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*Everything on earth has its own time and its own season.
There is a time for birth and death,
planting and reaping,
for killing and healing,
destroying and building,
for crying and laughing,
weeping and dancing,
for throwing stones and gathering stones,
embracing and parting.
There is a time for finding and losing,
keeping and giving,
for tearing and sewing,
listening and speaking.
There is also a time for love and hate,
for war and peace.*

- Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (Contemporary English Version)

It's taken a while but it's finally starting to feel like autumn around Wilmington. (Not that it would bother me, mind you, if summer stuck around for a little while longer . . .) Back in Northern Wisconsin when October rolled around, the leaves were usually down and most mornings there was frost on more than just the pumpkins. This month was very much a preface to the first snowfall, which often happened in the first couple of weeks of November. You would figure that after almost nine years in Delaware, I would start to get the hang of how the seasonal transitions occurred in the First State. Unfortunately, like some "Pavlovian" experiment gone awry, I have been conditioned by the Midwest to expect colder weather to start much earlier than it does in the Mid-Atlantic region. I'm convinced that eventually I'll get re-acclimated to the seasonal timings of Delmarva; but, for the time being, I'll have to rely on the "AI Rokers" of the world to keep me straight.

In addition, I have always been interested in understanding the human personality as a window into one's inner being or soul. What I find particularly fascinating is how some fairly simple questions, that appear to be completely innocuous on the surface, can yield amazing insights into the deep places of who we are. For example, do you tend to sit in the same place every Sunday or do you move around? The answer to that question tells me a lot about your preference for change and how you choose to embrace it. Another question that I have asked (which ties us back to the main point of this article) is what's your favorite season of the year? The answers that I get from people often surprise me. So far, in my very non-scientific study on this question, I've drawn these conclusions from the answers that I have received in the past:

Spring – The people who like spring tend to get bored quickly with the status quo and are always ready for a new challenge. They see the glass as half full. They usually like to garden and are known as outside people.

Summer – These are the beach people and often are the “big kids” amongst us. Visions of school being out and previous summer vacations often come up whenever summer is mentioned. Elementary school children and elementary school teachers will generally choose summer as their favorite season.

Autumn – These are the traditionalists. They often love football or love the colors of the autumn forest. The predictability of nature appeals to them and they like that cooler weather that comes in these months. They generally appreciate stability. My mother is an autumn person.

Winter – This appears to be most people’s least favorite season. Winter people are inside people. They like warm fires and hot chocolate and snow and icicles. They often are happy to see the glass has something to drink in it. They are not necessarily traditionalists but they are not usually people that welcome change.

I am a summer person – mostly because I am a big kid and I fondly remember the summers of my high school and college years. Plus my birthday is in July and that means cake and presents, which are always good things.

Now before you accuse me of stereotyping and prejudice, let me explain something. I know that no generalization ever holds for everyone, nor should it. The reason that I like to ask this question is not see how often I am right but it’s to see how often I am wrong. You see the diversity of the answers that I receive is a good thing! It will often cause me to reflect upon how I view the seasons of the year and to reflect on how amazingly diverse the human creature truly is. Last time I looked at official statistics there were six billion different people all inhabiting this tiny globe, and I’m convinced that they are all individual and unique (even the identical twins). I tell you all this because it is central to what I believe as a Christian. There are no wasted parts and there are no wasted people. “There are many parts, but one body,” or to put it another way, “God doesn’t make junk.” Our Creator loves us too much for that. So embrace that diversity. Revel in the differences between us. Celebrate the tapestry that God has woven through all of humankind. And always, always, always choose love.

Blessing and Peace to you all,
Pastor Tom





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Karen Boyd	10/1
Brittany Brown	10/1
DeeDee Painter	10/3
Jane Thomas	10/3
Tim Williamson	10/3
Bob Evely	10/4
Edward Przywara	10/4
Brandon Henderson	10/5
Claire Austin	10/6
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
Mary Hall	10/9
Carol Haynes	10/10
Kaia Phillips	10/10
Logan Phillips	10/10
Melissa Hughes	10/11
Winfield Lane	10/12
Sarah Pasmore	10/12
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
Eric Fleming	10/27
Tod Mitten	10/27
Scott Cloud	10/28

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

Circle Meetings

Ruth Circle Wed., October 7
10:00 a.m. – Church Lounge

Rebekah Circle Tue., October 6
Home of Sue Cummings
We will car pool.

Unit Meeting Tuesday, October 20 1:30 PM

Covered Dish Sunday, October 25 11:30 AM



**Daylight Saving Time Ends on
Sunday, November 1 at
2 AM.**

**Time to turn your clocks back
one hour!!!**



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.



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 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.

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

September 2009 \$66.39

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 \$912.64. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. **AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.**

CROP WALK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 1PM

The Crop Walk will begin at Peniel UMC. Please see Bob Evely for details.



**Friday, October 9
7:30 AM – 6 PM**

**Saturday, October 10
9 AM – 3 PM**

KIDS' KORNER



Hi everyone! What a beautiful time of year fall is! The weather is finally getting cooler and fall is upon us.

PreK-K will be taking a look at Noah's adventure in the ark. The children will be making and filling an ark as we look at Noah's obedience and faithfulness to God. Finally, we'll find out the message of the rainbow. Come join the fun!

Grades 1-3 will continue our journey in the Old Testament of the Bible. Our studies will take us on a visit with Noah and Moses. We will continue to explore the books of Genesis and Exodus. We will utilize the Bible, music, role-playing, class discussions and crafts in our journey. October definitely will be a very busy month!

Grades 4 thru 8 will continue with Grapple – Why do I have to sit in the back seat? (God's call to sacrifice for our siblings); What if Jesus is a liar? (Jesus is always truthful); What if Jesus is a lunatic? (Jesus' style of religion); and What if Jesus is a loser? (Jesus is the biggest winner!)

Grades 9 thru 12 changed courses and began with a multimedia learning experience called "Jesus Did It" – we'll finish that up with studying Mark – Jesus encounters a sick person; Jesus encounters a seeker who wants to find out "What must I do to inherit eternal life?"; and Jesus encounters a sinner – when Jesus spoke with the criminals that were hung on crosses at his side during the crucifixion. We'll finish the month with the "Ten Tough Things" study – "Get off the Sidelines".

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



MUSIC NOTES

Terri Weaver, Director



While I was on vacation in August, I found a PBS special about Dr. Wayne Dyer. He is considered by many a motivational speaker and by others a very spiritual man. I went to the bookstore the next day to purchase his book, *Inspiration, Your Ultimate Calling*. My goal was to determine my ultimate calling with God. The book was truly enlightening.

Dr. Dyer suggests you find your **joy, your passion** in life and you will determine your calling, your purpose with God. I know one of my great **Joys is Music**. Music I have shared as Director of Music Ministry at RPUMC and 100th Anniversary Committee, Chair.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank people for their willingness to serve and contribute to the Music Ministry. **Thank You goes to: the chancel bells, chancel choir, and all special musicians. I have a special place in my heart for Jay Cummings as the passionate caretaker for the organ. (The pipe organ I truly enjoyed playing.) A special THANKS goes to the BMG group for all of their help moving equipment and preparing the Sanctuary for worship, especially when the bells played and to Harriet Ann for all of the secretarial support and last minute changes.**

I hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter articles as much as I have enjoyed writing them. But, this will be my last newsletter article to you. My last date as Director of Music Ministry is September 30th. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I have truly been blessed.

Faithfully,
Terri Weaver



After almost three years of ministry together, we are saddened to be saying good by to our music director and friend, Terri Weaver. We greatly appreciate and thank her for the love, kindness, and gracious generosity that she has shown our RPUMC family. We will remember and treasure the good times we shared and the things that she has taught us. The Apostle Paul reminds us that love never ends and that we are never separated from the love of God through Jesus Christ or one another. Terri always will hold a special place in our hearts. We wish her well in her future endeavors and pray for God to continue to bless her music ministry.

News from Richardson Park Community Action Plan (RPCAP)

September 2009

I again want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as the Executive Director of RPCAP.

The first full month has been very exciting and rewarding to serve and meet our community members who we assist everyday and the volunteers who are here faithfully to assist our friends.

We will have a difficult year with the economy still trying to recover.

I also want to continue to reach out to our community to support RPCAP as you have done for over forty years. We are always in need of canned foods for our food closet program as well as linens, dishes, small appliances, knick- knacks, and toys for our Thrift Store.

Please welcome Jamie Daily, our Delaware Technical College Intern. Jamie lives in Bear, Delaware, with her Husband Eric and their three children. Jamie is able to prepare food stamp applications on-line for our clients, as well as all Community Service Functions at RPCAP. Jamie will be with us until December.

I would also like to welcome Harvest Christian Fellowship to our RPCAP Family. Pastor Meredith L. Griffin, Jr. and Co-Pastor Doris L.P. Griffin have been collecting food and school supplies for our Food Closet and look forward to assisting RPCAP with clothing as well. Harvest Christian Fellowship is located at 3813 Newport Gap Pike.

RPCAP has recently worked with Kim Heatwole of the Census Office to apply for a grant to provide our Cook Books to our Food Closet Customers. We look forward to working with the Census Office and providing assistance to our neighbors in the Official Census Count that begins in March of 2010. We will be providing updates as well as literature in the Thrift Store at RPCAP.

RPCAP will be providing Nu Legacy RX Prescriptions Cards for anyone who wishes to use them; they are good at many of the major Pharmacies in the United States. These cards are activated and ready to use. Some customers may see up to 75% savings on the price of prescriptions even if they have an insurance policy. Please come in and see if these cards can assist you.

RPCAP kitchen update: The Kitchen demolition and painting has been completed. Beverly Jackey from the Food Bank has assisted Clyde Nafzinger and me in refining the Design Lay-out. We will be looking for contractors to assist us in the project within the next month.

A special thank you to Pat and Frank Pugh for their kind assistance in obtaining the office furniture donation from Prudential Fox & Roach. We were able to replace a number of worn chairs and provide a new desk in the second floor office area as well as storage cabinets for RPCAP. I would also like to remind everyone that they can have their employers match donations to RPCAP. For additional information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Again, I wish to thank everyone for this great opportunity to serve our community.

Donald H. Mulrine Jr.

LOTS OF FREE OFFICE FURNITURE DONATED TO CAP!!!

On September 10, 2009, Prudential Fox & Roach REALTORS/Trident donated the following items to the Richardson Park Community Action Program:

Desks, credenzas, bookcases, chairs, tables, file cabinets, shelves, a paper cutter, fax machine, refrigerator and many other items.

Our CAP building, located at 107 South Maryland Avenue, is getting a new face lift because of these generous gifts.

B & F Towing Company loaned CAP a truck to move the furniture, and volunteers helped to relocate everything. Eagle Crane Company offered to store items that could not be used right away - at no charge!

CAP is very grateful for these gifts. It will make their offices and work areas look professional and will enhance the efficiency of their operation.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to Prudential Fox & Roach REALTORS/Trident, B & F Towing Company, Eagle Crane Company and to the many volunteers:

Clyde Nafzinger, E. J. Wright, Marvin Swain
Ed Ide, Bob Evely, Joe Tucker and Don Mulrine



Happy Halloween



COSTUME PARTY

Richardson Park

United Methodist Church

11 North Maryland Avenue

654-0961

WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL

Mischief Night Party!

October 30

6 PM - 8 PM

Games

Prizes

Goodies

A safe place to celebrate the holiday!

COME JOIN THE FUN!

**BRING A CANNED FOOD FOR CAP
AND/OR A MONETARY DONATION FOR
OUR YOUTH GROUP.**





RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Kids Café Mission Statement

Kids Café is a structured after-school Christian ministry committed to providing homework assistance, educational enrichment and recreational activities for the children of our community who are attending kindergarten through 6th grade.

Kids Café is set to begin another exciting year at RPUMC on Thursday, October 15, 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and we would love for your children to participate.

Our goal is to enable each participant to enjoy recreation and special programming along with the all important homework tutoring component. Our structure continues to include a clearly defined set of behaviors. If a child is not able to follow these expectations, the end result may be the termination of his or her participation in Kid's Café.

Please complete the registration and Medical Authorization forms and give them to Marlene Johnson or bring them to Kids Café on Thursday, October 15. If you have any questions about this year's program, please call Marlene Johnson at 328-5806 or Janet Dickerson at 494-5247.

KIDS CAFÉ

REGISTRATION FORM - 2009-2010

Student's Name: _____

Birth Date: ___/___/___ *Age:* _____ *Current Grade:* _____

What School Does the Student attend? _____

Parent or Care Giver Name: _____

Address: _____

An emergency phone or cell phone number is an absolute must!

Home Phone: _____ *Work Phone:* _____ *Cell Phone:* _____

If your child will be unable to arrive at Kids Café by the 3:30 p.m. starting time due to school location or dismissal time, please advise the expected arrival time.

Time _____ *Parent/Guardian Signature* _____

All children must be picked up promptly at 6:00 p.m. We recommend you make every effort to pick up your child regardless of age. However, if you give permission for your child to walk home without adult supervision, please sign below to indicate that you accept responsibility for your child leaving on his/her own at the end of Kids Café.

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Please sign here if you will allow your child's photograph to be taken at Kids Café and be posted within the church building.

Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Kid's Café at Richardson Park United Methodist Church

11 N. Maryland Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19804
(302) 654-0961

Medical Authorization

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Person to Contact: _____ Phone: _____

I understand that in the event medical treatment is required for my child while attending Kids Café, I give permission to Pastor Tom Pasmore, Marlene Johnson and/or Janet Dickerson to secure the services of health care personnel to provide appropriate health care for my child, including anesthesia, until such time as I or the person listed above, as the emergency contact person, can be reached.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please list medical allergies, medications being taken, medical problems or other pertinent medical information _____

KIDS CAFÉ
Educational Progress Disclosure

October 2009

Dear School Principal and Classroom Teacher,

I give Marlene Johnson and/or Janet Dickerson, Kids Café representatives, permission to discuss my child's educational progress and possible instructional interventions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Child's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

SOUP & PIE SALE
Sponsored by the Mission Committee

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

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Tom Pasmore, Pastor



READERS

October 4	Betty Swain
October 11	Paul Weaver
October 18	Joan Stadelman
October 25	Brisa Peterson

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 4	Bob Ashton
October 11	Sandy Ide
October 18	Susan Watkins & Family
October 25	Dorothy Scarborough
At the Cross	Anna Mae Shewbrooks

FLOWERS

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

Please submit your articles for the November Messenger to the Church Office by Monday, October 12. Thank you.

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.