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When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' But they said, 'What is that to us? See to it yourself.' Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.

- Matthew 27:3-5 (New Revised Standard Version)

This morning, as I was looking for something on my bookshelves, I happened upon a devotional guide that my previous congregation in Dover had written for Lent several years ago. The daily devotion, written by a layperson, speaks to the possibilities available to us through resurrection. It opened my eyes to what might have been and can still happen today. This devotion was written for Holy Saturday, the day between the two great events of crucifixion and resurrection. It is the day when it seems that death has won. But we know the truth, don't we? Death can never win . . .

*Upon seeing that Jesus was sentenced to death, Judas was filled with remorse for having betrayed Jesus. He returned the money the priests had given him in payment for turning against Jesus (30 silver shekels – an amount equal to about \$16,000); and then he took his own life. One of our previous pastors mentioned this story to me several years ago when we were talking about Easter. Judas was filled with remorse and could see no other way to atone for his own sin but to take his life. He saw no hope, only despair.*

*If only Judas had waited twenty-four hours - that twenty-four hours would have changed everything. Had he waited, he would have learned that the tomb was empty. Had he*

*waited, he would have learned that Jesus was appearing to the disciples. Had he waited, he could have fallen at Jesus feet and asked for mercy and received it. Can you imagine Jesus holding Judas in his arms and saying, "I understand Judas; and what you intended for evil, God has used for good. I forgive you, Judas, now go and feed my sheep." Can you imagine the impact Judas would have had for Christ and the kingdom of God; had he just waited for twenty-four hours?*

Twenty-four hours could have changed the world, but God still made a way where there seemed to be no way. Jesus is alive!! We never have to worry about the "what ifs" again. Resurrection means we can do anything through the power of the Spirit and that we never have to fear when we step out in faith. Even if things look bleak and death does occur, God is just waiting to bring forth new life. Rejoice in the new life that you are experiencing this day and celebrate with Jesus who is dancing on his own grave.

May the hope of Easter live forever in your heart,

*Pastor Tom*

## 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
Marlin Johnson	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
Kiralyne Phillippe	4/20
Robert Boyd, Jr.	4/21
Katherine Burge	4/22
Robert Collins, Jr.	4/22
Howard Eney	4/23
Kathy Rogers	4/23
Robert Evely, III	4/24
Linda Keffer	4/24
Trisha Parks	4/25
Shirley Delpizzo	4/27
Debbie Freebery	4/27
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 2013      \$50.08

Thanks for remembering to bring in your filled banks the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date is \$175.56. 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.

### Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle	Tue., April 2 7:00 pm Home of Betty Swain
Ruth Circle	Wed., April 3 10:00 am Lounge

### 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.

### UMW LUNCHEON

**Sunday, April 28 11:30 AM**

Sunday, April 28, is a date to mark on your calendars. The UMW is having a soup, sandwich and dessert luncheon following the church service. Tickets are \$8.00 and will be available the first Sunday in April. Come for the food, fun and fellowship.

This fund raiser will help the United Methodist Women support their local mission projects.

**We hope you will be able to join us!**

### 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.

## KIDS' KORNER



### Spring time greetings from Room 3!

During the month of March, Room 3 Sunday school learned how Jesus would be with us in tough times. We used the story of Jesus calming the sea (Matthew 8:23-27). Parables of Jesus also were studied during the month. The children really enjoy acting out the Bible stories. In this way, they really learn about Jesus. I must say that they are very good story tellers through skits. The end of March finds us remembering Palm Sunday and the celebration of Easter. Everyone in Room 3 wishes you a wonderful spring.

Blessings from Ms. Marlene

### KOINONIA FELLOWSHIP

The Koinonias will be meeting on Friday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension. Plan to bring a snack to share and join the fun! Games will be available. Game Night is always one of our favorite events.

### STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The fund for refurbishing our beautiful stained glass windows is growing. Please keep this project in your prayers and give as you are able. To date we have collected \$4,632. Remember, no amount is too small.

### MISSION PROJECT

**Saturday, May 4 8 AM - 5 PM**

In the month of May, we will be helping one of our neighbors on Norway Street replace the worn out siding on her house. If you can swing a hammer and carry supplies, we need your help! The project will start on Saturday, May 4, from 8 AM to 5 PM and will be completed over the next couple of weekends. If you have interest in helping or can help with hospitality, preparing lunch or prayer, please let Rob Anderson or Pastor Tom know. Join us in blessing our community!

## WELCOME BACK, DON MC FARLAND

We are pleased to announce that Donald H. McFarland will be returning to RPUMC as our Music and Choir Director, effective May 1, 2013. Don is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Among his music teachers have been Robert Arnold (organist at Trinity Episcopal Church - Wall Street, NYC/Accompanist for the Robert Shaw Chorale) and Jack Noble White, founder and Director of the Texas Boys Choir. Don has served as a church organist since age 14, starting in his hometown of Mobile, Alabama, and he previously served Richardson Park UMC as Organist/Choir Director from 1996-2006. Don also serves as Director of Institutional Sales for Cunningham Piano Company of Philadelphia. He and his wife, Claudia, live in Fairfax and are delighted to be "coming home" to RPUMC. They look forward to "making a joyful noise unto the Lord!" with friends and family.

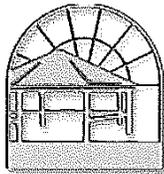
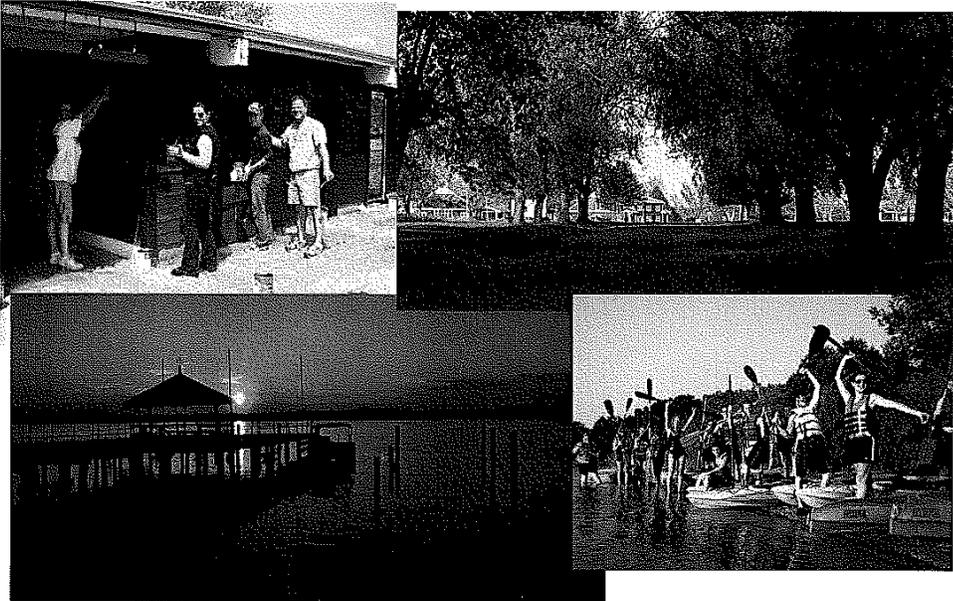
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### *YE OLDE SHOPPE*

*Ye Olde Shoppe is open for browsing and shopping every Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM. The Shoppe also will be open the first Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 1 PM. Stop in and look for some special treasures for you, your family or your friends.*



# YOUTH NEWS



**PECOMETH**  
CAMP & RETREAT MINISTRIES

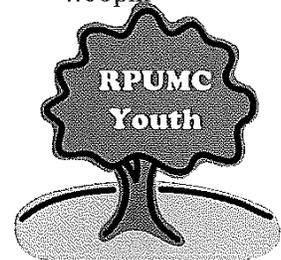
## Volunteer Day!!

**Saturday, April 20 — 7am-6pm**

It's a lot of work getting Pecometh ready for summer! Volunteer Day is a chance for adults, youth, and kids to come help - all while spending a day of fellowship and enjoying the spring weather. In the middle of the day, we'll all take a break from the hard work and enjoy a cookout lunch at the Picnic Pavilion.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- April 7 —  
Regular Youth  
Group at 4:00pm
- April 12-14 — Girls'  
Chrysalis Weekend
- April 14 —  
Youth Group right  
after worship  
11:30am
- April 20 —  
Pecometh  
Volunteer Day!!  
7:00a - 6:00pm
- April 21 — Regular  
Youth Group at  
4:00pm
- April 26-28 — Boys'  
Chrysalis Weekend
- April 28 —  
NO YOUTH  
GROUP
- May 4 —  
Mission Project  
8:00a - 5:00p
- May 5 — Regular  
Youth Group at  
4:00pm



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

**PICK-UP DATE!!**  
**Friday, May 10**  
**Noon – 5 PM**

**HOMEMADE PIES - \$12.00**

Apple	_____ Qty.	\$ _____
Cherry	_____ Qty.	\$ _____
Coconut Custard	_____ Qty.	\$ _____
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ORDERS ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.**

**Please submit your order by Sunday,**  
**May 5 by contacting:**

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

# April 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1 Easter Monday</b>	<b>2</b> 3 PM Ala-teen 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>3</b> 10 AM Ruth Circle 7:30 PM NA Meeting	<b>4</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch - RPUMC 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>5</b> 10 AM Discipleship - Peniel 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel	<b>6</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe
<b>7</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Worship Team 11:30 AM Choir Practice 4 PM Youth Group	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 3 PM Ala-teen 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:30 PM NA Meeting	<b>11</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch - RPUMC 3:30 PM Kids Café 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>12 Girls Chrysalis Weekend</b> 10 AM Discipleship - Peniel 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel	<b>13 Girls Chrysalis Weekend</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved
<b>14 Girls Chrysalis Weekend</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Education Mtg. 11:30 AM Trustees Mtg. 11:30 AM Choir Practice 11:30 AM Youth Group	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 3 PM Ala-teen 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>17</b> 7:30 PM NA Meeting	<b>18</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch - RPUMC 3:30 PM - Kids Café 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>19</b> 10 AM Discipleship - Peniel 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel 7 PM Koinonia Game Night	<b>20 FH Reserved</b> 7 AM Youth Group- Volunteer Day at Camp Pecometh
<b>21</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Refreshments & Council Meeting 4 PM Youth Group	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 3 PM Ala-teen 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>24</b> 7:30 PM NA Meeting	<b>25</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch - RPUMC 3:30 PM Kids Café 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>26 Boys Chrysalis Weekend</b> 10 AM Discipleship - Peniel 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel	<b>27 Boys Chrysalis Weekend</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved
<b>28 Boys Chrysalis Weekend</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM UMW Soup and Sandwich Fund Raiser 3 PM Spring Concert - Peniel	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 3 PM Ala-teen 8 PM AA Meeting				

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Tom Pasmore, Pastor



## LAY READERS

April 7  
April 14  
April 21  
April 28

Lee Powell  
Joan Stadelman  
Carol Cathell  
Pat Cummings

## ALTAR FLOWERS

April 7  
April 14  
At the Cross  
April 21  
April 28

Jim and Cheryl Chilcutt  
Lynn and Bryant Lafferty  
Clyde and Carolyn Nafzinger  
Jerry & Joyce Toy  
Ruth Gibney

## FLOWERS

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

Please submit your articles for the May Messenger to the church office by Friday, April 12. 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.*