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*You created the moon to mark the months; the sun knows the time to set.  
You made the night, and in the darkness all the wild animals come out.  
The young lions roar while they hunt, looking for the food that God provides.  
When the sun rises, they go back and lie down in their dens.  
Then people go out to do their work and keep working until evening.*

- Psalm 104:19-23 (Good News Translation)

The life of a local church is as seasonal as anything that we come across in life. There is the liturgical year that reminds of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection as part of our worship together. There are the different activities that take place during different seasons, like Vacation Bible School (VBS), the ending or starting of the Sunday School year, Annual Conference, our Easter egg hunt, and Family Advent Night. The combination of worship liturgy (*liturgy* literally translates as: "the work of the people") and ministry activities help us to order the calendar year. They also set a rhythm for the heartbeat and life of the church.

I was thinking a lot about the rhythm of life today. Since I am writing this article as my family and I are down visiting Bethany Beach, I watched the ebb and flow of the water and sand and it got me thinking about the ebb and flow of our shared life together in Christ. Waves come in, crash on the shore, and then recede. The church year has high and low points that give a definite "feel" to the year. For example, September wouldn't feel like September if we didn't start back into Sunday School. December wouldn't feel like December if we didn't go Christmas Caroling. And June wouldn't feel like June if it weren't for Annual Conference and Vacation Bible School. These events, patterns, rituals, and rites all help us experience God in a particular way and connect us with a tradition deeper than our own memories and a faith larger than we can invent on our own.

While I relish these traditions and activities, (What would life be like without VBS?? Could you even call it living if we didn't have VBS to look forward to??) I also understand that things are going to have to change. My kids will probably not worship the same way that I do. They will probably not experience church the way that I do. I need to be prepared for that eventuality. And, as a pastor, hopefully envision this new way of being the church before it needs to happen. (I will definitely need your help and prayers with this!!) Otherwise, my greatest fear is that my kids won't find any value or interest in walking with Jesus and being a part of the church in any transformative or meaningful way. It is something that I am trying to avoid with all that is in me. I want my kids to have a relationship with Jesus that is even more rich and rewarding than my own. (This is what I believe every parent wants for their kids.)

Together, let's watch and see what God wants to do that is new here at Richardson Park, and how God may be trying to change the way that we experience the life of the church. Let's enjoy our liturgy, our life together, and our seasons of the year, but let's also look for opportunities to implement new ideas and make space for new people. Let's give the world a rhythm that is not dependent on us but on a God that loves and cares for us. Let's show everyone Christ.

Blessings and peace to you and yours,

*Pastor Tom*



## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



On Sunday, June 3, during worship, we will celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates of 2012.

NICOLE CUMMINGS graduated from the Art Institute in March with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Interior Design. She is currently doing her internship at Renaissance Designs in Norristown, PA and will be seeking a full-time position.

KATIE MEADOWS will graduate from Alexis I. duPont High School in June. She will be attending DelTech in the fall where she will be majoring in nursing.

MELANIE MITTEN will graduate from Alexis I. duPont High School in June. She will be attending the University of Delaware in August where she will be majoring in Biology.

BYROM PRICE graduated from Wilmington University in May where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree.

JESSICA PRIOR graduated in May from the Florence Design Academy in Florence, Italy with a Master's Degree in Interior Design. She has been studying in Florence for a year. She is the granddaughter of Pat and Frank Pugh.

## ***BLESSINGS TO ALL OF YOU!***

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***RPUMC 2012 YOUTH MISSION TRIP!!!!***  
***Sunday, June 24 – Saturday, June 30***  
***Ocean View, DE***

Our mission trip is fast approaching and I want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to participate. It's time to commit to the trip and to prepare for an experience in Ocean View. I hope that God calls you to be a part of this wonderful trip.

If you would like to participate in the trip to Ocean View, you must make sure the following happens:

- 1) Be in Senior High (age 14-19) and active in our youth group.
- 2) Reserve the dates June 24-30, 2012 for the trip.
- 3) Let Pastor Tom know that you are going!
- 4) Attend a pre-mission trip meeting on June 15 at 7 PM.



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Susan Durkee	6/1
Bette Farra	6/3
Brisa Peterson	6/5
Julia Maybroda	6/11
Billy Sorensen	6/11
Trish Williamson	6/11
Ruthann Will	6/13
Julie Lundgren	6/14
Chase Stout	6/14
Yvonne Mitten	6/15
Megan Thomas	6/18
Jeannine White	6/18
Kayla Brown	6/19
Jaycen Holmes	6/20
Rob Anderson	6/21
Alicia Ott	6/23
David Pruitt	6/23
Earle Snapp	6/23
Carolyn Swain	6/23
Charlene Workman	6/23
Kaitlyn Adams	6/24
Franz Kappel	6/25
Ida Burgos	6/29
William Cathell	6/29
Brian Maher	6/29

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



Flag Day, always June 14, is a day for Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag and its designers and makers. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States by resolution of the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. Our church proudly flies an American flag each day.

## WESLEY TOWER BANKS

May 2012

\$117.11

Thanks for remembering to bring in your filled banks the first Sunday of each month. Our year-to-date total is \$439.88. 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 June, Rebekah Circle will take care of the flowers in the church.

### Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle Will begin again in Sept.

Ruth Circle Will begin again in Sept.

### Circle Leaders

Rebekah Circle Marlene Johnson

Ruth Circle Lee Powell

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

## **CHILDREN'S WORSHIP**

Starting Sunday, June 3, children are invited to attend Children's Worship after a "Time with Children." We hope to see many of you there!

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



## MISSION TREE

On Sundays in June, we are hanging “Fish” on our Mission Tree. Hang a “fish” on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.

## KIDS' KORNER



May 20 was the official close of the regular session of the 2011-2012 Sunday School. We have learned many things about the Bible: It is divided into the Old and New Testaments; there is a table of contents to aid us; and there are numbered chapters and verses. During our travels throughout the year, we “met” many people of the Bible through our lessons, crafts, songs, and skits. Every child had a favorite song that was sung each week...but new ones were frequently added. During our closing session, certificates were awarded. In addition, I present students with their own Bibles when they have attended class regularly and completed second grade. This year, there were two boys who qualified for their long-awaited Bibles: Donny Pasmore and Andy Hughes. GREAT JOB!!!

Have a blessed summer,

Ms. Marlene



This year's Kids Café Superstars met for their final session of the school year on Thursday, May 10 and again held a talent show for their families and the Kids Café tutors and staff. And what special talents they shared with all of us!!! We were treated to yodeling by Sammy; a flute solo by Bethany and a clarinet solo by Erin; a flute duet with Beth and Bethany; an amazing split by Jaycen; a wonderful song by James; a lovely rendition of “This Little Light of Mine” by the Pasmore trio (Pastor Tom on guitar with Donny and Sammy); cool Lego exhibits by Ben and Ms. Janet; and a delightful interactive story read by Ms. Marlene with help from Jake, Sammi, Donny, Sammy, Jaycen, James, Bethany, Beth, Erin, Eva, Ben...and even some of the adults!!!

With inspiration from their teacher, Marlene Johnson, and our dedicated staff of tutors, the children have enjoyed a year of fun, crafts and fellowship while solving a multitude of math and word problems, improving their spelling and reading skills, and continuing to blossom as children of God. A special thank you goes to our Kitchen Crew led by Linda Keffer and Debbie Freebery for providing delicious dinners to all participants this year, but especially for our finale dinner... yummy pizza from Party Pizza with an ice cream sundae for dessert!!! Thanks to all...have a great summer!!!

# Green Is Good!

It's been almost four years since we began collecting paper for recycling. We started this venture as a way to raise money for the church and help the environment by recycling used paper to save trees from destruction. Look at what we've done since September 2008.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tons of Paper</u>	<u>Recycle Refund</u>
2008	6.74	\$ 0.00
2009	26.24	\$ 96.23
2010	29.36	\$ 234.80
2011	20.73	\$ 148.65
2012 (to date)	9.83	\$ 100.75

The way the refund works is that the church receives a check from AbiBow Recycling based on the number of tons of paper recycled each month: \$5 per ton for 0-3.99 tons, \$15 per ton for 4-7.99 tons and \$20 per ton for 8+ tons. The more the merrier!

This April we had some trouble getting our recycling bin emptied. This may have actually worked in our favor. Since the can was literally overfilled twice in one month, the total weight of the paper for that month was 5.16 tons and the check to the church was \$77.46! This happened once in 2010 as you can see by the amount of the recycle refund that year. Clearly, the goal should be to collect at least 4 tons each month.

So far this year we've recycled 9.83 tons of paper, which represents 29.49 cubic yards of landfill saved and 40,322.66 kilowatt hours of energy saved. So tell your family, friends and neighbors to help us save paper, save trees and go for the "green." And to all of you who religiously collect papers and bring them to church – THANK YOU and keep up the good "green" work!

Your Lay Leader, Kathy Russell





## **Richardson Park UMC VBS 2012**

**June 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>**

**11 N. Maryland Avenue  
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Your children will become divers-in-training at OPERATION OVERBOARD as we plunge into God's Word and discover stories of deep faith. Each day they will be given a new challenge: Depend on God; dare to care; claim Jesus; choose to follow; and change the world.

After dinner there is a high-energy opening at Ocho's Cove (our sanctuary), where your divers make their way to the Underwater Passage. Interactive Bible lessons reveal five ocean insights for living as a follower of God, and your divers will learn Sea Scripture memory verses that will boost their faith long after VBS. The children will expand on what they've learned by participating in a variety of activities: Making their own art projects at Aquatic Arts; singing new music at Ocho's Cove; exploring science activities at Exploration Station; and participating in recreational activities at High Tide Hangout.

**Children Pre-school through Grade 6, Dive right in!**

**VBS begins at 5:30pm with dinner and ends at 8:00pm each day.**

**All activities begin in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Thursday @ 7:45pm we will have a program and celebration to close out our week.**

**Adult and Youth volunteers are needed!**



**REGISTER BY JUNE 10 TO RECEIVE A FREE COPY OF THE  
"OPERATION OVERBOARD" MUSIC CD FOR YOUR FAMILY.**



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 17 - THURSDAY, June 21  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH GRADE 6*

NOTE: HELPERS (7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> 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 Shake It UP Café 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!**

# June 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> 11 AM Free Lunch Fridays-Pentel UMC	<b>2 FH Reserved</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe
<b>3 FH Reserved</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Worship 11:30 AM Worship Team	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7 PM Usher Training 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>6</b> 7:30 PM NA Meeting	<b>7</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Thursdays-RPUMC 6 PM VBS Decorating 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>8</b> 11 AM Free Lunch Fridays-Pentel UMC	<b>9 FH Reserved</b>
<b>10</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Worship 11:30 AM Education Mtg. 11:30 AM Trustees Mtg.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7 PM SPRC Meeting 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>13</b> 7 PM Hospitality Training 7:30 PM NA Meeting	<b>14</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Thursdays-RPUMC 6 PM VBS Decorating 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>15</b> 11 AM Free Lunch Fridays-Pentel UMC 7 PM Pre-Mission Trip Meeting	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Worship 5:30 PM VBS	<b>18</b> 5:30 PM VBS	<b>19</b> 5:30 PM VBS 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>20</b> 5:30 PM VBS 7:30 PM NA Meeting	<b>21</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Thursdays-RPUMC 5:30 PM VBS 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>22</b> 11 AM Free Lunch Fridays-Pentel UMC	<b>23 FH Reserved</b> 3 PM Wedding
<b>24</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Worship 11:30 AM Council Mtg. Youth Group – Mission trip to Ocean View, MD	<b>25</b> Youth Group Mission Trip	<b>26</b> Youth Group Mission Trip 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>27</b> Youth Group Mission Trip 7:30 PM NA Meeting	<b>28</b> Youth Group Mission Trip 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Thursdays-RPUMC 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>29</b> Youth Group Mission Trip 11 AM Free Lunch Fridays-Pentel UMC	<b>30</b> Youth Group Mission Trip

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Tom Pasmore, Pastor



## LAY READERS

June 3	Dave Rogers
June 10	Joan Stadelman
June 17	Sandy Swain
June 24	Byrom Price

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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

Please submit your articles for the July/August Messenger to the church office by Wednesday June 6. Thank You.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

June 3	Tod and Yvonne Mitten
At the Cross	Winfield Lane
At the Lectern	Ginger Pettyjohn
June 10	Rob and Michelle Anderson
June 17	Alvretta Crozier
At the Cross	Bob Collins
At the Lectern	Ruth Gibney
June 24	United Methodist Women

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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.*