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WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6



Sunday School	9:00 AM
Social Time	10:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM



We are careful not to judge people by what they seem to be, though we once judged Christ in that way. Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new. God has done it all! He sent Christ to make peace between himself and us, and he has given us the work of making peace between himself and others.

What we mean is that God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And he has given us the work of sharing his message about peace. We were sent to speak for Christ, and God is begging you to listen to our message. We speak for Christ and sincerely ask you to make peace with God. Christ never sinned! But God treated him as a sinner, so that Christ could make us acceptable to God.

- 2nd Corinthians 5:16-21 (Contemporary English Version)

It's "back-to-school time" again. While the change in season has not quite happened, summer has passed its zenith and is careening towards the impending start of autumn. The school busses have returned to the roadways and football season is right around the corner. Since I happen to be working like crazy on ordination paperwork at the present, I feel like I am back in school. But as unenthusiastic as I am about more work to do, I can't help loving the idea of a new *beginning*. The start of school holds the promise of great things yet to come, of adventures not yet taken, and life waiting to be lived. I love the energy and excitement during this time of anticipation. I am also very excited about the next year at Richardson Park. No one knows what the future holds. We are guaranteed to have ups and downs, but I know God will be right there with us. Jesus himself made us that promise several times in the Scriptures. Wherever, whenever, however, whoever we do ministry with or for in our community, Jesus Christ is right beside us sharing our joys and our sorrows. Lifting us up when we are down and giving us spiritual "high fives" during times of success and triumph. What an amazing God we serve!!

As we embark on this new beginning together, down the road of ministry in the next year, I may not know what lies ahead, but I do know that God is always with us. I look forward to traveling together with you all and finding out what will happen next. It's sure to be an adventure!!

Blessing and Peace to you all,
Pastor Tom



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

André Burgos	9/1
Tyler Hughart	9/2
Alanis Stout	9/2
Meghan Logullo	9/5
Holly Ramsey	9/5
Betty Focht	9/6
Ed Ide	9/6
Maggie Painter	9/6
George Brittingham	9/7
Bob Gamble	9/7
Richard Locke	9/7
Molly Mucha	9/7
Barbara Loose	9/10
Madison Mucha	9/10
Sami Davidson	9/12
Lillian Simmons	9/12
William Crozier	9/13
Karen Davis	9/15
Patt Jones	9/15
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
Katelynn Thomas	9/27
Christopher Knott	9/28
Curtis Knott	9/28
Robert Swain	9/28
Christopher Bowen	9/29
Pat Cummings	9/30
Amy Przywara	9/30

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

Circle Meetings

Ruth Circle	Wed., September 2 10:00 a.m. – Church Lounge
Rebekah Circle	Tue., September 15 7:00 p.m. – Church Lounge

THANK YOU!

Each Unit of the United Methodist Women was asked as part of the "Campaign for Children" to purchase and fill three back packs with school supplies. These were to be given to school children of our choice. Well, church family, you have done it again! With your generous support, we filled eight back packs. Six packs were given to CAP and will be given to families with young children. Two packs were distributed to children in our church family. A telephone call was received from Don Mulrine, the new Director of CAP, thanking us for our support.

Pat Cummings, President



CHANCEL CHOIR/HANDBELL SCHEDULE

Regular rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 10. Handbells will meet at 6:30 p.m. and Chancel Choir will meet at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

MISSION TREE

On Sundays in September, we 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.

Thank You

We want to thank everyone for their prayers, support, cards, phone calls, and the wonderful luncheon after my sister's death and funeral.

Michelle, Rob, Sara & Nicole Anderson



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

Well, you've done it again! A thousand Zingo receipts were collected during the summer, and RPUMC received a check for \$209.83 on August 21. This brings our year-to-date total to \$853.04. Thanks to everyone for your continued support!



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

July 2009	\$107.79
August 2009	\$127.74

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 \$846.25. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Want to learn more about the Bible? Have questions about how God is speaking to you? to this community? today? Want to read, learn and pray with others devoted to walking with Christ in their daily lives? Saint James Episcopal Church, Peniel UMC and Richardson Park UMC are partnering in a weekly Bible study program known as **Disciple**. Sarah Nelson, Tracy Mooney, and Pastor Tom will share leadership of the study. The group will meet on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. The first meeting will be held at Peniel on Friday, September 11. Please call the church office if you would like to participate. To cover the cost of supplies, a \$1.00 donation each week would be appreciated.

CROP WALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 1PM

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



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.

SPECIAL THANKS TO DAVE GOSS..

Following some much-needed scraping, sanding and painting of the window ledges in the sanctuary, the Trustees wanted to find a way to keep candle wax from dripping on the newly painted surfaces. To our rescue...Dave Goss! Dave was able to procure eight trimmed sheets of Lucite® that slide onto the ledges, provide an excellent covering for the painted surfaces and can be removed for easy cleaning. Thank you, Dave!!!



Well it's that time of year to go back to school and we really have some exciting plans for you to join us at Sunday School! Bring a friend and come ready to learn and have fun on Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.!

PreK thru K – We can't wait to see everyone this fall. We'll be using stories, games and crafts to study the Bible. Bring your energy and enthusiasm!

Grades 1 thru 3 – We will begin a study of the Old Testament this fall. What an exciting adventure as we travel through time in our Bible studies! We will use the Bible stories, role play, and have discussions. Hope to see you in Room 3.

Grades 4 thru 8 will continue with Grapple – tackling issues such as Why do my parents always say "No"? (God's direction to parents: Boundaries = Love); Why can't we all just get along? (God's plan for handling family conflict); and Why can't I be an only child? (God's plan for loving our siblings).

Grades 9 thru 12 are beginning a new challenge called "Ten Tough Things" that's a bold plunge into the Christian life – beginning with "Get off the Sidelines", "Deny Yourself" and "Passionately Pursue".

God's Little Angels will be planning a trip to the VA Hospital to take snacks and play bingo with the guys so look for more details to come!

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



As a youth, going to church was more about occurrences rather than substance. My organ teacher spent no time discussing the purpose of Preludes and Postludes as they related to church services. When I found my religion, better yet, when it found me, I developed a different sense for their purpose.

Preludes as defined by Miriam-Webster's Dictionary: "an introductory performance, action, or event preceding and preparing for the principal or a more important matter." For RPUMC...**it prepares us for the worship service.** It opens our senses for the appreciation of God's presences and themes for the worship service. For some it may be a spiritual preamble, a time for quiet reflection. This prayer-full time cannot be accomplished without quiet time.

A **Postlude** is the final chapter of a church service. It concludes the worship service and sends the congregation to be messengers of God's word.

Music is one of the most important parts of a congregation's life. Through music a congregation worships together, teaches its children, expresses its common joys and sorrows, celebrates and proclaims its history and tradition. Music plays an important part in the worship of biblical communities, as a way of approaching the mystery of God and expressing the joy of his presence. The Gospels record that Jesus and his disciples sang a hymn after the Last Supper (Matt. 26:30; Mark 14:26).

The Preludes, Postludes, Offertories and hymns presented each week during worship service are an expression of joy, sorrow, reflections and love of Christ. As a servant of God, the music I play is my expression, too. It is not performed for applause or self-gratitude, but as my gift to praising God in a different way.

As you enter the Sanctuary each week and hear the awesome pipe organ or other instruments, keep in mind the purpose of the Prelude, Postlude and Offertories: Our appreciation of God's presence in this Holy place.

Faithfully,

Terri Weaver

A Special Thank You!

Please join me in thanking everyone who participated in this summer's special music. Many members of the congregation and other musicians shared their gifts of diverse music. The extra rehearsals and preparation time are greatly appreciated and we look forward to hearing your music in the future.

FREE VOCAL SKILLS CLASS

Have you had a desire to improve your skills as a singer or been thinking about joining the choir but don't think you have any ability as a singer. Here is your chance to learn and improve the gift of singing that God has given to you.

In this class we will be covering vocal technique to help you improve your singing skills in the following areas:

- Learn or improve your breathing and posture
- Gain techniques for opening your throat and lifting your soft palate
- Acquire exercises to gain more resonance and beauty in your tone
- Tips for stretching your range for higher and lower notes

Date: Saturday September 26, 2009

Where: RPUMC Music Room – 2nd Floor

Time: MEN: 9 to 11 AM

WOMEN: 11:15 to 1:00 PM

Invite a friend, bring a relative or a group of people. All are welcome!

Refreshments Provided

Choir and Handbells on Thursday beginning September 10th:

Rehearsals for choir and handbells are on Thursday evenings. Mark your calendar for the beginning date of September 10th. Handbells start at 6:30 PM and choir begins at 7:30 PM. Come join us for an evening of music. No experience required.

ANDCome join us for a "pickup" choir on Sunday September, 6th at 9:30. We will rehearse a selection of music and sing it on the same Sunday. It's a great way to join it and see what choir is all about. All are welcome.

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons are offered to all ages from 6 to adult. Contact Terri Weaver for more details 610-869-7704.

"The Trustees' Times"



Rob Anderson, Chair

As stated in the last Messenger, we are about to undertake some much needed roof repairs. This project is tentatively scheduled to start on August 24th. We will be removing and replacing the flat roof over the landing room, the parapet walls around the Tower, and some miscellaneous slate shingles that are damaged or broken. Our biggest concern at this point is that there is no (or at least minimal) hidden damage below the flat roof where it has been leaking for sometime. Unfortunately, there is no way to tell if there is any other damage until the existing roof comes off. Keep this project in your thoughts and prayers, and we will keep you posted on the results. To date we have raised approximately \$1,300.00 to offset the cost of an expected \$6,000.00. If you would still like to contribute to this project, please feel free to send in your donation to the church office.

Thanks from the Trustees.

2009 RPUMC Board of Trustees

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News from Richardson Park Community Action Program

Happy fall from Richardson Park CAP! We'd like to share with you the good news that Donald H. Mulrine, Jr. has joined us during the last week of July as our new Executive Director! Don and his family have lived and worked here in our neighborhood for a long time. Some of you may remember him as Mayor Don of Newport. We welcome him aboard and look forward to his direction!

On August 2, volunteers, Jo Q, Maria and Mary Jane, represented RP CAP at Five Points Fire Company's open house event with flyers and posters to raise our awareness to the general community. This fall, CAP's Food Nutrition program is being planned to use our freshly designed kitchen to accommodate classes.

Food, clothing, household items, etc. continue to be donated for our food & clothing closets as well as the thrift shop. Without you, your church and other dedicated patrons like the DE State Government, Food Bank of Delaware, Brokee Hagley Foundation, C.W. & Marjorie J. Schrenk Family Foundation, Shop Rite, The Female Benevolent Society of Wilmington, The Gilliam Foundation, The Laffey-McHugh Foundation, The Safeway Foundation, Westview Tuxedo Park Civic Assn, Five Points Fire Company, Wilmington Trust Employees, Frank Pugh, Pat Pugh of Prudential Fox & Roach Realtors, Zingo's, Castle Bag Co, Cosmos Restaurant, DE School & Office, Homalite, Ralph A. Cicconi, Inc., Sath Amara, M.D., optometrists, Drs. Goldberg & Darrell, Wholesale Janitor Supply, McDonald Equipment Inc., Olympiad Gymnastics School, private donors through specified contributions to United Way and the private and anonymous donors, we could not serve our community with the much needed assistance to those living in distressed situations.

CAP has been and is the recipient of many generous and dedicated supporters of time, talent and treasure – we deeply and sincerely thank all of you! AND, as always, we welcome you to stop by for a visit and to join us in service to the Richardson Park Community! Our next Annual Open Board Meeting is scheduled for Sept 22, 2009.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Everyone is invited to CAP's Annual Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Presbyterian Church. At this meeting, electors will choose people to serve on CAP's Board of Directors. Electors are people who live in CAP's service area, plus other people, regardless of where they live, who work in furtherance of CAP's programs.

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READERS

September 6
September 13
September 20
September 27

Pat Cummings
Sath Amara
Ruth Phillips
Maria Ott

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 6
At the Cross
September 13
At the Cross
September 20
September 27

Sath Amara
Bettie Smith
Koinonia Class
Barbara Sayles
Brenda & Joe Tucker
Herb & Mary Ann Atkinson

FLOWERS

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

Please submit your articles for the October Messenger to the Church Office by Thursday, September 10. Thank you.

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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.