

the Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2015

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"Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day, the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." Acts 2: 46-47
This scripture reminds us that great things happen when we come together and focus on God's plan and purpose for the body of Christ.

As we transition into a new season of the church year, I found myself thinking about how we and the surrounding faith communities can come together having the goodwill of all the people at the forefront of what we do.

I thought about the school year starting up and the wonderful ways we can touch lives through the ministries we already have in place to support school children and new ideas God will place in our hearts and minds. I'm excited about the Bible Study starting in September and looking forward to studying together with the ministers and laity in the community. We will start off studying

a book called "Invitation to Book of Psalms." The evening class will start Wednesday September 9, 6:00 p.m. and the morning class will be offered Friday September 11 at 10:00 a.m. Both sessions will meet at Peniel UMC.

When I was driving past St. Mark's UMC last week, I noticed an advertisement for "Grief Share." This is a wonderful program in which I have participated with my previous congregations. It helps the grieving person, whether their grief is new or years ago, understand that what they are feeling and going through is normal. It allows people to understand that everyone grieves differently. The beauty of this program is that you can join it anytime because each week is a stand-alone session. St. Mark's "Grief Share" is currently meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. In September they will offer a daytime "Grief Share" group which will meet at 9:30 a.m. starting on September 11.

In the meantime as we seek to do God's will, "Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for

miles to watch you burn."--[John Wesley](#)

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Carolyn



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jim Durkee	9/1
Tyler Hughart	9/2
Alanis Stout	9/2
Jean Van Vliet	9/4
Meghan Logullo	9/5
Ed Ide	9/6
Maggie Painter	9/6
George Brittingham	9/7
Bob Gamble	9/7
Richard Locke	9/7
Molly Mucha	9/7
Madison Mucha	9/10
Richard Allen	9/11
Gerry Keogh	9/11
Sami Davidson	9/12
Norma Allen	9/13
Karen Davis	9/15
Trish Earvase	9/15
Patt Jones	9/15
Annette Ott	9/16
Jessica Saunders	9/16
Carolyn Williams	9/16
Patricia Pugh	9/17
Sharon Wright	9/17
Mark Cummings	9/18
John Pruitt	9/20
Charles Simpson	9/21
Alvretta Crozier	9/22
Marlene Johnson	9/22
Andrew Opalach	9/23
Katelyn Carlson	9/25
Matthew Logullo	9/25
Mary Heckler	9/26
Katelynn Thomas	9/27
Christopher Bowen	9/29
Christina Collins	9/29
Pat Cummings	9/30
Amy Przywara	9/30

Note: If your name is not listed on our birthday calendar, please call the church office at 654-961. Thank you.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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

Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle	Tue., September 1 7:00 p.m. – Extension Please bring a snack to share.
Ruth Circle	Wed., September 9 12:00 p.m. – Extension

Circle Leaders

Rebekah Circle	Linda Keffer
Ruth Circle	Betty Swain

Message for Ruth Circle:

Fall is fast approaching and soon we will be meeting again. I hope you all enjoyed a restful summer and are anxious to once again join with others to further the work of the United Methodist Women. Ruth Circle meets the second Wednesday of each month at 12 noon. After enjoying lunch together, we have a time of devotion and discovery of the work of United Methodist Women around the world. There is time to share concern for others, as well.

On Wednesday, September 9 at 12 noon we will meet once again. If you wish to join us and experience the love of other sisters through Christ our Living Lord, please let me know. It is important for me to have a count of those planning to attend in order to properly prepare the lunch. I am most happy to be able to provide leadership of the Ruth Circle. Mark your calendar now and don't hesitate to call me at 302-838-6044.

Betty Swain



MUSIC NOTES FALL 2015

Don McFarland, Music Director



WOW! Our summer has flown by and so many new blessings have come our way I just have to take a moment and say "THANK YOU" to everyone who has been part of our A/V & Organ Committee, our BMG's, our Sunday volunteers and everyone who helped get our new Audio Visual System up and running. We have leaped into the 21st century with the capabilities of our new Sanctuary System, and coming soon will be a dramatic improvement for our A/V abilities in Fellowship Hall. Thank you everyone!

The New Rodgers Console is in place and over the next several weeks we will be working on the integration of selected ranks of pipes that will be speaking from the Gallery and the new Solo/Echo Chamber in the "west end" of the church. Our goal is to have the integration completed for a fabulous Christmas celebration and then plan a re-dedication service and recital series for the spring of 2016.

Have you heard our Schulmerich Carillon System? Every day at 12 noon and 6:00 PM, the bells are ringing again in Richardson Park thanks to the generosity of the Peter Davis Family and Arlington UMC (Arlington, VA). The Davis' gave the bell system in memory of their parents and when Arlington UMC closed, the bells were re-gifted to Richardson Park UMC and their dedication takes place on August 30 at the 10:30 AM worship hour.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Chancel Choir and Bells begin regular rehearsals on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 with Bells at 6:15 PM and Choir at 7:15 PM.

There is room in our Chancel Bells for a couple of ringers to join us. We would love to have anyone interested in learning to ring handbells join us for a try-out and see how much fun (and easy) it is to praise God with these beautiful instruments. Ages 14 and up are most welcome.

Anyone, ages 14 and up, is always welcome to join our music program at Richardson Park. If you love to sing and are willing to commit to regular rehearsal attendance, please know you are warmly welcomed to try us out. Thursdays at 7:15 PM – we'd love to have you with us!

God bless you all and happy fall! Don



Autumn is quickly approaching. That means "Children's Church" will be starting on September 6. After "Time with Children," we will go down to Room 3. An exciting September is planned. Please don't miss it! Ms. Beth, Ms. Ruth, Ms. Alice, Ms. Michelle and Ms. Yvonne are ready to begin our fall session. In fact, I am really excited to start "Children's Church" and learn some new things. "Bible Detectives 2015" was a very exciting time for everyone. In August, we searched for clues about a shepherd boy named David. We learned that he was chosen by God – because God can see into everyone's heart. What adventures await us in Room 3? Come and join the fun of learning about the Bible!

Blessings from Ms. Marlene

WESLEY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Wesley Adult Sunday School Class will begin on September 6. The class meets in the Lounge at 9:00 a.m. Anyone is welcomed to participate. Please come and share in God's word.



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

July 2015	\$113.96
August 2015	\$ 88.96

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 \$560.49. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mark your calendars!

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

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 CHANGE

Don and Claudia McFarland – Address
402 Foulk Road, Apt. 5A9
Wilmington, DE 19803



From Wendy Owen

I can't thank you enough for the loving, generous, kind and gracious gift you all gave me in recognition of my graduation from Seminary. It truly made me cry to know you had done this for me. Your support for me over the years has been beyond measure and this gift was yet another example of your generosity.

Although this is late in coming, it does bring my sincere and heartfelt thanks for all you have done and given me. God blessed me greatly when he sent me to RPUMC, and I pray that he blesses you all as abundantly.

Peace and love.

From Charlene Workman

Thank you for your prayers, cards and monetary support for Edward Grabinski's Celebration of Life. I also would like to thank the women who organized the luncheon following the service. You always make things special! As a personal friend of Eddie's, I could not have accomplished this without my church family, who are my "God's Little Angels."

Thank You Notes (Cont'd.)

From Harriet Ann

I would like to thank Pat Pugh for keeping the church office supplied with reams and reams of copy paper. I haven't had to purchase paper for over a year. And I know it isn't easy carrying those heavy reams to church. Thank you so much for your tireless efforts. And, it is great to see you!

From Gladys, Sandy, Dave and Family,

We would like to thank everyone for your many prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy at Bob's passing. Your love, concern and many acts of kindness have been a great source of comfort.

In addition, many thanks to all who helped with the delicious luncheon following Bob's service. Being prepared for the tremendous number of friends and family that were served was most appreciated.

With much gratitude and love.

SCOUTING RETURNS TO RPUMC

It is wonderful news that Church Council has embraced the Boy Scouts by providing a meeting place. RPUMC has a long history of sponsoring scout troops, both girls and boys, over the years. Now, once again, the scouts will be meeting weekly on Monday nights in Fellowship Hall. Rob Anderson has agreed to be the Church Liaison for a term of three years. With the help of Pastor Carolyn and Rob Anderson, Pack and Troop 339 will begin recruiting boys in first through fifth grades this September and boys in sixth grade through age 16 in the spring. Mrs. Maritza Ramos has volunteered to be the Cub Master of Cub Scout Pack 339 and Mr. George Przybylski, Jr. has volunteered to be the Scoutmaster of Troop 339. If you know a boy who is interested in becoming a scout and is ready for adventure, please contact Mrs. Maritza at Cubpack339de@gmail.com or Mr. George at Troop339de@gmail.com. Family Fun Night/Join Scouting Night will be held on Monday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The scouts also will have a table at the Missions Bazaar on Saturday, November 14 and will be scheduling a Pancake Breakfast fund raiser in the near future. The scouts plan to be very active within the church and community. Please give them the love and support they deserve.

Betty Swain and Rob Anderson

NEW BIBLE STUDY BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

The study will begin with a book called "Invitation to Book of Psalms." Peniel UMC will host the first sessions which will begin on Wednesday evening, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. and Friday morning, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. During the year, the study will rotate to St. James Episcopal Church and RPUMC. A schedule for the year will be coming in the near future. Everyone is welcomed!

BISHOP'S DAY ON WILMINGTON DISTRICT
Tuesday, September 29
6:30 – 9:00 PM
Cornerstone UMC

Spend the evening with Bishop Peggy A. Johnson as she facilitates a workshop on the Biblical, theological and practical insights into the Native American Act of Repentance and Reconciliation. As the hands and feet of God, let us be encouraged to do a New Thing by embracing and celebrating the community of believers. Open to all Laity and Clergy. Pre-registration is required in order to provide appropriate number of materials. Please visit www.wilmingtondistrict.org/2015BishopsDay.pdf

CROP WALK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

More information will be in our weekly worship bulletins.

RICHARDSON PARK
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (CAP)
ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, September 15 7 PM
Richardson Park UMC

CAP's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15 at 7 PM. For more information or to explore possible service on CAP's Board, please call CAP at 302-428-1247 or RPUMC's church office at 302-654-0961.

CAP HOURS

Monday	10 AM – 3 PM
Tuesday	10 AM – 3 PM
Wednesday	10 AM – 2 PM
Thursday	12 PM – 5 PM
Friday	CLOSED



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.** Also, we would appreciate receiving used Upper Room booklets for the ministry. Many thanks.

FREE LUNCH MINISTRY AT RPUMC

Don't forget our "Free Lunch Ministry" on 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. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare, serve and clean up, please call the church office.

Thanks to the Green Hills Lions Club, Inc. and the Golfers for Food for their ongoing generous contributions of food and staples.



YARD SALE AND YE OLDE SHOPPE

Friday, October 2
8 AM – 2 PM

Saturday, October 3
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.

**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.



**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)

ON THE LIGHT SIDE



A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay" said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy" ...the young boy replied excitedly, "it stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

September 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting	2 6 PM NA Unity and Activities Group 7:30 PM NA Meeting	3 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	4 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	5 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe and Mini Yard Sale
6 9 AM Wesley Class 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church	7 Labor Day	8 8 PM AA Meeting	9 12 PM Ruth Circle 6 PM Bible Study – Peniel UMC 6:30 PM NA Policy Group 7 PM RP Civic Assn. Mtg. 7:30 PM NA Meeting	10 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 6:15 PM Bells 7:15 PM Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	11 10 AM Bible Study – Peniel UMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	12 UMW Spiritual Life Retreat – Salisbury, MD
13 9 AM Wesley Class 10 AM Fellowship Time 10 AM UMW Unit Mtg. 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Education Mtg.	14	15 7 PM CAP Annual Meeting 8 PM AA Meeting	16 6 PM Bible Study – Peniel UMC 7:30 PM NA Meeting	17 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 6:15 PM Bells 7:15 PM Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	18 10 AM Bible Study – Peniel UMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	19
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27 9 AM Wesley Class 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Council Mtg.	28 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	29 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6 30 PM Bishop's Day on Wilmington District – Cornerstone UMC 8 PM AA Meeting	30 Fellowship Hall Reserved 6 PM Bible Study – Peniel UMC 7:30 PM NA Meeting			

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READERS

September 6	Ruth Phillips
September 13	Howard Eney
September 20	Kristi Doughty
September 27	Rob Anderson

ALTAR FLOWERS

September 6	Debbie Freebery
September 13	Sath Amara
September 20	Sandy Ide
At the Cross	Barbara Sayles
September 27	Brenda & Joe Tucker

FLOWERS

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

Please submit your articles for the October Messenger to the Church Office by Tuesday, September 8. 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.