25
Sandy Swain	8/27
Jane McAllister	8/29
Carol Ewing	8/31



### MISSION TREE

On Sundays in July and August, we will be hanging **Stars** and **Seashells**, respectively, on our Mission Tree. Hang a star or seashell on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Marlene Johnson

### Greetings!

Summer Sunday school started on June 3. We have been going on exciting adventures each week. The children have a "Bible passport" and receive a cross sticker for their weekly journey. In June, our Bible journeys took us to "Creation," "Garden of Eden," "Noah" and "Abraham" based on the book of Genesis. The class has been singing some new songs and will soon share one of them with the congregation - wait until you hear it!!! We also are working on a very special project in honor of the church's centennial - wait until you see it!! We are ready for more journeys in July and August...more Bible stories and songs to learn!

Blessings from

Ms. Marlene

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In July, Ruth Circle will take care of the flowers in the church and in August, Rebekah Circle will take care of the flowers.

### Circle Meetings

Ruth Circle	Wed., September 5 10:00 a.m. – Church Lounge
Rebekah Circle	Mon., September 10 7:00 p.m. – Church Lounge
<b>Unit Meeting</b>	Mon., August 27 1:30 p.m. – Church Lounge

## 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. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on the first Sunday of each month.

## FALL EVENTS Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday, September 2**  
Neighborhood Canvas and T-shirt pickup

**Sunday, September 9**  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Outdoor Service and Picnic

**Friday, Sept. 14 & Saturday, Sept. 15**  
Yard Sale      Sponsored by the Koinonia Class

**Sunday, September 30**  
Homecoming Service and Buffet Luncheon

**Saturday, November 3**  
Centennial Queen's Tea      Sponsored by UMW

## ZINGO TAPES - 2007

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. Your support is appreciated.

## A FEW GIGGLES...



James (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Concerned, James asked: "What happened to the flea?"

A Sunday sermon: "Dear Lord," the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face, "without you, we are but dust..." He would have continued but at that moment a little girl leaned over to her mother and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four-year-old voice *Mom, what is butt dust?*

# 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*Terri Weaver, Chair*

At the June meeting of the anniversary committee, May 3, 2008 was chosen to hold a youth event. We discussed our advertising plans for all events and worked on details for the September events. We are very excited about:

On **Sunday, September 2**, the youth, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary team members and any VOLUNTEERS will meet at the church to canvas neighborhoods, businesses and other churches with flyers announcing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. We want to build excitement and invite them to our church for service and fellowship. Come and help us visit our neighbors. Spread the Good News!

## September 9, 2007

**Outdoor church service and picnic** We will be using the small parking lot next to the church and the parsonage lawn. Please park in the larger lot adjacent to the parsonage (far lot). Bring your comfy lawn chairs for the service and stay for the picnic. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend. We ARE!

Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and condiments will be supplied for the picnic. Please bring a covered dish that serves between 25-30 people, lawn chairs, sunscreen and your appetite. Music during the picnic will be entertaining, with some "pickin" music by Mark Unrhu. Mark plays the banjo, guitar and ukulele and one of his teenage students plays the fiddle. They are great and will share lots of toe-tapping music.

Help is needed...

- Coolers are needed to store drinks and your covered dish – label with your name.
- Help the BMG (Building Maintenance Group) set up/cleanup for the picnic.
- Someone is needed to take charge of games for the kids.

## **T-Shirts & Golf Shirts**

T shirt and golf shirt orders must be finalized by July 30<sup>th</sup>. We are ordering your sizes only. Extra shirts will NOT be on hand for the picnic. Order your shirts and wear your colors for the picnic and future 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary events! Payment is needed at the time of delivery on Sunday, September 2.

## Sunday, September 30, 2007

Homecoming and Founder's day celebration invitations will be sent out soon. We are expanding our mailing list for the homecoming celebration. The church service will include Rev. Tom McKelvey as our guest speaker. During the service, our Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir will provide special music to thank God for the centennial celebration. Marc Cheban on the organ and Jeffrey Brown on harp will be our guest musicians.

In the Extension, see exhibits, scrapbooks and vintage furniture. Displays will be available as you walk down memory lane 1907-2007. Jeff Brown will be playing the harp as you enjoy appetizers in the music room; or in the Lounge as you welcome homecoming guests to RPUMC and share in fellowship. The Greenery will be our caterer, featuring appetizers and providing the buffet immediately after the social hour. At 12:30 p.m., a luncheon will be served in Fellowship Hall. Hot roast beef, turkey, and red bliss potato salad, refreshments and dessert will be provided. RESERVATIONS are required and seating is limited to 150. Watch for the September Messenger to make your reservations...**EARLY!**

## **Questions**

See any of the anniversary team members: Herb and Mary Ann Atkinson, Mary Alice Bair, Tammy Brindle, Jay and Pat Cummings, Ed and Sandy Ide, Marlene Johnson, Tod and Yvonne Mitten, Brenda Tucker, Beth Warfel, Paul and Terri Weaver.

## FLAG DAY

On June 14, 2007, a new flag was raised at the church by the B.M.G. (Building Maintenance Group). The retired flag had been presented to the Snapp Family at the funeral of the Reverend A.M.B. Snapp and was donated by Earle Snapp.

If you have a new or gently used flag (standard, outdoor, 5 x 8 foot size) you would like to donate to keep the Stars and Stripes flying at the Richardson Park Church, please drop it off at the church office or call the office to schedule a pick up. Also, please feel free to dedicate your donation in honor or memory of family or friends. Just include a written dedication with your flag donation and an appropriate notice will appear in the next Church Messenger. Thanks and God Bless America!



### Richardson Park United Methodist Church Centennial Sun Catchers



The United Methodist Women are offering a limited number of Centennial sun catchers to members and friends. Funds raised from the sale will help finance some of the church's Centennial events. The sun catchers are gold metal with a blue glass background and cost \$15 each. Consider buying one for yourself, for your children, for friends. They will make lovely hostess gifts or Christmas presents. The sun catchers will arrive in mid-July.

Name:							
Address: Street							
City, State Zip							
Phone Number:							
Number of Sun Catchers @ \$15		Total amount due		Date paid		Date delivered	

Order forms may be placed in the Sun Catcher box at the back of the sanctuary, dropped off in the church office, or mailed to Richardson Park United Methodist Church, 11 N. Maryland Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804. Payment at time of order would be appreciated. Checks should be made out to *RPUMW*.



## MUSIC NOTES

*Terri Weaver, Director*

The summer brings lots of bright sunshine, summer vacations and lots of fun things to do. Both the chancel and handbell choirs are taking a break during the summer months. But, the "congregational choir" is singing your favorite hymns at the beginning of the 10:00 a.m. service. And you all are doing a great job! If you haven't submitted your requests, it's not too late. Complete the form below and we will play them during future hymn sings.

Special music during the summer months will include vocal duets and ensembles, piano and organ duets, flute duets and piano solos. We always are looking for additional groups, vocal or instrumental, to join the praise of God through music. Do you hear God calling you?

Faithfully,  
Terri Weaver

P.S. Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells will begin practice on Thursday, August 30 to prepare for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary repertoire.



### MUSIC NOTES

### "FAVORITE HYMNS AND SONGS"

**PLEASE LIST YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS BELOW AND WE WILL SING THEM OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS.**

**HYMN TITLE**

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**RETURN TO:** Terri Weaver, the Church Office, or place in the offering plate.

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone No.:** \_\_\_\_\_

# RPUMC



## 1907 2007

### Rooted and Growing in Christ

### Order Your Colors Now!

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic 9/9/07  
Founders/Homecoming 9/30/07

Orders are being taken for T-Shirts and golf shirts for the upcoming anniversary events. Wear your colors to the picnic, homecoming and other events. Sample sizes will be available for you to see after service on May 27 and June 3.

#### T-Shirt                      \$10 each

Color: Green with white RPUMC logo

Size **Adult**

S    # of shirts \_\_\_\_\_  
M    # of shirts \_\_\_\_\_  
L    # of shirts \_\_\_\_\_  
XL   # of shirts \_\_\_\_\_  
2 XL + \$1.00    \_\_\_\_\_  
3 XL + \$1.00    \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Child**

M    # of shirts \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of T-Shirts \_\_\_\_\_

#### Golf Shirts                      \$15 each

Color: White with green RPUMC logo

Size **Adult**

S    # of shirts \_\_\_\_\_  
M    # of shirts \_\_\_\_\_  
L    # of shirts \_\_\_\_\_  
XL   # of shirts \_\_\_\_\_  
2XL + \$1.00    \_\_\_\_\_  
3XL + \$1.00    \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Child**

M    # of shirts \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Golf Shirts \_\_\_\_\_

**Order deadline is July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007.** Payment is expected 8/29/07 when shirts are delivered.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Return form to: Paul Weaver, the church office or an usher. Thank You!

A joint meeting of the Church Council and Trustees was held on Sunday, June 10 to work on budgeting for church "clean up/freshen up" for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. A priority list was established (see *The Trustees' Times*) with an eye for working on the items that are involved in safety first, then aesthetics. The Trustees have established "champions" in the areas of highest priority, and those people will lead the way in getting estimates and reporting back to the Trustees. A \$15,000 limit was set on items outside the Trustee budget, and a drive for additional funds will be established in order to get as much work done as possible. Volunteer workers will be formed into groups to attack the specified priority items. After the meeting, the BMG group decided to add an additional day to their schedule and will now meet on Mondays and Thursdays. The very first Monday saw the completion of retiling the Matthes Avenue stairwell and work on the new AV system worktable.

Working together with our energy, gifts, and prayers, we can accomplish those items that have been high on our list for quite awhile. Help always is welcome! See Kathy Russell or any member of the Trustees if you have questions or want to "pitch in." The next Council meeting will be held on Sunday, August 19.

*"The Trustees' Times"*



*Kathy Russell, Chair*

"It's time for **action!**" exclaimed Betty Swain at the joint Council and Trustees meeting in June. Most everyone seemed to agree, but sometimes it's hard to know where to start when there are so many things to be done. The "To Do" list below was generated from the observations of the B.M.G. (Building Maintenance Group) and AFLOAT (Assessment of Facilities and Land, Operations and Aesthetics Team).

**PRIORITY OF BIG-TICKET ITEMS:**

- (1) Handicap Ramp Repairs
- (2) Roof Repairs
  - a. Main roof adjacent to Tower
  - b. Flat roof over Landing Room
  - c. Roof over unisex bathroom on Matthes Avenue side
  - d. Gutter and downspout drainage

The above items will be funded out of the Trustee budget where possible. Item (a) may be covered under the Wesley Tower warranty.



## PRIORITY OF FIRST TEN "SAFETY AND APPEARANCE" ITEMS:

- (1) Sanctuary carpet - replace, remove, clean/dye or a combination
- (2) Clean all woodwork (including pews) in sanctuary
- (3) Strip and rewax all flooring: Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, Hallways, Extension, Youth Room and Music Room
- (4) Replace carpet in entryway on Matthes Avenue side
- (5) Paint Extension; spot paint walls where unmatched patching shows
- (6) Replace toilets and stalls in Ladies Room on Fellowship Hall level
- (7) Improve Wesley Tower lobby stair lighting and switch ID's
- (8) Standardize soap dispensers, toilet tissue holders and trash cans in all bathrooms
- (9) Clean marble on altar
- (10) Improve signage in all areas of the building

It is suggested that a dollar amount be assigned to "Safety and Appearance" items and then proceed to get estimates/work crews (where possible). We hope to complete as many items as possible in 2007.

Additional "high-ticket" items are:

- (1) Repair/recover stained glass windows
- (2) Re-point exterior masonry
- (3) Re-plaster where needed after leak repairs

We are **actively** working on many of the items on this list. At the last meeting, Richard Sutor volunteered to obtain quotes for concrete repairs for the ramp of the church and steps of the parsonage. Ed Ide is looking into the feasibility of hiring a painting contractor to repaint several areas in the church. And Rob Anderson will lead a team of volunteers to refinish the floors in the Extension during the first two weeks in July! So you'll see we listened to Betty (as we usually do) and you also should see the changes that occur as a result of our **actions**.

Appropriate are the words of the third verse of a familiar hymn, written by Brian Wren:

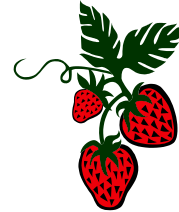
### "How Can We Name a Love"

When people share a task, and strength and skills unite  
in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight,  
our Friend and Partner's will is better understood,  
that all should share, create, and care, and know that life is good.

Look for a poster outside the lounge showing the various work groups that are forming and working through August to prepare for the Centennial celebration kick-off events in September. **Act now!** Sign up for something or offer to do something that isn't listed but you feel is needed. We're looking for everyone to offer help in any way they can as we work toward the improvement and beautification of the church. Thanks in advance for your time, support and prayers!



FROM CAP June 25, 2007



## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

CAP sends thanks to all who participated in the Strawberry Festival on June 2: workers, donors, shoppers, vendors, and lunchers. We netted \$1,444 and lots of good cheer. We feel strongly that the value of this event is measured in many ways other than the dollars raised. The strawberry festival is a community happening -- a time for fellowship and fun. Hearty thanks to Sandy Ide for re-upping as Coordinator, to the Church for being our host, and to Kelly Gibbons for special services as publicist.

## THANKS TO THE CHURCH FOR YOUR FATHER'S DAY OFFERING OF \$100 FOR CAP.

And our most enthusiastic thanks to Marlene Johnson and to all church members for the greatly expanded food donations. It is such a treat for us to load up all that tuna, spam, cereal, and other goodies from the new big containers. CAP is on target to distribute more than 50,000 pounds of food this fiscal year, all very much appreciated by our clients.

## 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 18 at 7:00 p.m. 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.

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Bill Green, Pastor



## LAY READERS

July 1	Paul Weaver
July 8	Nicole Anderson
July 15	Brenda Tucker
July 22	Lillian Simmons
July 29	Christopher Doughy

August 5	Carol Cathell
August 12	Sath Amara
August 19	Joe Tucker
August 26	Kelly Gibbons

## FLOWERS

For the month of July, Ruth Circle is responsible for the flowers and for the month of August, Rebekah Circle is responsible.

Please submit your articles for the September Messenger to the Church Office by Friday, August 10. Thank you.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

July 1	Ruth Gibney
July 8	United Methodist Women
July 15	Harold and Shirley Ritter
At the Cross	Shirley Roberts
July 22	Phyllis Bowman
July 29	Cliff and Muriel Campbell

August 5	Richard and Mary Sutor
August 12	Jay and Pat Cummings
At the Cross	Joyce Mills
August 19	Barbara Sayles
August 26	Ruth Gibney

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.*