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Put Some Spirit



In Your Summer!

Summer Worship: June - August
Morning Worship & Children's Sunday School - 10:00 AM
Adult Sunday School - 9:00 AM



from Pastor Tom

Sarah, the kids, and I are so excited to be joining the Richardson Park UMC family. Those of you we have met have graciously welcomed us and invited us into the community. Thanks for making us feel at home. Your hospitality has really been appreciated.

As we begin to minister with you here at RPUMC, I want to introduce us and share a bit about our family. For the past three years I have been serving as a student pastor, leading Hope UMC in Dover, Delaware and attending seminary at Drew Theological School in Madison, New Jersey. The experience was difficult but extremely rewarding. Fortunately, I graduated in May and will be serving full-time here. Our family is looking forward to being together without my weekly trips to school. I am excited to be coming to lead Richardson Park and look forward to many years of service to the church and the community.

Sarah is the heart and soul of our family. She ministers to me and the kids on a daily basis and helps us all stay focused on Christ and God's call in our lives. Her area of expertise is children's ministry and she is looking forward to helping out with kids' events and Sunday School as she's needed. You'll recognize her by her warm smile, charming personality, and our three kids who love to be with their mommy.

Bethany is our six-year-old daughter who will be starting 1st grade this fall. She is looking forward to meeting new friends. She is a wonderful kid and has a heart as big as her mothers. Donny, our second child, is four years old and full of vitality and energy just like I was at his age. He has one more year left before he starts school, and I'm sure that he is looking forward to chasing his older sister and his younger brother all around Richardson Park. Sammy is the youngest and is 2 ½ years old. He is a sweet toddler who is already trying to find his way out of the shadow of his older siblings. I hope that he keeps his joyful spirit as he continues to grow. We have been so blessed to have such wonderful children and look forward to watching them grow along with you.

We are really looking forward to getting to know all of you and being in ministry together. May God bless Richardson Park United Methodist Church and all of our efforts to expand the Kingdom.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Joey Davis	7/1
Diane Maloney	7/2
Tom Pasmore	7/2
George Reinert	7/5
Joe 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
Jennifer Atkinson	7/9
David McFarland	7/10
Joey Beane	7/11
Mark Panaccione	7/13
Jennifer Patterson	7/15
Jim 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!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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
Jacob Farley	8/22
Samantha Farley	8/22
Richard Hall	8/25
Sandy Swain	8/27
Jordon Howard	8/28
Jane McAllister	8/29
Carol Ewing	8/31
Abigail Price	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.



KID'S KORNER

Marlene Johnson

Greetings!

Summer Sunday School started on June 1. Following "Time with Children," the B.I.G. (Believers in God) Club goes to Classroom 3. Activities in June included:

- A special project for Pastor Bill and Ms. Patti
A new song
A musical selection in honor of "Father's Day"
Adding 5 Bible verses to our "B.I.G." journals

- In July our Bible focus will be:
July 6- Lord's Prayer
July 13- Philippians 4: 6, 7
July 20- James 1: 5
July 27- 1 Samuel 3: 9

- In August our Bible focus will be:
August 3- Psalm 73: 24
August 10- Matthew 12: 34
August 17- James 2: 23
August 24- Special project
August 31- John 15: 5
End of Summer Sunday School

We will be busy adding to our B.I.G. journals during July and August.

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



CHANCEL CHOIR SCHEDULE

The Chancel Choir will sing the second Sunday in July and the first Sunday in August. Practice will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 13 and Sunday, August 3. Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells will resume their regular schedule on Thursday, September 4.

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 3
10:00 a.m. - Church Lounge

Rebekah Circle Mon., September 15
7:00 p.m. - Church Lounge

Unit Meeting Mon., August 25
10:30 a.m. - Church Lounge



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

June 2008 \$84.73

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date for 2008 is \$676.66. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED!!

The United Methodist Women of Richardson Park are participating with the Wilmington District United Methodist Women in this fun day which will be held at Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 400 Hillcrest Avenue, on Saturday, August 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All children are invited and welcomed to this Back-to-School Rally!!

We are in need of any type of school supplies, such as pencils, pens, crayons, coloring books, rulers and anything else that you can think of.

Please bring them to the church anytime during the month of July through August 5.

This will be a fun day for the children - come join in this event which will have songs, games, crafts and many more fun things to do.

THANK YOU



We want to thank you for all that you have done for us, and all that you have meant to us, over these past eight years.

From the warm and gracious welcome we received upon our arrival, to the generous gifts and kind words you showered us with these last few weeks, you have been a blessing, and have truly exemplified what it means to be the church.

We will always treasure the years we spent at RPUMC and will always be grateful for the opportunity we were given to be a part of this very special church family. Wherever we go you will have a special place in our hearts. God bless you in the years ahead.

May the Peace of God Be With You.

Bill & Patti Green

WORSHIP SERVICE AND COMMUNION **SUNDAY, JULY 13**

Communion will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, July 13. There will be a reception immediately following the service to welcome Pastor Tom, his wife, Sarah, and their children, Bethany, Donny and Sammy. We hope you can join us!

Please note that communion will not be offered on Sunday, July 6.

**Sherlynn Aurelio
SPRC Chairperson**

FOOD FOR CAP

CAP is in need of the following items for their food pantry: canned soup, canned fruit and spam. Don't forget to bring food for CAP the first Sunday of each month.

Thank you for your cards, flowers and especially your prayers for my surgery. The surgery went very well. Please continue to pray for me as I face thyroid cancer treatment this summer.

Brenda Tucker

CONCERT SPONSORS NEEDED

In previous articles our Music Director, Terri Weaver, has shared with us information regarding The International Year of the Organ 2008 – 2009, designated by American Guild of Organists. (AGO). Additional information is in this edition of the newsletter.

RPUMC will be hosting a concert to coincide with the International Year of the Organ, Sunday October 19, 2008. Various organ concerts will be hosted around the globe and we feel honored to be participating in this grand celebration. **Dr. Gordon Turk**, a concert artist and friend of RPUMC, has agreed to help us celebrate. We hope to raise awareness in the Wilmington area of the largest church pipe organ in Delaware. Our concert will start at 7:00 PM on October 19, 2008. The community will be invited to attend this FREE concert.

This opportunity has become part of our fall schedule and is not a budgeted item. We are looking for 30 sponsors to contribute \$40 to fund this event. As a friend of RPUMC, Dr. Turk has greatly reduced his concert fees and the Delaware Chapter of the AGO will be contributing funds to help defray the cost of the event. If you are unable to give a full sponsorship, any amount would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Terri Weaver
Music Director

Sandy Swain
Finance Chairperson

MUSIC NOTES

Terri Weaver, Director



Thank you to everyone who submitted your favorite Hymns and Songs. The list was compiled and matched with the themes scheduled during the Sundays of summer. One of the most popular hymns selected was *How Great Thou Art*.

The word *hymn* defined by the dictionary is a song developed for the purpose of praise, adoration or prayer. *How Great Thou Art* words truly depict praise, adoration and prayer. I'd like to share the inspiration and history of this powerful hymn.

Carl Boberg was a 26-year-old Swedish minister who wrote a poem in 1855 which he called "O Store Gud" (O Mighty God). The words literally translated to English:

"When I the world consider/Which Thou has made by Thine almighty Word
And how the web of life Thou wisdom guideth/And all creation feedeth at Thy board.

Then doth my soul burst forth in song of praise/Oh great God, Oh, great God!

The poem was published and forgotten. The words were added to a Swedish folk melody but did not achieve widespread fame. Dr. Stuart Hine, a Russian missionary, was so moved he modified and expanded the words and made his own arrangement of the Swedish melody. His inspiration for the first three versus came from the Carpathian Mountains. The first verse was during a thunderstorm, the second when he heard birds sing, and the third as he witnessed Carpathian Mountain dwellers coming to Christ. The fourth verse was written when Dr. Hine returned to Great Britain.¹

This song was later heard by Dr. Edwin Orr as it was sung by Naga Tribespeople in Assam, India and he decided to bring it back to the USA for his own meeting. He introduced the hymn at a conference in California and a music publisher heard the hymn. It was copyrighted in 1953, published and recorded.

In 1954 during a Billy Graham crusade, George Beverly Shea was given this hymn in a pamphlet. It was given to other members of the Graham team. It was not used in London, but was introduced to audiences in Toronto. In the New York Crusade of 1957, it was sung by Bev Shea ninety-nine times with the choir joining in on the refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,

How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

From a simple poem written in Sweden in 1855 to a renowned hymn known globally, God's message to us is indeed powerful. *How Great Thou Art!*

¹ Then Sings My Soul – 150 of the World's Greatest Hymn Stories by Robert J. Morgan

Faithfully, Terri Weaver

"The Trustees' Times"



Kathy Russell, Chair

Almost everyone has heard the expression "So much to do, So little time" and these days it seems to apply more often than not. I personally have been very busy at home and at work so this is the first article for the Messenger I've written this year. As the saying goes, "Time waits for No One". The Trustees have spent the first half of the year getting organized and following up on things from last year. We've been collecting information for things that need to be done, prioritizing projects, and looking for ways to save or make money to fund the many projects on our list.

Some of the things planned or in progress include: making ready the parsonage for the new pastoral family, creating a fenced area next to the parsonage, finish painting the parsonage metal roof, repair a section of church roofing, finish church gutter/downspout replacement project, patch and paint damaged plaster in various areas. And that's just the beginning; the list seems to go on forever! You know how it is...as soon as one thing is crossed off the list, two more get added in its place. It can make you feel like you haven't accomplished anything and that can be discouraging. But the Trustees are a great group of motivated and dedicated Methodists who work hard and persevere to get things done.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee Leader and the Trustees Chair visited the parsonage for a walk-through again this year. Bill and Pat Green participated to help us assess what is needed in the way of repairs and improvements. Many items were addressed by members of the Building Maintenance Group and the Trustees prior to the Pasmore's move in date of 6/20/08, but there is always more to do. As we said goodbye to the Green's and worked in the parsonage, it became apparent that the house was well cared for and lovingly lived in for the past 8 years. And for that, we are very Thankful! As we all welcome our new pastor and his family, I may plan another walk-through with the Pasmores to get their perspective on the house and help us prioritize the remaining items on our Parsonage "TO DO" List.

Your help and prayers are always needed to keep these efforts AFLOAT. We will be challenged this year to complete as many projects as possible while closely monitoring expenses. Please feel free to offer any assistance or suggestions for ways to save money or conserve energy. A suggestion about recycling has led to a discussion with a paper recycling company that could be used as an ongoing fundraising activity for the church. Dennis Johnson made a good observation regarding the whole house fan in the parsonage that may save us money in energy costs this winter. All creative ideas are welcome and explored, so don't hesitate to "put in your two cents worth" to one of the Trustees listed below. "Time marches on" but "there's no time like the present" to add your contribution of thoughts and energy to our effort. Thank you all for your continued support.

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Tom Pasmore, Pastor



READERS

July 6
July 13
July 20
July 27

Lillian Simmons
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August 3
August 10
August 17
August 24
August 31

Anna Mae Shewbrooks
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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 Monday, August 11. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 6
July 15
At the Cross
July 20
July 27

Ruth Gibney
Harold and Shirly Ritter
Shirley Roberts
Phyllis Bowman
Lee Powell

August 3
August 10
At the Cross
August 17
August 24
August 31

Richard and Mary Sutor
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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.