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WORSHIP SCHEDULE



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



***“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” - Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)***

In 2001, I sat through my first contemporary praise service. Although I was going to church regularly, it was something new and completely foreign to me. What allowed me to understand and feel a part of the service was the worship leader. He always let us know what was coming next and why it was included in the liturgy. He held the hands of the people who were new to let us get comfortable with praising God in a whole new way. I was moved emotionally and spiritually by this new experience.

I feel that God calls us all in unique and different ways. This helps me to understand why there are different churches and different denominations. No two people are touched by the same things. God is continually speaking in new and exciting ways. That is why I'm excited by a brand new opportunity that we are exploring with Peniel UMC in Newport. We are hoping to create a brand new worship service that would be co-led by both churches and would be something completely different from the services that either church is currently conducting. More information will be coming soon, but it is our goal to launch the new service in September 2011. We are praying for inspiration, creativity, and seeking God's voice to help decide a number of key issues related to this new service. I will be praying for us, Peniel, and our new service. Won't you join me?

Blessing and Peace to you all,
Pastor Tom



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

André Burgos	9/1
Jim Durkee	9/1
Tyler Hughart	9/2
Alanis Stout	9/2
Jean Van Vliet	9/4
Meghan Logullo	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 8 10:00 a.m. – Church Lounge
Rebekah Circle	Tue., September 14 7:00 p.m. – Church Lounge

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

“Holiday Tasting Tea” Saturday, November 6

Many of you will remember the wonderful “Tasting Tea” the Women presented last year. How enjoyable to get a taste of an assortment of soups, appetizers, salads, casseroles and desserts – and a cookbook to take home. Well, the great news is we are planning a “Holiday Tasting Tea” on Saturday, November 6. Tell all your friends and mark your calendars now because you sure won’t want to miss this event!

We need recipes of your favorite holiday dish. Do you have something served on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years that is a tradition?



CHANCEL CHOIR/HANDBELL SCHEDULE

Regular rehearsals will resume on Thursday, September 9. 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.



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

Another stack of Zingo's tapes has been taken to Zingo's, and we should receive a rebate check soon. Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your Zingo's tapes to church. God bless you for your continued support and thoughtfulness.



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

July 2010	\$ 99.48
August 2010	\$146.82

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date for 2010 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 .

CROP WALK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

The Crop Walk will begin at Peniel UMC. More information will be in our weekly Worship Bulletins.

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 29, 2010
St. James Episcopal Church
10:00 AM



Calvary Presbyterian, Peniel UMC, RPUMC and St. James Episcopal will hold a joint service on Sunday, August 29, at 10:00 a.m. at St. James Episcopal Church. A covered dish will follow the service. Hot dogs, hamburgers, ice and paper products will be supplied by the churches. Please bring a covered dish, dessert or beverage to share. Hope to see you there!

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? St. James Episcopal Church, Peniel UMC, Calvary Presbyterian, and Richardson Park UMC are partnering in a weekly Bible study program known as **Disciple**. Rev. Sarah Nelson, Rev. Tracy Mooney, Rev. Bob Richardson, and Pastor Tom will share leadership of the study. We are currently forming two groups. The groups will meet at different times during the week so as many people as possible can participate. Disciple I will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30p until 8:30p. Disciple II will meet on Friday mornings from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. The first meeting will be held at Peniel at 6:30p on Wednesday September, 15 for Disciple I and at 10:00a on Friday, September 17 for Disciple II. Please call the church office if you would like to participate in either of these studies. To cover the cost of student guides, we are asking that each participant donate \$35 at the opening meeting of the studies.

**MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES**

**Future Projects and Maintenance of the
Church Grounds**

It is very important for the well being of the church for all who are able to step forward when projects and maintenance items need attention. With funds being limited, we cannot afford to hire contractors to perform all of the repairs and maintenance that it takes to keep a facility like ours operational. And we cannot put the burden solely on the Building Maintenance Group (BMG) or the Trustees.

In most cases, you will find that when projects need to be done around the church grounds it would only require a few hours of your time, especially if multiple people are willing to help and utilize their skills and talents.

One project that comes to mind is the maintenance and care of the hedges on the church grounds. I would like to form a team of individuals to trim the hedges and to weed.

In the beginning of the summer season, one of the members of our church donated the funds to hire a contractor to have the hedges trimmed, weeded and mulched. The hedges should only need to be trimmed and weeded a few times during the summer period. If someone is interested in coordinating this effort, please contact me at 633-0201, email me at robanderson21@comcast.net or leave a message in the church office. The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is Sunday, August 8. If you are able to be a part of this effort, I would appreciate hearing from you before the meeting.

The beauty of our church is appreciated by all of us. Remember, first impressions are important. The first thing outsiders see is the exterior of our building. We invite you to consider giving of your talents to help maintain our grounds.

Thank you for your support,
Rob Anderson, Chair

**SUSAN G. KOMEN
3-Day Walk for the Cure**

Michelle Anderson, Nicole Anderson and Jen Fitzgerald are planning to take part in this amazing journey. They have been running to get fit to walk 60 miles over the course of three days. They have been collecting sponsors to raise money for breast cancer research and community programs. At this point, they are in need of more sponsors. Therefore, the Mission Committee is planning to hold a “**Cake and Coffee**” after church on **Sunday, September 12**. We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 for a piece of homemade cake and a cup of tea or coffee. There will be an assortment of cakes to choose from as well as take out boxes available if you would like to take a piece of cake home to enjoy later. Also, additional donations will be gratefully accepted and you will receive a receipt for a tax deduction.

**RICHARDSON PARK
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (CAP)
ANNUAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, September 21 7 PM
Calvary Presbyterian Church**

Everyone is invited to the annual meeting of the Richardson Park Community Action Program, Inc. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Calvary Presbyterian Church, located at Maryland Avenue and Boxwood Road, across from Zingo's. 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.

ATTENTION: Girls from teen – adult!

A new Circle is forming at RPUMC. On September 19, the United Methodist Women encourage you to stop by the Extension after the worship service. This Circle will be an exciting undertaking and I need your help!

Marlene Johnson

YE OLDE SHOPPE

Ye Olde Shoppe is open on Thursdays between 9 AM and 1 PM, and on the first Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 1 PM. If you can't stop in during the week, 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.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Marshallton UMC forming Bowling League

Message from Rev. Vaughan R. Hayden,
Pastor, Marshallton UMC

We would like to welcome your church to participate in a Church Bowling League to begin in early September. We know that many people enjoy bowling and enjoy fellowship with other Christians and though perhaps we could join the two activities. This is also an opportunity to encourage some non-church-going bowlers to associate with your church in a non-threatening environment. We look forward to participating with other local churches as we develop our local communities of faith.

We are trying to get the league coordinated for Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. at Pleasant Hills Lanes beginning September 12. The cost would be \$14 per week plus equipment. We are looking for mixed teams to participate, mixing them anyway you would like. If you are interested in having one or more teams, please let us know by contacting Gordon Parker at parkgor3@aol.com.



TOO MANY CALENDARS?????

If you are receiving more 2011 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.

SAFE SANCTUARIES

Sunday School, TYG and Kids' Café are preparing to kickoff for the year. Many of the adults who volunteer their time for our kids already have completed Safe Sanctuaries training. If you have not, we are planning to have two training sessions in September. The sessions will be held on the following dates:

Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. – Lounge
Sunday, Sept. 12 11:30 a.m. – Youth Room

The SAFE team will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Look for information next month about CPR and First Aid training sessions.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Pasmore at 652-6168.



DELAWARE'S NEWEST POLLING PLACE

Richardson Park UMC has been chosen by the Department of Elections to serve as a polling place for the 2010 Primary and General Elections. On September 14 and November 2 the polls will be open from 7 AM until 8 PM in Fellowship Hall.



LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0 (LtQ)

Pastor Tom will be leading a video-based study called **Living the Questions 2.0 (LtQ)** at 9 AM beginning Sunday, September 12 in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to join him for this new and innovative study. **LtQ** is a 21-week DVD and web-based small group study exploring beyond the traditions and rote theologies in which so many people and local churches seem to be stuck. Ideal for Christian invitation, initiation and spiritual formation, **Living the Questions** will help seekers and church goers alike in discovering the significance of Christianity in the 21st Century and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.

The format of each session includes a video, guided discussion, spiritual exercises and Bible study. The 20-minute videos for each session include conversation, sermon clips, lecture excerpts, and spiritual exercises for practical applications (including different forms of prayer and meditation, movement, walking the labyrinth, etc.). Since the overall theme is that of faith as a journey, not a destination, the livingthequestions.com web site will offer resources for continued exploration, including downloadable expanded study guides, extra video resources, and links. Come join us for this wonderful and unique opportunity.



BRAND NEW SOUP KITCHEN OPENING!

There will be a brand new soup kitchen opening up in the Newport-Richardson Park area! On Friday, October 15, **Jusst Sooup Ministries** will be starting a soup kitchen that will run on Fridays from 11 AM until 1 PM. More information will be coming out soon about location and servant opportunities. This new ministry is geared to feed both body and soul by providing nourishing lunches and an opportunity to share the love of Jesus. Please pray for this ministry as we head toward the launch day!



"HELP WANTED"

Our sanctuary is receiving a makeover during the coming weeks. A generous, anonymous donor has contributed brand new carpeting for the Sanctuary which will be installed soon. However, both the Trustees and Council have decided to re-carpet the Chancel as well, and we are looking for others to help us underwrite the cost of this wonderful improvement. If you feel God calling you to help with this ministry of beautification, please feel free to drop a donation in the offering plate and mark it "Chancel carpeting." For more information, you can contact Rob Anderson, Chairperson of our Board of Trustees, or Pastor Tom.



September Healthy Church Initiative Workshops

***Open to all Laity and Clergy:
Get On Board!***

As part of the Conference's Healthy Church Initiative, there will be a series of monthly workshops dealing with leadership, vision, and reaching out in the local church. All workshops will have a gathering time at 6:30 P.M. with the session itself beginning at 7 P.M. sharp, and ending no later than 9 P.M. The September workshops will deal with the following pathways of our Healthy Church Initiative:

- A) Train Effective Leadership
- B) Discover and Use God's Gifts

These workshops will include practical application/ implementation strategies to take back to the local congregations.

More information, including agendas and registration, will be available in the next couple of weeks. Please contact Pastor Tom if you are interested in these workshops.

TYG KICK-OFF

Sunday, September 12

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Come out for a brand new year of faith and fun. Wear your swimsuit and bring sneakers! Dinner will be provided.



Mark Your Calendars

**Sunday, September 19 – 5 PM
Cornerstone UMC**

**Installation service for Rev. Derrick Porter,
the new Superintendent of the Wilmington
District**

**Thursday, September 30 – 7 PM
Simpson UMC**

**Healthy Church Initiative Training on
Leadership**

**Saturday, October 16 – 9 AM
"The Well"**

**St. Thomas More Christian Academy
Training event sponsored by the Pen-Del
Conference Vision Team**

**Saturday, October 30 – 9 AM
Asbury UMC in New Castle
District Conference**

**Wednesday, November 17 – 7 PM
RPUMC
2010 Charge Conference**

KIDS' KORNER



Summer Sunday School for the children is over---much too quickly. Each session started with a "departure prayer" which helped the children learn how to stand firm in their faith. We proceeded to an activity time which introduced the topic for the week. Our weekly "story excursions" led us through Bible stories which brought the "Armor of God" to life in quite exciting ways! These "excursions" concluded with applications for our daily lives. The children started a travel journal in June and collected "souvenirs" of their travels to remind them of the "Armor of God". We certainly had wonderful trips in Room 3 this summer. Blessings from Ms Marlene

Hi everyone! Fall is upon us. We welcome you back to Sunday School with fun and interesting plans so please come join us! Sunday School resumes at 9:00 a.m. on September 12. We're going to be meeting to discuss our upcoming projects for God's Little Angels – look for details in next month's Messenger!

Grades 1 thru 3 will continue with new Bible adventures and new topics in September.

Grades 4 thru 8 will continue using Grapple curriculum – focusing on 1 John 4:7, tackling issues such as Accepting Others (what if someone's different from me?); Loving Your Enemies (what if someone hates me?); and Learning Not to Judge Others (what if someone is weird?).

Grades 9 thru 12 will be using an unusual and interesting course study called "**Dark and Disturbing Stories from the Bible**" beginning with "The Beast Delivers" (Numbers 22:21-38); "Star Struck" (Joshua 10:1- 15) and "Deadly Force" (Judges 3:12-30). We'll be discussing service projects and fun ideas that will allow us to put God's love into action so come join us!

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



DOWN MEMORY LANE

Article by Ella de Courcelle

I would like to share a bit of two interesting letters I received from an RPUMC member (Esther McDowell) who resides in Florida. There is some wonderful history, AND a rather amazing personal connection.

The first letter was given to me by Mary Alice Bair:

“I was reading about Ella de Courcelle and I just couldn’t believe it. Anne and Joe de Courcelle lived next door to my sister (Ruth Sidwell Hirsch) and her husband Fred Hirsch in Woodcrest. ...Ella was just a little girl at Woodcrest and she would come over from next door to play with my nieces.” [The de Courcelle’s originally lived on Belmont Ave., here in Richardson Park and later moved to Woodcrest.]

The second letter came directly to me:

“I am 86 years old and still have my brain...I really don’t know where to start, so will start with 1907—the year my father and mother were married. They lived on DuPont Road and my father had the first grocery store in Richardson Park.

My uncle A. K. Taylor made the blocks and he and his men built the first Richardson Park church at the corner of Glenrich and Eureka Sts. He later gave the land where the present church stands...My uncle owned a farm called the Richardson farm and he was a builder and real estate man. He had a large well and pumped water to various houses he built—thus Artesian Water Co. began and developed Richardson Park.

I live here at Banyan Place—an independent building of apartments... I too attended Conrad, as did Ruthie and she became secretary in the office of Conrad until she got married. I didn’t get married until I was 54...started my career at age 38 at the old Memorial Hospital in Wilmington.

As I sat daily for several weeks and watched my 86 year old aunt slip away, I became acquainted with the nurses and I knew that was where I wanted to work. I applied for the job as Unit Clerk at the Nurses’ Station in 1962 June and finally there was an opening in October...I always drove down to Richardson Park church on Sundays that I had off.

I don’t know many people in RP Church now—always read the monthly bulletin to see if I know anyone.

I went to Conrad with Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Bob Ashton, Johnson Bair, Branson Fry, Kenneth Varell, all the Thomas family, Ruth Gibney...

I must brag a little. After working at the hospital for 15 years in 1978 before I retired I was chosen Employee of the Year from 4000 employees from 3 divisions. When I started there in 1962 I didn’t know a bed sheet from a sheet of paper.”

Esther Sidwell McDowell

April 10, 2010

Down in what used to be the pine and oak covered boondocks, south of Dover in Kent County, there still stands an old two-story brick building of extremely simple design that means more to American Methodism than any of the million-dollar, classic Gothic Methodist temples in the nation.

It's known as Barratt's Chapel and is not too far from the village of Johnny Cake Landing, now called Frederica.

The chapel was built in 1780 as a place of worship for people then sneered at as "those new-fangled enthusiasts called Methodists."

The chapel means so much to American Methodism because the foundation of present-day American Methodism was laid there by two pioneers of the faith 200 years ago. They were Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke, who had been sent to America from England by John Wesley to organize the various Methodist groups into one union.

Asbury, who was an itinerant Methodist preacher throughout the Delmarva Peninsula, met Coke in Barratt's Chapel late in November of 1784. They held their organizational meeting in Lovely Lane Church, Baltimore, on Christmas Eve of 1784.

In 1911, Judge Norris Barratt of Philadelphia, a descendant of the man for whom the chapel was named, told the Historical Society of Delaware. "What Mount Sinai was to the ancient Jew, Mecca to the true Mohammedan and Independence Hall to the patriotic American, Barratt's chapel is to the Methodist, the cradle of his faith – a shrine."

Philip Barratt Jr., born in 1730, was the son of a prosperous Kent County landowner and farmer. He had been a member of the Anglican Church, but became a devout supporter of Francis Asbury, the leading Methodist preacher in Delaware in the 1770's and 1780's.

Barratt, who owned considerable land in the vicinity of Johnny Cake Landing, decided to donate several acres for a chapel and a burial ground, on condition that only Methodists would preach from its pulpit and the cemetery be reserved for Methodists.

He also donated sufficient funds for the construction of the chapel and saw to it that its architecture was simple. The brick had been imported from Holland and the wooden interior, benches and pulpit were fashioned from trees in the forest on the chapel's site.

The chapel was opened for worship in 1780. It quickly became known as "Barratt's Chapel."

In the meantime, Barratt became involved in Kent County politics and was elected sheriff of the county during the American Revolutionary War. He was also elected to the General Assembly.

He would have been thrilled to have witnessed the meeting of Asbury and Coke in the chapel in November 1784, but unfortunately he died several weeks before at the age of 54.

Asbury later referred to him as "that holy man in life and death."

Barratt's Chapel Article Continued

However, there were many landowners in Kent County who were not fond of Barratt, chiefly because, along with other Methodists, he had freed all his slaves.

By 1900 when the Methodists were not as historically minded as they are today, interest in the chapel as a historic site dwindled. By 1911, the chapel was sadly neglected, and was doomed to be forgotten.

But fortunately, there was a minister, the Rev. F. J. Cochran, who in 1911 persuaded the Wilmington Conference to raise an endowment fund of \$50,000 and to place the building in charge of the board of Home Missions and Church Extension to insure its preservation for all time.

The building, open on weekends along with an amazing little museum next to it, is a popular stopping place for tourists.

A Drop In A Bucket

At Annual Conference in June, Conference Youth Director Shane Hinderliter said that next year's Conference Youth Rally in Ocean City, Maryland, would be emphasizing mission. One of the projects that the youth will undertake is the assembly of cleaning buckets for UMCOR. Each bucket will contain supplies needed to clean up after a disaster (e.g. bleach, scouring pads, sponges, scrub brush, etc.). Each church represented at Annual Conference was asked to pledge a specific number of items for the buckets. I pledged our church to supply 200 bottles of bleach (24-32 oz.) and 1000 sponges. We have until sometime in November to accomplish this goal. Starting in September, we will start a Drop in the Bucket campaign. If each of us donates a minimum of \$5.00 from now until November, we will reach the goal. I will contact local stores to buy the bleach and sponges in bulk so that we can maximize our contributions. Each week look for the bucket and drop in your contribution to help people who have experienced a disaster.



Brenda Tucker
Lay Member to Annual Conference



Starting: 08/25/10

Looking For Youth

Time: 5:30 PM



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Tom Pasmore, Pastor



READERS

September 5	Tammy Brindle
September 12	Rob Anderson
September 19	Pat Cummings
September 26	Jen Fitzgerald

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 5	Sath Amara
September 12	Koinonia Class
At the Cross	Barbara Sayles
September 19	Brenda & Joe Tucker
At the Cross	Bettie Smith
September 26	Herb & Mary Ann Atkinson

FLOWERS

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

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Please submit your articles for the October Messenger to the Church Office by Thursday, September 9. Thank you.

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

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