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

I always become really nostalgic in November. We begin by celebrating All Saints Sunday, remembering and giving thanks for all who have gone before us in faith. We remember their contributions to our lives and our faith journeys. We affirm our connection to the communion of saints as we celebrate Holy Communion.

We then turn our hearts to honor the men and women who have served our country in war and peace on our behalf as we say "thank you" to veterans and active service members. Military Service is no longer a mandatory obligation. The men and women who have served since 1973 were not drafted, they volunteered. We thank God for those who go because of love of neighbor and the United States of America.

On the fourth Thursday of the month, we always celebrate a national holiday established in 1863; not a Christian holiday, but a holiday that was steeped in the faith of our founding fathers. It is fitting to pause and say thank you God for blessing us. We are a diverse nation; however, we become one voice of Thanksgiving and gratitude one day each year.

This year we begin Advent on the last Sunday of November. During Advent we are once again invited to anticipate the coming of our Lord. Not the coming at Christmas, the birth, but the consummation of the promise that will close this chapter of history and inaugurate the new reality where Jesus reigns.

The heart of Thanksgiving is gratitude. Being grateful suggests that I am not in control; my blessings are part of a larger scheme. Being grateful as a person of faith in Jesus Christ suggests that I know my sin and weaknesses, but I also know about the gift of forgiveness and love that God offers in Jesus Christ. It is great to be alive during November.

May I challenge you all to take time in November to count your blessings? Count them every day; as you count them, lift your hands in praise for being loved by the God of creation who is unwilling to let you go. The God whose full time job is loving you!

In Christ!

Beverly B. Lewis



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Burkholder	11/1
Joseph Gallagher	11/1
Paul Ayala	11/2
Tracy Gamble	11/2
Sath Amara	11/3
Frank Lindell	11/5
Christopher Owen	11/5
Lis-Ana Wegman	11/5
Kimberly Dale	11/6
Brandon Gamble	11/8
Alice Lang	11/9
Robbie Swain	11/10
Bob Burkholder	11/11
Erin Lindell	11/11
Emma Logullo	11/11
Heather Jester	11/13
Dennis Johnson	11/13
George Sease	11/13
Barbara Sayles	11/13
Phyllis Bowman	11/14
Nickolas Gommer	11/14
Shawn Creese	1/18
John Ludlow	11/19
Jim King	11/20
Clyde Nafzinger	11/20
Debbie Davis	11/22
Lisa Dukes	11/22
Hannah Phillipe	11/23
Janis Williams	11/23
Deborah Pruitt	11/25
Phyllis Thomas	11/25
Mary James	11/26
Sammy Pasmore	11/26
Louise Beck	11/27
Karen DiTullio-Ewell	11/28
Mallori Cochran	11/29
Laura Doughty	11/29
Kylie Parker	11/29
Tracy Simpson	11/29
Marvin Swain	11/29
Sherlynn Aurelio	11/30
Mary Alice Bair	11/30

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

Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle	Tue., November 4 7:00 p.m. – Extension
Ruth Circle	Wed., November 5 10:00 a.m. – Lounge

BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS

Sunday, December 7  
11:45 AM Fellowship Hall

During the United Methodist Women’s Potluck Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 7, we will hold a “Baby Shower for Jesus.” We hope you will be able to attend the luncheon and, if possible, bring one or more of the following items:

- New baby clothing (sizes 0-12 months)
- Canned formula – **needed most**
- Disposable diapers – **needed most**
- Baby blankets
- Small items such as bottles, pins, etc.

All of these items will be donated to CAP for their give-away program to new or expectant mothers.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Powell at 995-1307.

COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 13  
9 AM – 10:30 AM Extension  
Have a great “walk” selecting delicious cookies!

Many thanks to Richard Beane for mowing and trimming the grounds here at RPUMC. Your contribution to the up-keep of our facility is greatly appreciated.



**WESLEY TOWER BANKS**  
October 2014 \$139.50

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date for 2014 is \$1,004.24. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.



**MISSION TREE**



On Sundays in November, we will be hanging Turkeys on our Mission Tree. Hang a “turkey” on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.



**TOO MANY CALENDARS?????**

If you are receiving more 2015 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.

Many thanks to Mike Phillips for taking care of our parking lots during the winter months. Your contribution helps keep us safe and we greatly appreciate it.



We want to thank everyone for their prayers, visits and flowers during Joyce Toy’s illness and passing. A special thank you to Pastor Beverly and Pastor Wendy. Your visits helped comfort us during this difficult time.

Jerry Toy and Melissa, Chad and Andy Hughes

**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS** – Start planning now for a burst of “Holiday” energy with our presentation of “Do You Hear What I Hear?” on Sunday, December 21 at the 10:30 a.m. Worship Hour. Our Chancel Bells and Choir will join with the children from our Sunday school program to offer a classic re-telling of the Christmas story that includes some of our favorite carols for the season. For those who are unable to commit to our Thursday night rehearsals, special Sunday afternoon rehearsals for the musical will begin November 2 and will take place each Sunday from 1:00 – 2:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to be a part of the chorus for “Do You Hear What I Hear?” The rehearsal schedule for all Thursdays (excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas days) will be:

**CHANCEL BELLS – 6:15 pm to 7:00 pm**  
**CHANCEL CHOIR – 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm**

Sunday afternoons **beginning November 2**  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm.

Remember, the Lord may be calling you to participate more fully in our music ministry, and there are some basic requirements for joining our Chancel Bells or Chancel Choir. First, be enthusiastic and committed; second, be age 14 and up (we offer opportunities for those younger than 14 through our Sunday School programs); third, *LOVE THE LORD AND MUSIC*. That’s it; no special skills are required otherwise and all are welcome.

Anytime you have a special request, hymn, anthem, or anything related to our music program, please share it with Don. You can reach him via email: [music@RPUMChurch.org](mailto:music@RPUMChurch.org) or telephone him in the evenings at 302-427-8465.

Thanks everyone!

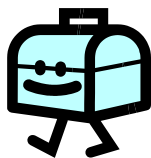
Don McFarland

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS



We are exploring the book of Exodus in Room 3. The children are great Bible detectives as we relive the adventures of Moses. We have roamed the "wilderness" (Fellowship Hall), slept in tents (under the tables), experienced "manna" (honey Chex) falling to the earth, and many more Bible adventures during October. November is sure to bring more exciting Bible adventures in Children's Church. If you are in pre-school through grade 4 - join us!!! We are learning a few special songs with Ms. Beth for the worship service on December 21 - don't miss it! Special thanks goes to Ashley Lang and Stephen Ott, Jr. for their help in Room 3. It's great to have former students come back to help! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Ms. Marlene



### "FREE LUNCH TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS"

Don't forget our "Free Lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays" at RPUMC from 11 AM to 12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. This ministry is geared to feed both body and soul by providing nourishing lunches and an opportunity to share the love of Jesus. Please join us as we come together for fellowship and to enjoy a delicious lunch.



## **SEMI-ANNUAL PIE SALE**

Please place your orders by Tuesday, November 18 for pick-up on Tuesday, November 25. An order form is included in this bulletin.

## **YARD SALE AND YE OLDE SHOPPE**

Friday, November 14  
8 AM – 2 PM

Saturday, November 15  
8 AM – 2 PM

Clothing, linens, kitchenware, electronics, books, toys, furniture, lamps, pictures, And goodies served daily!  
Hot dogs, chili, homemade baked goods and more!!

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

### **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. Come, browse and shop. There are special treasures for you, your family and your friends.



We have a beautiful array of Christmas items at very reasonable prices. If you are looking for a new Christmas tree, ornament or other decorations, come visit us!

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

**PICK-UP DATE!!**  
**Tuesday, November 25**  
**1 PM - 5 PM**

**HOMEMADE PIES - \$12.00**

Apple                    \_\_\_\_\_ Qty.                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pumpkin                    \_\_\_\_\_ Qty.                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pecan                    \_\_\_\_\_ Qty.                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ALL ORDERS ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.**

**Please submit your order by Tuesday, November 18**  
**by contacting:**

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



# CHRISTMAS ALTAR POINSETTIAS

Seventy red poinsettias have been ordered to be placed on the Altar on Sunday, December 21. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in Memory or Honor of Loved Ones, please return this form to the church office by Monday, December 1. The cost of each poinsettia is \$6.50. A check for the total amount should be included with this order form. Please make your check payable to Richardson Park United Methodist Church, marked "poinsettias." If possible, please pick up your poinsettia after the candlelight service on Wednesday, December 24.

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of  
(for those not living) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of  
(for those living) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory and  
And Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check/Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Shall we deliver your flower to a Church Shut-In? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_



# November 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe & furniture sale 1 PM Stuck Study
2 9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:45 AM Missions Mtg.	3 7 PM Church Charge Conference	4 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM New Testament Study Group 6 PM Men's Study Group 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting	5 10 AM Ruth Circle 6:00 PM NA Unity and Activities Group 7:30 PM NA Meeting	6 10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	7 10 AM Disciple – Peniel UMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	8 1 PM Stuck Study
9 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:45 AM Education Mtg.	10 Fellowship Hall Reserved	11 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM New Testament Study Group 6 PM Men's Study Group 8 PM AA Meeting	12 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:30 PM NA Policy Group 7 PM RP Civic Assn. Mtg. 7:30 PM NA Meeting	13 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	14 Fellowship Hall Reserved 8 AM YARD SALE 10 AM Disciple – Peniel UMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	15 Fellowship Hall Reserved 8:00 AM YARD SALE 1 PM Stuck Study
16 9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:45 AM Trustee Mtg. 11:45 AM SPRC Mtg.	17	18 10 AM New Testament Study Group 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6 PM Men's Study Group 7 PM CAP Board Mtg. 8 PM AA Meeting	19 7:30 PM NA Meeting	20 10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	21 10 AM Disciple – Peniel UMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	22
23 9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:45 AM Council Mtg.	24 Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Reserved	25 Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM New Testament Study Group 1 PM PIE SALE PICKUP 6 PM Men's Study Group 8 PM AA Meeting	26 7:30 PM NA Meeting	27 Happy Thanksgiving! 1 PM Thanksgiving Dinner 8:15 PM AA Meeting	28	29
30 9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church	30 <sup>th</sup> Continued 11:45 AM Missions Mtg.					



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### LAY READERS

November 1  
November 9  
November 16  
November 23  
November 30

Lee Powell  
Janis Williams  
Julia Lynch  
Ed Ide  
Claudia McFarland



### FLOWERS

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

Please submit your articles for the December/January Messenger to the church office by Thursday, November 13. Thank you.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

November 1                      Dave and Kathy Rogers  
November 9                      Wendy Owen  
November 16                      Kristi Doughty  
   Bettie Smith  
November 23                      Thanksgiving Arrangement  
   Donated by Charlene and Bruce Workman and  
   arranged by Kathy and Dave Rogers.  
November 30                      Harriet-Ann van Boven

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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.*