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RICHARDSON PARK U.M.C. CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF MINISTRY

1907 was a long time ago. In 1907, Theodore Roosevelt was President of the United States. That same year, a guy named Hoover invented the vacuum cleaner. In 1907, Henry Ford was busy developing the Model T which would roll off the assembly line one year later. You could buy one for \$825. In 1907, Lewis B. Mayer opened his first movie theater in Haverhill, Massachusetts; Oklahoma became the 46th state; the first dial telephone was used in Nova Scotia; and the Chicago Cubs actually won a World Series. In 1907, the initials tv, p.c., a.c., c.d., and N.F.L. had no meaning. 1907 was a long time ago.

In the fall of 1907, a group of people gathered under a tree, and what would become Richardson Park United Methodist Church was born. The next year, they moved into their first sanctuary. This year we begin the celebration of 100 years of ministry. There is a list of happenings below. Inside you'll find some more details and get a chance to help pick a theme for our celebrations.

Throughout these 100 years, we have remained "rooted and growing in Christ." Truly, we have much to celebrate.



EVENTS

September 9, 2007 *Outdoor Church Service and Picnic under a tree.*

September 30, 2007 *Founder's Day/Homecoming Service* Rev. Tom McKelvey will be our special guest. A catered luncheon will follow.

November 3, 2007 *UMW Tea Party* with period costumes and women throughout the years. *Tea, Sandwiches, Desserts*

December 16, 2007 *Family Advent Day Covered-Dish Luncheon*

January 26, 2008 *Silent Movie Night at RPUMC*

April 26, 2008 *Music Concert*

May 2008 *Youth Concert* "Outside" concert with community youth. More details to follow.

June 21, 2008 *Community Open House* Exhibits including Vacation Bible School, video tapes, tours of the church, new-member welcome packets. **Food!**



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Louise Evely	3/1
Hedda Loose	3/5
Morgan Straughn	3/5
Damen Lane	3/6
Paul McGinnis, Jr.	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
Michael Coverdale	3/23
Austin Painter	3/23
Susan Cummings	3/25
J. Robert Ashton	3/30

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! IT SEEMS HARD TO BELIEVE IT'S MARCH! JUST AS SPRING FLOWERS SHOW NEW LIFE HAS BEGUN, BRING A FRIEND AND COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL TO LEARN ABOUT THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST THAT WE SHARE BECAUSE OF JESUS' SACRIFICE.

PREK THRU GRADE 4 WILL LEARN HOW "THE BIBLE TEACHES US HOW TO LIVE" BY STUDYING PASSAGES IN PSALMS; "JESUS WANTS US TO ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER'S FAITH" - ACTS; "WE CAN TRAIN EVERY DAY TO BE GOD'S SERVANTS" THRU DISCIPLESHIP - JOHN; AND "WE CAN SHOW GOD'S LOVE BY HELPING OTHERS" THRU SERVICE - MATTHEW. **GRADES 5 THRU 7** - WE HAVE BEGUN A NEW AND EXCITING CURRICULUM CALLED "WILD TRUTHS BIBLE LESSONS - DARES FROM JESUS". WE'LL STUDY PASSAGES IN MATTHEW AND LUKE AND LEARN: "DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME - THE TRUTH ABOUT WORRY - JESUS DARES US NOT TO BE ANXIOUS"; "DON'T BE FOOLISH! THE TRUTH ABOUT WISDOM - JESUS DARES US TO OBEY HIM"; "GET ALONG! - THE TRUTH ABOUT HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS - JESUS DARES US TO GET ALONG WITH OTHERS"; AND "GIVE BIG - THE TRUTH ABOUT GENEROSITY - JESUS DARES US TO REALLY GIVE". AFTER OUR LESSON MOST WEEKS, WE HAVE A GREAT TIME 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, MICHELLE ANDERSON AND ANNETTE OTT
GRADES 8 THRU 12 - BOB EVELY

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU!" TO ALL THOSE WHO SPENT SO MUCH TIME AND THEIR OWN RESOURCES PREPARING FOR THE GOD'S LITTLE ANGELS SWEETHEART MASQUERADE DANCE ON FEBRUARY 17! AND THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME - - HOPE YOU HAD A WONDERFUL TIME! MORE DETAILS IN NEXT MONTH'S MESSENGER.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In March, Ruth Circle will take care of the flowers in the church.

Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle Mon., March 5, 7:00 p.m.
 Church Lounge
Ruth Circle Wed., March 7, 10:00 a.m.
 Church Lounge

UPPER ROOM MEAL

Monday, March 12th – 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
\$5.00 per person

Tickets are required. See any Circle member to purchase one. Tickets also will be on sale after worship services on Sundays through March 4.

Join us on a journey back through the centuries to recapture the spirit of the last meal Jesus ate with his friends.

Church Women United Of New Castle County, Delaware

**Continental Breakfast, Fellowship and Bake Sale
To benefit the Delmarva Rural Farm Workers
Friday, March 23 - 10:00 AM
Concord Presbyterian Church
(See flyer included in this newsletter.)**

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 Sunday, March 18.



MUSIC NOTES

Terri Weaver, Director

Last month, the Music Notes section of the Messenger featured an article on Dietrich Buxtehude. His music was featured on our organ as Preludes or Postludes during February's services. I hope you enjoyed the music selections for this Baroque composer. Buxtehude's music also will be featured at an organ recital performed by AGO (American Guild of Organists) members on Saturday, March 10th at 7:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. Their address is 23 Christiana Road in New Castle, DE. You may see me at the organ that night. Perhaps I will see **you** there!

The choir has special music coming up to celebrate the season. One of the concerts planned will be held on Palm Sunday, April 1st. **God So Loved the World**, a Cantata, will be told through music at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The story of Palm Sunday through the Crucifixion will be depicted through Scripture and music. What a great way to begin a week of reflection during Holy Week!

On Sunday, April 29, 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*. More details to follow next month.

There's a lot of special music planned for March and April at RPUMC, too. Look for flute and piano, a flute ensemble, and piano/organ duets as we reflect on Lent and look forward to the Resurrection celebration.

Summary of Events

- **Saturday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.** – AGO Member Recital at Hope Lutheran Church
- **Sunday, April 1, 10:30 a.m.** - “**God So Loved the World**” Cantata by Chancel Choir at RPUMC
- **Sunday April 29, 3:00 p.m.** - **Irving Berlin's America** – Joint choirs held at Peniel United Methodist Church

If you would like to be a part of our Chancel Choir, Chancel Bell Choir or help with upcoming special music, we are always looking for additional smiling faces. Remember the saying, “Those who Praise God in song, Pray twice!”

Faithfully, *Terri Weaver*

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.



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.

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.

WESLEY TOWER BANKS
February 2007 \$84.50

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 \$218.10. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on the first Sunday of each month.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES AND RPUMC HOST MOVIE

Provident Film's ***Facing the Giants*** will be shown at RPUMC on Sunday, March 25 at 2:00 p.m. Admission is free; doors will open at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. The movie is about how God can change lives on and off the football field. For more information, see brochure in this newsletter.

MANY THANKS

Many thanks for all the prayers and cards and to all who came to the viewing and funeral service for my beloved wife, Margaret. She would have been happy with such a good attendance.

Also, I want to thank both Pastor Bill and Pastor Harold Spedden and our organist, Terri, for their participation in the service, which was excellent. Others whom I thank so much are the pall bearers, Jay Cumming, Janet Dickerson, and all who had any part in providing the delicious luncheon that followed the burial service.

On behalf of Margaret and myself, I express our sincere thanks for all of the prayers, cards, telephone calls, and flowers that Margaret received during her illness. These were greatly appreciated by Margaret and are still much appreciated by me.

I am very grateful to Pastor Bill for all of the comfort that he provided during Margaret's illness, at the time of her death, and when I called him since then.

Sincerely, Bob Ashton

**Update from Richardson Park
Community Action Program
February 16, 2007**

Report on Food Distribution

During the period July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, CAP received and distributed 23,616 pounds of food. During this period, the Food Closet served 569 adults and 477 children. Sources of food are Food Bank of Delaware, church and community donations, and Stroehmann's Bakery.

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GRAFFITI: Do you dislike graffiti as much as we do? A volunteer has offered to paint over graffiti found around Richardson Park and Newport. If you see graffiti, let us know the location. We will contact the property owner and offer to have it painted over. Call CAP at 428-1247.

CHURCH COUNCIL DIGEST

Ed Ide, Chair

This February, the Church Council meeting was moved to February 25th due to schedule considerations. Did you know that the Church Council meetings are open to all? If you would like to see and hear what goes on in Church Council, please come to a meeting. We meet after service in the Lounge and, if space requires, we can meet in the Extension. Meetings last about an hour. As a matter of fact, when I first came to RPUMC, I was invited to accompany a member to a meeting of what then was called the Administrative Board. This later became Church Council by combining program and administrative reporting into one scheduled meeting. The passion which was displayed in that meeting had a lasting effect on me.

I would like to announce that we have a new Church Council reporting secretary. Mary Ann Atkinson has stepped forward to answer the call in last month's "Digest". The Council thanks Brenda Tucker for the great job she did as reporting secretary.

Since the Messenger goes to press too soon to publish events of the meeting on the 25th, I will double up next month. I can tell you, however, that committees formed as a result of January's meeting have been seen hard at work and are "getting it done!" I am sure they will have exciting reports to share on the 25th.



"The Trustees' Times"

As the elected Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, I look forward to serving God and the Richardson Park United Methodist Church during our Centennial year. In general, it is the purpose of the Board of Trustees to provide supervision, oversight and care of all property and equipment owned or acquired by the church.

This year's members include:

Herb Atkinson
Muriel Campbell
Janet Dickerson
Ed Ide
Dennis Johnson

Tod Mitten
David Swain
Marvin Swain
Kathy Russell (Chair)

As you can see, we have a great team of talented, dedicated and enthusiastic individuals. In the coming months, I will have articles in the Messenger highlighting some of the projects and activities that the Board of Trustees is undertaking during what is sure to be a very exciting and challenging year.

We encourage your support and feedback (both concerns and commendations). So, please feel free to seek out any Trustee and express your thoughts. Your prayers also are warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,
Kathy Russell, Chair

ALTAR EASTER LILIES

If you would like to place a lily on the Altar for Easter, please return this form to the church office by Monday, March 26. Cost of each plant is \$8.00. Please make your check payable to Richardson Park United Methodist Church and mark "Easter Lilies."

Number of Plants _____

Donor's Name _____

In Memory of _____
(for those not living) _____

In Honor of _____
(for those living) _____

In Memory of _____
And Honor of _____

Check/Amount Enclosed: _____

Shall we deliver your flower to a Church Shut-In? YES ____ NO ____

Please arrange to pick up your flowers immediately after the Easter worship service if they are not being delivered to a shut-in. Thank you.

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LAY READERS

March 4	Muriel Campbell
March 11	Katie Chambers
March 18	Greg Haynes
March 25	Rob Anderson

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 4	Tony & Glenda Donnelly
At the Cross	Bettie Smith
March 11	Jay & Pat Cummings
March 18	Joan Stadelman
March 25	Carolyn Swain

FLOWERS

For the month of March, Ruth Circle is responsible for the flowers.

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