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**“Jesus said, [talking to his new disciples] ‘You haven't seen anything yet! Before this is over you're going to see heaven open and God's angels descending to the Son of Man and ascending again.’”**

**- John 1:50-51 (the Message)**

Today has been one of those days that remind me why I am so grateful that God has called me into pastoral ministry. This morning I spent time talking and praying with one of the families of the church. I was able to eat lunch with a dear friend. I completed some necessary administrative tasks in preparation for worship on Sunday. I was even able to get out for a visit in the afternoon; and, to top it all off, I was home eating dinner with my family by 6 PM.

God allowed me to be involved in the real lives of real people, and I pray that I was able to model Christ in all that I was a part of today. It also got me thinking about Sarah, the kids, and my impending transition to Avenue UMC. I remember when I came to RPUMC. During one of our transitional meetings, I asked Bill Green what he was going to miss the most as he left this place to start at Christ UMC. He started laughing and said, “The same thing that you’re going to miss the most as you leave Hope – the people that you’ve been serving the last several years.” And he’s absolutely right. Throughout the day, I was rejoicing in all that God was doing in the lives of people inside and outside of RPUMC, and all day I also was grieving about the short time that we have left together. I love you all so much that I will never be able to effectively say how much I will miss you as I

head south to Milford and new adventures in ministry. What keeps me moving forward toward the new church is my absolute and unshakable conviction that the best is yet to come. God will do great and wonderful things with me at Avenue, and God will do unbelievable and amazing things with Pastor Beverly and you all at RPUMC. The reason I am a Christian is because of the hope that we have in Jesus, and it’s that hope that convinces me that the best is yet to come. Jesus loves to take us and transform us into the best people that we can be. He’s in the remodeling and renovation business; and, to prove it, he took twelve ordinary guys from Galilee and turned them into the most amazing evangelists the world had ever seen.

Jesus never lets us forget that we need to keep our eyes firmly focused on the future—that’s what hope is all about! Richardson Park, you haven’t seen anything yet; because, by the power of the Spirit, the best is yet to come . . .

Peace and Blessings,

*Pastor Tom*



## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



On Sunday, June 9, during worship, we will celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates of 2013.

LUCIANNA ABBONIZIO will graduate from Pennsville Memorial High School in June. She will be attending Salem Community College in the fall and will pursue a Nursing Degree. She is the niece of Joe and Brenda Tucker.

SAMANTHA DAVIDSON graduated from Temple University in May. Her Major was in Archaeology and she was on the Dean's List for three years. She is currently in Cyprus on an archaeological excavation. She is the daughter of Charlene Workman.

CHRISTOPHER DOUGHTY will graduate with Honors from Christiana High School. He will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall on a scholarship, studying environmental engineering. He is the son of Kristi and Stephen Doughty.

MEGAN EDWARDS graduated from Wesley College with a Degree in Nursing. She is the daughter of Rev. Thomas and Joanne Edwards.

ABBI IDE will graduate from St. George's Votech High School. She will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall. She is the granddaughter of Ed and Sandy Ide.

OLIVIA AND GILLIAN IDE are graduating from St. John the Beloved Grade School. They will attend A. I. Du Pont High School in the fall. They are the granddaughters of Ed and Sandy Ide.

ALICIA OTT is graduating from the University of Delaware with a Major in Biology. She plans on attending Med School. She is the daughter of Steven and Annette Ott.

MARIA OTT is graduating from the Charter School of Wilmington. She will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall. She is the daughter of Steven and Annette Ott.

RYAN PATTERSON graduated from Salesianum School. He will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall, majoring in Biology. He is the grandson of Dave and Sandy Swain.

MICHAEL L. SNAPP is graduating from Elkton High School, Elkton, MD. He will be attending the University of New Haven in Connecticut in the fall. He is the grandson of Earle and Shirl Snapp.

CASEY SWANSON is graduating from Cab Calloway School of the Arts. He will be attending Goldey Beacom College in the fall. He is the grandson of Janis and Vic Williams and the older brother of Emmett Swanson.

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

**Getting to know our new pastor...**  
**Beverly Lewis**

Beverly Lewis has been appointed Senior Pastor of Richardson Park United Methodist Church, effective July 1, 2013.

Beverly was appointed to The Preston/Hurlock Charge on October 1, 2012. She served the Charlestown Charge in Cecil County, Maryland where she began as a student pastor in September 2000. She was commissioned in 2002 and ordained as an Elder in 2005. In 2005, she was appointed to Aldersgate United Methodist Church as associate pastor, where she served for six years. She was appointed to the Union United Methodist Church in Bear, Delaware for fifteen months prior to accepting her most recent appointment. During her first appointment in Cecil County, she served on the Board of Directors of the Department of Social Services and the Maryland Network against Domestic Violence. Beverly also served on the Board of Stewarts of Camping and Retreat Ministers during the time of the sale of Drayton Manor and the proposal to build the recently opened Riverview Retreat Center. While at Aldersgate UMC, she was one of the founding members of the Board of Directors of Family Promise of Northern New Castle County, a ministry that provides temporary housing for homeless families and children.

Beverly is a second career pastor; her first career was in nursing. She received a B.S. in Nursing in 1969 and Masters of Science in Education with Emphasis in Nursing in 1975 from the University of Central Arkansas. After working on Faculty at UCA for five years, she joined the Department of Veterans Affairs System (VA) where she worked in a number of positions from staff nurse to Associate Chief Nursing Service for Education, and finally Education Specialist, where she was responsible for the orientation of all new employees and a wide range of continuing education. She retired in 1999 having completed 23 years of uninterrupted

service in five sites. Beverly answered God's call to the ordained ministry and began seminary at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Theological Seminary) in Wynnwood, Pennsylvania in 1997. Asbury UMC in New Castle is her home congregation where she served in many different leadership capacities: Lay Leader, Associate Lay Leader, Certified Lay Speaker and Sunday School Teacher. She received her Master of Divinity Degree in 2001.

Beverly is passionate about pastoral care, evangelism, preaching, teaching and seeing the work of the Holy Spirit making a difference in communities. "Jesus is my Lord and Savior! I believe that everyone should have an opportunity to hear and respond to the Gospel. My defining passage is Matthew 25:31-46. This passage defines me as a Christian and influences much of what I do as a leader."

Beverly currently serves on the Board of Ordained Ministry, its Executive Committee and the Cross-cultural/Cross Racial team of the Peninsula Delaware Annual Conference. She also serves on an advisory board for Prison Ministries.

Beverly and her husband, Glenn, are from Arkansas. They were married in 1970 and have two children, a son Christopher Lewis and wife Heather of Waldorf, MD and a daughter Kimberly Lewis Haile and husband Reggie of Wilmington, DE. They have eight grandchildren. Glenn is a Stephen Minister, Certified Lay Servant and a Christian Clown. He also has served as a youth leader. He is passionate about softball, and he and his team will represent Delaware in the Nationals in Softball this summer. For leisure, Beverly plays the Native American Flute and owns three guitars and a ukulele.

Beverly looks forward to getting to know our congregation and serving the people of this area.

SPRC Committee



## 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 2013

\$65.74

Thanks for remembering to bring in your filled banks the first Sunday of each month. Our year-to-date total is \$323.18. 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.

**Unit Meeting Sunday, June 9 11:30 AM**

This will be a planning meeting for the fall.

Please join us for this important meeting.

### 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.

## *CHILDREN'S WORSHIP*

Starting Sunday, June 9, 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

## SECOND MILE GIVING

### Stained Glass Windows Renovation Update

Ed Ide and I recently met with Nidia Mazalick of Mazalick Design Studios, LLC. We went around the church and examined each stained glass window inside and out and discussed the condition and repairs that each window now needs. Typically, some windows are in worse shape than others; however, every window requires some work. Due to the shift of the glass, some need replacement pieces and others simply need the glass to be trimmed to allow the window to return to a flat surface. The metal surrounding the glass is rusting on all the windows. Also, all windows need to be cleaned.

This is God's home and we, the members, are the caretaker. Just as we must take measures to keep our own homes in good repair, we must take care to maintain this house as well.

When we finished our assessment of the windows and I had taken a close look at each one, I truly felt such despair I wanted to weep. Yes, this is a costly undertaking and we need the financial help of each member. We can't wait until the rust eats away the metal and the beautiful glass begins to fall out in large sections.

I shudder to think of our beautiful sanctuary without these windows that our forefathers so lovingly envisioned and invested in. The beautiful windows that now so proudly surround our sanctuary and bring serenity to all who enter.

I urge each member, as you are able, to give something toward the cost of repairs in order for the work to begin in the next few months. No amount is too small.

Betty Swain

### Upgrade Needed for Audio and Visual Equipment

RPUMC has many long-time, loyal parishioners who are now shut-ins and cannot attend our Sunday morning worship services. To accommodate these members, RPUMC has provided them with a CD and/or DVD which allows them to "attend" the services from their homes. The audio and visual equipment that was previously used is no longer functional. **WE ARE SEEKING YOUR HELP.** If you would like to make a donation to the Audio/Visual Equipment Fund, please write a check to RPUMC and note that it is for the Audio/Visual Equipment update. Checks can be dropped off at the church office or placed in the offering plates on Sunday mornings. Any amount will help and every dollar received will get us closer to our goal of \$2,000, so that we can again provide this service to our shut-in congregation. May the grace of God be with each and every one of you!



### MISSION TREE

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

### *YE OLDE SHOPPE*

*Ye Olde Shoppe is 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. Furniture is available for sale on Saturdays.*

## KIDS' KORNER



Greetings from Room 3!! During the month of May, we were quite busy discussing the Fruits of the Spirit. We based our studies on the book of John 4:2-42 and the book of Acts 16:16-40. Games were played to reinforce our studies. The focus was on LOVE and JOY. Mother's Day was celebrated by the discovery that others really live the Fruits of the Spirit!! Isn't that an amazing discovery?! Our study was finished on May 19 when we looked at Peace. That Sunday was our last regular session for Sunday school. Certificates were given, and one Bible was presented to Emmett who will complete second grade in June. Great work to everyone in Room 3. On June 9, I will be looking for Bible Detectives of 2013. Hope you will join us as we leave the worship service after "Time with Children."

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



Many, many thanks to my church family. There are no words to fully express how blessed I felt each time I opened a card, talked to someone on the phone, had a visit, received flowers and food, and felt the prayers, especially the prayers on my behalf. I hope to be able to be fully healed soon and be back to my jobs and attendance.

Thank you, Alvretta Crozier



## FOOD FOR CAP

Don't forget to bring food for CAP the first Sunday of each month. We are in need of:

Cereal, oatmeal, boxed potatoes, boxed sides, peanut butter, jelly, peas, beans, baby food, infant cereal (up to 1 year) and non-perishable items.

## THRIFT STORE NEEDS..

Clean and sized SPRING AND SUMMER clothing, detergent and bleach, paper products, diapers, sanitary items, and aluminum cans to recycle.



## THROUGH A CHILD'S EYES...

Three-year-old Reese: 'Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen.'

A Young Boy: 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'

A four-year-old boy: 'And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.'





## SPECIAL FATHER'S'S DAY CAMPAIGN

This year on Father's Day, June 16, RPUMC will honor our fathers and other important men in our lives by raising money for two worthy causes: UMCOR tornado relief in Oklahoma and Texas and the Wounded Warrior Project. Help us help those in need and those who have served as we celebrate together on Father's Day.

UMCOR is partnering with local officials to begin to rebuild homes and lives in the affected areas. You can be a part of this through your giving on Father's Day and, as always with UMCOR, 100% of your donation goes to help those in need.

Wounded Warrior Project® serves veterans and service members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wounds, co-incident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001 and their families. There are no dues here - those were paid by wearing the uniform and on the battlefield.

If you would like to make a contribution to these worthy causes, please make your check payable to RPUMC and specify Father's Day Campaign.

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### Special Father's Day Campaign

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ honor the following men:

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Richardson Park UMC  
VBS 2013**

**June 23 to 27**

**11 N. Maryland Avenue  
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302-654-0961**

We will enter an epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. At **Kingdom Rock** VBS, all of us will experience God's Word in fun and unforgettable ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it super easy for kids to remember and apply to real life as they “Stand Strong for God!”

Each night of Kingdom Rock holds a different adventure. After dinner in Fellowship Hall, we will gather at Court in the sanctuary to get ready with Sing and Play Rock. Then it's off to the destinations stations for some real fun. We will hear Epic Bible Adventures, try awesome new things at Imagination Station, play outside at Tournament Games, learn cool songs at Minstrel's Corner, and watch our favorite chipmunk get out of trouble at Chadder's Royal Theatre! So much fun and so little time! Finally, each night will end back in Court in the Sanctuary for Fanfare Finale. At the end of the week, we will have a special celebration in the Sanctuary for parents, family, and friends. Come One, Come All and join us for Kingdom Rock.

**Children Pre-school through Grade 6**

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

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

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

**Adult and Youth volunteers are needed!**

*Stand Strong for God!*



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 23 - THURSDAY, June 27*  
*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 **Kingdom Rock** 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 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 8 AM Clean Up Day 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe
<b>2 Fellowship Hall Res.</b> 9 AM Wesley Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship		<b>4</b> 3 PM Alateen 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>5</b> 7:30 PM NA Meeting	<b>6 Annual Conference</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch – RPUMC 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>7 Annual Conference</b> 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel	<b>8 Annual Conference</b>
<b>9</b> 9 AM Wesley Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Worship 11:30 AM Education Mtg. 11:30 AM UMW Unit Mtg.		<b>11</b> 3 PM Alateen 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>12</b> 7:30 PM NA Meeting	<b>13</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch –RPUMC 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>14</b> 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel	<b>15</b>
<b>16 Father's Day</b> 9 AM Wesley Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Worship 11:30 AM Trustees Meeting	<b>17 VBS Set-up</b>	<b>18 VBS Set-up</b> 3 PM Alateen 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>19 VBS Set-up</b> 7:30 PM NA Meeting	<b>20 VBS Set-up</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch – RPUMC 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>21 Summer Begins</b> <b>VBS Set-up</b> 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel 5:30 PM Koinonia Picnic	<b>22 VBS Set-up</b>
<b>23</b> 9 AM Wesley Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Worship 11:30 AM Refreshments and Council Meeting 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School	<b>24</b> 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School	<b>25</b> 3 PM Alateen 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>26</b> 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School 7:30 PM NA Meeting	<b>27</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch – RPUMC 5:30 PM Vacation Bible School	<b>28</b> 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel	<b>29 Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Reserved</b>

**30 Fellowship Hall Res.**  
 9 AM Wesley Sunday School  
 10 AM Fellowship  
 10:30 AM Worship and  
 Children's Worship  
 3 PM CAP Volunteer Covered-  
 Dish and Festival – St. James

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Tom Pasmore, Pastor



## LAY READERS

June 2	Brenda Tucker
June 9	Roger Longest
June 16	Bob Collins
June 23	Nancy Jaegers
June 30	Claudia McFarland

## ALTAR FLOWERS

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

## ALTAR FLOWERS

June 2	Tod and Yvonne Mitten
At the Cross	Winfield Lane
At the Lectern	Ginger Pettyjohn
June 9	Rob and Michelle Anderson
June 16	Alvretta Crozier
At the Cross	Bob Collins
At the Lectern	Ruth Gibney
June 23	United Methodist Women
June 30	Ed and Sandy Ide

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Please submit your articles for the July/August Messenger to the church office by Wednesday June 5. Thank You.

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

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