

the Messenger

OCTOBER 2015

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"A friend loves at all times and kinsfolk are born to share adversity."

(Proverbs 17:17 NRSV)

As I walked into the church today, I looked up at the banner which says, "RPUMC 1907-2001 rooted and still growing in Christ." It made me think about the many homecomings that have taken place over the years; the people who have come through the doors; the people who have served faithfully over the years; the bonds formed with others, and many who have left a legacy for the future generations to build upon.

As we approach Homecoming Sunday on October 11th, I look forward to being a part of a day which will commemorate the past in addition to allowing people to reconnect with family, friends, and the community. Most importantly, it's a time to pass on the history to the younger generation.

Homecoming is a time to acknowledge our gratitude to God for blessing and bringing us this far by faith. So when you are fellowshiping with family, friends, and the community after service, remember to thank God for sustaining us. Even though some may have moved away over the years, the bond of being rooted in Christ still remains.

It's been 14 years since that banner was created, and we can continue to anticipate the blessings of God in the future. As the scripture noted above reminds us, friends are there through thick and thin; and families stick together even in times of trouble. We are family rooted in Christ and yes we are still growing.

Blessings to you all,
Pastor Carolyn



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
Alyssa Ayala	10/6
Lincoln Klingler	10/6
Roger Longest	10/6
Mike Phillips	10/6
Cheryl Chilcutt	10/7
Angela Buhner	10/8
Jessica Donnelly	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
Emma Perugini	10/13
Jerry Toy	10/13
Dennis Earvase	10/16
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 6 7:00 p.m. – Extension Please bring a snack or lite fare to share.
Ruth Circle	Wed., October 14 12 Noon – Extension

Circle Leaders

Rebekah Circle	Linda Keffer
Ruth Circle	Betty Swain

Upcoming Meetings:

October 17
District Annual Meeting
Cecilton, MD

October 24
Conference Annual Meeting
Dover District
Place TBD



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

Time to turn your clocks back one hour!!!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Greetings from Room 3!

Children's Church has 10+ children attending every Sunday. It is wonderful to share the children's excitement as we learn about God. The first Sunday we went outside and thanked God for all our blessings by sending bubbles up to heaven. The following Sundays in September we journeyed to Egypt. We found out how hard the people worked for Pharaoh. Guess what happened next? Baby Moses floated down the river in a basket and Pharaoh's daughter (Ms. Beth) found him. Through another activity, we learned that having a helper is a very good thing (Moses and Aaron). October will bring more exciting Bible adventures – come join us as we learn!

Blessings from Everyone on Children's Church

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS Mark your calendars!

Sunday, October 11 - Homecoming Sunday followed by a covered-dish luncheon in Fellowship Hall. 1 PM CROP Walk

Sunday, October 18 - Laity Sunday

Saturday, October 31 2 PM – 4 PM
Trunk or Treats – Upper/Lower Parking Lots

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY CHANGES

Pat Cummings - Address
17030 Cadbury Circle, Apt. 214 West
Lewes, DE 19958

Carolyn L. Stafford - Address
4 Ashleaf Court
Hockessin, DE 19707-9200



WESLEY TOWER BANKS September 2015 \$96.10

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 \$765.59. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.

RPUMC WEBSITE

We are in the process of updating and improving our website, 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 or pastor@rpumchurch.org. If you have any questions, please send me a note or check with Pastor Carolyn.

Thank you, Jim Chilcutt



Please give a big thank you to the PTA of Richardson Park Elementary School. The PTA president, Bonnie Marvin, called to see if we would like a donation for our free lunch program. They donated many cases of water, a large box of single-serve snacks, hot dogs and rolls and hamburgers and rolls.

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)

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.



MEMORIAL TREE



Thanks to all who already have honored their loved ones by adding their names to the Memorial Tree. Requesting a leaf in memory of a loved one is another way you can help support the programs of our church. Guidelines for ordering a leaf (or leaves) and order forms are located in the Extension, Sanctuary and the vestibule on the Matthes Avenue side of the church.

Memorial Committee



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.

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.



**BLESSING OF THE PETS CELEBRATION
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Sunday, October 4 4 PM**



**RPUMC HOMECOMING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015
10:30 AM**

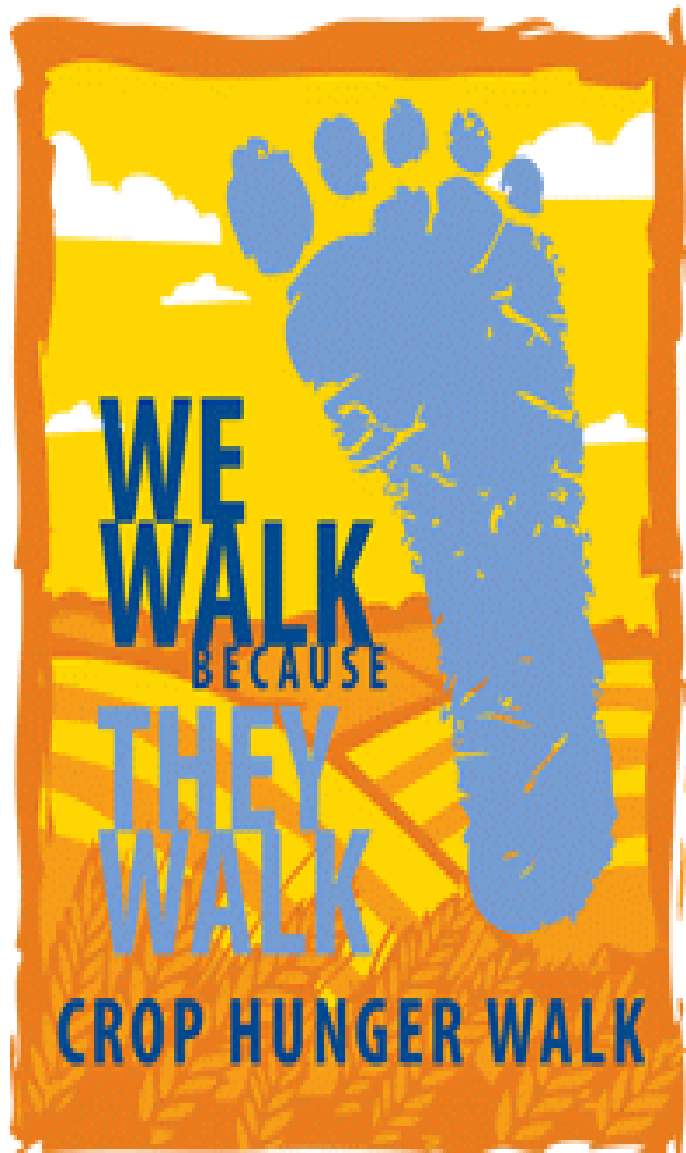
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**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST, REJOICE IN THE
PRESENT, AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE!
FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**

**1907-2015
RPUMC ROOTED AND STILL GROWING IN CHRIST**



Crop Hunger Walk 2015



Date: 10/11/15

**This year's walk will be held at
Banning Park.**

**Walkers will gather at
St. Matthew Church prior to the
1:00 p.m. start time.**

Join us as we use
our small steps to make
a big difference in
ending hunger
one step at a time!

**For more info call Pastor Carolyn
302-654-0961**



TRUNK or TREATS
at
RICHARDSON PARK UMC
Upper/Lower Parking Lots
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
2:00 – 4:00 PM

We hope to have 20 car trunks decorated for our 2015 Trunk or Treats Event. It is open to everyone and can be a wonderful community outreach for children and adults.

Pick a theme and decorate your auto's trunk (just like decorating your house!) Bring bag candy to share with the kids who come in costume and go from trunk-to-trunk to get their treats. Everyone is invited to wear a costume. See Don to reserve your parking lot location and get registered for this year's BEST OF SHOW contest. Prizes for BEST, NEXT BEST, and BEST EFFORT will be awarded at 4 PM.

Start planning now and tell everyone to come and enjoy "Trunk or Treat" at Richardson Park UMC – Saturday, 10/31, 2:00-4:00 PM.



October 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	2 Fellowship Hall Reserved 8 AM Ye Olde Shoppe and YARD SALE 10 AM Bible Study – Peniel UMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	3 Fellowship Hall Reserved 8 AM Ye Olde Shoppe and YARD SALE
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11 9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10 AM UMW Unit Meeting 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church and Covered Dish 11:30 AM Education Mtg. 11:30 AM Trustees Meeting 1 PM CROP WALK	12 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Finance Mtg.	13 8 PM AA Meeting	14 12 PM Ruth Circle 6 PM Bible Study – Peniel UMC 6:30 PM NA Policy Group 7:30 PM NA Meeting	15 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 5 PM Wedding Rehearsal 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	16 10 AM Bible Study – Peniel UMC 10 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC 5 PM Koinonia Game Night	17 4 PM Wedding
18 9 AM Adult and Grades 5-12 Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM SPRC Meeting	19 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	20 7 PM CAP Board Mtg. 7 PM REM Meeting 8 PM AA Meeting	21 6 PM Bible Study – Peniel UMC 7:30 PM NA Meeting	22 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	23 10 AM Bible Study – Peniel UMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	24
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READERS

October 4	Don McFarland
October 11	Pat Cummings
October 18	Rose Davis
October 25	Janis Williams

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 4	Bob Ashton
October 11	Frank and Pat Pugh
October 18	Susan Watkins & Family
At the Cross	Tony and Glenda Donnelly
October 25	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 12. 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.