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"For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 NRSV

Last month I had the privilege of attending an event known as "Restoration" in Ocean City, Maryland. It's a great opportunity for clergy and laity of our conference to get away and allow God to bring restoration to our souls. This three-day event which offers dynamic worship and workshops always blesses my soul.

This year the theme was "Restore My Soul" based on the 23rd Psalm. As I thought about what it means to be restored, I was reminded that's what Jesus came to bring to each and every one of us.

We find ourselves in need of restoration constantly. Either we are lost and need Jesus to seek us out to save us, like Zacchaeus in Luke 19. Or we find ourselves feeling overwhelmed by life and need to be led to a place where restoration can happen, like David in Psalm 23. The beauty in both scenarios is that God can use them to draw someone else.

A fellow clergy person shared the joy they felt watching God move in the

midst of their Bible study. This person shared that their Bible study was open to people in their community who were overcoming substance abuse issues. The facility transports anyone who wants to attend to the Bible study at the church.

After one of the meetings, two participants approached the clergy person and shared that they didn't realize that they were welcomed. Right then and there they asked if they could accept Jesus as their savior. I don't have to tell you how the pastor responded. But I will tell you their faces displayed great joy in observing the manifestation of Jesus' love seeking and saving the lost.

The question for us is, "God, how do you want to use us to bring restoration to others? Whatever the case may be, use us Lord!

Blessings,
Pastor Carolyn



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Dawn Logullo Davis	4/1
Tessa Logullo	4/1
Paul Weaver	4/2
Ruth Gibney	4/5
Robert Boyd	4/8
Edward Rash	4/9
Kelly Gibbons	4/11
Joan Stadelman	4/11
Marie Walker	4/11
Annmarie Haynes	4/12
Christopher Sutor	4/16
Amber Saienni	4/18
Richard Sutor	4/18
Julie Gibbons	4/19
Kiralyn Phillippe	4/20
Robert Boyd, Jr.	4/21
Katherine Burge	4/22
Robert Collins, Jr.	4/22
Howard Eney	4/23
Kathy Rogers	4/23
Linda Keffer	4/24
Jennifer Swarter	4/24
Trisha Parks	4/25
Harriet Ann van Boven	4/26
Shirley Delpizzo	4/27
Debbie Freebery	4/27
Daniel Swain	4/29

NOTE: If your name is not listed on our birthday calendar, please call the church office at 654-0961. Thank you.



WESLEY TOWER BANKS
March 2016 \$92.18

Thanks for remembering to bring in your filled banks the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date is \$222.58. Empty banks can be picked up as you leave the altar area each Communion Sunday. **AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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

Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle	Tues., April 5 7:00 p.m. Lounge
Ruth Circle	Wed., April 13 12 Noon Extension

**UMW Unit Meeting – Sunday, April 3 10 a.m.
Lounge**

Circle Leaders

Rebekah Circle	Marlene Johnson
Ruth Circle	Betty Swain

If you are interested in joining a Circle, please contact Marlene or Betty for more information.

Ruth Circle – Second Wednesday of each month at 12 Noon

The members of Ruth Circle are working on gathering items needed to assemble health kits for the Westside Health Center in Wilmington. These kits provide basic necessities to people in need within the state. Our plan is to assemble them at our May meeting and possibly tour the Center when we drop them off. Last year the Center distributed over 800 kits. Our members are concentrating on performing little acts of kindness in various ways. If you would like to be a part of this sisterhood, please contact the Circle Leader, Betty Swain at 302-838-6044.

Rebekah Circle

Greetings from the Rebekah Circle! We meet on the first Tuesday evening of the month at 7 PM in the Lounge (September-May). Our program consists of devotions, a song, discussions, monthly business and refreshments. We have become a “circle of sisters” believing in (Continued on next page.)

God. This spring, we are gathering items for the migrant worker health kits (as our sister circle Ruth is doing). The Rebekah Circle invites you to join us. Please contact Marlene for more information.

Below is a list of the items needed.

MIGRANT WORKER HEALTH KITS

One each of the following:

Large bath towel (dark color)
Wash cloth in zip lock bag
Deodorant
Toothbrush in zip lock bag
Toothpaste
Comb
Large bar of soap in zip lock bag
Shampoo
Shoe Laces – long

Items that may be included are:

Sunscreen
Hand Cream
4 band aids in zip lock bag
6 Q-Tips in zip lock bag

All items should be wrapped in the bath towel and tied with the shoe laces.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Greetings from RPUMC's Children's Church!

We leave the sanctuary after "Time with Children" and go to Room 3. All of the children place a sticker on their cross (for March). Then we sing, and what wonderful voices we hear each Sunday! The 3 & 4 year olds go to play for a short time in the nursery. The older children find our Bible story of the week in the classroom Bibles – we have learned to check the Table of Contents. The "Littles" return and we all work on our bulletins. In March, we followed Jesus as he told "parables" (stories people could understand). During Holy week, we had special activities to do. April will bring more Bible adventures!

Blessings for a happy spring from all of us in
Children's Church



A group of ladies lovingly knit or crochet lap robes and prayer shawls to be given to those who are in need of our prayers and love. Some of you may have received one. You can help with this outreach ministry by donating yarn. If you have yarn or would like to help with this effort, please contact Marlene Johnson, 328-5806 or Lee Powell, 995-1307. This ministry is ongoing all year round.

RICHARDSON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOTHING PROGRAM

Thanks to all who have donated to the Richardson Park School Clothing Program this fall and winter. The need at the school is ongoing. And thanks to the generosity of the Methodist Women and the Koinonia group at RPUMC, we are continuing to help meet these needs.

Thanks to the organization, **Operation Warm**, the school has been blessed with a wonderful donation of winter coats, uniforms, belts and some shoes. However, the school is running short on some items. The following is a list of new or gently used needed items:

Coats – X-Small (3-4) and Small (6-8)

Slacks – 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and Husky sizes – navy blue or khaki

Polo Shirts – X-small, Small – navy, light blue, white, red (no logos)

Sweatshirts – X-Small, Small, Medium, Large – navy, light blue, white, red (no logos)

Underwear (both girls and boys) – Small, Medium, Large

Socks (both boys and girls) – navy blue or black in children's sizes

Girls Tights – navy blue or black – Small, Medium, Large



CUB SCOUT PACK 339

The Cubs will be working on Service Hours...giving back to the community. Listed below are some ideas as how the Cubs can earn service hours, just to name a few:

- Assist in yard work for members of the community or businesses that need a hand
- Adopt a needy family
- Help agencies cook and serve meals for the homeless
- Make gift boxes to be distributed by a local charity
- Stock shelves at a local food pantry
- Place flags on gravesites for Memorial Day or other special days of remembrance
- Create and deliver thank you cards to veterans on Veterans Day (or any day)
- Help paint a school, church or chartered organization
- Perform janitorial duties for your chartered organization

**MEETING NIGHTS
MONDAYS
7 PM – 8 PM SHARP**

***BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM, GAINING
CONFIDENCE, DEVELOPING A SENSE OF
BELONGING, EXPERIENCING NEW
ADVENTURES***

YE OLDE SHOPPE

Ye Olde Shoppe is open for browsing and shopping every Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM. The Shoppe also will be open the first Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 1 PM, along with a mini yard sale in Fellowship Hall. Stop in and look for some special treasures for you, your family or your friends.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

Neighborhood House is collecting items for its White Elephant Sale to be held on Saturday, April 16 from 8 AM to 1 PM at Neighborhood House, 1218 B Street, Wilmington. Items can be brought to Neighborhood House until Thursday, April 14 at 5 PM. And don't forget to come and shop for your bargains that day!



Make plans to join us this year for Pecometh Day on Saturday, April 23 from 11 AM to 3 PM. Bring your family and friends and enjoy some great activities, including hayrides, Steve the Balloon Man, games, music and more!

Plus, there will be an opportunity for you to tour the camp property, meet our staff, and learn more about the camp programs we offer to your campers.

For more information, visit us online at our Pecometh Day page.

Also, don't forget about our Volunteer Day, Saturday, April 16 from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. For more information and to register, visit us online at our Volunteer Day page.

We look forward to seeing you this April.



FOOD FOR CAP

Don't forget to bring food for CAP the first Sunday of each month. There is a container outside the sanctuary labeled CAP.

April 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM Bible Study - RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	2 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe & Mini Yard Sale
3 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10 AM UMW Unit Meeting 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Missions Team Meeting	4 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	5 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting	6 6:30 PM Scout Board Meeting 7:00 PM NA Meeting	7 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	8 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM Bible Study - RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	9 Fellowship Hall Reserved 12:30 PM UMW Elegant Queen's Tea
10 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM REM Team Meeting	11 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	12 8 PM AA Meeting	13 12 PM Ruth Circle 6:30 PM NA Policy Group 7:30 PM NA Meeting	14 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	15 10 AM Bible Study - RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC 6:30 PM Koinonia Covered Dish	16 Fellowship Hall Reserved
17 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Trustees Mtg. 11:30 AM SPRC Mtg.	18 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	19 7:00 PM CAP Board Mtg. 8 PM AA Meeting	20 7:30 PM NA Meeting	21 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	22 10 AM Bible Study - RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	23 UMW Wilmington District In Service Day
24 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Council Mtg.	25 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	26 Fellowship Hall Reserved - Primary Election 7 PM REM Team Meeting 8 PM AA Meeting	27 7:30 PM NA Meeting	28 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	29 10 AM Bible Study - RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC 3 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved	30 Fellowship Hall Reserved

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LAY READERS

April 3	Paul Weaver
April 10	Carol Cathell
April 17	Beth Warfel
April 24	Brenda Tucker

FLOWERS

For the month of April, Rebekah Circle is responsible for the altar flowers.

Please submit your articles for the May Messenger to the church office by Friday, May 13. Thank You.

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 3	Lynn Lafferty
April 10	Jerry Toy and family
At the Cross	Clyde and Carolyn Nafzinger
April 17	Jim and Cheryl Chilcutt
At the Cross	Carolyn Swain
April 24	Ruth Gibney

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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.