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When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all of his angels, he will sit on his royal throne. The people of all nations will be brought before him, and he will separate them, as shepherds separate their sheep from their goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, "My father has blessed you! Come and receive the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world was created. When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me." Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, "When did we give you something to eat or drink? When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear or visit you while you were sick or in jail?" The king will answer, "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me."

- Matthew 25:31-40 (Contemporary English Translation)

All of us clergy who are responsible for Annual Conference are scurrying like ants in an earthquake to get ready for the 2010 meeting of the conference down in Princess Anne, MD. I am no exception because of my involvement with the Conference's Advocacy Resource Team and the Worship Planning Team. But what has captivated my imagination is the theme for this year's gathering, *Reach Out!* As a congregation in Wilmington and a global church, we continue to live into the mandate from Jesus to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the prisoners. Our response to Haiti and Chile are evidence of this. Our commitment to missions is a testimony to our willingness to give of ourselves. Our support for Richardson Park Community Action Program (CAP) demonstrates the love we have for neighbors whom we have not even met. RPUMC, you are being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, and I am proud of the hard work that you have done!

But just as we think we can hear Jesus saying, “Well done, good and faithful servant,” we are invited by the Holy Spirit to step out in faith in some other area of our lives. We again called to *Reach Out* to a hurting and broken world and offer ourselves as a “living sacrifice” all over again. This is always Jesus’ challenge to us. Where are we being called to make a difference? The Christian life is one that invites us, through prayer and worship, to continuously aid God in bringing about the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. God’s appeal for us to be more like Christ is always present.

One way in which we can continue to help those in need is to support CAP in its work with people in our community. CAP is made possible by the work of the eight churches of the Newport-Richardson Park Ministerium, including RPUMC, who have teamed up to enlarge the mission reach of each of the individual churches. However, in addition to the financial and material support that we provide, CAP is always looking for individuals to volunteer their time at the CAP House, serve on the Board of Directors, or help connect clients to CAP services. Could you be the next individual who joins CAP in their mission to make a difference in our community? I encourage you to pray about it and ask God what’s next for you. God will walk with you and bless you as you live into your faith. For with Christ, we can change the world!

Keep on praying, loving, living, and serving. God bless you all,

Pastor Tom

BULK MAIL SENDS APOLOGY

Even though we all try to do our best, sometimes things can fall through the cracks. That is what happened with our April Messenger. We received the following apology:

“We apologize for the delay and also appreciate you so much for bringing this matter to our attention so that we can provide you better service. I have addressed this issue with my managers. Thank you again.”

Katee Chang, Expediter
Bulk Mail Operations

SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY



At a special service on **Sunday, May 23**, young people from five area United Methodist churches will be **confirmed** at a joint celebration at **Asbury United Methodist Church at 3:00 pm**. Our Associate Conference Lay Leader, Demetrio Beach, will lead us.



CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!

We invite you to submit the names of all students graduating this year from high school, college, and graduate degree programs to the church office, 654-0961 as soon as possible. Please include the name and location of the school, plus the diploma or degree they will receive. These very special people and their accomplishments will be recognized at our June 6 Worship Service.

SAFE SANCTUARY

The SAFE sanctuary team will meet in the Lounge on Thursday, May 6 at 1:00 PM. The meeting will focus on the implementation of SAFE sanctuaries in our Bible school program. Several training meetings were held in April. More information will be available as we go forward.

KIDS CAFÉ

Our Kids Café Superstars will be meeting for their final session of this school year on Thursday, May 13, 2010 starting at 3:30 p.m. This year's finale expects to include a Talent Show featuring many of our Kids Café participants and possibly a few surprises! Come join the fun!!!

WEIGHT WATCHERS COMING TO RPUMC

Beginning May 3, Weight Watchers will hold meetings at Richardson Park United Methodist Church on Mondays from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.



JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE **Sunday, May 30**

Richardson Park UMC, St. James Episcopal Church and Peniel UMC will participate in a joint service which will be held at Peniel UMC on Sunday, May 30, at 10:00 a.m. A covered dish will follow the service. **We hope to see you there!**



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
Jacob Gommer	May 6
Johnathan Gommer	May 6
Katie Meadows	May 6
Mary Ann Atkinson	May 7
Destiny Dale	May 7
Zach Farley	May 7
Cliff Campbell	May 8
Shirley Roberts	May 8
Katherine Banks	May 10
Kayla Griffith	May 10
Maegin Coverdale	May 12
Ed McFarland	May 13
Volena Sease	May 13
Richard Beane	May 14
Steven Ott	May 14
John Burke	May 15
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 Klingler	May 17
Allison Perugini	May 17
Maria Ott	May 18
Robert McFarland	May 20
Karlee Boyd	May 23
Leonard Moore	May 23
Brenda Tucker	May 26
Ken 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 3	6:00 PM
	Dinner – Hunter's Den	
Ruth Circle	Wed., May 5	10:00 AM
	Church Lounge	

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.

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

April 2010

\$84.32

Thanks for remembering to bring in your filled banks the first Sunday of each month. Our year-to-date total is \$352.38. Empty banks can be picked up as you leave the altar area each Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.

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.

FOOD FOR CAP

Don't forget to bring CAP the first Sunday month. They are in canned meats and stews, peanut butter and jelly, hot & cold cereals, tuna, baked beans, canned fruit.



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DOLL CLOTHES NEEDED

I am in need of doll clothes, especially for Barbie dolls. I have a lot of dolls in need of dresses. Also, if you have any patterns for making doll clothes, I could use these also. Anything you can contribute would be gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

Betty Swain
838-6044

YE OLDE SHOPPE

Ye Olde Shoppe will now be open the first Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 1 PM . If you can't stop in on Thursdays between 9 AM and 1 PM, we hope to see you the first Saturday of each month. Come, browse and shop. There are special treasures for you, your family or your friends.



CHANCEL CHOIR/ BELLS **Summer Schedule**

The Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells' final practice before summer is Thursday, May 20. There is no practice the following week because we are having a joint worship service with St. James Episcopal Church and Peniel UMC.

Covered-Dish Supper **Thursday, June 3 6 PM**

All members, past and present, of the Bells and Chancel Choir are invited to attend. Bring your families and a covered dish to share.



ECOLOGY CORNER

In Honor of Earth Day, April 22, 2010
and Arbor Day, April 30, 2010

Richardson Park United Methodist Church has successfully implemented programs to benefit the environment over the past few years and below are some details about these programs.

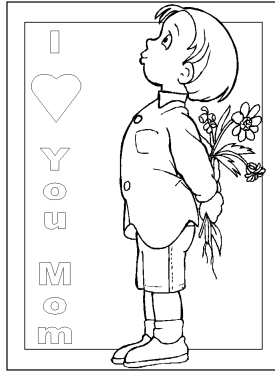
Green Day at RPUMC was implemented in 2007. The church was closed on Mondays to help reduce the use of utilities and thereby reduce our environmental footprint. It is estimated that we save from 2 to 5 percent on water, electric, gas and other utilities annually due to this effort.

Paper Recycling was implemented in August of 2008. Since then, we have recycled 39.86 tons of paper collected by our members, friends and neighbors. That's 79,720 pounds of paper we removed from landfills and redirected for reuse as recycled paper in various products! This has also produced revenue back to RPUMC of about \$234 to date. Look for the results of our April 2010 Paper Recycling Challenge in next month's Messenger.

A very special thank you to everyone who has contributed to these programs over the years.

KIDS' KORNER

Hi everybody! God's Little Angels is getting together to plant flowers in the Wesley Tower Garden on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. Find your gardening tools and come join us for fellowship and a productive evening! We want everything to be pretty for Mother's Day! Please call the church office if you want to help or would like to donate funds or bring goodies!



PreK-K - This month our youngest class will be studying Paul's conversion and life. Come join the fun!

Grades 1-3 - During the month of May, Room 3 will be on a Bible journey to visit Paul, the letter writer and disciple of Jesus. We also will celebrate Mother's day with a special craft and a song for the Adult Sunday School. Near the end of the month, we will be discussing "Prayer." Blessings from Ms. Marlene.

Grades 4 thru 8 will be continuing Grapple and studying Proverbs 16:2 on Choices - Hide and Seek! Dealing with questions such as - - Is it OK if I don't get caught? (Integrity - who am I when no one is looking?); Is it OK if nobody gets hurt? (Sin hurts me, it hurts you, it hurts God); Is it OK if I was trying to help? (Motives: God looks at the heart); and Is it OK if my friends' parents say it's OK? (Honoring my parents).

Grades 9 thru 12 will be discussing essential issues such as - - this is God's Body (Alcohol & Drugs); Doubting Thomas, Doubting Myself; Sex: Honoring God's Great Idea; and The Ultimate CLOG Remover -Sin (CLOG - Choice, Laziness, Objects, Guilt).

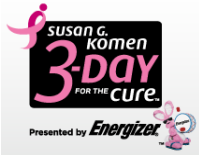




Come join us for an adventure in space! Whether you're going to preschool or can't remember the last time you were in a classroom, we think you would enjoy our week of Vacation Bible School. Classes will be held for anyone preschool (three or older) through sixth grade. Anyone older will be asked to help (see note below).

Our Galactic Blast will be held Sunday, June 27 through Thursday, July 1. Come and enjoy dinner, crafts, music, games, storytelling, and lots of fun. Each night we begin with dinner at 5:30 pm and finish in the sanctuary at 8:30 pm. We ask everyone to preregister. Registration begins this month. Simply fill out a registration form and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or turn it into the office.

If you are older than sixth grade and want to be involved, our VBS kids need you and we would love your help! We have many ways you could help, from decorating the church to sorting materials for crafts to moving children from place to place. Even if you aren't available the week of VBS, we have opportunities for you to help out. Please contact either Sarah Pasmore (652-6168), Kristy Doughty(832-1271) or the church office (654-0961) for more information.



Please support Michelle Anderson, Nicole Anderson and Jen Fitzgerald as we take an amazing journey. We will be joining thousands of women and men across the country who are going to walk 60 miles over the course of three days at the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure™ to raise money for breast cancer research and community programs.

We have formed a team named Lisa's Legacy in memory of Michelle's sister Lisa who passed away from breast cancer in July 09. Each member of our team is required to raise \$2300 for the cause.

We know you understand why this is so important to us and understand why we are asking for your financial support. The walking is easy for us. Asking for dollars is not. But if we are ever going to find answers to incredibly difficult problems like breast cancer, we know we have to ask.

There are 2 ways to make a financial contribution to us. You can go directly to our team website listed below, and make a contribution under each of our names, or you can write one check and we will divide the funds between our accounts. Donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt. If you would like to donate by check please make it payable to Michelle Anderson and mail it to the address below, you can also give it to one of us at church.

Mail checks to Michelle Anderson
107 Northern Ave.
Wilmington, Delaware 19805

Visit the team website to pay by credit card

Lisa's Legacy (Philadelphia) you will see each of our names there and you can make a donation to each person.

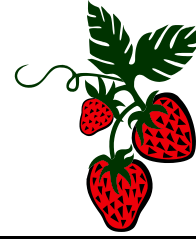
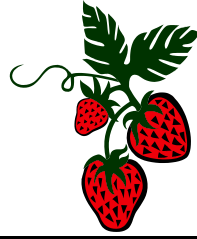
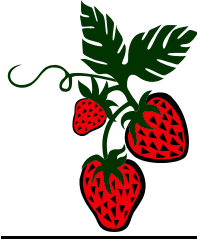
http://www.the3day.org/site/TR/2010/PhiladelphiaEvent2010?team_id=162530&pg=team&fr_id=1468

Thank you for your concern and thank you for supporting our continuing journey.

P.S. Don't forget to ask your company if they provide matching gifts for your donation.

If you have any questions contact us at 633-0201 or email ghc10@aol.com

Thank you, Michelle, Nicole & Jen



ANNUAL CAP STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 5, 2010

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Rain or Shine

RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Corner of Maryland and Matthes Avenues

Come and Join Us!

**Featuring hot lunch, fresh berries, shortcake, flea market,
plant table, bake table, children's activities, fun
and fellowship.**

**To volunteer or to donate plants or baked goods, leave a message for
Sandy Ide at 798-8664.**

**To rent a flea market table (\$15.00), mail a check to CAP at 107 South
Maryland Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804.**

**For more information, call CAP at 302-358-5357 or leave a message at
428-1247.**

TO BENEFIT THE

RICHARDSON PARK COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (CAP)

RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

NAME: _____ HELPER:

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: (____) _____ AGE: _____

LAST SCHOOL GRADE COMPLETED: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: HOME _____ CELL _____

ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS: _____

HOME CHURCH: _____

ONE SPECIAL FRIEND YOUR CHILD MIGHT LIKE TO BE WITH AT VBS: _____

SUNDAY, JUNE 27 - THURSDAY, JULY 1

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

AGES 3 THRU GRADE 6

NOTE: HELPERS (7TH-12TH GRADES) MUST PRE-REGISTER

****PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL INFO ON BACK OF REGISTRATION****

All children must be picked up promptly at 8:00 p.m. If your child is over ten years old, you may sign below to allow him/her to leave the church without adult supervision. We recommend you make every effort to pick up any child regardless of age; however, we realize that some children walk or may be capable of going home on their own. Please sign below to indicate you accept responsibility for your child (over ten) to leave on his/her own at the end of the evening.

- o My child will be picked up in the sanctuary each evening.
- o My child may leave on his/her own at the end of each evening.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign here if you will allow your child's photograph to be taken at Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School and posted within the church building.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Due to the new UMC Safe Sanctuary policy, registration forms must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian!

Questions? Please call 654-0961.

Please bring a canned good for CAP!

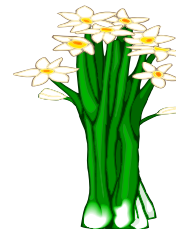
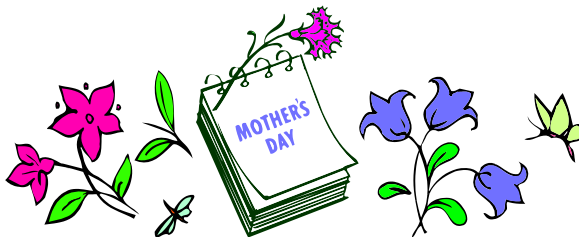
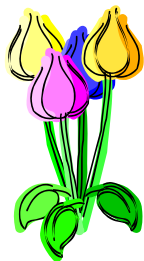
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Tom Pasmore, Pastor



LAY READERS

May 2	Anna Mae Shewbrooks
May 9	Kathy Russell
May 16	Bettie Smith
May 23	Sath Amara
May 30	Joint Service at Peniel UMC

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 2	Pastor Tom Pasmore
May 9	Joyce and Jerry Toy
At the Cross	Joyce and Jerry Toy
May 16	Mary Alice Bair
May 23	Eve Thomas

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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

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Please submit your articles for the
June Messenger to the church office by
Tuesday, May 11. Thank You.

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