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**IT'S TIME!
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BEGINS!**

Sunday, September 2 - Worship Moves To 10:30 AM

Following Worship, join our Youth and members of the 100th Anniversary Team as we canvas the neighborhood, handing out flyers and inviting people to RPUMC .

Sunday, September 9, 10:30 AM - Outdoor Church Service & Picnic

Sunday, September 30, 10:30 AM - Homecoming Service & Luncheon



See All The Details Inside!

Also in September...

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
beginning September 12th.**

Come when you like. Leave when you're ready.

Say a prayer.

Light a candle.

Experience Peace.





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

André Burgos	9/1
Tyler Hughart	9/2
Alanis Stout	9/2
Carlton Hughes	9/4
Meghan Logullo	9/5
Holly Ramsey	9/5
Betty Focht	9/6
Ed Ide	9/6
Maggie Painter	9/6
Bob Gamble	9/7
Richard Locke	9/7
Molly Mucha	9/7
Richard Crozier	9/8
Barbara Loose	9/10
Madison Mucha	9/10
Sami Davidson	9/12
Kevin Pytel	9/12
Lillian Simmons	9/12
William Crozier	
9/13	
Karen Davis	9/15
Patt Jones	9/15
Clara Creedon	9/16
Annette Ott	9/16
Patricia Pugh	9/17
Sharon Wright	9/17
Mark Cummings	
9/18	
John Pruitt	9/20
Charles Simpson	9/21
Alvretta Crozier	9/22
Marlene Johnson	9/22
Katelyn Carlson	9/25
Kristen DelCampo	9/25
Matthew Logullo	9/25
Mildred Reinert	9/25
Mary Heckler	9/26
Christopher Knott	9/28
Curtis Knott	9/28
Robert Swain	9/28
Christopher Bowen	9/29
Pat Cummings	9/30
Amy Przywara	9/30



Youth Choir is moving....

The youth choir will now be rehearsing on Thursday evenings from 6:45 - 7:30 in the Extension.

Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, Sept. 6

There will be no rehearsal on Sept. 13.

Rehearsal will resume Sept. 20 and continue every Thursday after that.

Youth Choir is for all singers in 6th Grade - 12th Grade!

We are changing rehearsal day and time to try and gain more actual rehearsal time (we were always cut short by late arrivals and the start of youth group) and to provide an easier opportunity for youth and adults to work on joint music for special events which are scheduled for this year. Youth may be asked to stay later than 7:30 closer to a joint event to rehearse music with the adult choir who begins their rehearsal at 7:30. Singers will be given advance notice of when those rehearsals will occur.

Please see the youth group calendar for performance dates for the Fall Semester.

*Please note that there likely will be a

dress rehearsal for Advent Family Day,
but that date has not been determined
yet.

KIDS KORNER - KRISTI J. DOUGHTY



A SUPER SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES OUT TO MISS MARLENE AND HER HELPERS FOR TEACHING OUR SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS! WHAT A FANTASTIC JOB SHE DID! THE KIDS LEARNED ABOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT AND MADE A BEAUTIFUL QUILT WITH DRAWINGS OF WHAT THEY LEARNED.

IT'S A TREASURE FOR RPUMC TO KEEP AND REMEMBER THE KIDS' CONTRIBUTION FROM THE SUMMER OF 2007.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE BUT IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL TIME! THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 2, THEN WE RETURN TO OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE WITH CLASS TO RESUME AT 9:00 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2007. BRING A FRIEND AND COME READY TO LEARN AND HAVE SOME FUN.

OUR PREK THRU GRADE 5 CLASS WILL LEARN ALL ABOUT THE BIBLE. OUR GRADE 6 THRU GRADE 8 CLASS WILL CONTINUE WITH THE "WILD TRUTH" SERIES, FOCUSING ON "PICTURES OF GOD." WE INVITE OUR GRADE 9 THRU 12 CLASS TO COME READY TO GIVE INPUT ON PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO. WE'LL ALTERNATE WITH LESSONS THAT WILL BE INTERESTING AND RELEVANT TO THEIR BUSY LIVES.

PLEASE PLAN ON ASSISTING US WITH OUR GOD'S LITTLE ANGELS SEPTEMBER PROJECT, THE *LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK FOR THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY*. IT'S SATURDAY,



SEPTEMBER 29, 2007. WE'LL PLAN ON LEAVING THE CHURCH AT 6:00 P.M. AND THE WALK BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE AI DUPOINT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL. YOU MAY SEND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE OR DONATE AT CHURCH DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. IF YOU'D LIKE TO WALK AND/OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR THE KIDS, PLEASE CALL KRISTI DOUGHTY, 832-1271 OR THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP FOR SUCH A WORTHY AND WONDERFUL CAUSE!



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

June 2007	\$ 93.30
July 2007	\$118.35
Aug. 2007	\$146.61

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 \$1,416.72. 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

100th 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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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

Circle Meetings

Ruth Circle Wed., September 5 10:00 a.m.
Church Lounge

Rebekah Circle Mon., September 17 7:00
p.m.
Home of Sue Cummings

Unit Meeting Mon., October 1 1:30 p.m.
Church Lounge

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. In August, we received a check in the amount of \$192.06.

FLAG DONATION

Dot Burris has donated an American Flag in memory of her husband, Vernon. It will be the next flag flying from our flag pole. Thank you Dot and God Bless America!



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KOINONIA YARD SALE

Friday, Sept. 14 9 AM - 3 PM
Saturday, Sept. 15 8 AM - 2 PM

If you have any contributions, please call the church office at 654-0961.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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Dear Church Family,

I can't thank you enough for your prayers, visits, cards, and well wishes during my recent illness and hospital stay. Tod, Kat, Melanie and I are truly blessed by your friendship.

Yvonne Mitten

To all the people at Richardson Park Church,

I would like to thank you for all of your help in the past six months. Thank you for helping me monthly and for helping me move. You have been a great support to me. You were there during my illness, and I appreciate it more than words can say. I would like to give a special thanks to Sandy Ide. She went above and beyond – doing things for my children that she didn't have to do. She was wonderful to me and my family. I just wanted you all to know that no one has ever helped me as much as you did in my time of need.

Again, thank you so much!

Love, Shannon Ridgley and Family



MISSION TREE

On Sundays in September, will be hanging **School Houses** on our Mission Tree. Hang a "school house" on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.



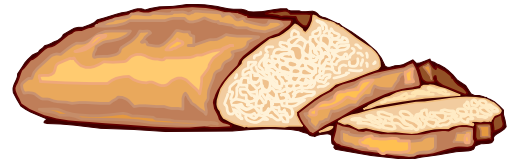
Richardson Park UMC

Youth Group Events for Fall 2007

- September -
- 2 - Kick -Off, Neighborhood Walk- 12:00 - 4:00
Service project to benefit 100th Anniversary Events. You will need your sneakers! We will be visiting all of the houses in the Richardson Park neighborhood to pass out invitations to attend 100th Anniversary Events. When we are finished we will return to the church for pizza and maybe some volleyball (if your feet aren't too tired from all the walking!) WEAR YOUR GREEN YOUTH GROUP SHIRTS IF YOU HAVE THEM!
 - 9 - Attend 100th Anniversary Picnic after church
We will have some youth group time after the picnic lunch. TIME: 12:00 - 2:30 - youth will be helping serve and clean-up at this event.
 - 16 - NO YOUTH GROUP
 - 23 - Youth Group 11:45 -1:30
We will have lunch, rehearse a skit, and have some prayer time.
 - 30 - YOUTH CHOIR SINGS IN CHURCH!

Attend 100th Anniversary social hour and luncheon.
Youth may be helping out on this day as well.
If you are attending the luncheon, plan to be here until about 2:00. Reservations do need to be made for the luncheon. Information was sent to all church members in a separate mailing.

FROM OUR DAILY BREAD - Sunday, August 19, 2007



The Heart of the Church

"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all." -- 1 Thessalonians 3:12

What makes a church successful? A big turnout on Sunday morning? A multimillion-dollar budget? A state-of-the-art building?

We all know those things aren't the criteria that define a successful church. Whether your church has stadium-size crowds or just a few in attendance, numbers are not the measure God uses for success. He looks at the heart of the church.

The apostle Paul planted an important church in Thessalonica, the capital city of Macedonia. He showed his desire for the church members there when he wrote: "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all . . . , so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness" (1 Thess. 3:12-13). With these words, Paul showed us two characteristics that are vital for a successful body of believers--love for one another and holiness.

Congregations, church buildings, and budgets come in different sizes. The true measure of success is demonstrated by followers of Christ who love God and each other and are committed to living holy lives. Our challenge can be found in the words of the prophet Micah: **"What does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (6:8).** --Cindy Hess Kasper

If you believe on Jesus' name,
Then of His church you are a part;
By loving others you proclaim:
"We are the church--we are the 'heart.'" --Hess

A small church with a big vision has greater impact than a big church with a small vision.



WE are the church, not the building..... As we move forward in celebration, giving thanks to God for our continued blessings, let's lift our voices high in Praise and Adoration giving Thanks always.

As Pastor Bill stated in his sermon August 19, we are standing on the "shoulders of giants" who have gone before us just as future generations will stand on ours.

Your monetary gifts are extremely important as we continue supporting the great needs of our community, education, evangelism, missions, youth, music, and building maintenance. Please give generously. YOU will be blessed.

Sandy Swain
Finance Chair



MUSIC NOTES

Terri Weaver, Director

I read a book about music over the summer called "*Choir Care*" by Marilyn M. Gonzalez. It reminded me how music involves at least three groups of people, not just the musician who performs the music. The three groups are: the **composer** who writes it, the **musician/singer** who learns the music/performs it and the **listener**, who hears and appreciates the selection. Most of us are listeners.

Over the summer months, we had lots of guest musicians who shared their talents with us, the listeners. And all of God's people said, **AMEN!** And **Thanks** from all of the listeners!

With the 100th anniversary celebration around the corner, the chancel choir and chancel bells will begin rehearsals on August 30th. Group photos will be taken at 7:30 with robes and handbells. We hope to see lots of smiling faces in both groups. Can we include your smiling face, too? Thursday evenings is handbell practice @ 6:25 and chancel choir practice @7:30. Perhaps we'll see you on Thursday evenings when you, a listener, also will become a musician/singer. No experience required.

New Handbell Table Covers

The chancel bells traveled to South Phila. to select fabric for handbell table covers. My mother, Betty Greth, waited patiently for 17 weeks for the fabric to arrive. She cut and sewed the pieces together and added fringes from American Flags. Voila! We have new table covers that are gold with accents of brown to match the walnut in the Sanctuary. Even the fringes on the bottom match the gold fringe on the paraments at the altar. The new bell covers will be used first at the 9/30 Homecoming celebration. We are all very excited about using the new covers.

We have lots to celebrate this year! Music will be a large part of the celebrations. We look forward to your help as both musicians/singers and listeners.

Faithfully,
Terri Weaver

**Update from Richardson Park
Community Action Program – “CAP”
August 16, 2007**



CAP completes yet another successful fiscal year! Here are a few highlights of activities during our year that ended June 30, 2007:

- Supported over 100 distressed families by assisting them with rent, utilities, and medicine, paying out \$24,000.
- Distributed 48,000 pounds of food, including lots of fresh produce and dairy.
- Helped scores of neighbors with transportation and free clothing.
- Logged over 7,000 hours worked by our dedicated volunteers.
- Earned \$9,400 in our Thrift Shop.
- Had bunches of fun at our annual Strawberry Festival.
- Put a new roof on our building.
- And most important, celebrated our **40th year of continuous operation.**

CAP sends enthusiastic thanks to the Church for your financial backing. We received \$1,025 from the Church, \$1,200 from the Koinonia Class, \$600 from the United Methodist Women, and \$100 from the Father's Day service. We are honored, and we strive to be deserving of your continued support. Thank you for your bountiful donations of food and resale items for the Thrift Shop.

CAP thanks the generous business leaders who support CAP's programs of service to the community:

Major Supporters (\$250 and up):

Cosmos Restaurant; ShopRite Stores; Zingo's Market
Patricia A. Pugh of Prudential Fox & Roach Realtors; Franklin Pugh

Gold Level Supporters (\$100 to \$249):

Delaware School and Office, LLC Clark & Sons, Inc. Overhead Garage Doors
Ralph A. Cicconi, Inc. Sath Amara, M.D. Maryland Avenue Shell Station
Homalite Rudy Marine Castle Bag Company

Silver Level Supporter (\$41 to \$99): Wholesale Janitor Supply

Bronze Level Supporter (\$40): Olympiad Gymnastics School

Notice of Annual Meeting

Everyone is invited to CAP's Annual Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 7:00 pm 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.

Mark your calendars for Crop Walk 2007, which will happen Sunday afternoon, October 28. More information to follow. Crop Walk 2006 raised \$680 for CAP and \$2,040 for development projects worldwide.

At the August 19th meeting of the Church Council, the Centennial Celebrations Committee reported all is in readiness, with a significant number signed up for our luncheon on September 30. Other events are being whipped into shape, and you won't want to miss a single one!

The first month of the video projection for morning worship has gone well and, with the audio portion of the project coming "on line" in a few weeks, we will have a very useful and enjoyable addition to the worship experience. Thanks to Sandy, Janet, Jay, Marvin, Dennis and others who helped put this together. Keep in mind that there will need to be rotating operators of the system, so if you are inclined, see Sandy Swain.

Sad to say the after-service social hasn't yet come together. It is a good plan, but it will need some more study and a search for teams to run it. See Ed Ide if you want to help.

Moving along is the work to bring our church building some much needed repair. The Trustees proposal to spend \$33,000.00 for re-guttering the church is a big bite out of available funds, but the work will allow repairing those areas where gutter leakage and overflow have damaged stonework and plaster in several areas of the church. Church Council agreed to the proposal with a unanimous vote to proceed.

Church Education gets back in gear soon with Sunday School and Bible Study. Children's time has been a heartwarming experience with the growing number of children participating. They should fill our classrooms this season.

This summer is about over, and there has been a real spirit-based outpouring of help for the church and it's people. We have much to do, but I am confident we will succeed in our goal to let the people know "we are rooted in Christ and continue to grow."



"The Trustees' Times"

Kathy Russell, Chair

Think, for a moment, about how you might plan to host a party. After you decide on the guest list, date, and time, you could find yourself thinking about a theme and decorations. But just before the event, you would set aside time to clean your house, put things in order, or generally spruce the place up so that you and your guests have the best possible environment to entertain and be entertained. That's the plan for our upcoming celebration.

While we've made numerous changes to improve the aesthetics of the church (refinishing and painting the Extension, new carpet in the entrance on Matthes Avenue, painting and decorating the Wesley Tower bathrooms), there are still some cleaning items to address prior to September 30. The closet cleanout crew will be starting from the top down and clearing out unneeded items from church closets to free up storage space for things that really need to be put away and stored correctly. The current cleaning contractor will be scheduled to strip and wax the Fellowship Hall and kitchen floors. General cleaning will be enhanced as well.

There is still a need for willing participants to volunteer for some special cleaning activities during the last two weeks of September. The things planned include: window cleaning, woodwork polishing, altar cleaning and carpet cleaning, to name a few. There also is a need to purchase some new trash cans, cleaning supplies and other items; so please give generously to AFLOAT. Anyone interested in helping out should let the Trustees know by leaving your name and email address or phone number in the church office.

Remember, it's a labor of LOVE, and it's all in preparation for a big PARTY that comes around only once every 100 years!

RPUMC 100th ANNIVERSARY UPDATE



Excitement is building for everyone at church. The Afloat team has been busy, the BMG group, too. Sunday School has a surprise for the 100th anniversary. The chancel bells will have new table covers. Many rooms have been painted, floors sanded and refinished, and large mailings made. We have all been busy sprucing-up and planning food for company to come to our worship house.

9/9/07 Event

We are about to kick-off our 100th anniversary celebrations. We start with an outdoor service (weather permitting) under a tree followed by a picnic-style luncheon.

The youth group will be distributing flyers to our surrounding neighbors to invite them to our church. Distribution to neighbors will begin during the Labor Day weekend, Sept. 2. These flyers also will be in your bulletin on Sept. 2. Perhaps you have a neighbor or friend who is searching for a nurturing congregation/church. Bring them to worship service with you on September 9, 2007 and enjoy the service and fellowship.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments and cold drinks will be provided. When you bring a covered dish to feed around 25 people, the meal will be complete. If your dish needs to be refrigerated, you might want to bring a cooler to keep it on ice. The refrigerator in the basement is available if you do not have a cooler.



During the luncheon, toe-tapping music will be provided by Mark Unruh. Mark lives in Delaware and teaches guitar, mandolin, fiddle, ukulele, etc. He is a great entertainer and instructor. Mark, on guitar, and one of his students, on fiddle, will be playing lots of fun music to enjoy.

On Sunday morning the BMG (Building Maintenance Group) will be assembling tables, chairs and preparing worship space for outdoors (or in the sanctuary in the event of rain). Bring your lawn chair for comfortable outdoor seating.

Lots of assistance is needed to make this kick-off event successful. If you are interested in helping with preparing worship space, cooking burgers/dogs, getting drinks ready, etc., please see **one of the anniversary committee members**. We could use your help!

9/30/07- Homecoming

In July, 458 envelopes were prepared, stuffed and mailed to members, former members, friends and family. An RSVP response card, letter and flyer were included detailing our anniversary events starting in September 2007 and ending in June 2008. The responses for the Homecoming on September 30th received to date include church family who have moved and are coming home to help celebrate.



Jeffrey Brown, a harpist, will start the service with elegant music as a Prelude. Marc Cheban will be playing the organ as the choirs process to start the service. Reverend Tom McKelvey will be our guest preacher, with Pastor Bill Green leading our worship service. The youth, chancel choir and chancel bells will be celebrating with joyous song.

After the worship service is over, light refreshments will be provided in the Lounge, located near the office, and the Music Room, located on the second floor. Harp music will continue to fill the Music room as you enjoy refreshments and fellowship in these locations. Displays of historic pictures and artifacts will be located in the original part of the church (the Extension) for all to reminisce. Mementos of the church also will be available for sale.

At 12:30 a catered luncheon will be provided by The Greenery for all to enjoy.

Final details for this event are in the final stages, but we could use your help! We are working on display projects, and other details where your talents are needed. Please see committee members if you can help with these two celebration events. Committee members: Herb & Mary Ann Atkinson, Mary Alice Bair, Tammy Brindle, Jay & Pat Cummings, Ed & Sandy Ide, Marlene Johnson, Tod & Yvonne Mitten, Brenda Tucker, Beth Warfel, Paul Weaver.

Faithfully,
Terri Weaver, Chair

Water is turned into wine.

A dead man returns to life.

Nicodemus has a conversation.

A Samaritan woman finds living water.

Mary Magdalene experiences a first.



While the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are very similar, the Gospel of John is unique and stands apart. In the first chapter, Jesus invites his disciples to “come and see” and “follow me.” Those invitations are echoed in this short-term **DISCIPLE** study. **Invitation to John** follows a format similar to the longer Disciple Bible Study but is completed in 12 sessions.

Join us on Tuesday evenings beginning September 4th from 6:45 – 8:15 pm.

Call the church office or fill out one of the forms in the bulletin if you are interested.



RPUMC



1907 2007

Rooted and Growing in Christ

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 100 YEARS OF HISTORY

As part of our 100th Anniversary Celebration, a wonderful booklet is being produced. It captures, in words and pictures, some of the highlights of the RPUMC story. We believe it will bring back fond memories to those who have been part of the church family for many years and will provide interesting background for those who are newer to the church.

Included will be a special page for those who would like to remember or honor a loved one. The cost is \$5.00 per entry. We invite you to give thanks for someone special by helping to tell the story.

***ALL FORMS MUST BE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 7th.**

Donor's Name _____

In Memory of _____
(for those not living)

In Honor of _____
(for those living)

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And Honor of _____

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Bill Green, Pastor



LAY READERS

September 2	Joan Stadelman
September 9	Herb Atkinson
September 16	Jennifer Fitzgerald
September 23	Bob Evely
September 30	Brenda Tucker

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 2	Sath and Chandra Amara
At the Cross	The Cathell Family
September 9	Available
September 16	Joe and Brenda Tucker
September 23	Herb and Mary Ann Atkinson
September 30	Koinonia Class

FLOWERS

For the month of September, Ruth 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
October Messenger to the church office by
Monday, September 10. 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.*