

the Messenger

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Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ!

What a wonderful time to be alive and in ministry at Richardson Park United Methodist Church. We are back from vacations and summer breaks and now focused on being the church. Part of our responsibility as followers of Jesus is to continue to grow in our knowledge of God's love. One of the best ways to learn more about the God we serve is to be immersed in group study of the Bible. Beginning October 7, 2013 we will begin the eight week short course of Disciple Bible Study, Invitation to the Old Testament. You may be thinking, the Old Testament in only eight weeks, there are 39 books in the Old Testament, how can that be! It is a short course, but there is still a great deal of reading and review. The course is video driven and group discussion based. There are no answer books, just God's word as provided in the Holy Bible.

If you are up to the challenge, join me on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm or Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am to participate in the wonderful study. We will meet for 90 minutes at both sessions. There is a participant's guide that will be available one week before the study begins so that we all begin on the same page. The participant's guides are less than \$15; however, if you are unable to purchase the guides, scholarships are available. Anyone who wants to be a part of this study is welcomed.

By now you know that I am committed to small group study, especially of the Bible. I hope you can find the time to enter into this experience.

A word about small groups. If you would like to host a small group here in the building, your home, office or some other location, let me know so that we can provide materials and help get you started. This is a wonderful way to invite friends into different relationships. It is also an entry point for you and God's WORD to be an influence in the lives of persons who may not have had the opportunity to ask, listen and learn.

Currently we have only one person that has committed to be a part of the "gap." We will begin our intentional prayers this month. If you missed last month's newsletter, we are praying for persons who have not accepted the love, peace and forgiveness provided by our Savior, Jesus the Christ. My prayer is that we can together live into the great commission as we experience the great commandment.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:19-20. And Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:37-39.

In Christ!

Beverly B Lewis



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
Claire Austin	10/6
Alissa 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
Ken Bourdon	10/13
Dan Freebery	10/13
Glenn Lewis	10/13
Emma Perugini	10/13
Jerry Toy	10/13
Jay Cummings	10/19
Riley Kaucz	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 1 7:00 p.m. – Church Lounge
Ruth Circle	Wed., October 2 10:00 a.m. – Church Lounge
Unit Meeting	Sunday, October 13 11:30 AM – Church Lounge

UMW DISTRICT MEETING
Saturday, October 5 8:30 AM
Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church

UMW PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE
Saturday, October 26
8:30 AM Registration
9 AM – 12 PM Meeting
Neighborhood House

BLESSED HARVEST TEA
Saturday, October 12 Noon

The UMW is having a special event on Saturday, October 12 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 Monday, October 7. Contact Marlene Johnson at 328-5806.



**Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday,
November 3 at 2 AM.**

Time to turn your clocks back one hour!!!

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



Canned potatoes, black-eyed peas (canned or bagged), canned tuna, baked beans, canned Goya beans, canned green beans, canned peas, canned ravioli, canned soup, pancake mix, syrup (regular and sugar free), bagged Ramen noodles (chicken and beef), spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, cereal, peanut butter, and jelly. Perishable items needed are: eggs and margarine.

New items: personal care items, such as soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

Your donations are very much appreciated!

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



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

September 2013 \$65.99

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date for 2013 is \$614.02. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. **AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM DRIVE RICHARDSON PARK ELEMENTARY



If you would like to donate new or gently used clothing for the children of Richardson Park Elementary School, please drop your donations off at the church office or contact Glenda Donnelly, who will be collecting clothing at CAP. The children are in need of:

Children's sized BELTS

Long sleeve shirts (golf or polo style) in white, navy blue or light blue

Large size (husky?) short sleeve golf/polo shirts in size 14, 16, 18, 20, or perhaps adult small or adult xsmall in white, navy blue or light blue

Boys' underwear in sizes small and medium

Girls' underwear in sizes small and medium.



TOO MANY CALENDARS?????

If you are receiving more 2014 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.



Holy Communion Update

The worship team is constantly working to improve the worship experience for all. This month we will begin a trial. The third Sunday communion experience will be discontinued; however, because of the diversity of this community, we will offer communion on the first Sunday of each month in a way that persons who wish to kneel and receive at the rail may do so. We will also provide a station for intinction (where you receive the bread and dip it into the cup).

You will want to be a part of the experiment the first Sunday in October which is World Communion Sunday. It is fitting that we celebrate our diversity on such a wonderful Sunday...the one Sunday that we as Christians are reminded that we are a part of a much larger celebration. I pray that any confusion does not take away from the holiness of the sacrament. He didn't say kneel or dip the bread, he said do this in remembrance of me. We celebrate and give thanks no matter what method we use because we have accepted God's Gift.



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.



Thank you very much for your cards, special visits and the beautiful flowers. I appreciate your prayers and for thinking of me.

Ruth Taylor KIDS' KORNER



Greetings from Sunday School!

What an exciting time has been planned by our Sunday School teachers for 2013-2014.

Wesley Adult Class

Teachers: Lee Powell, Mary Alice Bair and Kathy Rogers

Study Focus: The Book of Genesis

5th Grade and UP

Teachers: Rob Anderson and Joe Tucker

Study Focus: Joseph and the multi-colored coat

K - 4th Grades

Teachers: Marlene Johnson and friends

Study Focus: David as a boy and King

Pre-School

Teachers: Beth Warfel and friends

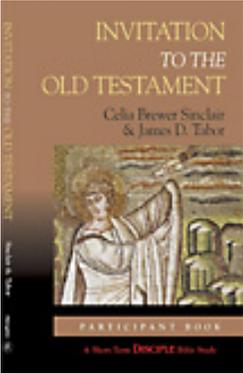
Study Focus: Creation (the Book of Genesis)

Come and bring a friend to discover all the exciting Bible lessons we have planned.

We are implementing the Safe Sanctuary guidelines for the safety of our children. This important policy is located later on in this newsletter.

YE OLDE SHOPPE

Ye Olde Shoppe is open on Thursdays between 10 AM and 2 PM, and on the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 2 PM. If you can't stop in during the week, we hope to see you the first Saturday of each month. On Saturdays, furniture is available for sale.



Invitation to the Old Testament

This study approaches the study of Hebrew Scriptures by inviting participants to hear the story of God and God's calling of the people of Israel through the many "voices" of the biblical text. Narrative, poem, history, and prophetic utterance all have their own distinctive characteristics and purpose, arising out of a particular historical, social, and cultural setting. To understand fully the story of God's covenantal

relationship with Israel calls for listening to these various ways the story is told throughout the Old Testament.

What does it mean to be God's chosen people? And how does the story of Israel's covenant with God inform our own identity as heirs of that covenant? Through this study, participants will be invited to listen afresh to the witness of the Old Testament to hear God's call and purpose for their own lives and respond to that call.

Please join us on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM or Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM.

SAFE SANCTUARY

Safe Sanctuary is a necessary policy for our church to follow. There are specific guidelines to insure our children are safe. People working with our children must sign a covenant, fill out an application, and complete a background check. We had a team of great folks very willing to implement these policies in the past. They include Michelle Anderson, Beth Warfel, Kristi Doughty, Brenda Tucker, Joe Tucker, Marlene Johnson, Kathy Rogers, Tammy Brindle, and our new member – Pastor Beverly. Beth has graciously volunteered to head the committee. The sign-in, sign-out sheets for children under 18 years of age have been implemented in Pre-school and K-4th grade. Parents or guardians must accompany the child to class and sign the register. Following the class, the parent or guardian must come to sign them out. Beth has made a volunteer schedule through November for the Nursery. I know these policies seem overwhelming, but we need to insure that our children have a safe church experience. Further information will be available to you. Thank you for your cooperation!

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RPUMC
2013 Charge Conference
Wednesday, December 18
7 PM - Extension

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"FREE SOUP TUESDAYS"

A new program is coming to RPUMC on Tuesdays beginning October 8 from 11 AM to 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. What's better than a hot bowl of soup and some crusty bread on a chilly or cold day? Bob Evely and Marlin Johnson hope to warm you up. Please join us as we come together for fellowship and to enjoy a delicious, hot bowl of soup. *If you would like to volunteer to help prepare, serve and clean up, please call the church office or contact Bob Evely.*

Mark Your Calendars

CROP WALK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
The Crop Walk will begin at Peniel UMC.
Registration 12:30 PM
Walk 1:00 PM

YARD SALE AND YE OLDE SHOPPE

Friday, October 25
9 AM – 3 PM

Saturday, October 26
8 AM – 2 PM

Clothing, linens, kitchenware, electronics,
books, toys, furniture, lamps, pictures

Goodies served daily!

Hot dogs, chili, homemade baked goods
and more!!

**COME JOIN US FOR TWO FUN DAYS OF
SHOPPING AND GOODIES.**



Laity Enlightenment

When you hear the announcements during Sunday Worship service or if you read through the calendar in the Messenger, you can't help but notice that nearly every week includes a meeting of some committee or team that operates for the Richardson Park United Methodist Church. Whether you are a member of one or more of these groups or you've never been part of any of them, you can't help but wonder about the many things that go on behind the scenes that keep it all going. Since I've been Lay Leader, I've had various questions from people in the congregation at different times about the purpose of specific committees or the nature of some of the leadership roles.

So, I'd like to take advantage of your reading time and this space with a very brief description of some of the committees, teams and leader positions that currently do "the work of the church." The descriptions below are excerpts taken from the publication "Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation 2013-2016."

Worship Team – Pastor Beverly Lewis

A worship planning team brings together people in your congregation who are committed to Christ, to each other and to ensuring that worship is as vital week after week as it can possibly be.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) – Roger Longest

The SPRC has three primary responsibilities related to administration: pastoral and staff evaluations; maintaining a connection with the district superintendent (DS); and communication among pastor/staff, congregation and DS.

Finance Committee – Bob Collins

The ministry of the committee on finance is to nurture the financial vitality of the congregation. This is a comprehensive assignment that encompasses a variety of responsibilities that focus on the characteristics of a financially vital congregation. To that end, the finance committee purposely cultivates a culture of openness and transparency by (a) sharing clear, easy-to-understand financial reports with members; (b) implementing a strong system of internal controls; and (c) providing for an annual audit of the financial reports. The finance committee also thinks missionally about budgeting and fundraising and engages in certain financial best practices.

Church Council – Betty Swain

The church council is the group of church leaders who guide and further the ministry of the congregation. The church council as a group should reflect the character and population of the congregation. The work of the church council is to envision, plan, implement and annually evaluate the congregation's ministry and mission.

Nominations and Leadership Development Committee - Pastor Beverly Lewis

This committee works to help persons discover their gifts and ways to be in mission and ministry: train new, existing and potential leadership; support those who have been elected in their roles; and discern new mission and ministry opportunities.

Lay Leader – Kathy Rogers

The role and responsibility of the lay leader touches the entire breadth of the congregation's life. The lay leader functions as the primary lay representative of the laity in the church, meets regularly with the pastor, is a member of the charge conference, church council and other committees, among other things.

Yes, there are other leadership positions and committees not listed above and this is not in any way by order of priority. But this is a good start to getting a basic understanding of the inner workings of the church. I hope you found something you didn't know or some clarification around something you already knew.

In the coming months, it is the job of the Nominations Committee to fill openings in all our groups as well as other leadership positions for 2014. I would encourage anyone who wants to get more involved in the church in some way to consider serving on one of the committees that interests you. Also, if you want to know more about those groups or positions described above or any of the others not listed, please let me know and I'll be happy to provide more details. It is always exciting and refreshing to have new group members bring a different perspective and energy to the important work of the church. I urge you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute your time and talents to our church. And remember, there is really only one qualification required – a desire to do God's work for the good of all God's children in an effort to bring others to Christ.

May God bless you and show you the way!

Your Lay Leader,
Kathy Rogers

October 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting	2 10 AM Ruth Circle 6 PM Disciple – St. James 7:30 PM NA Meeting	3 10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	4 10 AM Disciple – St. James 11 AM Free Lunch Peniel	5 8:30 AM Wilm. Dist. UMW Annual Meeting 10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe and Yard Sale
6 9 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Pre-School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Worship Team 12:30 PM CROP Walk	7 6:30 PM Disciple Bible Study	8 10:30 AM Disciple Bible Study 11 AM Soup Day 8 PM AA Meeting	9 6 PM Disciple – St. James 6:30 PM NA Policy Group 7:30 PM NA Meeting	10 10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	11 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM Disciple – St. James 11 AM Free Lunch Peniel	12 Fellowship Hall Reserved 12 PM Blessed Harvest Tea
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READERS

October 6	Linda Keffer
October 13	Ben Brindle
October 20	Suzy Price
October 27	Ryan Warfel

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 6	Bob Ashton
October 13	Ed and Sandy Ide
October 20	Susan Watkins & Family
October 27	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 7. 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.