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A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.'" "All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said. When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When he heard this, he became very sad because he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

- Luke 18:18-25 (New International Version)

This past week I attended a conference entitled, *Change the World*, which I always thought was too ambitious a goal for any person to take on. But over the course of the three days that I was on campus at Ginghamburg Church, I began to see the Holy Spirit at work in the world making a difference through the hands and feet of dedicated Christians in congregations both here and abroad. God is doing amazing things in Dayton, OH through Ginghamburg Church and in the most unlikely places like Darfur, Sudan. To give you an idea of the scope of these efforts, last year Ginghamburg fed 21,000 people, gave away furniture to 650 people, provided 20,000 pieces of clothing to people in their community; and on top of that raised \$726,000 to build schools, dig wells, and provide medical care for the children of Darfur. The most shocking statistic of all is that this church was only 45 people large when the current senior pastor, Michael Slaughter, was appointed there in 1979. Thirty years later they are now 100 times that size. All this has been made possible by God's provision and the dedication of the servants of Ginghamburg to incarnate the Gospel message for the world to see through their own hands and feet.

This month I want to leave you with a few quotes from this conference and let you ponder them as we approach the great American feast of Thanksgiving:

"If you ask anyone between the ages of 18 and 35 what are the first three things that pop into their head about Christians, the answers are shocking. They believe we are anti-homosexual, hypocritical, and judgmental."

"If the good news that we are proclaiming is not good news for the poor, then it's not the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

"There is no quick fix for discipleship."

“We live in a world of three conflicting realities: #1 people die from hunger every day, #2 the Bible tells us to care for the poor, and #3 what most American Christians actually do with their wealth.”

“Do we really have a Biblical understanding of justice?”

“Food is a concept that changes with social class. When you’re poor, it’s about having enough to survive. When you’re middle class, it’s about having good, quality food. When you’re rich, it’s all about presentation. Food moves from necessity to entertainment.”

“I was a white pastor in an affluent white township in South Africa, and I lost half of my congregation when they found out that I was arrested for protesting the Apartheid policies of our government.”

“The [mainline protestant] church is not suffering from a lack of vision. The church is suffering from a lack of leadership willing to be courageous enough to carry out that vision.”

“When God called to Moses out of the burning bush, Moses immediately began to dance. He started to do the Shuck and Jive right in front of God. He began to make excuses about why he wasn’t the right one to free the children of Israel from their bondage in Egypt. He complained that he was nobody, he didn’t know enough, he might fail, he had no gifts for this task, and finally he simply asked God to send someone else. God would have none of it. So, what did God do to change Moses’ mind? God simply asked Moses a question, ‘What do you have in your hand?’ ”

As you and I reflect on these quotes, where do you see opportunities to be a servant in our world? Where should we, as a church, focus our resources and attention in this world? How can we raise up disciples that are going to change the world?

I pray that your Thanksgiving is filled with love and hope and faith.

Blessings and Peace to you all,

Pastor Tom





NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Burkholder	11/1
Paul Ayala	11/2
Tracy Gamble	11/2
Sath Amara	11/3
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
Sammy Pasmore	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 church office at 654-0961. Thank you.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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

Circle Meetings

Ruth Circle Wed., November 4
10:00 a.m. – Church Lounge

Rebekah Circle Tue., November 3
Church Extension

The Wilmington District of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of United Methodist Women met on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at Elkton United Methodist Church.

This year our Unit of Women received the Certificate of Recognition for completing the criteria for a Silver Mission Today Unit. The certificate is on the bulletin board.

Since October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month, the program was on “Fighting Breast Cancer.” Because early detection is the key to successfully treating any type of disease, the American Cancer Society’s guidelines are:

Age 40 and over

- Have a yearly mammogram
- Have an annual clinical breast exam by a qualified health care provider
- Do a breast self-examination every month

Other risk factors include

- Increasing age – two-thirds of women with breast cancer are more than 50 years old. However, breast cancer does occur in younger women, as well as 900 men each year!
- History of pre-menopausal breast cancer in your mother or sister.
- Previous personal history of breast cancer.
- No pregnancy or first pregnancy after age 30.
- Hormone therapy without close observation by your doctor
- Early onset of menses (before age 12).
- Late menopause (after age 55)
- Tendency to be overweight

There are several informative brochures in the Extension to browse through while enjoying your coffee. Feel free to take home a digest if you are so inclined.

Pat Cummings, President, RPUMW
Lee Powell, Secretary, RPUMW

FOOD FOR CAP



Don't forget to bring food for CAP the first Sunday of each month. They are in need of:

canned meats and stews,
peanut butter and jelly,
hot & cold cereals,
tuna, baked beans,
canned fruit.

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.



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

October 2009 \$69.09

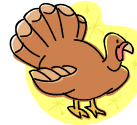
Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date for 2009 is \$981.73. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.

Many thanks to Richard and Joey Beane for mowing and trimming the grounds here at RPUMC. Your contribution to the up-keep of our facility is greatly appreciated.



TOO MANY CALENDARS?????

If you are receiving more 2010 calendars than you can possibly use, please leave your extra ones in the church office or give to Mary Alice Bair for the Prison Ministry. **Spiral calendars are unacceptable for security reasons.** Many thanks.



MISSION TREE

On Sundays in November, we will be hanging **Turkeys** on our Mission Tree. 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.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, November 22 - 4 PM
Peniel United Methodist Church

Bethany Baptist Church, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Peniel UMC, St. James Episcopal Church, St. Matthew Catholic Church, Richardson Park UMC, and Wilmington Church of the Brethren will come together in a community worship service to thank God for our blessings. Bring a dish and we will break bread together after the service. The offering during the service will benefit the Richardson Park Community Action Program.



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS THIS ADVENT SEASON

The beautiful decorations which will adorn our church on the first Sunday in Advent will be graciously provided by the following members and friends of RPUMC:

Advent Wreath	Phyllis Bowman
Altar Trees	Clyde & Carolyn Nafzinger
Altar Wreath	Jay & Pat Cummings
Altar Wreath	Ruth Gibney
Balcony Wreath	Paulette Cleaver
Door Wreath	Kathy Russell
Door Wreath	Dorothy Scarborough
Door Wreath	Joan Stadelman
Door Wreath	Marvin & Betty Swain
Nativity Scenes	Koinonia Class



CHRISTMAS

SHOPPE

*Every Thursday through December 17
9 AM - 3 PM*

*Located next to the Parsonage
Adjacent to the garage*

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and prayers during my husband, Richard's illness. I especially want to thank Pastor Tom for his visits to my husband before he passed away.

Blessings, Mary Hall

I would like to thank RPUMC's congregation for the generous monetary gift. I wanted to take a moment and thank you for your warm reception on my last day as Music Minister. I'll always treasure your friendship.

Faithfully, Terri Weaver

SEVENTH ANNUAL ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT

Under the direction of Ms. Bettie Smith

Sunday, November 8 - 4:00 PM

Gathering and Hymn Singing - 3:45 PM

*Central Baptist Church
839 N. Pine Street*

*Freewill offering to benefit Central
Baptist Outreach Ministries*

BRIGHTER DAY MINISTRY

The Brighter Day Ministry supports the homeless and others in need in our community. They are sponsoring a clothing drive now through December 14. They are in need of the following new or slightly used items:

*Winter Hats, Gloves, Scarves and Coats
Please donate only the items mentioned above.
Financial contributions also will be accepted.*

A decorated box is located in the back of the Sanctuary where you can place your donations. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Shannon at 543-5612.

KIDS' KORNER



Hey everybody! November is such a wonderful time of year to give thanks for our church family and spend more time with them growing in the knowledge of and love for Christ. Come share the fellowship and bring a friend!

PreK-K will be taking a look at Jonah and the whale. We'll talk about giving thanks and how we celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

Grades 1-3 - During the month of November, the "Bible Detectives" in Room 3 are studying the Old Testament. We will meet a man called David and a man by the name of Jonah. The "Bible Detectives" will explore the books of Samuel and John in the Bible. We will finish the month of November with a discussion about "giving thanks."

Grades 4 thru 8 will continue with Grapple finishing up the faith questions focus with a lesson on "What if Jesus Is Lord? (Jesus Is God). Next they'll be moving into a look at real life Choices using Jeremiah 29:11 as a focus on "Kids Just Wanna Have Fun!" Why Can't I Go to PG-13 Movies? (God's Guidelines for Making Good Movie Choices); What Would Jesus Play on His iPod? (God's Guidelines for Making Good Music Choices); Is God a Party Pooper? (God Encourages Celebration -Fun!); Can Being a Christian Ever Be Fun? (Friendship With Jesus Is Fun).

Grades 9 thru 12 will be using the month of November to study the Beatitudes - what can we learn from them? Then we'll examine what it means to be thankful and how we can express our thankfulness to others.

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

PreK/K - Sarah Pasmore and Michelle Anderson

Grades 1 thru 3 - Marlene Johnson and Donna Chambers

Grades 4 thru 8 - Rob Anderson and Joe Tucker

Grades 9 thru 12 - Kristi J. Doughty and Annette Ott

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

Student Ambassador Program



ACCEPTANCE NOTICE

Volena Sease, a student at *Skyline Middle School* in *Wilmington* and a youth member of the *RPUMC*, has been accepted into the People to People Student Ambassador Program, an educational travel program founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. *Volena* will explore Australia for 20 days in the summer 2010 as a member of the *Delaware* delegation. By participating in the Australian Adventure itinerary, *Volena* can earn academic credit while getting to know the people, culture and history of the places visited. *She* will take part in a variety of activities such as *going to educational institutions with the local students*, snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef, climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge, learning about ocean marine life, and learning about the vast wildlife of Australia.

Acceptance into the Student Ambassador Program is an honor as there are only around 20 students from New Castle County to be part of this delegation. After being nominated to enroll in this program, *Volena* submitted letters of recommendation from educational officials and role models and successfully completed an interview process. Before departing *she* will attend several orientation meetings with program leaders and fellow delegates to learn about the destination and prepare for the journey. *Volena* will travel under the leadership of Gary Duren, a teacher-leader from *Delaware*. The delegation also is led by other teachers from around the Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania area.

The group will be met upon arrival by a local delegation manager who coordinates the cultural and recreational excursions and is familiar with local customs. President Eisenhower founded People to People during his presidency in 1956 with citizen leaders including entertainer Bob Hope, Olympic champion Jesse Owens, amusement entrepreneur Walt Disney and Hallmark Cards founder Joyce Hall. Having served as a military commander, Eisenhower believed that ordinary citizens of different nations could make a difference where governments could not. The People to People Student Ambassador Program is based in Spokane, Washington, and has been coordinating educational travel for over 50 years.

Please help support *Volena* over the next couple of months leading up to her departure. *She* will be sponsoring various fundraising activities to help cover the cost of this educational experience. There are three ways to help.

1. Over the next couple of months, *she* is sponsoring a fundraiser at local restaurants in the area. You can help by going out to eat. It is that Easy! Additional information on the dates and times will be made available in the bulletin.
2. *She* will be selling Pizza Hut cards. Buy a large pizza and get a medium pizza free. That is 12 free pizzas. The cost of the card is \$10.00
3. The easiest is a monetary donation. No donation is too small or large for this great educational experience.

For additional information on the program, please visit: www.peopletopeople.com.

News from Richardson Park Community Action Program (RPCAP)
November 2009

I would like to once again thank all who come out to support our Richardson Park Community Action Program.

I'd like to start with the Volunteers who work our Thrift Store Operations. Your dedication to the RPCAP program has made this the successful program that it is. I also thank our client service staff, including Mary Jane, our intern Jaime Daly, and our new volunteer recruit Gail Graham. They work exclusively with our clients, providing assistance at their time of need. I thank Maria and Edgar, who do a wonderful job at CAP and provide translation for our Spanish speaking clients.

We have been very blessed by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pugh who, with Annette Delaney from Prudential Fox Roach/Trident Group, donated the slightly used office furniture to RPCAP, as well as the storage filing cabinets and tables. I also need to thank the kindness of the members of the Richardson Park United Methodist Church Building Maintenance Group, who assisted in removing the furniture from Pike Creek to the temporary warehouse, then to RPCAP, and then placed into the office area and storage areas. Their kindness and devotion to RPCAP are greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Becky Kendall from Active Crane who allowed us to use their warehouse to store the furniture at no charge, and the Fennimore Family of B & F Towing Company, who allowed RPCAP to use their Parts Truck to transport the furniture from Pike Creek to the warehouse. When you come to visit RPCAP, come look at our new furniture in the office area as well as the cabinets that will be located in areas in the building to further help our volunteers do their jobs here at RPCAP.

I would also like to thank all the RPCAP family members who recently walked for the 2009 Crop Walk in October. For the dedication to our organization and to Church World Service, where part of the funds are used to feed many in our small world, thank you. "CROP" stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty. Our Thrift Store is changing out our summer inventory to our fabulous fall collection. Please take a moment to stop in and browse, and once again I like to thank those who donated to our Thrift Store.

We are always looking to stock our Food Closet at RPCAP. We are always in need of canned meats, cereals, canned vegetables, and canned ravioli products. We very much appreciate all your kind donations to our Food Closet at RPCAP.

Don Mulrine

SOUP & PIE SALE
Sponsored by the Mission Committee
Richardson Park United Methodist Church

PICK-UP DATE!!
Friday, November 20
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SOUP - \$6.00 PER QUART

Chicken Rice	_____ Qts.	\$ _____
Split Pea	_____ Qts.	\$ _____
Vegetable Beef	_____ Qts.	\$ _____

PIES - 10" DEEP DISH - \$10.00

Apple	_____ Qty.	\$ _____
Pumpkin	_____ Qty.	\$ _____
Pecan (\$12.00)	_____ Qty.	\$ _____
	Total	\$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

ALL ORDERS ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

Please submit your order by Sunday,
November 8 by contacting:

Bob Evely at 528-0509
Betty Swain at 838-6044
Church Office at 654-0961

CHRISTMAS ALTAR POINSETTIAS

Seventy red poinsettias have been ordered to be placed on the Altar on Sunday, December 20. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in Memory or Honor of Loved Ones, please return this form to the church office by Monday, December 7. The cost of each poinsettia is \$6.50. A check for the total amount should be included with this order form. Please make your check payable to Richardson Park United Methodist Church, marked "poinsettias." If possible, please pick up your poinsettia after the 10:30 p.m. candlelight service on Thursday, December 24.

Number of Plants _____

Donor's Name _____

In Memory of _____
(for those not living) _____

In Honor of _____
(for those living) _____

In Memory of _____
And Honor of _____

Check/Amount Enclosed: _____

Shall we deliver your flower to a Church Shut-In? YES ____ NO ____

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LAY READERS

November 1	Jim Chilcutt
November 8	Muriel Campbell
November 15	Sheldon Edwards
November 22	Kathy Russell
November 29	Kat Mitten

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 1	Mary White
At the Cross	Kathy Russell
November 8	William Farra
At the Cross & Lectern	Mary & Richard Sutor
November 15	John Burke
At the Cross	Jeanne Thomas
November 22	Charlene & Bruce Workman
November 29	Lee Powell



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
Tuesday, November 10. 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.*