

the Messenger

OCTOBER 2012

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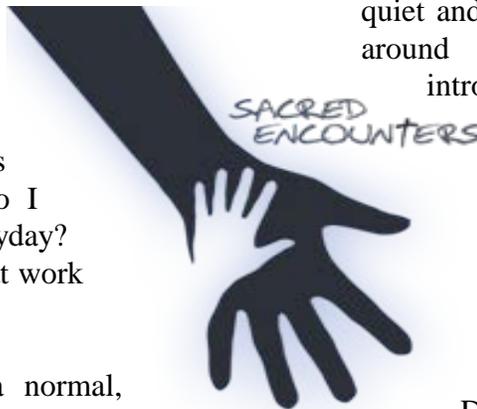
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“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace we have been saved.”

- Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV)

We are deep into a worship and sermon series called *Sacred Encounters*. And it has really caused me to stop and think deeply about the role of God’s grace in our lives. Where do I encounter God in the everyday? Where do I walk past as God is at work in my midst?



Yesterday, for example, was a normal, ordinary Sunday—Sunday School, worship, church council, afternoon activities, and youth group. All of the things that I normally have packed into a typical, average Sunday. While I am used to seeing God at work in church, I noticed something extraordinary yesterday afternoon. I saw God’s grace at work in our world.

Following our church council meeting, I went off to help kickoff a series of Chrysalis team meetings. Chrysalis is a retreat experience for high school and college aged persons interested in deepening their relationship with Christ. It is similar to the Walk to Emmaus for adults. What makes Chrysalis unique is that it is run by youth and adults who form a team and both play equal roles in the process. As the team leading the retreat gathered to pray before their session started, I noticed that most of the youth were

quiet and a bit hesitant to engage some of the adults around them. After the prayer and some introductions, it was amazing how fast they opened up and shared with each other. I was awed by God’s Spirit moving amongst the team. These youth were ready to serve as ambassadors for Christ!! It was awesome to witness.

Then right after that experience was over, I headed for Highfield, the Masonic Home of Delaware, where I preached at a worship service hosted by two separate chapters of the Eastern Star and led by our own Sheldon Edwards. In this setting, I felt God’s presence in the faces of the residents who were happy to have the opportunity to worship together. It was so amazing to see the earnestness with which these folks sought after God. I praise God for the opportunity to have been there.

Church is a funny place where the youngest and oldest of us can equally participate in its activities and serve Christ together. I am blessed to be a part of it and grateful to be part of such a wonderful fellowship as we have here at RPUMC. May God give all of us the opportunity to see the Spirit moving in the world around us and bless us richly in the process.

Seeking God’s grace every day,
Pastor Tom



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Karen Boyd	10/1
Brittany Brown	10/1
DeeDee Painter	10/3
Jane Thomas	10/3
Tim Williamson	10/3
Bob Evely	10/4
Edward Przywara	10/4
Brandon Henderson	10/5
Claire Austin	10/6
Alicia Ayala	10/6
Roger Longest	10/6
Cheryl Chilcutt	10/7
Eve Thomas	10/7
Angela Ott	10/8
Jessica Donnelly	10/9
Will Fader	10/9
Mary Hall	10/9
Carol Haynes	10/10
Kaia Phillips	10/10
Logan Phillips	10/10
Melissa Hughes	10/11
Winfield Lane	10/12
Sarah Pasmore	10/12
Dan Freebery	10/13
Emma Perugini	10/13
Jerry Toy	10/13
Jay Cummings	10/19
Patrick Donnelly	10/22
Esther McDowell	10/25
Paulette Cleaver-Lazzaro	10/26
Dianna Deaton	10/26
Eric Fleming	10/27
Tod Mitten	10/27
Scott Cloud	10/28

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 October, Rebekah Circle will take care of the flowers in the church.

Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle	Tuesday, October 2 7:00 p.m. – Church Lounge
Ruth Circle	Wed., October 3 10:00 a.m. – Church Lounge
Unit Meeting	Sunday, October 21 11:30 AM – Church Lounge

UMW DISTRICT MEETING
Saturday, October 6 9 AM
Christiana United Methodist Church

UMW PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE
Saturday, October 20
8:30 AM Registration
9 AM – 12 PM Meeting
Carey United Methodist Church - Millsboro

BLESSED HARVEST TEA
Saturday, October 27 Noon

The UMW is having a special event on Saturday, October 27 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy tea sandwiches, fruit, desserts and, of course, TEA. It is always a wonderful time sharing food and fellowship. Please mark your calendar! Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, October 20. Contact Marlene Johnson at 328-5806.



**Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday,
November 4 at 2 AM.**

Time to turn your clocks back one hour!!!

KOINONIA FELLOWSHIP

NEWS FROM CAP

Just in case you find yourself at the grocery store and you're not sure what to buy – below is a list of items needed for our food closet:

FOOD FOR CAP



**Cereals, Tuna, Canned Meats,
Pancake Mix and Syrup,
Peanut Butter and Jelly,
Crackers of all kinds and Mini
Crackers,
Ketchup, Mustard and
Spaghetti.**

**Your donations are very much
appreciated!**

**Don't forget to bring food
for CAP the first Sunday of
each month.**



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

August 2012 \$78.80

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date for 2012 is \$658.56. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. **AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.**

On Friday, September 14, the Koinonias met in the Extension. Plans were discussed for our upcoming Giant Yard Sale which will be held on Friday, October 5 from 9 AM to 4 PM and Saturday, October 6 from 8 AM to 2 PM. We realize the need for advertising in advance and volunteers will be working on this. You can help by telling your friends and neighbors about our Yard Sale, as well as our gift shop that is run year round.

It was decided to give the church \$1,000 to begin a fund for restoration of our beautiful stained glass windows.

Also, the Koinonia will meet on a regular basis the third Friday evening of each month.

After a short business meeting, an assortment of snacks was consumed. After all, what's a Koinonia meeting without something to eat!

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, October 19 at 6 PM in the Extension. We will have a covered-dish dinner and then enjoy the movie, "Dear God." This is a spirit-lifter about a money-scramming con artist who goes from no-good to doing good. His transformation begins when a judge gives him a choice of "work or prison." He chooses work, of course, and is assigned to a post office's Dead Letter Office. Then, he starts responding to letters addressed to God. **COME JOIN US!**



TOO MANY CALENDARS?????

If you are receiving more 2013 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.



MISSION TREE



On Sundays in October, we will be hanging **Fall Leaves** on our Mission Tree. Hang a "fall leaf" on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.

BUSY HANDS

The Prayer Shawl Ladies have shared God's love with over 21 wonderful folks. As one recipient told us, "I feel the love of the people at RPUMC when I wrap the shawl around me." We now have added another project for our crafty ladies - comfort dolls. Every so often, a little one visits us during the worship service. At times, they become uncomfortable...so "Comfort" goes to visit. These dolls are made from soft flannel, are washable, and do not contain loose parts. The best thing is that "Comfort" goes home with the child.

KIDS' KORNER



Greetings from Room 3. Regular session Sunday School has started! Each month, we will focus on a person from the Bible. During September, we studied David. Lessons are brought to life using Bibles, study cards, songs and, of course, skits! What wonderful ways to reinforce our lessons. Come visit us at 9 AM on Sunday mornings to discover October's special person!

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



KIDS CAFÉ begins
Thursday, October 18
3:30 - 6 PM

Kids Café is a structured after-school Christian ministry committed to providing homework assistance, educational enrichment and recreational activities for the children of our community in kindergarten through sixth grade.

School is in session...that means homework! Our tutoring program will begin on Thursday, October 18 at 3:30 PM. The schedule is as follows:

3:30 PM	games and free time
4:30 PM	dinner
5:00 PM	tutoring - students must bring work
5:45 PM	group story
6:00 PM	children must be picked up by responsible party

We hope to see you on Thursday, October 18. A registration form is included in this newsletter or is available by calling Janet Dickerson at 998-6133 or Marlene Johnson at 328-5806.

We need prayers, tutors, kitchen help and, importantly, students!!!

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 and your friends.



"FREE LUNCH THURSDAYS"

Don't forget our "Free Lunch Thursdays" at RPUMC from 11 AM to 1 PM in Fellowship Hall. This ministry is geared to feed both body and soul by providing nourishing lunches and an opportunity to share the love of Jesus. Please join us as we come together for fellowship and to enjoy a delicious lunch.

If you would like to volunteer to help prepare, serve and clean up, please call the church office.

Mark Your Calendars

<p><u>CROP WALK</u> SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 1 PM</p> <p>The Crop Walk will begin at Peniel UMC.</p>

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Sunday, November 18
Joint Thanksgiving Service
Wilmington Church of the Brethren
Time to be determined.

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Tuesday, December 18 – 7 PM
RPUMC
2012 Charge Conference

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"A BRIGHTER DAY" MINISTRY
Fifth Annual Coat Drive

"A Brighter Day" Ministry is collecting gently used or new winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves and new socks for the homeless. Rebecca Shannon will pick up donations from the church the weeks of October 28 and November 4. A barrel is located inside the sanctuary where you can place your donations. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rebecca at 543-5612. The Outreach will take place on November 10.



TENTH ANNUAL ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 4 PM

Under the direction of Ms. Bettie Smith, the Alumni Choir will hold their tenth annual concert. Again this year, the concert will be held at Richardson Park United Methodist Church. A hymn sing will be held at 3:45 PM and the concert will begin at 4:00 PM. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Pastor's Outreach Ministries at RPUMC. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.



SEMI-ANNUAL PIE SALE

Please place your orders by
Monday, November 12 for pick-up
on Friday, November 16. An order
form is included in this bulletin.



YOUTH NEWS

Haunted Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:00-8:00PM

PENIEL UMC

NEWPORT, DE

GET SCARED FOR A GOOD CAUSE



IMPORTANT DATES

- October 7 — 1 PM
CROP Walk at
Peniel UMC
- October 14 — 5:30
Regular Youth
Group
- October 21—10 AM
Soup & Sandwich
Fundraiser
- October 26 & 27 —
5:30 Haunted
Church at Peniel!!
- November 2 — 7 PM
LOCKIN!!!!!!!
- December 23 —
4PM Caroling and
Christmas Party!!
- January 4-6 —
Youth Rally!!



All kinds of Opportunities for Fun!





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**YARD SALE AND
YE OLDE SHOPPE**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5
9 AM – 4 PM**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6
8 AM – 2 PM**

CLOTHING, LINENS, KITCHENWARE, ELECTRONICS, BOOKS

TOYS, FURNITURE, LAMPS, PICTURES

GOODIES SERVED DAILY

**HOT DOGS, CHILI, HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS
AND MORE!**



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

PICK-UP DATE!!
Friday, November 16
2 PM - 5 PM

PIES - 10" DEEP DISH - \$10.00

Apple _____ Qty. \$ _____

Pumpkin _____ Qty. \$ _____

Total \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

ALL ORDERS ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

Please submit your order by Monday,
November 12
by contacting:

Sandy Swain at 994-9539
Marlene Johnson at 328-5806
Church Office at 654-0961



Blessed Harvest Tea

October 27, 2012 at 12:00 noon
Richardson Park United Methodist Church
11 North Maryland Avenue

Join us as we celebrate the harvest season.
Enjoy tea sandwiches, fruit, desserts,
and of course tea.

Cost \$8.00

Tickets must be purchased by October 21, 2012
Contact Marlene Johnson 328-5806



RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Kids Café Mission Statement

Kids Café is a structured after-school Christian ministry committed to providing homework assistance, educational enrichment and recreational activities for the children of our community in kindergarten through 6th grade.

Kids Café is set to begin another exciting year at RPUMC on Thursday, October 18, 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and we would love for your children to participate.

Our goal is to enable each participant to enjoy recreation and special programming along with the all important homework tutoring component.

Please complete the registration and Medical Authorization forms and give them to Marlene Johnson or bring them to Kids Café on Thursday, October 18. If you have any questions about this year's program, please call Marlene Johnson at 328-5806 or Janet Dickerson at 494-5247.

KIDS CAFÉ

REGISTRATION FORM - 2012-2013

Student's Name: _____

Birth Date: ___/___/___ *Age:* _____ *Current Grade:* _____

What School Does the Student Attend? _____

Parent or Care Giver Name: _____

Address: _____

An emergency phone or cell phone number is an absolute must!

Home Phone: _____ *Work Phone:* _____ *Cell Phone:* _____

If your child will be unable to arrive at Kids Café by the 3:30 p.m. starting time due to school location or dismissal time, please advise the expected arrival time.

Time _____ *Parent/Guardian Signature* _____

All children must be picked up promptly at 6:00 p.m. We recommend you make every effort to pick up your child regardless of age. However, if you give permission for your child to walk home without adult supervision, please sign below to indicate that you accept responsibility for your child leaving on his/her own at the end of Kids Café.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please sign here if you will allow your child's photograph to be taken at Kids Café and be posted within the church building.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Kid's Café at Richardson Park United Methodist Church

11 N. Maryland Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19804
(302) 654-0961

Medical Authorization

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Person to Contact: _____ Phone: _____

I understand that in the event medical treatment is required for my child while attending Kids Café, I give permission to Pastor Tom Pasmore, Marlene Johnson and/or Janet Dickerson to secure the services of health care personnel to provide appropriate health care for my child, including anesthesia, until such time as I or the person listed above, as the emergency contact person, can be reached.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please list medical allergies, medications being taken, medical problems or other pertinent medical information. _____

KIDS CAFÉ
Educational Progress Disclosure

October 2012

Dear School Principal and Classroom Teacher,

I give Marlene Johnson and/or Janet Dickerson, Kids Café representatives, permission to discuss my child's educational progress and possible instructional interventions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Child's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

October 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Fellowship Hall Reserved	2 Fellowship Hall Reserved 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting	3 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM Ruth Circle 7:30 PM NA Meeting	4 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch – RPU MC 6:15 Chancel Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	5 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM YARD SALE AND YE OLDE SHOPPE 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	6 Fellowship Hall Reserved 8 AM YARD SALE AND YE OLDE SHOPPE
7 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Worship Team 1 PM CROP Walk - Peniel	8	9 8 PM AA Meeting	10 7:30 PM NA Meeting	11 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch – RPU MC 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	12 10 AM Discipleship Experience – Peniel UMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	13 Fellowship Hall Reserved Civic Association Dinner
14 Fellowship Hall Res. 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Education Mtg. 11:30 AM Trustees Mtg. 11:30 AM Reception 5:30 PM Youth Group	15	16 7 PM CAP Meeting 8 PM AA Meeting	17 7:30 PM NA Meeting	18 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch – RPU MC 3:30 PM Kids Café 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	19 10 AM Discipleship Experience – Peniel UMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC 6 PM Koinonia Meeting	20 8:30 AM UMW Peninsula-Delaware Conference Fall Meeting
21 Fellowship Hall Res. 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM UMW Unit Mt. 11:30 AM Youth Group Dinner	22	23 8 PM AA Meeting	24 7:30 PM NA Meeting	25 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 3:30 PM Kids Café 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	26 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM Discipleship Experience – Peniel UMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	27 Fellowship Hall Reserved 12 PM UMW Blessed Harvest Tea
28 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Council Mtg. 11:30 AM Koinonia Cake and Coffee Fund Raiser	29	30 8 PM AA Meeting	31 7:30 PM NA Meeting			

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Tom Pasmore, Pastor



READERS

October 7	Joan Stadelman
October 14	Tod Mitten
October 21	Betty Swain
October 28	Katie Meadows

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 7	Bob Ashton
October 14	Lee Powell
October 21	Susan Watkins & Family
October 28	Dorothy Scarborough
At the Cross	Anna Mae Shewbrooks

FLOWERS

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

Please submit your articles for the November Messenger to the Church Office by Monday, October 8. 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.