

# the Messenger

# NOVEMBER 2015

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As the seasons change and the temperature drops, we are reminded the time for us to gather together with our family, friends and neighbors to give thanks is fast approaching. Thanksgiving reminds us that the purpose of gathering together is to set aside time to give thanks to God for graciously providing for us throughout the year.

We, like the Pilgrims, have a choice. In life there will always be those things that make us think we have nothing to be thankful for. However, if we take the time and reflect, we will realize our good days outweigh our bad days.

The pilgrims lost many loved ones in their first year as a new colony but they still thanked God for providing. Our society today seems to have put the feasting and bargain hunting for sales at the forefront of Thanksgiving. We, who know the true purpose of this holiday, have an obligation to pass on the tradition of putting gratitude to God back at the forefront. Begin this year by taking a few moments to share your gratitude for all God's gifts, spiritual and material.

This month we have another opportunity to show God our gratitude as we enter the season of our stewardship campaign. Beginning November 1, we will kick off our annual Stewardship Campaign. Sunday November 15 is designated as commitment Sunday.

Seek God's guidance as to how you will support Richardson Park UMC in the coming year and consider these words from 2 Corinthians 9:7-8:

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work."

*NRSV*

*"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can."*

*John Wesley (1703-91)*

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Carolyn



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 Cox	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	11/18
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 3 7:00 p.m. – Extension
Ruth Circle	Wed., November 11 12:00 p.m. – Extension
<b>Unit Meeting</b>	<b>Sun., November 8</b> <b>10:00 a.m. - Lounge</b>

BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS

Sunday, December 13  
11:30 AM Fellowship Hall

During the United Methodist Women’s Potluck Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 13, 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 12  
9 AM – 10:30 AM Extension  
Have a great “walk” selecting delicious cookies!

# CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS



Greetings to You!!

RPUMC's Children's Church is an exciting place to be on Sunday mornings following "time with children." We go down to Room 3 for attendance, a preview of the lesson, and songs led by Ms. Beth – what a great way to begin our class. After our gathering time, the 3 and 4 year olds go to the nursery. Although the Sunday that we made "Plague Soup," everyone stayed to mix their ingredients and EAT! In October, our study focused on helpers for God. We learned about Moses, Aaron, Ruth, Naomi and Boaz. More exciting Bible adventures await us in November.

Blessings from Everyone in Children's Church

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.

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.



A special thanks to all those responsible for the beautification of our sanctuary and Wesley Tower during this fall season.

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Thank you everyone! The wonderful birthday cards that I received from my church family were certainly appreciated. It was also good to see many of you at Homecoming!

Pat Cummings



## WESLEY TOWER BANKS

October 2015 \$74.01

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date for 2015 is \$839.60. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.



### TOO MANY CALENDARS?????

If you are receiving more 2016 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.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

Rev. Wendy Owen - Address  
PO Box 407  
Milford, DE 19963

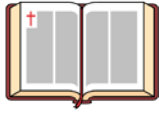
David Rice - Address  
1110 Donna Marie Loop  
Bear, DE 19701

Dawn Davis - Address  
21743 C Street  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971



**Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday,  
November 1 at 2 AM.**

**Time to turn your clocks back one hour!!!**



On Homecoming Sunday, October 11, 2015, a new altar Bible was dedicated in loving memory of Lillian B. Simmons. The following article was included in the Sunday Bulletin for the Dedication of the Bible.

Lillian, and her husband Sam, moved to the area in 1949 and joined RPUMC on October 30, 1949. Lillian was a high school teacher, and she used her talent as a teacher to serve her church in many ways. Lillian was well known for her storytelling talent in vacation Bible school, church school, children's church, and other church occasions. According to previous records, she taught Sunday School at RPUMC for 76 years. We know she was a true Christian role model in each teaching setting.

During all this time and continuing after Sam's death in 1989, Lillian was a faithful and active member of the church. She served on many of the various committees and, in later years, was adult coordinator and continued to teach the Adult Sunday School Class. Lillian was also a former choir member and delivered tapes and flowers to our shut-ins as well as driving other members to appointments, circle meetings, and other activities. She also delivered Meals on Wheels and volunteered as a cashier for many years at the CAP Thrift Shop.

Lillian was also an active member of our United Methodist Women serving in many roles and committees in the RPUMW unit.

Lillian truly exemplified a Christian woman in mission and the following was included in her Memorial Service Bulletin on January 26, 2013. "She taught Sunday School at RPUMC for 76 years with insight and compassion, a humble person and a blessing to all of us here at RPUMC."

The previous Bible on the altar had been given in memory of Anna Coleman. Because it had deteriorated, it was relocated to the Church Archives.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Saturday, November 14 9 AM – 2 PM**

Holiday Bazaar in Fellowship Hall. This fund raiser is sponsored by our Missions Team.

**Thursday, November 19 7 PM**

Church Charge Conference

### *YE OLDE SHOPPE*

**Ye Olde Shoppe is open on Thursdays between 9 AM and 1 PM, and on the first Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 1 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.**

## RPUMC WEBSITE

We are in the process of updating and improving our website, [www.rpumchurch.org](http://www.rpumchurch.org). If you have articles, announcements or content that should be presented on the website, please send the content of your message to [webmaster@rpumchurch.org](mailto:webmaster@rpumchurch.org) or [pastor@rpumchurch.org](mailto:pastor@rpumchurch.org). If you have any questions, please send me a note or check with Pastor Carolyn.

Thank you, Jim Chilcutt

## RICHARDSON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

Richardson Park Elementary School is presently participating in the Box Tops for Education Program. This program is one of the nation's largest school earnings loyalty programs and has been helping schools succeed since 1996. With over 250 participating products, it's an easy way for schools to earn cash for the things they need. Following is a picture of the Box Tops for Education Coupon that you will find on the product packaging and all you need to do is cut out the coupon and put it in the baskets located in the Extension, on the ledge in the back of the Sanctuary, and the vestibule on the Matthes Avenue side of the church.



COMING TO OUR WORSHIP SERVICE  
ON DECEMBER 20

Christmas is coming and the Choirs and Sunday School of Richardson Park are preparing a spectacular offering for presentation on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 20 at 10:30 AM.

This new work features all our favorite carols and songs of the season set to new, familiar, tunes as well as the traditional we all know and love. And it will be all hands “on deck” for this special music offering.

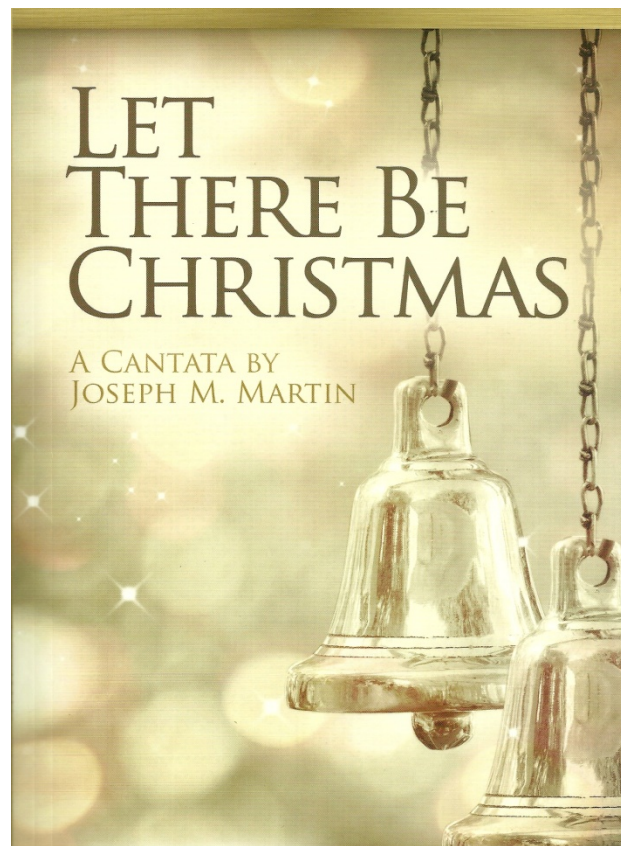
For those of you who cannot commit to regular Thursday evening rehearsals, but really want to be part of our cantata choir, extra weekend rehearsals will begin on November 8.

The schedule will be:

Sundays - November 8, 15, 22 – December 6 all at 2PM

Saturdays – December 12, 19 – at 10AM

Saturday December 19 is “dress rehearsal” for everyone.



Mark your calendars now and let Don know if you would like to be part of our presentation of Joseph Martin’s “LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS.”

# CHRISTMAS ALTAR POINSETTIAS

Sixty red poinsettias have been ordered to be placed on the Altar on Sunday, December 20. 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, November 30. The cost of each poinsettia is \$7.50. 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 Thursday, 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School</p> <p>10 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church</p> <p>11:30 AM Missions Mtg.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>7 PM Endowment Committee</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 PM Rebekah Circle</p> <p>8 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6 PM Bible Study Peniel UMC</p> <p>7:30 PM NA Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe</p> <p>11 AM Free Lunch Ministry</p> <p>6:15 PM Chancel Bells</p> <p>7:15 PM Chancel Choir</p> <p>8:15 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>6 Fellowship Hall Reserved</p> <p>10 AM Bible Study St. James</p> <p>11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC</p>	<p>7 Fellowship Hall Reserved</p> <p>9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe and Mini Yard Sale</p>
<p>8 Fellowship Hall Reserved</p> <p>9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School</p> <p>10 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church</p> <p>11:30 AM REM Team Mtg.</p> <p>2 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scouts</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12 PM Ruth Circle</p> <p>6 PM Bible Study Peniel UMC</p> <p>6:30 PM NA Policy Group</p> <p>7:30 PM NA Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe</p> <p>11 AM Free Lunch Ministry</p> <p>6:15 PM Chancel Bells</p> <p>7:15 PM Chancel Choir</p> <p>8:15 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>13 Fellowship Hall Reserved</p> <p>10 AM Bible Study Peniel UMC</p> <p>11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC</p>	<p>14 Fellowship Hall Reserved</p> <p>9 AM Missions Holiday Bazaar</p> <p>10 PM Stuck Study</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School</p> <p>10 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church</p> <p>11:30 AM Trustee Mtg.</p> <p>11:30 AM SPRC Mtg.</p> <p>11:30 AM Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>2 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scouts</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 PM CAP Board Mtg.</p> <p>8 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6 PM Bible Study Peniel UMC</p> <p>7:30 PM NA Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe</p> <p>11 AM Free Lunch Ministry</p> <p>7 PM Charge Conference</p> <p>8:15 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10 AM Bible Study Peniel UMC</p> <p>11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School</p> <p>10 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church</p> <p>11:30 AM Council Mtg.</p> <p>2 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 PM REM Team Meeting</p> <p>8 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30 PM NA Meeting</p>	<p>26 Happy Thanksgiving!</p> <p>1 PM Thanksgiving Dinner</p> <p>8:15 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>27 Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School</p> <p>10 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30 PM Cub Scouts</p>					

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### LAY READERS

November 1	Carol Cathell
November 8	Roger Longest
November 15	Dave Rogers
November 22	Betty Swain
November 29	Ashley Lang



### 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 12. Thank you.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

November 1	Dave and Kathy Rogers
November 8	Open
November 15	Kristi Doughty
At the Cross	Bettie Smith
November 22	Thanksgiving Arrangement
Donated by Charlene and Bruce Workman and arranged by Kathy and Dave Rogers.	
November 29	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.*