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## INTRODUCING OUR NEW PASTOR

### TOM PASMORE

The SPRC is pleased to share the news that Bishop Marcus Matthews has appointed Tom Pasmore to serve as pastor of RPUMC effective July 1, 2008. The committee had a very positive introductory meeting with Pastor Tom last month. Tom and his wife, Sarah, along with their three children, Bethany 6, Donald 4, and Samuel 2, will be moving into the parsonage sometime in late June.

Tom currently serves as Pastor of Hope UMC in Dover. Hope was a new church start in 2002 and has continued to grow under Tom's leadership during the last three years. The church places a strong emphasis on outreach.

Born in northern Wisconsin, Tom received a degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Illinois. Prior to entering the Pastoral Ministry, Tom was the site technical manager for INVISTA's Seaford Nylon Plant. He experienced his call to the ordained ministry while a very active member of Mariner's Bethel UMC in Ocean View, Delaware. Tom currently is finishing his seminary degree at Drew Theological School and will graduate later in May.

We look forward to welcoming the Pasmores to RPUMC this summer, and we will have more to share in the July Messenger.

Sherlynn Aurelio  
Chairperson - SPRC



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Courtney Burke	May 1
Claudia McFarland	May 1
Brian Panaccione	May 2
Carolyn Nafzinger	May 3
Christopher Doughty	May 4
Tara Sheridan	May 4
Joyce Toy	May 4
Muriel Campbell	May 5
Virginia Cohee	May 6
Katlyn Focht	May 6
Jacob Gommer	May 6
Johnathan Gommer	May 6
Mary Ann Atkinson	May 7
Destiny Dale	May 7
Zachary Farley	May 7
Lee Thomas	May 7
Cliff Campbell	May 8
Shirley Roberts	May 8
Katherine Banks	May 10
Kayla Griffith	May 10
Ruth Berry	May 11
Maegin Jo Coverdale	May 12
Ed McFarland	May 13
Volena Sease	May 13
Richard Beane	May 14
Steven Ott	May 14
Brianna Jones	May 15
Joshua Loose	May 15
Patty Meadows	May 15
Danny Cathell	May 16
Anna Mae Shewbrooks	May 16
Billy Bentley	May 17
Katie Chambers	May 17
Allison Perugini	May 17
Maria Ott	May 18
Robert McFarland	May 20
Leonard E. Moore	May 23
Brenda Tucker	May 26
Terri Weaver	May 26
James K. Carter	May 28
Cameron Przywara	May 29
Jimmie Focht	May 30
Peter Davis	May 31

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

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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

### Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle      Mon., May 5, 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner – Hunter's Den

Ruth Circle          Wed., May 7, 10:00 a.m.  
Churchman's Village

Thanks to everyone who put together a health kit for migrant farm workers. This year we were able to contribute 30 kits.

### MISSION TREE



On Sundays in May, we are hanging "Flowers" on our Mission Tree. Hang a "flower" on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.



### WESLEY TOWER BANKS

April 2008              \$106.87

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 \$478.35. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on the first Sunday of each month. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.



### ZINGO TAPES

Don't forget to bring your tapes to worship service on Sundays. Just place them in the offering plates or in the wicker basket in the vestibule. Your support is appreciated.



**YOUTH SUNDAY  
MAY 18 10:30 AM**

**THEME: LISTEN!  
God is trying to get your attention!**

**Rehearsal: Saturday, May 17  
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

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h Group will be going to the Regal Cinemas in the Brandywine Town Center to see the movie, "Prince Caspian." **All interested youth should reserve their spot for this trip by Sunday, May 11.** All you need to do is make yourself available for the afternoon...no money required!

**NO YOUTH GROUP OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!**

### **\*\*\*\*\*CANCELLATION\*\*\*\*\***

Coffeehouse Open-Mic Night scheduled on Saturday, May 3 has been cancelled due to a lack of participation by surrounding churches. Thank you for your prayers and offers to help with this event.

### FOOD FOR CAP

CAP is in need of the following items for their food pantry:

Cereal, Canned Soups,  
Canned Fruit,  
Canned Tuna and Spam

Don't forget to bring food for CAP the first Sunday of each month.



## HELP NEEDED

Help is needed for the Strawberry Festival which will be held on Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Peniel UMC. Please contact Sandy Ide at 798-8664 if you can help in any of the following areas:

Kitchen  
Flea Market  
Strawberry Picking  
Baked Table  
Donate Plants  
Donate Baked Goods  
Donate Flea Market Items

## Update from Richardson Park Community Action Program - "CAP" April 21, 2008

### STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce Louise Whitehead has joined the CAP team in the position of Director taking over from Mary Jane Simmons who will be retiring at the end of April 2008. Louise is a native of Australia. She has a strong background in finance and non-profit management. Louise promises to make a remarkable contribution to the CAP organization and we heartily welcome her.

### THANK YOU

As always, we thank the church for your contributions of food. We always need food, and every can, box, and package that you give us will quickly find a deserving home.

**Plastic bags needed:** If you have those plastic bags from the grocery stores, please bring your used ones to CAP. We always welcome more of them - we use them for food orders and for items sold in the thrift shop.

# KIDS' KORNER



## God's Little Angels

Hi everybody! Summer is nearly here! God's Little Angels is getting together to plant flowers in the Wesley Tower Garden on Saturday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m., so find your gardening tools and come join us for fellowship and a productive morning! Please bring any seedlings you've started for us or give the church office a call if you're unable to drop them off and would like us to pick them up. All contributions of plants, funds, and sweat equity are truly appreciated and all will beautify the RPUMC Wesley Tower Garden.



## Sunday School

### PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Classroom 3

Although it seems impossible, we are in the month of May. During the month of April, we learned about "Disciples" -- what the word means, who were Jesus' disciples, what disciples really do and disciples of Jesus today.

During the month of May, we will continue our study of disciples of Jesus. We will focus on Paul, (based on Romans 1), Peter (based on Acts 12), and Jesus with the children. As in previous months, Classroom 3 will be very active learning about disciples through Bible readings, "fishing," class discussions and role play. One of the favorite activities the children like is "SINGING."

On Mothers' Day, May 11, we have a special musical selection for all of you during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please plan to attend!

### Youth Sunday School 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

We'll be continuing with our fun by exploring "Pictures of God" - learning about facets of his character and how we can best reflect that character in ourselves. God is a **Listener**: "*Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.*" Just by listening we can show people we care. **Child**: "*Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*" While growing up, we can still hold on to some of the good things about being a kid. **Judge**: "*And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God himself is judge.*" We are capable of great decisions! And we will take on a dare – **Believe It!** We'll learn to stretch our faith – whatever we ask for in prayer, believe that we have received it and it will be ours!

Marlene Johnson and Kristy Doughty

If you have any questions, please speak with our dedicated teaching staff!

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

## **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee met in March to discuss two future 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary events for 2008. The two remaining events: The Youth Coffee House on May 3 and the Community Open House scheduled for June 21. The committee decided both events should be postponed for the following reasons:

**Youth Coffee House for May** Beth Warfel mailed flyers to a select group of churches inviting their youth groups to participate in “*Open Mic Night.*” Yvonne Mitten reported that the response for this event was disappointing. No church youth group responded and **RPUMC’s** youth were very disappointed.

**Community Open House for June** This event will be postponed until a future date to coincide with welcoming Pastor Tom Pasmore and family to the church and community.

### **Summary of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary events:**

**September 9, 2007 (Sunday) *Outdoor Church Service and Picnic under a tree.*** In the event of rain: Indoors. T- Shirts, Golf Shirts to kick off the meeting under a tree September 7, 1907.

**September 30, 2007 (Sunday) *Founder’s Day/Homecoming Service.*** Invitations to previous ministers, organists, members of the church past and present, church open house with exhibits, tours of the church, Christmas gift ideas. **Guest speaker was Tom McKelvey.**

**November 3, 2007 (Saturday) *UMW Tea Party.*** Tea party with period costumes and women throughout the years.

**December 16, 2007 (Sunday) *Family Advent Day.*** During regular service, youth, chancel choir and chancel bells programs with a sing-along. (Family Advent Night during regular service.)

**January 26, 2008 (Saturday) *Silent Movie Night at RP.*** In 1907, going to the movies was silent pictures. With that in mind, “**Ben Hur**” silent movie with Marc Cheban entertaining us at the organ.

**April 20, 2008 (Sunday) *Music Concert.*** Youth, chancel bells, expanded chancel choir with Shaw Strings in a themed concert, “*100 Years of Timeless Gifts.*”



### **Rooted and Growing in Christ**

Many wonderful events occurred in celebration of the church’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The congregation of RPUMC united together to celebrate these momentous events with more than programs on the calendar. They united and worked side by side to build from the church’s roots and branch out into the community. The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo is truly a symbol of “rooted and growing” in Christ. It has been a wonderful, joyful journey for me to chair these events and to see the fruits of everyone’s labor. Thank You for allowing me to share this opportunity!

Faithfully, Terri Weaver  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Chair

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Herb and Mary Ann Atkinson, Mary Alice Bair, Tammy Brindle, Jay and Pat Cummings, Ed and Sandy Ide, Marlene Johnson, Tod and Yvonne Mitten, Brenda Tucker, Beth Warfel, Paul Weaver.

# MUSIC NOTES

Terri Weaver, Director



The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert “**100 Years of Timeless Gifts**” was a huge success with Shaw Strings, our expanded RPUMC chancel choir and chancel bells. Many people spent extra rehearsal time preparing for the concert and crews of workers moved all of the equipment needed to set up and tear down, **twice**. The tasty refreshments served to our guests on Sunday April 20, 2008 were wonderful.

Music selections by Shaw Strings, two violins, viola and cello, were great. **Music Has Brought Us Together** and **Ode to Joy** were two pieces with all instruments, piano/organ, choir and bells. Special gifts of music filled the sanctuary for all to hear. A warm and gracious **THANK YOU** to everyone for all of your help! Great Job!

## Summer

The summer months are coming and our weekly rehearsals are diminishing. Over the summer months, (June, July and August) the choir and handbells do not meet on Thursday evenings. Special music will be used during the offertory or Prelude during these months. Perhaps you know of a group, a soloist, an instrumentalist or .....? Please let me know so I can contact them. We would love to HEAR from them or YOU! See the information below on how you can participate in special summer music.

Faithfully,

*Terri Weaver*

## Planning Session - Sunday, June 8th

Immediately following Worship

A brief planning session for :

- anyone interested in singing (solos, duets or other ensembles)
- playing instruments
- beginning handbells/chimes sign ups
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Bring your calendars to pick a date and share your gift.

# Join the Beach Party!!!

This year's Vacation Bible School will take us  
**Surfin' Through the Scriptures**



**Sunday June 22 - Thursday June 26**

**5:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

Richardson Park Church

Ages: 3 years - 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Everyone Welcome - No Charge

Each night, our young surfers will enjoy dinner at the Boardwalk Café and participate in fun activities at the Surfin' Scripture Theater, Beachcomber Craft Shack, Surf n' Sand Science Lab, Rockin' Sound Wave, and Beach Party Games. We'll end each night with Reflections where we'll review the daily Beach Be-Attitude and Scripture lesson.

So mark your calendar for this



summer's biggest Beach Party!

Co-sponsored by Peniel and Richardson Park UMC

If you have beach artifacts that we could borrow, call Brenda Tucker, our VBS Decorator, at 731-4110. Volunteers always are welcome to assist our leaders at each station. Please call the church office at 654-0961 and leave your name if you'd like to join in on the fun. Also students, 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older, are encouraged to give us a hand but need to register using the form included in this newsletter.

SURF ON OVER TO THE  
RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ HELPER:

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME TELEPHONE: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST SCHOOL GRADE COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER (HOME AND CELL #): \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER (HOME AND CELL #): \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ONE SPECIAL FRIEND YOUR CHILD MIGHT LIKE TO BE WITH DURING VBS:

\_\_\_\_\_



SUNDAY, JUNE 22 – THURSDAY, JUNE 26

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

AGES 3 THRU GRADE 6

**NOTE: HELPERS (7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES) MUST PRE-REGISTER**

**VBS CO-SPONSORED BY PENIEL AND RICHARDSON PARK UMCs**



# **The Youth Group Needs Your HELP!**

## **We want to help all of God's Creatures!**

The Faithful Friends Animal Rescue most important LOVE. But they



supplies rescued pets with medical care, food, and need our help!

The shelter is in need of the following donations:

TRASH BAGS (large black, 39 gallon, & regular sizes)

BLEACH

DAWN DISH SOAP

PAPER TOWELS

TOILET PAPER

ANTIBACTERIAL LIQUID HAND SOAP

HAND SANITIZER

LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT

SPONGES

GROCERY SIZED PLASTIC BAGS

STERILE LATEX GLOVES

DOG OR PUPPY CANNED FOOD

DOG TOYS

LARGE DOG LEASHES

NEW RAWHIDES/CHEWS

BLANKETS, COMFORTERS, WASHABLE BEDDING

WET CANNED CAT FOOD (Friskies & 9 Lives Loaf style)

CAT LITTER

LITTER SCOOPS

CAT CARRIERS

CAT TOYS

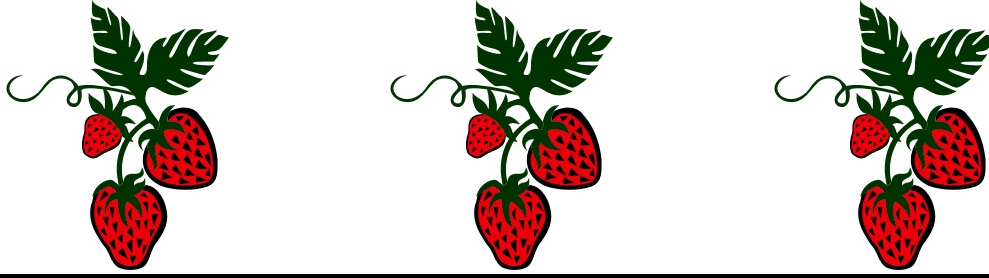
BABY FOOD (meat varieties only chicken and turkey, NO ONIONS)

**MONEY**

**Please search your heart, your cupboards, and wallets and help us help some of God's smaller creatures!**

**Bring your donations to church Sunday, May 4 - Sunday, May 18.  
The youth group will then deliver all of the donations to the  
shelter following the youth service on Sunday, May 18th!**

*We also are going to adopt a pet that day!*



## **CAP STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, June 7, 2008**

**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Rain or Shine**

**PENIEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Corner of Market Street and Maryland Avenue (Rt. 4)**

**Newport, DE**

**Come and Join Us!**

- **Luncheon served**
- **Strawberry shortcake for sale**
- **Baked Goods**
- **Plants**
- **Flea Market**

**TO BENEFIT THE  
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Bill Green, Pastor



### LAY READERS

May 4	Brenda Tucker
May 11	Rose Davis
May 18	Youth Sunday
May 25	Bob Evely

### ALTAR FLOWERS

May 4	Marvin and Betty Swain
May 11	Jerry and Joyce Toy
At the Cross	Jerry and Joyce Toy
May 18	Mary Alice Bair
May 25	Eve Thomas
At the Cross	Ginger Pettyjohn

### FLOWERS

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

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*Please submit your articles for the June Messenger to the Church Office by Monday, May 12. Thank you.*

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

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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.*