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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 4th
Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 18th 4:00 P.M.
Peniel United Methodist Church



Come Give Thanks To God
Bring Cans Of Food To Offer
Special Offering For CAP



ADVENT FAMILY DAY

Sunday, December 16th
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
Covered-Dish Luncheon in Fellowship Hall



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Burkholder	11/1
Paul Ayala	11/2
Tracy Gamble	11/2
Mary Fader	11/3
Frank Lindell	11/5
Kimberly Dale	11/6
Brandon Gamble	11/8
Robbie Swain	11/8
Bob Burkholder	11/11
Gladys Crozier	11/11
Erin Lindell	11/11
Emma Logullo	11/11
Barbara Sayles	11/13
Phyllis Bowman	11/14
Nickolas Gommer	11/14
John Ludlow	11/19
Aleta Hall	11/20
Clyde Nafzinger	11/20
Hannah Phillipe	11/23
Deborah Pruitt	11/25
Phyllis Thomas	11/25
Mary James	11/26
Louise Beck	11/27
Mallori Cochran	11/29
Laura Doughty	11/29
Kylie Parker	11/29
Tracy Simpson	11/29
Marvin Swain	11/29
Sherlynn Aurelio	11/30
Mary Alice Bair	11/30

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

KID'S KORNER & GOD'S LITTLE ANGELS

Hi everyone! November is a beautiful time of year to be thankful for our many blessings.



God's Little Angels - Last year God's Little Angels honored our vets by visiting the Veteran's Nursing Center. Due to scheduling conflicts, we were unable to fit in a trip in November but look for details to come about a visit in January. On **December 2**, we'll get together after worship service in Fellowship Hall and the kitchen to make cookies and Christmas decorations to be delivered when we go caroling on December 9. We'll also make cards for CAP (Community Action Program). More details to come in next month's Messenger and listen for announcements in church.

Sunday School - Our PreK through grade 5 class will continue learning about the adventures of heroes of the Old Testament (Samson, Ruth and Naomi) and how they lived, focusing on stories in Joshua, Judges, and Ruth. Grades 6 through 12 will discuss avoiding Gossip, dealing with Guilt, appreciating God's Grace, and the problems brought on by Greed.

Teachers are as follows:

PreK thru Grade 5 - Marlene Johnson, Donna Chambers, and Michelle Anderson
 Grades 6 thru 12 - Kristi Doughty, Rob Anderson, and Annette Ott

We always are interested in including anyone in the congregation in teaching and working with the children and youth; so please contact the church office if you are able to assist in any way. This would include special appearances in sharing your talents in crafts or storytelling or any other support you may wish to offer. Thank you!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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

Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle Mon., November 5 7:00 p.m.
Church Lounge

Ruth Circle Wed., November 7 10:00 a.m.
Pledge Service, Fellowship
Hall - Bring a sandwich; soup,
beverage and dessert will be
provided.

Centennial Queen's Tea
Saturday, November 3
1:00 P.M.



ATTENTION ALL WRITERS! **Announcing a Christmas Essay Contest!**

We are looking for writers, young and old, to write a narrative about their favorite memories of a Christmas at Richardson Park UMC. Maybe you have fond memories of singing in one of the choirs on Christmas Eve? Maybe you remember dressing up as Mary or Joseph in a Christmas pageant? Maybe it was the music during a particular service, or maybe it was the message the pastor brought that year that when you think back makes a particular Christmas stand out for you. Perhaps your entire family attended a Christmas Eve service together one year that holds special memories for you. Are you a person who cries every year when we light candles and sing "Silent Night?" Why do you cry? What memories are connected to those tears? What do you remember most about Christmas's spent at Richardson Park?

Write about your favorite Christmas spent at Richardson Park and submit your essay to the church office by Sunday, December 2. Two winners will be chosen in two categories: Age 30 and Under, and, Age 30 and Over. Both winners will receive an RPUMC Hoodie and will have their essay read during the Advent Family Day Service. All entries will be displayed in Fellowship Hall during the Advent Family Day luncheon.

Have questions? See Beth Warfel or Terri Weaver for more details.



FALL BACK

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

TIME TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!!!

ANNUAL CHANGE CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 10, 10:00 AM



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

October 2007 \$192.87

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 2007 is \$1,779.64. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on the first Sunday of each month.

MISSION

On Sundays in we will be hanging our Mission Tree.



TREE

November, **Turkeys** on Hang a

“turkey” on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.

SOUP & PIE SALE

Sponsored by the Mission Committee

Mark your calendars for our Soup and Pie sale which will be held on Friday, November 16 from 3:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Orders must be received by Sunday, November 11.

Soups - Ham & Bean or Vegetable Beef
\$5.00/Quart



Pies - Apple, Coconut Custard, Pumpkin
And Pecan (10" Deep Dish)
\$10.00 Each

To place an order, call the church office at 654-0961 or fill out the order form in this newsletter and return it to the church.



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. Your support is appreciated!

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URGENT URGENT URGENT COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (CAP)

CAP has received a challenge grant from an anonymous donor. This donor agrees to pay the sum of \$2,500 cash to CAP contingent upon the Board's raising an equal amount **on or before November 16, 2007.**

The Board's \$2,500 initially may be in the form of pledges that are contingent upon the Board's raising the total amount of \$2,500. If the challenge is met, the Board will collect all pledges **no later that November 25.**

Please call Sandy Ide at 798-8664 or see her after church through November 11 to make a pledge. Pledge money is due on November 25, 2007.

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100th Anniversary THANK YOU's to our neighbors

A warm thank you to...

Eastburn Florists - for the two vases of fall-colored flowers.

The colorful tablecloths for the 100th anniversary were *rented* from **Diamond State Party Rentals**. They offered a discount for the fall-colored table cloths plus *donated* the rental of tableware for the 210 guests.

The beautiful centerpiece of flowers on the buffet table was donated by **Lewis Florist**.

Jeffrey Brown, our harpist, for his beautiful harp music at the service and in the Music Room.

Marc Cheban, our guest organist. Marc composed and played the processional music.

KIDS' CAFÉ



Kids' Café started on Thursday, October 11 with 12 children in attendance! We have five more children expected – a total of 17!!! What a wonderful group of young people, as well as older folks as tutors. The afternoon starts with free playtime, a structured craft segment, devotions, a family-style dinner, tutoring, and group story time. We all learn, both the students and the tutors.

Blessings from Ms. Janet & Ms. Marlene

**Do you
need a**



**break from your hectic
world?**

A time of quiet?

**An opportunity to sense God's
presence?**

Join us in the Sanctuary - Wednesdays

7:00 – 8:00 PM

Come when you like.

Leave when you're ready.

**Say a prayer.
Light a candle.
Experience Peace.**



Message from the Richardson Park Community Action Program October 17, 2007

CAP SEEKS A MANAGER FOR OUR THRIFT SHOP

If you like yard sales and re-sale shops, consider joining CAP as our Thrift Shop Manager. This is an opportunity for one person, or, (if your buddy is interested), a two-person team in a job-sharing arrangement. We offer flexible hours, a casual working environment, a terrific staff of volunteer cashiers and sorters, and a generous commission on sales. For more information, call Mary Jane at CAP, 428-1247.



PASTOR

APPRECIATION

On Sunday, October 21, our Lay Leader, Brenda Tucker, presented Pastor Bill with a dinner certificate in recognition of his outstanding work as our pastor for the past 7 and a half years. We are blessed with his appointment to RPUMC as he provides guidance and leadership for us and our mission outreach into our community and beyond. Thank you, Bill and Pat!!

THANK YOU

Many thanks , not only for your generous gift, but for the support and encouragement you offer throughout the year. It is a blessing to share the ministry of this church with you. I have received from you far more than I could possibly give and will always be grateful to you.

**Peace Be With You
Bill**



Richardson Park UMC Youth Group Events for NOVEMBER

- November -
- 3 - UMW Queen's Tea
Time: TBA
Who? All girls! (Sorry, no boys allowed.)
Cost: Not sure yet, we might be helping serve.

 - 4 - Candlelight Bible Study 6:00 - 7:00 PM
No dinner, please eat before you arrive. This will be a hard-core look at some Bible verses that should hold great meaning in your life.

 - 11 - Youth Group 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM
Lunch will be served. Work on project for advent family day...skit, movement, readings??????

 - 18 - BOWLING DAY! Trip to AMF Price Lanes.
Lunch at church - 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM
Leave RPUMC @ 12:15 PM
Bowling: 12:30 - 2:30 PM
Return to RPUMC - 2:45 PM

 - 25 - NO Youth Group! Happy Thanksgiving!



MUSIC NOTES

Terri Weaver, Director

Piano cover - A special thanks to Dixie Sease for sewing a cover for the back of the piano. The material she used matches the bell table covers. Thanks for your special gift to the music ministry!

Music Classes

Free learn to read music classes will be offered in November. If you have been thinking about learning an instrument, wanted to learn music and couldn't afford the classes, now is the time. Four $\frac{1}{2}$ -hour classes will be offered from 6:00-6:25 pm on Thursday evenings. (Right after Kids Café)

Note reading, note values and rhythm will be taught at these classes.

Dates: November 1, 8, 15, 29 (Not 11/22 - Thanksgiving)

Time: 6:00 pm to 6:25 pm

Ages: 6 and over

FAQ:

1. Do I need to take all four classes? - **Yes**, each week new concepts are taught, building skills from the previous week's class.
2. What will I learn? To read treble clef and bass clef notes and tricks to remember them, note values, key signatures with sharps and flats, time signatures, rhythm, etc.
3. What can I do after I have learned these skills? Play hand chimes or hand bells, be more confident to join a choir, learn keyboard or other musical instruments.

Hope to see you on Thursday's after Kids' Café. Contact Terri Weaver for more details.

Special Music for December 16 - Family Advent

During the regular Sunday worship service, a Family Advent program will be presented. Do you have a skit, drama, special music or play a musical instrument and you want to share it with others? Please see Terri before Thanksgiving. Beth Warfel and Terri are in the planning stages for this Family Advent program. We need your talents and gifts!

Christmas Eve

Does anyone know a trumpeter who would be available to play on Christmas Eve? Please see Terri.

Faithfully,
Terri Weaver

"The Trustees' Times"



Kathy Russell, Chair

Recently, my brother, Donald was telling me about his car troubles. Both his and his wife's older model cars had broken down in the same week. A week after his wife's car returned from the repair shop, it broke down again. Repair costs mounted up to thousands of dollars. While I commiserated, we agreed that it is often hard to decide when to stop paying for repairs to older vehicles, cut your losses and invest in a newer model. Experience taught us that the older the vehicle, the more maintenance is needed and repairs are more costly. It's like me; as I get older, my body requires more maintenance and more money to keep it running!

Similarly, a new home or building might have a few quirks but is generally much less expensive to maintain than an older facility. As you may know from our church history highlights booklet, the current parsonage was built in the 1920's and the oldest section of our current church was built in 1926. So one could expect many challenging maintenance opportunities to present themselves.

In October, the Trustees embarked on two important repairs to our facilities. We commissioned our current roofing contractor, Pollinger Roofing Co., to replace deteriorating gutters and downspouts that cause leaks and other issues in the church. The Trustees and Council felt it was important to uphold the original integrity and design of the building so elected to replace, with the same type of materials, lead-coated copper. Metals are quite expensive, so along with the labor to shape and install all the gutters and downspouts, the cost of this capital project totals \$33,000.00. Although we negotiated a 12-month, no interest payment plan with the contractor to soften the financial impact on the budget, this is obviously a major expense.

On October 20, 2007, a small group of dedicated Trustees and volunteers (Ed Ide, Dennis Johnson, Tod Mitten, David Swain, Marvin Swain, Rob Anderson and Dave Rogers) began a project to repaint the metal roof and gutters on the front and back of the parsonage. This requires significant preparation of the tin surfaces and application of special paint to keep it watertight. Since we are repainting with our own volunteer labor instead of replacing the roof at a cost of about \$8,000.00, we are saving more than \$7,000.00, extending the life of the roof for another 5 years while avoiding roof failure and possible water damage.

I'd like to acknowledge the many people who have contributed their time, money and prayers to the various projects undertaken by the Trustees this year. You know who you are and God knows who you are. I sincerely thank you. Please continue to support the many important facilities projects of the Trustees ongoing in the church. We know we can't do everything ourselves; but with God's help, your dedicated service and generous contributions, we endeavor to maintain our facility as a safe, comfortable and growing house of worship.

We are alive and well at RPUMC! I know that because Trustee Chair Kathy Russell informed me that we are embarking on a “roof painting party” Saturday, October 20th. We are all so busy, being pulled in all directions that it is tough to get commitment to even as fun an event as a “painting party!” As the weeks slide by, it is apparent that God is providing guidance and direction to our planners, who are delivering the best!

Our Centennial events of August and September came off without a hitch. Thanks be to God and all those who worked under Terri’s direction. There’s more to come, so please participate.

Church Council’s meeting on October 21 provided a lively discussion of several items, including a recommendation to increase staff salaries by 4% in 2007 in recognition of their efforts this very busy year.

Pastor Bill provided information from the conference requesting all churches consider using free trade coffee from those countries offering a fair price for their growers. We will be getting some supplies and see how the coffee drinkers like it.

We will be looking at “Goal Setting” in the next few weeks, hopefully coming up with a consensus by Charge Conference on Saturday, November 10 at 10 AM. This event is open to all as is the input on goals for 2008. Let any member of council know your thoughts.

Working together with our energy, gifts, and prayers, we can lift the light of Christ to all we come in contact with, and help them “Catch The Spirit.” Amen-Amen.

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.

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**.

100th Anniversary Celebration

Special Thanks We have been truly blessed with volunteers who have special gifts and talents they shared for our anniversary celebrations. Many people spent countless hours planning, preparing and serving for two events (9/9 picnic and 9/30 homecoming) of the 100th anniversary celebrations. A warm and gracious big **thank you** to everyone who helped! 100th Anniversary committee, BMG Group, Afloat team, office support for mailings and information, Youth group, Koinonia Class, Sunday School students, sewing volunteers for banners, quilts, bell table and piano covers, exhibits and displays, history booklet, UMW, Chancel and Bell choirs, musicians, T-shirt and golf-shirt and sweat-shirt organizers, cleaning crews, catering organizers and of course Pastoral care and support. Words cannot express my gratitude to all who helped to make the events memorable. What a great church family RPUMC is!

THANK YOU!

Terri Weaver, Chair 100th Anniversary Committee

Offering

The Homecoming Celebration on 9/30/07 reached out to our community, families and friends to share fellowship, food and a chance to reminisce. If you did not have an opportunity to make a monetary contribution to cover the expense of the meal, please make your checks payable to "RPUMC" and notate "100th anniversary" on the memo line. The Greenery served a wonderful meal shared by all.

Sweat Shirts

If you are looking for Christmas gift ideas, RPUMC hooded sweatshirt orders are now being **taken until 11/25/07**. **Delivery will be 12/16/07** in time for Christmas wrapping. See the enclosed flyer. Price is **\$20**, larger sizes (2X and 3X) please add \$2.00.

Anniversary Committee Meeting

Next meeting date will be after the service on 11/11/07. If you would like to be part of this committee, please attend this important meeting and planning session.

GIFT IDEAS

Christmas Gift Ideas

Are you searching for a Christmas idea for family, friends, nephews, nieces? Help to keep them warm in a RPUMC hoodie sweatshirt!

Orders are being taken for Hoodie sweatshirts for youth and adults. The grey sweatshirt will have black lettering with the 100th anniversary logo on the front and the words "Rooted and Growing in Christ" on the reverse side.

Orders will be taken between now and Thanksgiving in time for a December delivery. (You will have plenty of time to wrap it before December 25th!) Payment will be required at the time of delivery in December. See the enclosed order sheet.

OR see Brenda Tucker for RPUMC ornaments.

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Bill Green, Pastor



LAY READERS

November 4	Ed Ide
November 11	Kathy Russell
November 18	Ryan Warfel
November 25	Kathy Gibbons

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 4	Mary White
At the Cross	Kathy Russell
November 11	William Farra
At the Pulpit & Lectern	Mary & Richard Sutor
November 18	The Thomas Family
At the Cross	Anna Mae Shewbrooks
November 25	Open
At the Cross	Jeanne Thomas

FLOWERS

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

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

Please submit your articles for the
December Messenger to the church office by
Friday, November 9. Thank you.

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*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.*