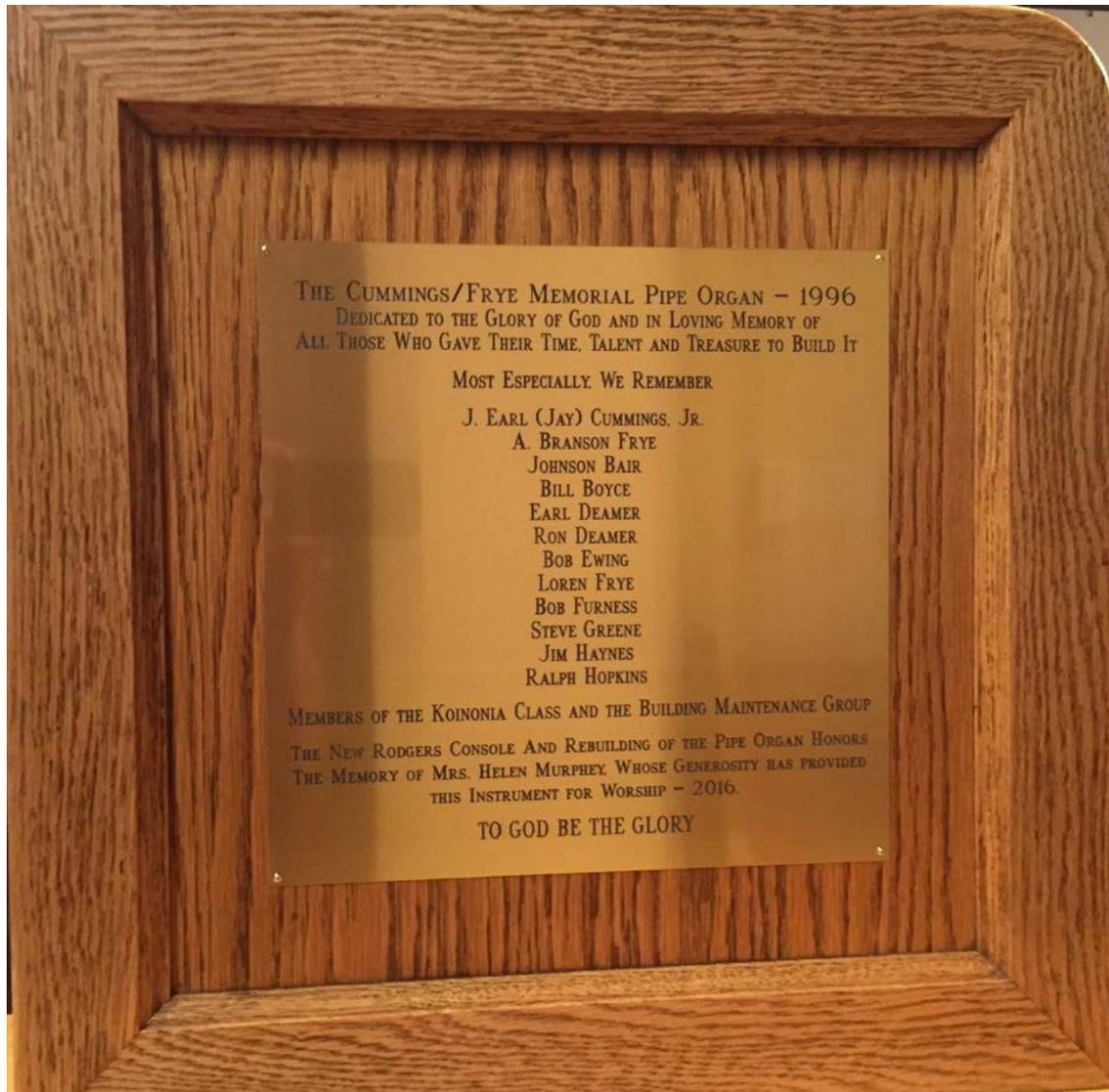


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**DEDICATION OF THE NEW ORGAN
June 5, 2016**



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

On Sunday, June 12, during worship,
we will celebrate the accomplishments
of our graduates of 2016.

MELANIE MITTEN graduated from the University of Delaware on May 27 with a B.A. Degree in Applied Nutrition. She is currently interviewing for a position in the health care or food service industry. She is the daughter of Tod and Yvonne Mitten.

COURTNEY PATTERSON graduated from Padua Academy and will attend Towson University in the fall to major in Elementary Education. She is the granddaughter of Dave and Sandy Swain.

KELLY REBURN graduated from East Carolina University with a Master of Arts I/O (Industrial Organizational) Degree in Psychology. She will attend ECU in the fall to pursue her Doctorate. She is the granddaughter of Dave and Sandy Swain.

HEATHER REBURN graduated from East Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition Science. She will attend ECU in the fall to pursue her Master's Degree. She is the granddaughter of Dave and Sandy swain.

BLESSINGS TO ALL OF YOU!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Susan Durkee	6/1
Bette Farra	6/3
Nicholas Perugini	6/4
Brisa Peterson	6/5
Ruth Peacock	6/7
Katie Parker	6/10
Julia Maybroda	6/11
Sharon Pierce	6/11
Billy Sorensen	6/11
Trish Williamson	6/11
Ruthann Will	6/13
Julie Lundgren	6/14
Chase Stout	6/14
Yvonne Mitten	6/15
Megan Thomas	6/18
Jeannine White	6/18
Kayla Brown	6/19
Jaycen Holmes	6/20
Carolyn Wootten	6/20
Rob Anderson	6/21
Alicia Ott	6/23
David Pruitt	6/23
Earle Snapp	6/23
Carolyn Swain	6/23
Charlene Workman	6/23
Franz Kappel	6/25
William Cathell	6/29

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



Flag Day, always June 14, is a day for Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag and its designers and makers. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States by resolution of the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. Our church proudly flies an American flag each day.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



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

Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle Will begin again in Sept.
Ruth Circle Will begin again in Sept.

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.

UMW News

The United Methodist Women of RPUMC celebrated the end of this season's circle meetings in May. Be ready for September. We are truly blessed to have two circles: (1) Ruth Circle led by Betty Swain which meets the second Wednesday of each month at Noon. (2) Rebekah Circle led by Marlene Johnson which meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at 7:00 p.m. We have a wonderful fellowship and always welcome new members. There are lots of activities planned for the fall – more information will be in future Messengers. Don't miss these wonderful times to share with other women.

Blessings for a wonderful summer from Marlene

Migrant Worker Health Kits

Rebekah and Ruth Circles, along with some members of the congregation, put together a total of 27 kits. We delivered them to Westside Health Center in Wilmington on Friday, May 13. Last year, this facility distributed over 800 kits to workers here in Delaware. Many thanks to those who participated in this Call to Mission with little acts of kindness.

Betty Swain



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The month of May was a busy time in Children's Church which is located in Room 3. Children shared, as they caught the ball, special reasons why they love their mothers - she cleans, she hugs me, she cooks for me, she loves me, she is pretty. God was wonderful to give us mothers and other folks to care for us. The children were very creative in making cards for their mothers - what a great time! On Pentecost Sunday, we learned (by questions, cupcake apron, birthday banner and clues) that it was the "Church's Birthday." We even celebrated with... cupcakes! Ms. Beth has been leading us in exciting songs. What a wonderful way to learn about God's love!

Koinonia Fellowship Yard Sales

There is a great need for children's clothes, as well as ladies large and extra-large clothes. Perhaps you could ask friends, neighbors and family members to keep the church in mind when sorting clothes that are outgrown or are no longer needed. If you need to arrange pickup, call the church office.

RPUMC Missions Gift Card Fundraiser

The Missions Team has gift/shopping cards available for sale! Many retailers have committed to donate a percentage of the gift card face value to participating non-profit organizations, like RPUMC, at no additional cost to the consumer through a fundraising company called Great Lakes Scrip Center. When you order or buy a gift card to support our Missions, the dollar value of the gift card you order is the face value of the gift card you

receive. The retailer contributes directly to the RPUMC Missions Team.

To look at the most up-to-date retailers list go to: <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> and click on "Retailers List."

The Missions Team still has (2) \$25 APPLEBEES gift/shopping cards available for sale right now.

If you are interested in supporting RPUMC Missions by ordering Gift Cards, please contact Kathy Rogers or the church office to submit your request.

Thank you to all who have participated so far and let's keep it going!!!

"YOUR VISION FOR RPUMC" What happened on Pentecost Sunday May 15, 2016

This Pentecost Sunday was a day that a special worship service focused on the VISION for the Richardson Park United Methodist Church. The sanctuary was decorated in red and many in attendance were wearing red, which signifies fire and the power of the Holy Spirit!

During the service, everyone in attendance was encouraged to put their thoughts, dreams and VISION for the future of our church into writing. These visions were written on paper shaped like clouds that would be posted on the sanctuary walls. Many clouds, holding our visions, appeared on the walls, which made it clear that people are interested in the future of Richardson Park Church and desire to help shape that future.

This is the first step in creating a unified VISION FOR THE CHURCH! Thank you to all who attended and participated in this important process. Please continue to pray for the Richardson Park Church, and we'll expect that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire and empower us to MAKE OUR VISION A REALITY!



Dear RPUMC family,

Many thanks to all who have sent me cards and flowers for the past year. I take my book and go outside and read in the shade; I sit and look out to the sun. I throw bread to the birds. It's strange. No birds are there. But the first thing you know, they spread the word in their language and they appear in flocks. Hello to everyone, especially Marlene, the Snapps and Betty Swain.

As Always, Anna Mae

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN FACEBOOK

Volunteers are needed to maintain the church Facebook. If you are knowledgeable about maintenance of a Facebook page and are willing to devote the time necessary to keep the page current, please contact Jim Chilcutt at webmaster@rpumchurch.org.

WESLEY TOWER BANKS

May 2016 \$73.82

Thanks for remembering to bring in your filled banks the first Sunday of each month. Our year-to-date total is \$357.10. Empty banks can be picked up as you leave the altar area each Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.

TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

Protecting your identity means to protect your Personally Identifiable Information (PII). That is protect:

- Your name;
- Your address;
- Your birthday;
- Your Social Security Number;

If someone steals your credit card, your liability is limited to a fixed amount. Your liability for loss of your Personal Information is unlimited (you can lose all your savings, your house, your car and anything else).

Here are some things you can do to protect your Personally Identifiable Information:

- Never give out your Social Security Number unless it's absolutely necessary (for example opening a bank account or financial transactions). This includes at the doctor's office. They don't need your SSN. They just need your insurance account number. The exception is Medicare. Your Medicare account is your SSN.
- Never send SSN or financial information in an email. Emails can be intercepted and the data stripped out.
- If it's absolutely necessary to give out your SSN, make sure you know who will see it and how it will be handled. What will happen to the form that contains the information? Will it be kept in a secure location? Will it be added to someone's computer data file where it can be lost or stolen?
- Be careful when giving out information over the phone to strangers. There is no reason to give out your personal information over the phone. If a caller is asking for Personal Information be very suspicious of them.

RICHARDSON PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

STATUS: Part-Time Salaried

HOURS: 20 Hours per week

General Purpose of Position:

To build young disciples for Christ by engaging youth in the church and the community in grades 6-12 by developing and implementing a youth ministry which will promote opportunities for group building, worship, discipleship, mission and outreach while serving as a spiritual leader and role model for the youth.

Organizational Relationship and Supervision:

The Director of Youth Ministry must have a working knowledge of the United Methodist beliefs and will report to the pastor. The pastor and SPRC will provide an annual evaluation of the Director of Youth Ministry. Attendance is required at the monthly Church Council and Education Committee meetings, as well as providing a monthly report. Spanish speaking skills are recommended but not required.

The Primary Task:

The primary task of youth ministry is to:

1. Love youth where they are
2. Encourage youth in developing their relationship to God
3. Provide opportunities for youth to grow and be nurtured.
4. Challenge youth to respond to God's call by serving in their communities and the world

Responsibilities:

1. Oversee all programming and ministry for youth in grades 6 – 12. (Sunday mornings, mid-week evening, special events, VBS, etc.)
2. Prepare vision and mission statements, goals and objectives for the youth program to address the needs of the young people of our church and community while integrating the youth in the life of the church and emphasizing their spiritual growth.

3. Maintain a strategy for reaching and embracing new youth and families.
4. Recruit adult volunteers and organize a team to complete the group's objectives.
5. Ensure Safe Sanctuary policy is followed.
6. With guidance from our pastor, encourage youth to attend the Annual Conference Youth Rally.
7. Open up lines of communication with other local Methodist churches (Peniel, Christ, St. Marks, etc.) or other non-Methodist churches to engage in group activities or events.

Communication:

1. Publish a calendar of events and a newsletter for youth which can be included in the monthly Messenger.
2. Keep the Education Committee, Kids Café, VBS and youth choir directors aware of opportunities to integrate their participants into the youth program.
3. Advise pastor and/or Staff-Parish Relations chairperson of any issues, needs or concerns.
4. Attend Continuing Education events to keep up with trends in youth ministry, as requested and approved by Church Council and the Finance Committee.

Fiscal Responsibilities:

1. Provide an itemized annual budget request to the Finance Committee.
2. Work within budgetary guidelines or obtain approval for increased spending.
3. Record all expenses and income as required by the Finance Committee.
4. Submit all financial records to the church auditors for the year-end audit.

For more information, visit

www.rpumchurch.org/html/openpositions.html

If interested, please submit resume to Richardson Park United Methodist Church at
RPUMC@RPUMCHURCH.ORG

Laity Enlightenment

“But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15

When I began leading the Missions Team of RPUMC two years ago, I learned a lot about mission work and how it should be a service to others with the ultimate goal of winning souls for Christ. Funding for the many local non-profit organizations involved in doing this type of work in the Wilmington area is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. When Michelle Johnson came to our church to talk about Sojourners' Place, I confess I knew very little about what they do and how they serve the community. Since that day in October of 2015, I learned quite a bit more about what happens at Sojourners' Place, which I now refer to as SP. The team began to look at opportunities to serve in the community and we decided to start with a mission trip to SP. So last month, the congregation was asked if anyone had any interest in visiting SP to work in their food pantry or clothing closet. Several people wanted to get involved and a group of volunteers committed to the mission.

The dates of service were set for Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30, 2016. Two groups of 4 were formed to work from 9 AM to Noon each day. Michelle Johnson, Volunteerism Coordinator at Sojourners' Place, gave the group a short tour of the facility and showed us the library/computer lab, dining area, lounge, training rooms, and offices. She described how there are over 40 male residents, and most recently seven female residents were added in a separate dormitory area. After successfully completing the screening process, many residents move into SP from alcohol and drug rehabilitation facilities. These residents have an opportunity to learn how to create a resume, how to best present themselves at a job interview and how to create and manage a budget in an effort to get them back on their own feet.

There are many individuals, churches and other organizations that contribute money, food, clothing and supplies to keep SP running. We were surprised to hear that the State funding of \$100,000 a year has been discontinued in 2016, making it very challenging to meet all the needs of the facility, employees and residents. This is why every little bit of financial and volunteer

support is helpful and greatly appreciated by everyone at Sojourners' Place.

After our tour, we went to the clothing closet. We had our work cut out for us. The room was fairly large and loaded with clothes of all kinds on the shelves, on the racks, in boxes and in bags on the floor and everywhere. The space was also used for storage of holiday decorations which were not well packaged or labelled. We worked to clear out a lot of winter things that we later took to be donated to Veterans organizations. The room was reorganized a bit, extra hangers were sorted or recycled, shoes were matched and displayed, clothing was sorted, folded and rehung on racks for better access and some items had to be discarded along with mismatched socks and random trash. Finally, six hours of work afforded a much safer, neater and more manageable space for residents to come and find the clothing they need for the coming spring and summer months.

In the end, the volunteers experienced a great personal blessing to have been able to serve others by accomplishing this work for SP. Surprisingly, just before leaving on the second day, one of our volunteers actually chanced upon their nephew who is now a resident and clearly reaping the benefits of having a place to live, clothing, food and access to all the programs SP has to offer. It was great to see this **SP**pecial ministry in action! Michelle Johnson followed up with a lovely note to the Missions Team Leader to say how grateful she was for our help and stated she thinks the clothing closet “is the best it has ever looked.”

The Missions Team would like to develop this into a regular mission opportunity for RPUMC where once a month a volunteering trip is planned. Anyone interested in participating in this type of volunteer activity, please contact the church office and leave your name and contact information so that you can be included in future plans. A giant “Thank You” goes out to Lee Powell, Joe Tucker, Charlene Workman, Carolyn Williams, Gloria Williams and Dave Rogers who have contributed their time and talents to begin this valuable service to others.

To God be the Glory!

Kathy Rogers
RPUMC Lay Leader and Missions Team Leader



SPECIAL FATHER'S'S DAY CAMPAIGN

This year on Father's Day, June 19, RPUMC will honor our fathers and other important men in our lives by raising money for the Delaware National Guard Family Fund. Help us help those who have served as we celebrate together on Father's Day.

The Delaware National Guard Family Fund supports deployed members' families.

If you would like to make a contribution to these worthy causes, please make your check payable to RPUMC and specify Father's Day Campaign.

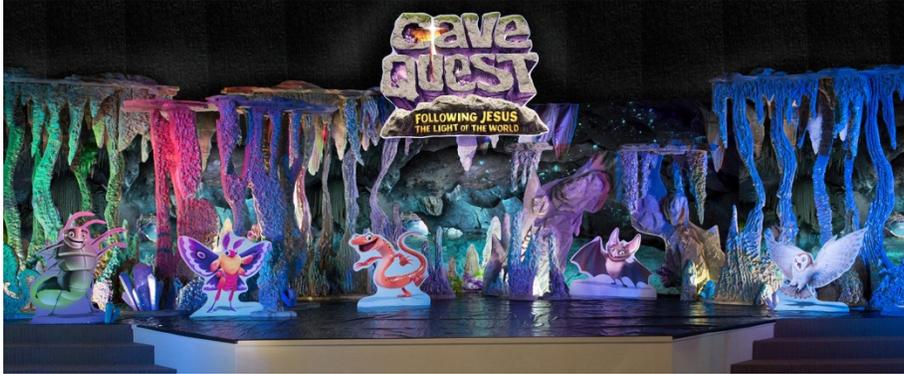
Special Father's Day Campaign

I/we _____ honor the following men:

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Amount of Contribution: \$ _____



RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Vacation Bible School Registration

Name: _____ Nickname: _____ HELPER

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Telephone: (_____) _____ Age: _____

Last School Grade Completed: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: Home _____ Cell _____

Allergies or Other Medical Conditions: _____

Home Church: _____

Name of one special friend your child might like to be with during VBS: _____

***The Adventure Starts
Sunday, June 19 – Thursday, June 23
5:30 pm – 8:15 pm
Pre-School Through Grade 6***

NOTE: HELPERS (7TH-12TH GRADES) MUST PRE-REGISTER

**** PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL INFO ON BACK OF REGISTRATION ****

We ask that all children be picked up promptly at 8:15 p.m. We recommend you make every effort to pick up any child regardless of age; however, we realize that some children walk or may be capable of going home on their own. If your child is at least ten years old and you wish to allow him/her to leave the church without adult supervision, please check the appropriate box below and sign and date this form. If your child will be picked up each evening, please check the appropriate box below and sign and date this form. Thank you!

My child may leave on his/her own at the end of each evening.

My child will be picked up in the sanctuary each evening.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please sign here if you will allow your child's photograph to be taken at our Cave Quest Vacation Bible School and posted within the church building.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Due to the United Methodist Church's Safe Sanctuary policy,
all registration forms must be completed and signed by
a parent or guardian!**

Questions??? Please call 654-0961.

Please bring a canned good for CAP!

June 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 PM Scout Board Meeting 7:30 PM NA Mtg.	2 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 7 PM Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	3 Sanctuary Reserved 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel	4 Sanctuary Reserved 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 10 AM Organ Workshop
5 Organ Dedication 9 AM Wesley Class 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Missions Mtg. 4 PM Organ Recital	6 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	7 8 PM AA Meeting	8 6:30 PM NA Policy Group 7:30 PM NA Meeting	9 Annual Conf. 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	10 Annual Conf. 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	11 Annual Conf.
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LAY READERS

June 5	Don McFarland
June 12	Sheldon Edwards
June 19	Joan Stadelman
June 26	Linda Keffer

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

Please submit your articles for the July/August Messenger to the church office by Tuesday, June 7. Thank You.

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 5	Joan Stadelman
At the Cross	Ginger Pettyjohn
June 12	Rob and Michelle Anderson
June 19	Alvretta Crozier
At the Cross	Bob Collins
At the Lectern	Ruth Gibney
June 26	United Methodist Women

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

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*The mission of Richardson Park United Methodist Church is
to feed the body and soul in the name of Jesus Christ.*