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Greetings in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus the Christ!

In Kevin Harney and Bob Bower's book, ***The UTurn Church: New Direction for Health and Growth***, they give an analogy of churches in the United States:

"When it comes to the various kinds of churches, I like to use this analogy: There is the undertaker church, the caretaker church, and the risk-taking church. The undertaker church is on the way to burying itself. They look back and they have pictures of the past but no plans for the future. The caretaker church is the one that says, "We don't want to do anything, we just want to maintain our church as it is." Their goal is to keep the fortress and the walls up and keep the people they have. The risk-taking church is the one that has the faith in God to step out and bear fruit for the kingdom of God."

Here at Richardson Park United Methodist Church, we are about feeding the body and the soul in the name of Jesus. That being said, we are poised to make some changes this summer that will lead to exciting and fruitful ministries. But not only for the summer, we will be ready to invite and welcome all of the guests that God sends because we are ready.

Currently, four persons are in a small group learning to share their faith; they are committed to being "***Contagious Christians***." I have become so committed to how we change this community in the name of Jesus Christ by feeding both body and soul, I have decided to make this summer a season of preparation. Get ready to explore the principles of faith-sharing as the larger community.

Our next Big Day is just around the corner, Sunday, June 8, 2014. Like Easter, Pentecost moves around on the calendar. You know it is Pentecost because it is 50 days after Easter, but go now and get ready. Read Acts 2:1-20 and see how the Holy Spirit presented itself on that day. On that day, the church of Jesus Christ was empowered to be the church. Here at Richardson Park UMC, we are gearing up to have a fantastic worship experience as we invite friends, celebrate the birth of the church, and welcome our newest member. Not only will we feed the soul in worship, we will feed the body. Following the service, we are planning a cookout where all are welcomed. My personal specialty is grilled pork ribs; however, for this cookout, it will be the All Beef Hot Dog, chips, a variety of salads and, of course, birthday cake. Our last Big Day was Easter. We welcomed 220 persons for worship. There were two persons who shared on their connect cards that they committed their lives to Christ and one person requested information regarding baptism. This may not sound impressive to you, but for me we are on our way to changing our community one person at a time in the name of Jesus.

Undertaker church, caretaker church, or risk-taking church: I will only serve a risk-taking church. We will risk it all in the name of Jesus as we prepare to paint the town red because we are empowered by the Holy Spirit of God. We are committed to sharing God's love with anyone who will listen. Soon we all will claim the name Christian and boldly share a contagious faith.

In Christ!

Pastor Beverly



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



On Sunday, June 15, during worship, we will celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates of 2014.

NICOLE ANDERSON graduated from Wilmington University in May with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. Nicole is a member of the Delta Epsilon Rho Honor Society. Nicole is currently substitute teaching full time and is seeking a full-time teaching position. Nicole plans to continue her education and receive a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology. She is the daughter of Rob and Michelle Anderson.

SARA ANDERSON graduated from Wilmington University in January with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. Sara is a member of Delta Epsilon Rho Honor Society. Sara is currently substitute teaching and is seeking a full-time teaching position. She is the daughter of Rob and Michelle Anderson.

KATHRYN LEIGH MITTEN graduated from the University of Delaware on May 30 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in both American History and International Relations, with minors in both Art History and Organizational and Community Leadership. She is currently interviewing and planning to attend graduate school. She is the daughter of Tod and Yvonne Mitten.

KELLY LYNNE REBURN graduated from East Carolina University (ECU) on May 9 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology Degree, Summa Cum Laude. She will attend graduate school in September at ECU. Kelly is the daughter of Denise Reburn and the granddaughter of Dave and Sandy Swain.

JOHN SAGRATI III will graduate from Unionville High School in Kennett Square, PA on June 4. He will be attending West Chester College where he will major in Physical Therapy. He is the stepson of Kim Ide Sagrati.

BLESSINGS TO ALL OF YOU!



Coming to Richardson Park United Methodist Church This Fall

Active parenting is a video-based program developed for parents of children ages 5-12 who are interested in learning new skills that will bring back the joy of parenting. There are six (6) sessions: The Active Parent; Cooperation and Communication; Responsibility & Discipline; Building Courage and Self Esteem; Understanding and Redirecting Misbehavior; and Active Parenting for School Success.

We plan to offer Active Parenting this fall for the first fifteen (15) families that apply. Watch for announcements and application forms and plan to attend. This ministry is funded in part by the Committee on Urban City Ministries of the Wilmington District of the United Methodist Church. We are partnering with Neighborhood House. Program materials, a lite meal and child care will be provided to those who attend. If you are interested in supporting this ministry by providing the meals, child care or being trained as a group leader, contact Pastor Beverly at 302-547-2140 or beverlylew@comcast.net

Lifetree Café Coming to Vacation Bible School

This summer we are adding a new feature to our Vacation Bible School. Lifetree Café is a time and place where people gather to hear inspiring stories and engage in conversation on a different topic every evening. The topics covered at the Café will be based upon the themes that the children will be exploring each day. The topics are:

- Overcoming Hardship: A father and son beat the odds.
- The Black and White Truth About Racism: Will we ever live in a colorblind world?
- Follow Your Dream: Even when you think you can't.
- Amazing Grace: The mother of the shooter finds healing in the aftermath of the Amish schoolhouse massacre.
- Does God Have a Plan for You? One woman's quest to save 300 babies.

The Café will be open on the second level in the Youth Room at 6:00 p.m. for meet and greet and the one-hour sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. Invite a friend and come and hang out with us as we begin the conversation. The café is open for all who might think that they are too old for VBS. No books, no reading, no notes, just conversation. Bring your children to VBS and bring a friend to the Lifetree Café.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Susan Durkee	6/1
Bette Farra	6/3
Nicholas Perugini	6/4
Brisa Peterson	6/5
Ruth Peacock	6/7
Katie Parker	6/10
Julia Maybroda	6/11
Sharon Pierce	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
Carolyn Wootten	6/20
James Alley	6/21
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
William Cathell	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 2014 \$104.51

Thanks for remembering to bring in your filled banks the first Sunday of each month. Our year-to-date total is \$479.41. 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	Joan Stadelman

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

NEWS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee, in cooperation with the Richardson Park Community Action Program, St. James Episcopal Church, Peniel UMC, Church of the Brethren, St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church, and Neighborhood House will be offering a training seminar for budgeting and investing in today's world. We hope to hold this seminar in the fall. We will let you know more as arrangements are finalized.

Stained Glass Windows Update

Work began on the restoration of our beautiful stained glass windows on Monday, June 19. Words can't begin to express my sincere gratitude to those of you who have supported this endeavor. Trustee, Jim King, will be on site as work progresses. Nidia Mezalick has a deep love and commitment to her restoration work. We started raising the money to cover the cost of this restoration one year ago. We haven't enough to pay the entire bill, so please keep this in mind when considering a Second-Mile Giving.

Betty Swain

KOINONIA FELLOWSHIP

Deviled eggs, spinach-mushroom casserole, roast beef, corn pudding, oriental salad, broccoli casserole, potato salad, coleslaw, ziti, broccoli salad, bratwurst and cabbage, and 7-layer salad. Oh my! What an enjoyable buffet! To finish up we had brownies, chocolate-covered cream puffs, rhubarb crisp, and fortune cookies. The Koinonia cooks really outdid themselves!

When cleaning up, we discovered "The Case of the Missing Blue Casserole Lid." Where, oh where, could that lid be hiding? If you discover a blue casserole lid looking for its bowl, please contact Pat Cummings, who really misses it. ***Whoops, found lying on the counter at 402 W. Summit Avenue.***

Our meeting began with devotions presented by Clyde Nafzinger. He related how someone hang-gliding runs off the edge of a cliff at full speed and then relies on wind currents to "fly" him to a safe landing. Isn't this how Christians, who love the Lord, rely on Christ Jesus to be the "Wind Beneath Our Wings?"

Then followed the reading of the minutes by Sue Durkee and a Sunshine report given by

Marlene Johnson. It was reported that Sandy Ide is recovering well from her surgery and a change in medication has really helped Shirly Ritter. May God be with Ed and Sandy and Harold and Shirly.

Shirl Snapp, our activities director, reminded us of our upcoming trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster on September 10 to see "Moses." Cost is \$49.50 per person. It is not too late to sign up if you would like to join us. Call Shirl if you are interested at 302-366-8282.

Plans were made to meet next month for a picnic in the backyard of the parsonage on Friday, June 20 at 5:30 p.m. We will be grilling and eating, and participating in some outdoor games. Laughter is the best medicine, and you can always count on a large dose whenever the Koinonia Fellowship meets. Praise to the Lord for this hard-working, fun-loving group of adults.



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 every Thursday from 10 AM to 2 PM and the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 2 PM. If you can't stop in on Thursdays, we hope to see you the first Saturday of each month. Come, browse and shop. There are special treasures for everyone. Furniture is available for sale on Saturdays.

VBS NEWS
It Coming - Get Ready for
VBS 2014



KIDS' CORNER

Many people are working to make VBS 2014 a wonderful and exciting Bible adventure! Come and join us for "Weird Animals." Mark your calendars - the kick-off is Sunday, July 13 at 5:30 PM through Thursday, July 17. Each evening we'll meet at 5:30 PM and conclude at 8 PM. A new feature this year is an adult gathering called "Lifetree Café." Please refer to an article in this newsletter. Also included in this newsletter is the registration form. We hope to hear from you soon.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AND HOPE YOU CAN SIGN UP TO HELP. PLEASE SEE KRISTI DOUGHTY OR MARLENE JOHNSON FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Another way in which you can support VBS is to take advantage of the "Sweet Stop" in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 15 after worship. Cake and a beverage will be offered at \$5.00. You are welcomed to "eat in" or take home to enjoy later.

NEW BIBLE STUDY

A new bible study "Ethics as it relates to the New Testament" will begin on Tuesday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge. It is a six-week program and will be hosted by Pastor Wendy.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL - IT'S JUNE!
Calling all children in K-5th grade. Ms. Marlene needs Bible Detectives starting on June 8. Following Mr. Neal's "time with children," we will go to Room 3 for Bible stories, songs, role-play... in other words, an exciting time! Following worship, parents will need to come to Room 3 to sign out their children (based on safe sanctuary guidelines). Join the fun and become a Bible detective with Ms. Marlene and friends.

The Adult Wesley Class will meet at 9 AM in the Lounge.



WHY GO TO CHURCH

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, "I'm not going." "Why not?" she asked. "I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "(1) They don't like me, and (2) I don't like them." His mother replied, "I'll give you two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church: (1) you're 49 years old, and (2) you're the pastor!"





SPECIAL FATHER'S'S DAY CAMPAIGN

This year on Father's Day, June 15, RPUMC will honor our fathers and other important men in our lives by raising money for two worthy causes: UMCOR Disaster Relief 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 partners with local officials to help rebuild homes and lives. 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.

Special Father's Day Campaign

I/we _____ honor the following men:

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Amount of Contribution: \$ _____



RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Vacation Bible School Registration

Name: _____ Nickname: _____ HELPER

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Telephone: (_____) _____ Age: _____

Last School Grade Completed: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: Home _____ Cell _____

Allergies or Other Medical Conditions: _____

Home Church: _____

Name of one special friend your child might like to be with during VBS: _____

Sunday, July 13 – Thursday, July 17

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Pre-School Through Grade 6



NOTE: HELPERS (7TH-12TH GRADES) MUST PRE-REGISTER

**** PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL INFO ON BACK OF REGISTRATION ****

We ask that all children be picked up promptly at 8:00 p.m. 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. If your child is over ten years old and you wish to allow him/her to leave the church without adult supervision, please check the appropriate box below and sign and date this form. If your child will be picked up each evening, please check the appropriate box below and sign and date this form.

- My child may leave on his/her own at the end of each evening.
- My child will be picked up in the sanctuary each evening.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign here if you will allow your child's photograph to be taken at Weird Animals Vacation Bible School and posted within the church building.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Due to the United Methodist Church's Safe Sanctuary policy,
all 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 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Extension Res. 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship 11:45 AM Education Mtg.	2 7 PM Worship Team	3 10 AM Bible Study 8 PM AA Meeting	4 7 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM NA Meeting	5 10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	6 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	7 10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe
8 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Sunday School 11:45 AM Cook-out	9	10 10 AM Bible Study 6:00 SPRC Meeting 8 PM AA Meeting	11 6:30 PM NA Policy Group 7 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM NA Meeting	12 10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 7:00 PM Chancel Bells 8:15 PM AA Meeting	13 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	14
15 Father's Day 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Sunday School 11:45 AM Trustees Mtg. 11:45 AM VBS Fund Raiser	16	17 10 AM Bible Study 7 PM CAP Board Mtg. 8 PM AA Meeting	18 7 PM Bible Study 7:30 PM NA Meeting	19 10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 8:15 PM AA Meeting	20 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	21
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LAY READERS

June 1	Janis Williams
June 8	Sheldon Edwards
June 15	Ruth Phillips
June 22	Karen Collins
June 29	Dave Rogers

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 Tuesday, June 10. Thank You.

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 1	Tod and Yvonne Mitten
At the Cross	Ginger Pettyjohn
June 8	Rob and Michelle Anderson
June 15	Alvretta Crozier
At the Cross	Bob Collins
At the Lectern	Ruth Gibney
June 22	United Methodist Women
June 29	Wendy Owen

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

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*The mission of Richardson Park United Methodist Church is
to feed the body and soul in the name of Jesus Christ.*