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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ!

This month we have the opportunity to dig deep and look at who we are when we say we follow Jesus Christ. It is not by accident that annually we do some soul searching. It is a part of our individual and communal call to discipleship.

Scripture states, if we confess our sin, God is faithful and true and will forgive us.

(1 John 1:9) The difficult part is for us to admit that we are all sinful, and have fallen short of what God's plan was and is for us. So during the 40 days of lent which will begin on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> we are forced to take a good look at ourselves, eyes wide open, and accept our fate. Without the sacrificing offering of Jesus on the Cross, we would be doomed. Because of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross we have a future.

During our Lenten Journey this year, we will be practicing the discipline of daily devotions. You will be provided with a copy of the devotional, "*The Lord's Prayer for Lent.*" I pray that using this devotional will help us draw closer to the one who provided us with a template for prayer. As we journey through the 40 days of lent, you will also have the opportunity to participate in a small group study called, "*The Hole in Our Gospel.*" This small group study is a way to practice the discipline of growth through study.

Together we will look at our world and look at how we the church can claim our responsibilities as the church, so that our

gospel is complete; not to do as we say, but do as we do because of our faith in Jesus Christ.

We have 40 days, not counting Sundays, until Easter which is a day of celebration for the faithful. Lent is tough, that is to come clean before God, but every Sunday in Lent we will experience a "little Easter." We may fast, we may sacrifice, we may prostrate ourselves before God all during the week, but come Sunday we remember what love has done for us.

As a congregation, we are faced with some challenges in the future. We trust scripture and claim the passage from Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." We may be few in numbers, but in faith we have strength. We are called to share the Good News and make disciples. We are called to love God and to love our neighbor. As we live into our calling, we claim the promise of our Lord from Matthew 28:20 "and lo I am with you to the end." May you be blessed during this Lenten season with a renewed strength and faith for the journey. We have serious work to do in the name of Jesus, feeding the body and the soul, but we are not alone!

In Christ

Pastor Beverly



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
MARCH 5 7 PM RPUMC**

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

**Wednesdays at Noon**

**March 12**

Calvary Presbyterian Church

**March 19**

Peniel United Methodist Church

**March 26**

Richardson Park United Methodist Church

**April 2**

St. James Episcopal Church

**April 9**

Wilmington Church of the Brethren

**April 16**

St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church (Tentative)

Stations of the Cross\*

\*Lunch will not be provided.

***Please join the noon prayer services during***

***Lent, followed by a light lunch.***



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

**BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 9.**

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR.**



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Tina Holmes        | 3/1  |
| Morgan Straughn    | 3/5  |
| Beth Warfel        | 3/5  |
| Paul McGinnis, Jr. | 3/6  |
| Ryan Warfel        | 3/6  |
| Hunter Williams    | 3/6  |
| Frankie DelCampo   | 3/7  |
| Janet Dickerson    | 3/7  |
| Carmen Guelen      | 3/7  |
| Steven Palmer      | 3/7  |
| Stephanie Swain    | 3/7  |
| Kim Cloud          | 3/10 |
| John DuVall        | 3/10 |
| Madison Keffer     | 3/10 |
| Dave Rogers        | 3/12 |
| Calvin Brosch      | 3/13 |
| Susan Eveland      | 3/15 |
| Donald Painter     | 3/15 |
| Ruth Carter        | 3/16 |
| Kevin Cecelia      | 3/16 |
| James A. Chilcutt  | 3/18 |
| Makani Johnson     | 3/18 |
| David Rice         | 3/20 |
| Tom Beane          | 3/22 |
| Michael Coverdale  | 3/23 |
| Austin Painter     | 3/23 |
| James Keffer       | 3/24 |
| Sue Cummings       | 3/25 |
| Grace Pettyjohn    | 3/25 |
| Imogene Deford     | 3/26 |
| Jim Updyke         | 3/29 |
| J. Robert Ashton   | 3/30 |
| Helen Murphey      | 3/30 |

**NOTE: If your name is not listed on our birthday calendar, please call the church office at 654-0961. Thank you.**



**MISSION TREE**



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

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



In March, Ruth Circle will take care of the flowers in the church.

## Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle      Tuesday, March 4    7 PM  
Church Lounge

Ruth Circle            Wed., March 5    10 AM  
Church Lounge

## Circle Leaders

Rebekah Circle            Marlene Johnson  
Ruth Circle                Joan Stadelman

**Unit Meeting            Monday, March 3    2 PM**  
**Home of Pat Cummings**  
**All are welcome.**

## UPCOMING EVENT

**Saturday, April 5**  
**8:30 AM – 11:30 AM**  
**UMW Conference Spring Event**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
**Salisbury, MD**

## WESLEY TOWER BANKS

February 2014    \$96.92

Thanks for remembering to bring in your filled banks the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date for 2014 is \$232.92. Empty banks can be picked up as you leave the altar area each Communion Sunday. **AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.**

## FOOD FOR CAP



Don't forget to bring food for CAP the first Sunday of each month. There is a container outside the sanctuary labeled CAP.

# KIDS' KORNER



Everyone: Get ready for VBS 2014!! It is in the planning stages. Sunday, July 13 will be the kickoff to an exciting adventure. The theme is "Weird Animals." Be ready to attend and learn about God's world.

A planning meeting for the wonderful people who volunteer to help will be held on Sunday, March 9 following the worship service. We hope to see you there. VBS is such an exciting learning experience for everyone involved!

Reminder: There are Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings. During the Lenten season, we will have many exciting lessons with discussions, activities and songs. Don't miss out!

Preschool with Ms. Beth and friends 9:30 AM  
K-4<sup>th</sup> grade with Ms. Marlene & Ms. Brenda 9 AM  
5<sup>th</sup> grade and up with Mr. Rob and Mr. Joe 9 AM  
Adult Wesley Class 9 AM Church Lounge



## INDOOR/OUTDOOR YARD SALE

**Friday, April 4      10 AM – 2 PM**  
**Saturday, April 5    10 AM – 2 PM**

Come out and shop and plan to join us for lunch. Homemade chili, hot dogs and an assortment of baked goods will be available.

Please plan to drop off any donations by Wednesday, April 2.



## People are talking about the **Connect Card!**

Regarding the Connect Card, I have found that there is a theme that is being communicated: "We don't like this change; it is a waste of time and money; we want things like they use to be." Before you totally discredit this tool, let me give you a bit of background. I had hoped that by introducing the concept to the Leadership team last fall that we would have an uneventful launch. Unfortunately, this has not been the case. Much confusion and lots of questions are being asked, so here we go.

- **Why are we using connect cards?** Connect Cards help to connect all worshipers to the leaders of the church and provide a vehicle to capture information from our first and second time guests.
- **Why are we interested in first and second time guests?** Over the years, we have been in decline. Given our current trajectory, we will be closing our doors in the next 10 years. Research shows that our best method for actual growth is by attracting and keeping first and second time guests. The tricky part is that first time guests may have been invited by someone from the congregation or the Holy Spirit may have directed them to come. Either way they don't want to be singled out, nor made to feel different or unknowing. We all complete the Connect Cards to record our presence (as members and/or regular attendees) and to make sure that our first time guests notice that everyone is doing it. What about that other stuff on the card? The "How did you hear about RPUMC?" question.
- **How did you hear about RPUMC?** One of these days we may want to invest in marketing ourselves to the community; this information will help us know the most beneficial way to do this. Research suggests that the best marketing tool for a church is your personal invitation, but if someone noticed something on a sign, from a flyer, or heard about us on the radio, we need to know.
- **What about the back side?** - Why do we need that information? Can't that be just for prayers? Yes, it could be just for prayers; however, the first line on the back side is vital, especially for first time guests or for those who want to accept Christ but just don't know what they should do. This statement, "**I put my faith in Jesus for the first time today; celebrate with me,**" gives them the opportunity to share that they have said yes to Jesus and provides us with the opportunity to help them navigate their new faith decision. They don't have to self-disclose, raise a hand, or come

up front. They can be contacted and begin. This is one of the reasons that we exist. To share Christ and to make disciples.

- **What about this? - My next step today is:** Praying for persons to come to Christ is a fulltime job for the Gap prayer team. There are five (5) of us. Included under the next step are **opportunities for discipleship** (prayer, study, service, witness). Areas where volunteers are needed are listed. This list helps us to share the responsibilities of ministry with all. Some of you may notice that much of the work of the church is accomplished by a handful of people. There are persons who are here regularly, but they have never been asked. The Connect Card helps them to see a list of needs and make a decision, "I can do that."
- Finally, **Share your feedback or prayer request.** If you couldn't understand the pastor, let us know. If you loved the prelude, let us know. If there are questions on how to be a lay reader, let us know. Is the service too long or too short? We can't change everything but we can consider your concerns in our planning. The worship team meets monthly with a goal of improving worship for all.
- **Prayer requests** are self-explanatory, although we are looking at reformatting the card so that there is additional space for your prayer concerns. Please use only the first name if you have not notified the person that you have placed them on a public prayer list. God knows the individual and the situation; we are being obedient by offering intercessory prayers.

Too much information? Likely, but now I hope you have a better understanding of the *why*. I considered putting a bar code and scanner at the door, so I would know who was here each week, but for some reason people didn't like that. (Joke) For now, it is the **Connect Cards** so that members and first time guests are connected here at Richardson Park UMC.

### **YE OLDE SHOPPE**

**Ye Olde Shoppe is open for browsing and shopping every Thursday from 10 AM to 2 PM. The Shoppe also will be open the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 2 PM. Stop in and look for some special treasures for you, your family or your friends.**

### **FREE SOUP TUESDAYS**

**March 25 will be the last day for our Tuesday lunch program. We hope to restart the program in October. We will keep you posted.**

**Wesley Tower Banks**  
**What are they all about?**

When our Wesley Tower Project started taking shape in 2000, the plans included adding a two-story foyer to the existing entry on the south side of the church. The focal point of the project included the addition of an elevator which would permit safe and easy access to essentially all areas of the church and a new ground level entrance. The project also included required electrical and fire/life safety system upgrades, two new handicap accessible restrooms, and the hope of new energy efficient windows in Fellowship Hall and air conditioning in the extension and other areas of the church. Total cost was more than \$1MM.

Approximately \$65,000 was borrowed for the project from existing church savings and Endowment Fund investment accounts. Other funding was received from pledges, personal donations, some very special gifts and many fundraisers. One such fundraiser was the Wesley Tower Bank project. These banks were folded, cardboard banks created to look like a church with the purpose of collecting our loose change. The banks were introduced during the construction phase of the project to help encourage everyone to give what loose change they could offer the first Sunday of each month and we collected more than \$20,000 toward this phase. Once the project was completed, the banks continued to be distributed so that we could try to reimburse our savings and investment accounts of some of the money borrowed. To date, nearly \$10,000 has been received and reinvested in our Endowment Fund. So know that your loose change has really added up!!!

**STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION**

Great News!! Thanks to a sizeable bequest from the estate of Bill Farra we can now begin work on our beautiful windows. I contacted Nidia Mezalick of Mezalick Design Studio in Philadelphia, and plans are in the works to begin the restoration project sometime between late March and early April. We will be required to pay 50 percent down and then we will make payments each month for nine months.

I know that a lot of people are anxious for this work to begin and, for that reason, I am stepping out in faith that the money will come in to cover the entire cost. I sincerely thank those who have supported this effort in the past and encourage donations now, as well as during the next nine months.

Since this work will only include the Sanctuary windows at this time, we will continue seeking donations for future work on the windows in the Extension. NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL! All things are possible through Him who loves us and cares for us. This is the Lord's House and we are the caretakers. Betty Swain

**KOINONIA FELLOWSHIP**

The Koinonia Fellowship met on Friday, February 21. We enjoyed a delicious covered-dish dinner. These dinners are always wonderful! What foods are offered are always a surprise and, in case you don't know, RPUMC has some very fine cooks!

After dinner, we got down to business. It's good to have our President Sandy Ide, with us again. Clyde Nafzinger presented devotions, followed by the secretary, treasurer and sunshine reports. Then Shirl Snapp, our activities director, provided us with information on Lampeter Church's show entitled, "From the Loft." It is a musical comedy about what really happens in a church choir. A minimum donation of \$7.00 is required. Money raised will go to United Disability Services. The show is on Saturday, March 29. We will meet at the church at 12 Noon and carpool to Lampeter, PA. After the show, we plan to stop at Dutchway Restaurant and Buffet near Gap for dinner. Sounds like a fun trip! **Anyone who is interested in joining us for this fun day should speak with Shirl Snapp or any Koinonia member.** We also discussed attending "Moses" at the Sight n Sound Theatre in Lancaster in the fall. Shirl will schedule this trip for us.

Betty Swain reported that the Sunday Breakfast Mission is in need of new or slightly used winter boots for men, women and children who are homeless. Since we had three pair of winter boots in our Shoppe, we decided to donate them to the SBM.

We are planning a "1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Furniture Sale" on March 1 from 10 AM to 2 PM in the church parking lot.

Betty asked members of the Koinonia to give \$1,000 toward the Stained Glass Window Fund, as well as to pledge an additional \$3,000 by the end of the year. After much discussion, this was passed.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, March 21 in the Extension. This will be one of our popular game nights. Bring a snack or dessert to share and be ready for a rip roaring fun time. We don't keep score, but there can be some serious competition. Why not join us at 6 PM?

The Koinonia Fellowship is an adult group that gets together to enjoy Christian fellowship. We meet the third Friday of each month at 6 PM.

*"The Trustees' Times"*



Rob Anderson, *Chair*

As we start to move through this year, we are identifying and prioritizing projects and concerns that need to be addressed. We are not only trying to identify our immediate needs but trying to put together a comprehensive list and create a plan of attack for the future.

As we have already discovered, some of these are tasks that will not be easy, will be costly, and that cannot be taken lightly. We will be looking at some maintenance and restoration projects that our forefathers, the saints and current members of this church consider sacred.

These are projects that are going to be put before our church congregation for input and direction along with financial and intellectual support. The questions of where do you want to go and what do you want this church to look like in the near and distance future must be answered.

We are looking for individuals to step up and join in when the opportunity knocks to be part of whatever process comes about. You may not be able to swing a hammer, build walls or lay concrete; but your assistance in putting together plans, making phone calls, or simply letting us tap into your knowledge will be invaluable.

We already have generated a project list that currently has 21 items on it. This list will help us track not only what needs to be done but also our accomplishments. Anyone who wants to see this list can contact a Trustee member.

As I stated in our last newsletter, a list of the Trustees names will be posted. This will be on the bulletin board in the hall between the extension and the lounge. The list will contain names, phone numbers and some e-mail addresses. Each Trustee has been designated to certain tasks or components within the church. I would ask that, if you encounter one of these tasks, you initiate contact with that particular Trustee so they may convey it to the Committee. If you are unsure who to contact in regard to a particular task, just remember we are here to help you so just make sure you contact someone.

## **MUSIC NOTES**

**Don McFarland, Director**



Richardson Park UMC has been chosen as one of 15 host churches in the greater Wilmington area for the PIPE ORGAN ENCOUNTER-2014 sponsored by the Delaware Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. This will take place the week of June 30 – July 4 with students and teachers from all around Region III of the American Guild of Organists including Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. This week-long event is a residential music camp for young people between the ages of 13-18 who want to learn more about playing the pipe organ. Limited to 30 students and 15 instructors, these young organists will be residing at Jesus House and traveling to their lesson site with their teacher each day of the week. In addition to the organ experience, POE students will visit Longwood Gardens (for a special recital on the Conservatory Organ), the David Storey Pipe Organ Shop in Baltimore as well as special programs at Dickinson High School for the famous Theatre Organ there and other music-related events. They will be literally “immersed” in music and the pipe organ for their week here in Delaware.

As you can imagine, this event is expensive and student tuition covers only a small portion of the cost. A gift of any amount (*no gift is too small*) will help the Delaware Chapter of the AGO make this POE the best being offered in the country this summer. Should you wish to help support this event that will feature our church organ, please make your check payable to **Delaware POE 2014** and give it to Don. (As the Treasurer for this special event, he will greatly appreciate your help in making this event a success!)

### **REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR**

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### **SPECIAL JOINT CONCERT AT ALDERSGATE UMC**

The Chancel Choirs of Richardson Park and Aldersgate will join together for a special afternoon of music on SUNDAY MARCH 23 at 4:00 PM at Aldersgate UMC – 2313 Concord Pike (Rte. 202 just past the Fairfax Shopping Center.) The program includes The Aldersgate Brass, and a special presentation of “A Requiem For Those We Love But See No Longer” composed by Don McFarland.

Then, plan to be present for a very special Maundy Thursday on April 17 when we will gather first in Fellowship Hall for a Seder presented by Pastor Beverly and then move to the sanctuary for “Lift High The Cross,” a cantata by Lloyd Larson presented by our Chancel Choir. If you’ve never experienced a Seder, this Holy Thursday will be one you will want to make sure you attend.



## *Laity Enlightenment*

*Kathy Rogers*

In a recent Sunday morning Wesley Adult Education Class, the lesson we studied stated the purpose was “to examine the relationship between faith and works.” A lively discussion began as the class debated how to show our faith by our works, with humility and without appearing to seek personal praise and glory. The scripture lesson came from James 2:14-26 and reads as follows: “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works and I, by my works, will show you my faith. You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder. Do you want to be shown, you senseless person, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not our ancestor Abraham justified by works when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was brought to completion by the works. Thus the scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” and he was called the friend of God. You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. Likewise, was not Rahab the prostitute also justified by works when she welcomed the messengers and sent them out by another road? For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead. (NRSV) Reading this passage might make you think of all the things you do (or don’t do) in the course of your life that would show the world the nature of your faith.

The class struggled to put together the words to describe “faith.” Many comments focused on our belief in God and developed into how we live our lives, how we act and how we treat people. The old adage “actions speak louder than words” came into the conversation. And, ultimately, we all agreed that there is simple truth in the passage, “For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead. (NRSV)” Ministry and Missions go hand in hand with Faith and Works and can also be used to help define these terms. One of Webster’s principle definitions for the word MISSION is “a ministry commissioned by a religious organization to propagate its faith or carry on humanitarian work”. I think that puts it into words very well; but what about actions?

Every year, the leadership of the Richardson Park United Methodist Church approves a budget that pledges a specific dollar amount in support of several local missions through organizations such as the Community Action Program (CAP), Sojourners Place, and Neighborhood House to name a few. Your contributions and offerings on Sunday mornings can help to meet our financial commitment to these and other humanitarian organizations. The Free Lunch Tuesday and Thursday effort directly involves many of the people of our church in service to the hungry in our area. This is a mission where the donation of food and the time of people to prepare and serve the food to those in need clearly illustrates the desire to live out the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ by helping others less fortunate. Faith reflected in Works.

Last year’s mission project to replace the siding and windows of a house in the neighborhood is a great example of good works. An inspired, faith-filled member of our church led a group of enthusiastic believers to accomplish much for a family who couldn’t do it themselves. And God made everything possible through our faith in Him!

You may be interested in how you can help with one of the missions of the church. The physical, financial and spiritual support of all those connected to the Richardson Park Church is critical to the success of the missions we have committed to support. And there are always opportunities for people to get involved. If Faith without Works is Dead, then Richardson Park Church is very much ALIVE!

In Christ,

Kathy Rogers  
RPUMC Mission Team Co-Chair along with Glenn Lewis

# March 2014

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
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|  |  |   |   |   |  | <b>1 Lounge &amp; Extension Reserved</b><br>10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe and Mini Yard Sale<br>10 AM Portrait Sessions |
| <b>2</b><br>9 AM Sunday School<br>9:30 AM Pre-School<br>10 AM Fellowship Time<br>10:30 AM Worship<br>1:30 PM Choir Rehearsal   | <b>3</b><br>2 PM UMW Unit Mtg.<br>7:00 PM Worship Mtg.   | <b>4</b><br>11 AM Soup Day<br>7 PM Rebekah Circle<br>8 PM AA Meeting  | <b>5 Ash Wednesday</b><br>10 AM Ruth Circle<br>7 PM Ash<br>Wednesday Service<br>7:30 PM NA Meeting        | <b>6</b><br>10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe<br>11 AM Free Lunch<br>6:15 AM Chancel Bells<br>7:15 PM Chancel Choir<br>8:15 PM AA Meeting  | <b>7</b><br>11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC                              | <b>8</b>   |
| <b>9</b><br>9 AM Sunday School<br>9:30 AM Pre-School<br>10 AM Fellowship Time<br>10:30 AM Worship<br>11:30 AM Education Mtg.<br>1:30 PM Choir Rehearsal  | <b>10</b>  | <b>11</b><br>11 AM Soup Day<br>8 PM AA Meeting                        | <b>12</b><br>12 PM Lenten Service – Calvary Presbyterian<br>6:30 PM NA Policy Group<br>7:30 PM NA Meeting | <b>13</b><br>10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe<br>11 AM Free Lunch<br>6:15 PM Chancel Bells<br>7:15 PM Chancel Choir<br>8:15 PM AA Meeting | <b>14</b><br>11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC                             | <b>15 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b><br>9 AM Confirmation Event with Bishop Johnson – Barratt’s Chapel           |
| <b>16</b><br>9 AM Sunday School<br>9:30 AM Pre-School<br>10 AM Fellowship Time<br>10:30 AM Worship<br>11:30 AM SPRC Mtg.<br>11:30 AM Trustees Mtg.<br>1:30 PM Choir Rehearsal<br>3 PM Confirmation Class | <b>17 St. Patrick’s Day</b>                              | <b>18</b><br>11 AM Soup Day<br>7 PM CAP Board Mtg.<br>8 PM AA Meeting | <b>19</b><br>12 PM Lenten Service – Peniel UMC<br>7:30 PM NA Meeting                                      | <b>20</b><br>10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe<br>11 AM Free Lunch<br>6:15 PM Chancel Bells<br>7:15 PM Chancel Choir<br>8:15 PM AA Meeting | <b>21</b><br>11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC<br>6 PM Koinonia Game Night | <b>22</b>  |
| <b>23</b><br>9 AM Sunday School<br>9:30 AM Pre-School<br>10 AM Fellowship Time<br>10:30 AM Worship<br>11:30 AM Council Mtg.<br>4 PM Joint Concert – Akersgate UMC  | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b><br>11 AM Soup Day – last day until fall<br>8 PM AA Meeting  | <b>26 Extension Res.</b><br>12 PM Lenten Service - RPUMC<br>7:30 PM NA Meeting                            | <b>27</b><br>10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe<br>11 AM Free Lunch<br>6:15 PM Chancel Bells<br>7:15 PM Chancel Choir<br>8:15 PM AA Meeting | <b>28</b><br>11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC                             | <b>29</b><br>12 PM Koinonia Fellowship trip to PA  |
| <b>30</b><br>9 AM Sunday School<br>9:30 AM Pre-School<br>10 AM Fellowship Time<br>10:30 AM Worship   | <b>31 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b><br>6:30 PM Love Feast |   |   |   |  |  |

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Beverly Lewis, Pastor



## LAY READERS

|          |               |
|----------|---------------|
| March 2  | Debbie Davis  |
| March 9  | Brenda Tucker |
| March 16 | Ben Brindle   |
| March 23 | Carol Cathell |
| March 30 | Glenn Lewis   |

## ALTAR FLOWERS

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| March 2  | Tony and Glenda Donnelly |
| March 9  | Pat Cummings             |
| March 16 | Joan Stadelman           |
| March 23 | Carolyn Swain            |
| March 30 | Jim and Cheryl Chilcutt  |

## ALTAR FLOWERS

For the month of March, Ruth Circle is responsible for the flowers.

Please submit your articles for the April Messenger to the church office by Wednesday, March 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.*