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Above: Beth Warfel leads us in song during Time With Children.

RPUMC 100th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE September 9, 2007 Kickoff Celebration



Our 100th anniversary kickoff celebration was a glorious day. People from our congregation and new faces from our community gathered to hear the message from the District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. William M. Fitzhugh, Jr. on "sowing seeds."

After the outdoor worship service, Tod Mitten cooked hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. Your covered dishes (which were great) completed the meal. Mark Unruh played his banjo and guitar and one of his students, Carter Green (15 years old), joined him by playing his fiddle.



Rev. Bill Fitzhugh

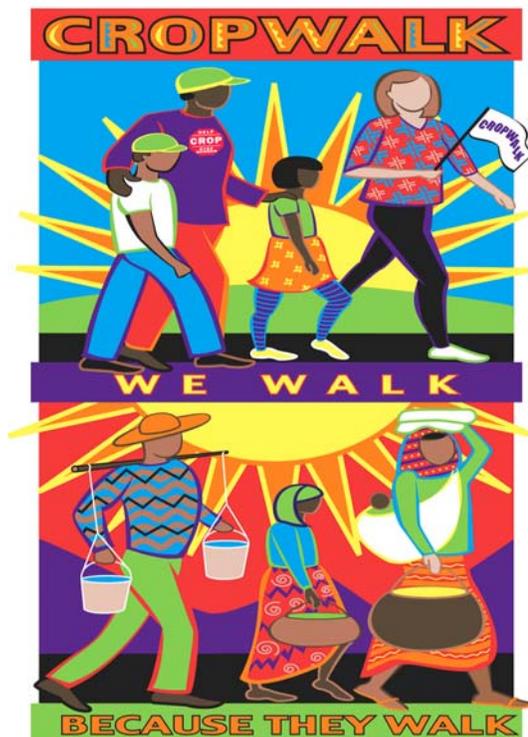
Many members wore their RPUMC 100th anniversary T-shirts and golf shirts. The food was delicious and everyone shared in fellowship.

Joe Tucker took many pictures of the day. The youth will be making a scrapbook commemorating all of the 100th anniversary celebrations. Look for your picture as part of RPUMC's 100th anniversary history.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



On September 16, we were pleased to welcome five new members to the Richardson Park UMC Family. They are (pictured from left to right) Mary Wise, Ed Grabinski, Paul Weaver, Ella Truitt, and Charles Larsen. Please do all you can to welcome our new members and let them know how good it is to have them here!



CROP WALK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Starting on Sunday, October 7, Bob Evely will be in the Extension after worship to share information with you about this very worthwhile event. We hope you will be able to join us.



KIDS KORNER - Kristi J. Doughty

What a beautiful time of year fall is! The weather is finally getting cooler, and God graces us with the beauty of His world every day! We invite the children and youth to come spend time with us at RPUMC - there's much to be learned and fun to share. Our lives are enriched by the grace of God and the fellowship we share.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Karen Boyd	10/1
Brittany Brown	10/1
DeeDee Painter	10/3
Tim Williamson	10/3
Robert Evely	10/4
Edward Przywara	10/4
Brandon Henderson	10/5
Winfield Lane	10/5
Alissa Ayala	10/6
Cheryl Chilcutt	10/7
Eve Thomas	10/7
Herb Atkinson	10/8
Angela Ott	10/8
Jessica Donnelly	10/9
Will Fader	10/9
Carol Haynes	10/10
Kaia Phillips	10/10
Logan Phillips	10/10
Melissa Hughes	10/11
Emma Perugini	10/13
Jerry Toy	10/13
Jay Cummings	10/19
Patrick Donnelly	10/22
Charles Ober	10/24
Esther McDowell	10/25
Paulette Cleaver	10/26
Dianna Deaton	10/26
Tod Mitten	10/27
Scott Cloud	10/28

Our PreK through Grade 5 classes will be learning about the heroes of the Old Testament and how they lived, focusing on stories in *Genesis*, *Kings* and *Samuel*. Grades 6 through 8 will continue exploring their identities and learning about how their faith can help them grow. Grades 9 through 12 will discover the role of faith creating a hassle-free home; lessons from Paul - the gift of courage and dealing with peer pressure.

Teachers are as follows:

PreK thru Grade 5 - Marlene Johnson and Donna Chambers

Grades 6 thru 8 - Rob Anderson and Dixie Sease
Grades 9 thru 12 - Kristi Doughty 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 Kristi at 832-1271 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!



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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

2007

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



ZINGO TAPES

Circle Meetings

Ruth Circle	Wed., October 3	10:00 a.m.
	Church Lounge	
Rebekah Circle	Mon., October 8	7:00 p.m.
	Church Lounge	
Unit Meeting	Mon., October 1	1:30 p.m.
	Church Lounge	

Great news!!! Our year-to-date total from Zingo's is \$538.19. Thank you to all our church family and community friends for your generous support of this program. Please keep 'em comin'!



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

September 2007 \$170.05

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 \$1,586.77. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on the first Sunday of each month.

UPDATE YOUR DIRECTORY

Phyllis and Bob Thomas have moved to their winter home. Their address is:

212 University Drive

Lewes, DE 19958

Phone: 302-645-6759

They would love to hear from you.

FALL EVENTS

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 6

Youth Group – Living Waters Theater – Lancaster

Sunday, October 21

Youth Group – Trip to Ramsey's Farm

Sunday, October 28

CROP Walk – Peniel U.M.C.

Tuesday, October 30

Mischief Night Party

Saturday, November 3

Centennial Queen's Tea Sponsored by UMW

Sunday, November 4

Daylight Saving Time ends

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KOINONIA YARD SALE

The Koinonia Class would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the fall yard sale. Everyone was very generous with donating items to be sold. Special thanks to those who helped set up and were on hand to sell, sell, sell! And last, but not least, thanks to those who helped with the clean up. Our profit was \$3,000.

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ATTENTION:
IT'S TIME FOR KIDS' CAFÉ



If you are in Kindergarten through 6th Grade, you are invited to Kids' Café on Thursdays after school beginning on October 11. The kitchen crew, tutors, Pastor Bill and we will be awaiting your arrival. There are crafts, devotions, a light dinner, homework help and stories.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Start Date: Thursday, October 11
Time: 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Place: Fellowship Hall

***Registration forms and contracts must be completed – see Ms. Janet or Ms. Marlene.

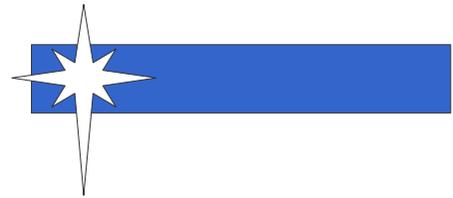
Blessings from
Ms. Janet and Ms. Marlene

MISSION



TREE

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



***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.***



FIRE SAFETY MONTH

Since October is ***Fire Safety Month***, don't forget to change the batteries in all your smoke detectors at home. Some fire companies give away smoke detectors during this month so, if you need one, call your local fire company to inquire.

Special song of thanks to God



for Richardson Park Church

***It all began under a tree,
and this is why we sing to Thee.
You have taken good care of us,
and now we show our thanks to Thee!***

***Written September 8, 2007
By Shirley Delpizzo***



Richardson Park UMC

Youth Group Events for OCTOBER

October - 6 (Saturday) Trip to Living Waters Theater in Lancaster Pennsylvania to see "

Meet at RPUMC at 12:45 p.m.

Leave RPUMC at 1:00 p.m.

Showtime: 3:30 p.m.

Dinner: After show, place TBA

Return to RPUMC at 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$6.00 ticket; \$ for dinner

7- Skit rehearsal after church service 11:45 - 12:15

No lunch today. Go home after skit practice.

14- Youth Group will present a Skit during 10:30 a.m.

Church Service

Youth Group Scrapbook Day 11:45 - 1:30

The youth group will be working all year long to Scrapbook the 100th anniversary events. We will be Working on the pictures from the picnic and "fancy" Luncheon that happened in September.

21 - Trip to Ramsey's Farm 12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m.

We will find our way through a corn maze, do some Pumpkin picking, and have a PICNIC!

28 - YOUTH CHOIR SINGS IN CHURCH!

Youth Group 11:45 - 1:30

Lunch will be served



MUSIC NOTES

Terri Weaver, Director

Have you always wanted to learn to read music but were afraid to ask? FREE "Learn to Read" music workshops will be held for anyone over 6 years of age. Concepts of rhythm, note values and tricks to help read Treble and Bass Clef will be taught. These lessons can help you to play an instrument, learn handbells or chimes. Sessions will be taught in a group setting. Several people already have expressed interest. Come join in the fun! See Terri Weaver for details.

Handbells

In September, most of the handbell group attended a workshop in Westminster, MD. We left early in the morning (6 am) and drove by car to learn more about handbell techniques and ringing methods. We stayed for lunch and headed back to Wilmington after a long day.

Did you notice the new handbell covers for the September 30th homecoming celebration? The golden covers blend with the alter paraments and pews in the sanctuary. They look awesome!

Chancel Choir

Have you noticed some new faces singing in the choir? Some of the youth have joined with Benedictions and some additional voices to sing four-part harmony, soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm . Additional voices always are welcomed. We will be preparing for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season. Hope to hear from you!

Faithfully,
Terri Weaver

"The Trustees' Times"



Kathy Russell, Chair

October is Fire Safety Month and a good time to review the operation of the **fire and life safety systems** at the church. With the completion of the Wesley Tower project came an updated fire protection system.

Fire Alarm Pull Stations – There are fire alarm pull stations at every exit so that anyone who sees smoke or fire can activate the building evacuation alarm while exiting. If you should ever hear a loud, variable sounding alarm while in the church, you should immediately inform everyone to leave, taking yourself and all those with you out the nearest exit. Ladies and Gentlemen, for your own safety, you must resist the temptation to go back and retrieve your purse, coat or other belongings during an alarm situation.

Automatic Door Closures – Along with the building alarm and pull stations, automatic door closures are installed on many of the interior doors. These devices will activate when smoke or fire is detected and the fire alarm is triggered. The doors will automatically close to help isolate any potential fire and smoke and reduce the possibility of personal injury or property damage. A fire door can always be opened to allow people to exit the building during an emergency but these doors should never be propped open with a door stop, chair or other item which could hinder it from closing and doing its job.

The **elevator** also contains some **safety devices** that should be understood by all who use it. There is a sign describing the various buttons and functions located in the elevator car, above the push button control panel. Some of these features include:

Elevator Alarm Button – when pressed and held will omit an audible bell type alarm that is localized to the immediate area. The alarm can be heard by someone in the hallway just outside the elevator and elevator passengers can talk through the door to a person in the hall, if needed.

"Push For Help" Button – is located inside the elevator car next to a picture of a telephone. When this button is pushed, it places a call through a dedicated phone line to a security answering service. An operator will speak directly through the speaker in the elevator car and ask for persons in the car to identify the emergency. In an emergency, elevator occupants can speak directly to the operator and should remain calm, explain the emergency (elevator is stuck between floors, elevator doors won't open, etc.), and answer any questions to the best of their ability. The operator will place a series of phone calls to pre-determined locations to initiate the proper response for assistance, which may include the dispatch of the local Fire Department. If the button is pushed accidentally, it is important to speak with the operator and state that there is no emergency so as not to activate rescue services unnecessarily.

Elevator Automatic Recall to Ground Floor – During an alarm, the elevator will automatically travel to the ground floor and stay there until the alarm is cleared. Therefore, do not attempt to use the elevator or wait for the elevator car. You must use the ramp or stairs to exit the building.

Fire and Life Safety Systems are installed to give us the best chance of survival in the case of a fire or other emergency. Handicapped, disabled and elderly persons may need the help of others to evacuate the building safely by way of the ramp on Matthes Ave. In the event of an alarm, it is important not to panic but to assist others outside in a quick and orderly manner. Congregate in the large parking lot farthest from the church or well away from the church until the responding fire company investigates the cause of the alarm, extinguishes the fire or determines it is a false alarm and gives the all clear to return to the building. While you're waiting you can always send up a group prayer!

So, now that you've read about the fire and life safety systems at the church, would you be ready to have a fire drill some Sunday morning?

THANKS FOR HELPING MAKE OUR KICK-OFF A BIG SUCCESS!

Special Thanks for their donations:

Diamond State Party Rentals - 2 15x15 tents

Pepsi - cases and cases of regular and diet sodas

Five Points Fire Company - ice to keep the drinks cold and extra parking spaces

Wawa Store from Elsmere - 200 hot dogs and rolls

We want to give a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to these businesses in the community. Thanks for your support and contributions!

Much Thanks to many behind the scenes groups:

Pastor Bill Green, Tod Mitten and family, Jay Cummings, the BMG, Koinonia Class, Youth Group, all who brought a covered dish, 100th anniversary committee members, and countless volunteers who planned, set up, participated, cooked, served and cleaned up for this awesome celebration of 100 years of serving Christ and the community.

We are RPUMC and we are "Rooted and Growing in Christ!"

THANK YOU for helping to make the kickoff celebration a huge success!

Terri Weaver
Committee Chair

Other Upcoming Events

The next 100th anniversary celebration is sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Additional information for reservations, time and details are in a separate section of the newsletter.

Make your reservations early!

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! OR see Brenda Tucker for RPUMC ornaments.

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.

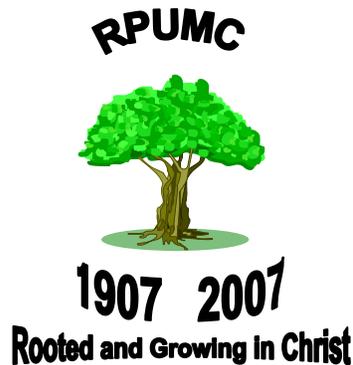
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Bill Green, Pastor



LAY READERS

October 7	Muriel Campbell
October 14	Laity Day
October 21	Anna Mae Shewbrooks
October 28	Tod Mitten

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 7	Bob Ashton
At the Cross	Carter Palmer
October 14	Sandy Ide
October 21	Susan Watkins
At the Cross	Anna Mae Shewbrooks
October 28	Dorothy Scarborough

FLOWERS

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

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

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Please submit your articles for the
November Messenger to the church office by
Friday, October 12. Thank you.

*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.*