

the Messenger

OCTOBER 2014

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

We begin this month as we celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is extremely significant for us here at Richardson Park UMC because our mission is "to feed the body and the soul in the name of Jesus Christ." When we gather at the table of our Lord, we are provided nourishment for the journey. Invite a friend and allow the Holy Spirit of God to fill you up for the journey. This month we have the opportunity to physically feed the hungry on Tuesdays and Thursdays for lunch, and also on Tuesdays, we will offer "soul food" as small groups gather at 10 am and 6:30 pm for anyone who is hungry. If Tuesday is not good for you, there is another small group for women that will be offered for seven Saturdays beginning October 4th at 1:00 pm here at the church.

Another way that we at Richardson Park UMC can live into our mission "to feed the body and the soul in the name of Jesus Christ" is to participate in the **CROP Walk**. We can either walk or we can sponsor walkers. The **CROP Walk** is a national ministry sponsored by **Church World Service** that raises money and awareness of hunger not only in the United States but worldwide. The money that we raise will impact the lives of people all over the world. Currently, no one has agreed to coordinate our efforts but I know that God

provides. I have all of the materials and I promise you that on Sunday, October 12th we will keep the service of worship to one hour. I will be walking and I pray that others will join me.

The scripture that guides my ministry continues to be Matthew 25:31-46. Last month I got the opportunity to visit the elementary school in our area. I discovered that there are many children who would benefit from the love of Jesus being made real by a community of faith that is blessed. I have asked the Church Council to consider adopting the Richardson Park Elementary School for this school year as a priority. We can't do everything needed, but we can express our love for Jesus by loving the children in places of need. I pray that you are willing to reach out to this elementary school so that we can begin to build a culture of youth for the future.

My prayer is that there are members and friends of this community who are not satisfied with the status quo and who want to take the name of Jesus to the streets. If you are up to loving your neighbor and meeting people where they are, I am willing to stand with you as we "feed the body and soul in the name of Jesus Christ," wherever we find them.

In Christ!
Beverly B Lewis



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Karen Boyd	10/1
Brittany Brown	10/1
Chrysta Martin	10/3
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
Mike Phillips	10/6
Cheryl Chilcutt	10/7
Angela Buhner	10/8
Jessica Donnelly	10/9
Will Fader	10/9
Mary Hall	10/9
Tony DiMauro	10/10
Carol Haynes	10/10
Kaia Phillips	10/10
Logan Phillips	10/10
Melissa Hughes	10/11
Sarah Pasmore	10/12
Ken Bourdon	10/13
Dan Freebery	10/13
Glenn Lewis	10/13
Emma Perugini	10/13
Jerry Toy	10/13
Riley Kaucz	10/19
Patrick Donnelly	10/22
Esther McDowell	10/25
Lovedy Berkley	10/26
Paulette Cleaver-Lazzaro	10/26
Dianna Deaton	10/26
Eric Fleming	10/27
Tod Mitten	10/27
Scott Cloud	10/28
Reggie Haile, Jr.	10/30
Ashley Lang	10/30

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 October, Rebekah Circle will take care of the flowers in the church.

Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle	Tuesday, October 7 7:00 p.m. – Church Lounge Please bring a snack or lite fare to share.
Ruth Circle	Wed., October 2 10:00 a.m. – Church Lounge

UMW DISTRICT MEETING
Saturday, October 18 8:30 AM
Simpson United Methodist Church

HARVEST OF BLESSINGS LUNCHEON
Saturday, October 25 Noon
Tickets \$10.00

The UMW is having a special event on Saturday, October 25 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy sandwiches, soup, a side salad, beverages and dessert. It is always a wonderful time sharing food and fellowship. Please mark your calendar! Tickets will go on sale on Sunday, October 5. Contact Marlene Johnson at 328-5806.



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

Time to turn your clocks back one hour!!!

LAITY SUNDAY
October 19, 2014

Please join us for worship on Laity Sunday, October 19 for a special service brought to you in partnership with the Missions Team, the United Methodist Women, and other laity of the church. We will be welcoming Veronica Oliver, who will bring us a Message of Mission so we can learn more about the Neighborhood House. During the worship service, we will be taking a special offering and making a donation from the church in support of the Neighborhood House.

Also, if you are an Amazon user and want to support the Neighborhood House when you make a purchase, you can go to Smile.Amazon.com and set it up so that for each purchase you make, Amazon will donate \$0.05 at no cost to you. Here's what to do:

- Go on line to Smile.Amazon.com and register.
- Pick a charity; select Neighborhood House – Wilmington DE

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on Laity Sunday!

Your Lay Leader,
Kathy Rogers



WESLEY TOWER BANKS
September 2014 \$75.42

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 \$838.74. 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. The children are in need of:

Polo Shirts or Button-down Shirts
(Light Blue, Navy, Red or White)

Pants, Walking Shorts, Skirts, Skorts, or Jumpers (Navy or Khaki)

Sweaters/Sweatshirts
(Light Blue, Navy, or White)

RPUMC FREE LUNCH MINISTRY

Our free lunch ministry has expanded to two days each week. We will be serving lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 AM to 12:30 PM.

Bob Evely heads up this worthy program, and Marlin Johnson is our "chef." Many people volunteer to help each day. They set up, serve and help clean up. We also have volunteers who donate desserts. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bob Evely.

Many thanks to the "Golfers for Food" and the Green Hills Lions Club, Inc. for their on-going donations of food and toiletries. Their kindness and generosity is very much appreciated by everyone at RPUMC.

KIDS' KORNER



Greetings from Room 3!

Children's Church started on Sunday, September 7, 2014 following "Time with Children" in the sanctuary. The summer session was such an exciting learning adventure that I did not want to stop. The result is Children's Church. We are very busy this fall studying the book of Exodus. The children will share many aspects of this Old Testament book with you. In Room 3, we don't just sit still – we are actively involved in skits, storytelling, sharing our feelings about the lessons, crafts to reinforce the lessons, taking turns lighting the altar candles and, of course, singing. Ms. Beth is a great help in that area. Come visit us and LEARN!

Blessings from Ms. Marlene

Pre-K and K-4th grade will join Ms. Marlene after TIME WITH THE CHILDREN for a special children's church experience. The Wesley Class and Grades 5-12 will meet at 9 AM.



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.



Thank you very much for well wishes, cards and prayers. I appreciate your thinking of me.

Sandy Ide



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.

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.

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

Goodies served daily!

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

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

RPUMC FUND RAISER For Our General Fund

Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" is offering non-profit organizations a shopping pass for Tuesday, October 21 from 9 AM to 11 PM. This pass entitles you to up to 25 percent off your purchases and is available from Pastor Beverly. The cost of each certificate is only \$5.00 which will be donated to our General Fund. Free refreshments will be available and you can register to win prizes, including three \$500 shopping sprees.

Active Parenting

Active Parenting Training: A video and Discussion Program for Parents of Children Ages 5-12. This program will be open to the first 15 families that apply. Call the office early to reserve your space.

In this class you'll learn how to:

- Use nonviolent discipline that really works.
- Open up lines of communication before they get clogged.
- Prevent problems with drugs, alcohol, & sex.
- Stop scolding and start smiling with your kids again!

The promotional materials suggest that over three million parents have completed an **Active Parenting** course since 1983. You too can join the families who have found success through the strategies of **Active Parenting**. Be the first in your neighborhood to complete the recently updated **Active Parenting 4th** edition. Sessions are scheduled for Saturday mornings, October 11-November 15 at 10:00 am at the church. A light breakfast will be available at 9:30 am. Child care will be provided. The group will be facilitated by two **Active Parenting** certified instructors.

THE CROP WALK

Our mission is to feed the body and soul in the name of Jesus Christ! A wonderful way to get to know some people and raise money for food in our community and the world is to get together a team and some sponsors and participate in the Crop Walk. **The Crop walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 12.** Contact Pastor Beverly for sign up information. You may not know, but 25 percent of the money raised in our area during the national outreach ministry stays in the area. CAP and the Food Bank of Delaware will benefit from your efforts. Plan to walk or support someone who is walking. FREE size large tee shirts will be given to the first six persons who sign up as walkers.

SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON FUND RAISER **Sponsored by the Board of Trustees and** **the Education Committee** **Sunday, October 5 12 PM – 2 PM**

Join us for this special event immediately following Worship on Sunday, October 5. Along with a great meal, we will have musical entertainment provided by Don McFarland and Ryan Warfel. We ask that each of you promote this event to friends and family to make it a really special occasion. Tickets will be: \$9.00 per adult; \$5.00 per school age children; \$25.00 for a family of four or more; and pre-school children are free. For tickets, contact Rob Anderson or Kristi Doughty.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE **Wilmington Church of the Brethren** **Sunday, October 12 at 12 PM**

How to register: Complete a screening questionnaire (available from our church office). Submit the questionnaire and a copy of your medical insurance card(s) to Wilmington Church of the Brethren, 27 Belmont Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19804. More information can be found on our bulletin board. **Deadline to register is Sunday, October 5.**

THE BIG DAY

Another big day is just around the corner. Mark your calendar: **Sunday, November 9, 2014** will be our third "big day" for 2014. We will be rolling out the red carpet for all service members, active, inactive and retired. Begin today to list the names of persons that you know so you know how many invite cards you need. Member of a VFW or American Legion group, associated with USO or the Department of Veterans Affairs? We want to show these men and women that we care and invite them to join us for worship. Everyone is welcome but we will provide special recognition for all who have or are now serving. No cook out this time, but a full meal in the fellowship hall will follow the service. Big days provide us with the opportunity to break attendance records and introduce new persons to us as a congregation. Got ideas on how to make this day special for our guests? Contact anyone on the worship team or, better yet, join the worship team. We meet the first Monday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage.

Listen to Me
by Rev. Constance Hastings,
MSCC, NCC
Daybreak Counseling Services, Inc.

If you have ever been in a relationship and felt you just couldn't get through to the person, you may have come to the realization there is a communication problem between the two of you. Yet, the first real step in opening the lines of communication is to keep your mouth shut. The reason for this is unless a person feels he or she is being heard and understood, not much that of what is said between the two of you is going to have an impact.

The process for starting this is called Reflective Listening. It means that instead of listening and immediately thinking what one's response is going to be, be prepared to pause and respond back letting the person know he or she has been heard. Phrases such as, "I really hear you saying that..." or "So as you see it,..." are empathic responses that don't add to or correct the person's perception. Instead, they communicate that he or she is accepted (even if you don't agree with the statement). It is a process that opens the door to expression of one's feelings and thoughts and what may be underlying issues in the discussion.

Such a process is vital to the relationship in feeling valued. Reflective listening honors the listener in feeling understood and allows each person to correct misunderstandings as they occur. Without this foundation, trust is compromised and true intimacy is

diluted. Not surprisingly then, communication is thwarted.

While this process is important for all relationships, marriage, family, friends, work, one of the best books that describes it is a classic parenting book, *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk* by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish. While written for parents, the communication principles it describes and the accompanying exercises are applicable for any relationship. It can bring persons closer and diffuse stress that comes with conflict. Ultimately, it communicates Love.

*"Listen closely to what I am saying. You can console me by listening to me."
Job 21:2 (NLT)*

Daybreak Counseling Services is a nonprofit clinical pastoral counseling agency that not only addresses the presenting issue or problem but also allows for the inclusion of spirituality within sessions. It is supported through payments determined on a sliding scale basis, private grants, and individual donations. Rev. Constance Hastings, a nationally certified counselor and United Methodist deacon, sees clients at St. Paul's and Atonement United Methodist Churches with both day and evening hours. Call 302-745-1042 for information or to make an appointment.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Memorial Committee has been discussing a way to recognize deceased members and non-members of RPUMC for their time, talents and financial gifts. Over the years, many have given so much to our church.

To recognize these individuals, the Memorial Committee agreed to purchase a **Memory Tree** (Tree of Life). We are inviting members and non-members of the congregation to remember those who have passed by adding a leaf (or leaves) to the Memory Tree in memory of loved ones. If you have any questions, please see any member of the Memorial Committee.

Rob Anderson, Glenda Donnelly, Marlene Johnson, Tod Mitten, Ryan Warfel

Following are guidelines and the form to complete to have a leaf placed on the Memory Tree:

COST

- \$50.00 for members of RPUMC (+\$4.50 engraving fee) – total \$54.50
- \$100.00 for non-members of RPUMC (+\$4.50 engraving fee) – total \$104.50

All checks should be made payable to RPUMC – Memory Tree

FORM

- **ONE LETTER OR SPACE** per dash up to a total of 20 letters and spaces per line.
- A total of two lines, 20 letters and spaces each, are available for your inscription.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

— — — — — (1st line)

— — — — — (2nd line)

Please return all completed forms and checks to the Church Office.

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 Each

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:

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

October 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:30 PM NA Meeting	2 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	3 10 AM Disciple – St. James 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	4 10 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 1 PM Stuck Study for Women
5 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Worship 12 PM Spaghetti Lunch	6 6 PM Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM Worship Meeting	7 10 AM New Testament Study 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6 PM New Testament Study 6 PM Men's Study 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting	8 10 AM Ruth Circle 6:30 PM NA Policy Group 7 PM RP Civic Assn. Meeting – Five Points 7:30 PM NA Meeting	9 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	10 10 AM Disciple – St. James 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	11 9:30 AM Active Parenting 1 PM Stuck Study for Women
12 9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Worship 11:45 AM Education Mtg. 12 PM CROP WALK	13	14 10 AM New Testament Study 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6 PM New Testament Study 6 PM Men's Study 8 PM AA Meeting	15 7:30 PM NA Meeting	16 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	17 10 AM Disciple – St. James 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	18 Fellowship Hall Reserved 8:30 AM UMW Wilm. District Annual Mtg. 9:30 AM Active Parenting 1 PM Stuck Study for Women
19 9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Worship 11:45 AM Trustee Mtg. 11:45 AM SPRC Mtg.	20	21 10 AM New Testament Study 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6 PM New Testament Study 6 PM Men's Study 7 PM CAP Board Mtg. 8 PM AA Meeting	22 7:30 PM NA Meeting	23 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	24 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM Disciple – St. James 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	25 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9:30 AM Active Parenting 12 PM Harvest of Blessings Luncheon 1 PM Stuck Study for Women
26 9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Worship 11:45 AM Council Mtg.	27	28 10 AM New Testament Study 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6 PM New Testament Study 6 PM Men's Study 8 PM AA Meeting	29 7:30 PM NA Meeting	30 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	31 Halloween 10 AM Disciple – St. James 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	

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READERS

October 5	Joan Stadelman
October 12	Glenn Lewis
October 19	Pat Cummings
October 26	Rob Anderson

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 5	Bob Ashton
October 12	Frank and Pat Pugh
At the Cross	Beverly Lewis
October 19	Susan Watkins & Family
October 26	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 13. Thank you.

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

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.