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*Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own. Because of this decision we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life burgeons! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other.*

*- Second Corinthians 5:14-18 (The Message)*

By the time you receive this, Easter will be right around the corner. This time of year, as wonderful as it is, causes me some real angst at times. The annual struggle that Sarah and I always face is helping our kids experience the holy mystery of what Easter really is. To them it is the esoteric story of this great guy, Jesus, who gets hurt badly on Friday, dies, and then shows up again on Sunday alive and well. Unfortunately, in the retelling it almost comes across as a fairy tale because of the incongruities between the way life seems to work and the work that God did through Christ in the last week of his life. People usually don't get themselves killed by being nice to others. People are not literally crucified for what they believe. People who die do not get up and have breakfast with their friends. So, how do I connect my kids to the majesty of the Easter story?

In addition, my kids have not experienced loss and grief the same way that we adults have. Without an understanding of the real pain of death, and particularly crucifixion, they cannot connect to the emotions and feelings the disciples are experiencing on Saturday, the Sabbath in between the execution and the resurrection. The story loses some of its power and glory when Jesus' passing is not seen as a real, *bona fide* death. Kid language falls far short of having the impact that this story is able to invoke amongst people who have truly suffered. The truth is that my kids have not suffered in any meaningful way, and I praise God for that. Being a parent is about shielding them from suffering and shielding them from the horrors that take place on Good Friday. So, how do I connect my kids to power of the Easter story?

I have no ready answers for these questions, but I think I know what Sarah and I need to do for the connection to take place on its own. Let Jesus tell his own story. Let the mystery and wonder that surround Holy Week capture their imagination without me trying to force it upon them. The powerful experience of God often comes when we let go and invite the Holy Spirit to move in our lives. And the Spirit moves as the wind blows with no planning or forethought on our parts. My prayer for Holy Week and Easter this year is that you allow the Holy Spirit to move within you and create a new space for mystery in your heart and for my kids to grow in love through a Savior who lived, died, and rose again for them and for all of us.

May the joy and love and hope of Easter fill all of your being.

*Pastor Tom*

**PALM SUNDAY**

Sunday, March 28th – 10:30 AM

**HOLY THURSDAY**

Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM  
R.P.U.M.C. Sanctuary

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Noon  
Peniel United Methodist Church

**EASTER CELEBRATIONS**

Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 AM St. James  
Episcopal Church Cemetery

7:30 AM Easter Breakfast  
Calvary Presbyterian Church

10:30 AM R.P.U.M.C. Sanctuary



***EASTER VIGIL***

***SATURDAY, APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 PM***

***AT RICHARDSON PARK UMC***

***JOINT SERVICE WITH***

***PENIEL UMC AND***

***ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH***

***COVERED DISH WILL BE HELD IN***

***FELLOWSHIP HALL AFTER***

***THE SERVICE.***

***PLEASE JOIN US!***

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Dawn Logullo Davis	4/1
Tessa Logullo	4/1
Paul Weaver	4/2
Ruth Rubican	4/4
Ruth Gibney	4/5
Denise Grubb	4/6
Robert Boyd	4/8
Edward Rash	4/9
Kelly Gibbons	4/11
Joan Stadelman	4/11
Anmarie Haynes	4/12
Christopher Sutor	4/16
Rosalie Cascone	4/18
Amber Saienni	4/18
Richard Sutor	4/18
Julie Gibbons	4/19
Kirlynn Phillippe	4/20
Robert Boyd, Jr.	4/21
Katherine Burge	4/22
Robert Collins, Jr.	4/22
Kathy Russell	4/23
Robert Evely, III	4/24
Alicia Silva	4/25
Christine Martnick	4/26
Shirley Delpizzo	4/27
Krista Moore	4/28
Daniel Swain	4/29

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



**WESLEY TOWER BANKS**  
March 2010                      \$78.66

Thanks for remembering to bring in your filled banks the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date is \$268.06. Empty banks can be picked up as you leave the altar area each Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



In April, Rebekah Circle will take care of the flowers in the church. Both Circles will help with the Easter lilies.

### Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle      Tue., April 13      7:00 PM  
Church Lounge

Ruth Circle              Wed., April 7      10:00 AM  
Church Lounge

**Unit Meeting              Tuesday, April 20      1 PM**  
**Church Lounge**

***REMINDER - Health kits are due by Sunday, April 11. Drop them off at the church office or see Mary Alice Bair.***

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Saturday, April 24      11 AM – 3 PM**  
**PECOMETH DAY**

Activities will include the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Live Quilt Auction, Silent Auction, Food Tent, Music, Hayrides, Carnival and Open House Tours.

Also scheduled is the Wilmington District United Methodist Women's "Spring Fling."

### Circle Leaders

Rebekah Circle                      Marlene Johnson  
Ruth Circle                              Joan Stadelman

If you are interested in joining a Circle, please contact Marlene or Joan for more information.

### UMW MISSION PROJECT **Baby Blankets for CAP**

A few of our ladies have taken on a mission project for CAP. They are knitting, crocheting or quilting baby blankets. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Marlene Johnson at 328-5806.

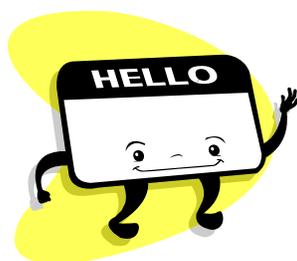


## ZINGO



## TAPES

The Zingo Receipt Rebate Program has been in place for many years. For those of you who are new to this concept, Zingo's at both the Boxwood and Polly Drummond Hill Shopping Centers will contribute 1% of the value of the total receipts collected. That's one cent on each dollar spent. Doesn't sound like much, does it? But those pennies sure add up! Last year Zingo's contributed \$1,062 to our General Fund which was sufficient to cover all of RPUMC's adult and children's Sunday school education costs for the entire year!! And so far this year, we've received \$227! Thanks for continuing to bring in your receipts and making this program such a great success!



At the February meeting of Church Council, I asked and received permission to prepare name badges for wearing at worship and other group activities. I feel it would promote more direct communications with members if there was a little help from a dangling name tag. I sincerely hope that the badges will receive the full cooperation of RPUMC members and friends and will further mark RPUMC as a church who cares. "Many thanks to contributors: Bob Evely and Sandy Swain. Blessings, Ed Ide

### ATLAR FLOWER OPENING

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, there is an opening on Sunday, May 2. Please see Sandy or Ed Ide or call the church office at 654-0961.

## **We Are A Church Family**

Recently, several senior members of our congregation have expressed a concern in losing touch with their memory. (Aren't we all?)

It seems they are having increasing difficulty in acknowledging individuals by name although they may have known them for years.

This issue was addressed at Church Council during our February meeting, and it was proposed and voted on to engage in having name tags available to each person at worship.

Please consider being part of the endeavor to support all persons in our church family no matter what the need may be.

With loving kindness,  
Sandy Swain

## MISSION TREE



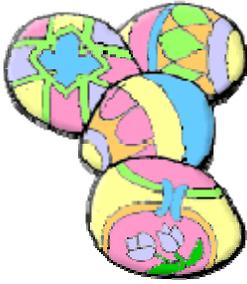
On Sundays in April, we are hanging "Easter Eggs" on our Mission Tree. Hang an "Easter Egg" on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.

## **FOOD FOR CAP**

Don't forget to bring 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.



## KIDS' KORNER



Hey everybody – it's spring and we invite you to join us for some fun and worship. Come to our Easter celebration on April 4 where we'll share breakfast and have our annual exciting Easter egg hunt at 9:00 AM – it's always fun to watch or participate whether you're young or young at heart.

PreK-K will be playing games and having fun celebrating Jesus' life this month. Come join us!

Grades 1 thru 3 (Room 3) will celebrate Easter the first Sunday in April. The rest of the month, Room 3 will use Bible readings, role-playing, and discussions to learn about "Doubting Thomas" and the work Jesus' disciples will do. We will continue our Sunday morning singing with the pre-school class. Once a month, we visit the Adult Sunday school class in the lounge to sing. Enjoy the season of spring. Blessings from Mrs. Marlene.

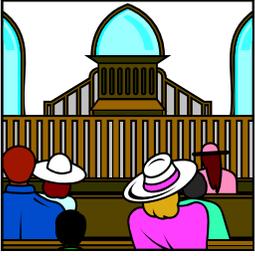
Grades 4 thru 8 will be continuing Grapple and studying Romans 6:23 in a unit focused on Faith: Salvation – the Great Escape: Why Doesn't Everyone Go to Heaven? (Sin separates us from God); Why isn't "Being Good" Good Enough? (Good works are not enough); Why Did Jesus Have to Die? (The Sacrificial System for Forgiveness); and Why Doesn't Everyone Just Believe in Jesus? (The Need to Accept Christ's Gift).

Grades 9 thru 12 will be doing a study on Temptation - - Hooked – Don't Take the Bait of Temptation where we'll learn –Don't Take the Bite (Dealing with Temptation); Swim in Schools (Temptation and Friends); Get Rid of the Hook and Swim Free!

### God's Little Angels

Look for details to come on rescheduling our trip to the Masonic Home - - our Valentine's Day visit was snowed out so we're going to visit them in celebration of spring not to mention our annual spring planting of the Wesley Tower Garden!





## ***Laity Enlightenment***

During the Lenten Season, I listened to the Pastor's messages and realized there is a lot of work to do. I reflected on my brokenness, sins and imperfections and thought about things I needed to do to improve and get closer to God.

There are large and small improvements we can make in ourselves and in our daily lives that initially may seem like a lot of WORK. So it can be very hard to get started on actually changing our behaviors and habits. Even if we start with the smallest of things, we can easily give up or give in before we really get going. Ideally, we set goals for ourselves that are reasonable and achievable; not so grandiose that they seem impossible. But I'm one for thinking BIG and I do believe that "with God, nothing is impossible." So here are some projects I'll be working on this year along with my personal reasons for undertaking them:

Set up a Fitness Center in the Tower Room to help me develop a personal fitness program I can stick with and to give us all the opportunity to take better care of the bodies God gave us while sharing fellowship and fitness with others. (More details to follow next month.)

Initiate the Rejuvenation of our family style Church Dinners to extend food and fellowship to our community while working together as brothers and sisters in support of missions. (First brainstorming meeting was held on March 21.)

Communicate and Promote the April Paper Recycling Contest as one small step toward taking better care of God's Green Earth. (See flyer in this Messenger about the event.)

Does this all seem like too much? It tells me I've got a lot of work to do. But I know this work is personally rewarding, both physically and spiritually, so with the right measure of prayer, participation and perseverance, all of this is very possible. There are already many people involved in the activities described above. If you are interested in knowing more about these or any other projects at the church, please seek out your lay leader. You may find out there is something going on that you would really enjoy helping with. What's that old saying? "Many hands make light work."

Your Lay Leader, Kathy Russell

**PIE SALE**  
**Sponsored by the Mission Committee**  
**Richardson Park United Methodist Church**  
**Corner of Maryland and Matthes Avenues**

**PICK-UP DATE!!**  
**Friday, April 23**  
**2 PM - 5:30 PM**

**PIES - 10" DEEP DISH - \$10.00**

Apple                      \_\_\_\_\_ Qty.                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cherry                      \_\_\_\_\_ Qty.                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Coconut Custard                      \_\_\_\_\_ Qty.                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME -----

ADDRESS -----

PHONE NO. -----

**ALL ORDERS ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.**

Please submit your order by Sunday,  
April 18 by contacting:

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

## **COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (CAP)**

### Legislative Visits

CAP receives major financial support from the State of Delaware, and we were honored recently to have received personal visits from three legislators: House Member Larry Mitchell, Senator Karen Peterson, and Senator Patty Blevins. We did our best to show off CAP's varied services and its enthusiastic volunteers. Our distinguished visitors expressed great admiration for CAP. We know they will do what they can to continue our state funding.

### Census 2010

CAP is a partner with the 2010 Census, which is just now kicking off. Census workers will be stationed at CAP to answer people's concerns and assist with questionnaires. Come visit if you would like to speak with a census worker. Workers will be here Monday and Tuesday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Thursday noon to 5:00 pm through the end of April.

### 5K Run is Coming

Spring 2010 will see the First Annual 5K Run/Walk for CAP – specific date to be determined. We are presently looking for sponsors. If your business would like to display its logo on tee shirts and other items, send us an email at [rpcap107@verizon.net](mailto:rpcap107@verizon.net).

### Strawberry Festival

Mark your calendar for CAP's annual Strawberry Festival -- Saturday June 5 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Details to follow next month.

### Computer Set-Ups Needed

If you or your company could provide a good used computer, monitor, and keyboard to a CAP client, please contact Mary Jane. Call the CAP cell phone 302/358-5357 or leave a voice mail at 302/428-1247. Thanks!

# Don't wait until it's too late!

## ESTATE AND FUNERAL PLANNING SEMINAR

Wednesday, April 7

12pm

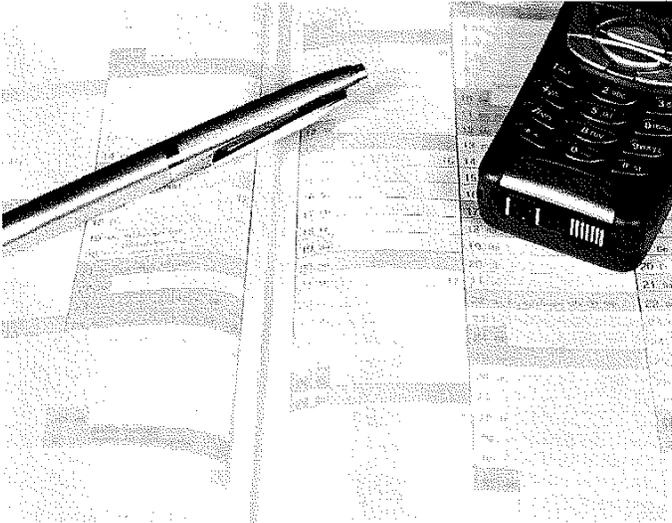
Peniel United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall

Potluck Lunch

Speakers:

Jim Gilmore, Nichols and Gilmore Funeral Homes

Raymond E. Tomasetti, Attorney



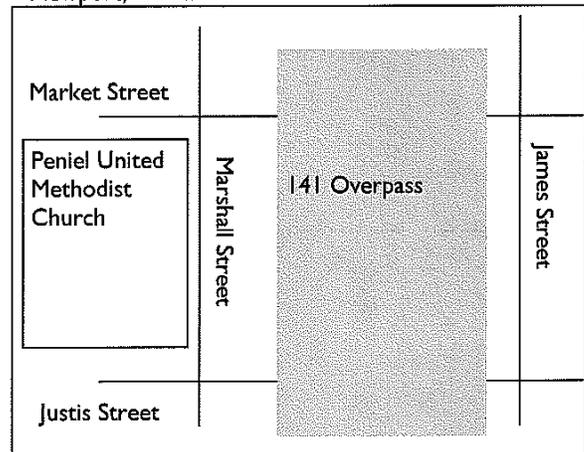
Give your family the peace of mind in knowing that you have planned for the future!

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Sunday

Monday

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# April 2010



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## LAY READERS

April 4	Yvonne, Katherine and Melanie Mitten
April 11	Ed Ide
April 18	Kristi Doughty
April 25	Youth

## ALTAR FLOWERS

April 4	EASTER LILIES
April 11	Lynn and Bryant Lafferty
At the Cross	Clyde and Carolyn Nafzinger
April 18	Jerry & Joyce Toy
April 25	Jim & Cheryl Chilcutt

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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

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Please submit your articles for the  
May Messenger to the church office by Friday,  
April 9. Thank You.

*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.*