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"Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God."

Acts 10:4

This scripture in Acts 10 reveals Cornelius as a devout man who along with his whole household feared God. He did many charitable deeds for the Jewish people and always prayed to God. Because Cornelius continually dedicated himself in prayer and performed charitable deeds, he was used to reveal God's will. Peter, who would have never interacted with this gentile centurion, is sent by God to declare the good news to all who had gathered at Cornelius' home. After Cornelius shares the vision God revealed to him, Peter declares, "Now I really understand that God doesn't show favoritism." (verse 34)

As we enter the season of Thanksgiving, like Cornelius, I believe prayer is the foundation for moving the church forward in fulfilling the will of God. Beginning November 1, I will start this process by following the plan for 40 days of prayer outlined in the book, "Draw the Circle; the 40-day Prayer Challenge."

In this book the author Mark Batterson writes, "If you press into God's presence like never before, you will experience God like never before. You'll look back on these 40 days as the best 40 days of your life. They won't be the easiest 40 days; in fact, they may be the hardest. Don't be surprised if you experience spiritual opposition along the way. But if you pray through, God will break through in new ways. It's as inevitable as the tide coming in." (pg. 7)

I pray you are encouraged to take this journey of praying for 40 days with me. I believe it's the key that will unlock the door to an amazing move of the Holy Spirit. I believe, like the people of Cornelius' day, we will see others drawn to Christ in ways we never imagined.

As we prepare our hearts for all the exciting events coming up in November, (All Saints Sunday, Stewardship Sunday, ingathering of food Sunday with Bishop Peggy Johnson as our guest preacher, and the start of the Advent Season), let's follow the example of Cornelius; be faithful in prayer, serve and get ready for God to move among us.

Blessings,
Pastor Carolyn

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS



Greetings to You!!

Good morning from Children's Church! We are learning to "rate our week" on a scale of 1-10. No matter what our ratings have been for the week, we know God is always with us. Ms. Beth has been very busy and will be until "Family Advent Gathering." She is teaching us (in her special way) new songs and readings. This will be a very special time! Again, thank you to parents/guardians for supporting our safe sanctuary policy. Our Children's Church is growing, BUT there is always room for more children – join us for a great Bible experience.

Blessings from Everyone in Room 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, November 5 – 9 AM

Ye Olde Shoppe, Mini Yard Sale, Missions BOGOGO soup sale.

Sunday, November 6 – 4 PM

Sweet Land of Liberty Musical

Wednesday, November 9 – 7 PM

Church Charge Conference - Extension

Sunday, November 13 – 10:30 AM

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 20 – 10:30 AM

Bishop Johnson will join us for Worship

Wednesday, November 23 – 6:30 PM

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Peniel United Methodist Church

Thursday, November 24 – 1 PM

Thanksgiving Dinner – Fellowship Hall



Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday,
November 6 at 2 AM.

Time to turn your clocks back one hour!!!

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.



Thank you one and all for the lovely birthday cards I received by mail and via Facebook! Anytime you are down here in "lower, slower Delaware, feel free to stop in – the door is always open. Think of you often and have you in my daily prayers!

Much Love, Pat Cummings

Bruce and I would like to thank everyone for the special prayers, cards, phone calls and visits during this very difficult and stressful time in our lives. Please keep praying because we still have a long way to go.

We love you, Charlene and Bruce



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

October 2016 \$92.79

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date for 2016 is \$697.46. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.



BOGOGO

(Buy One, Get One, Give One)

**Homemade Soup Sale
9 AM Saturday
November 5, 2016
in the Fellowship Hall**

Come buy a \$5 quart of delicious soup and get one free when you promise to give it to a friend, neighbor or coworker along with an invitation to visit our church some Sunday for worship.

Enjoy your soup, give someone a gift of food and extend an invitation to fellowship at Richardson Park!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

This month we have another opportunity to show God our gratitude as we enter the season of our stewardship campaign. Beginning November 6, we will kick off our annual Stewardship Campaign. Sunday November 13 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*

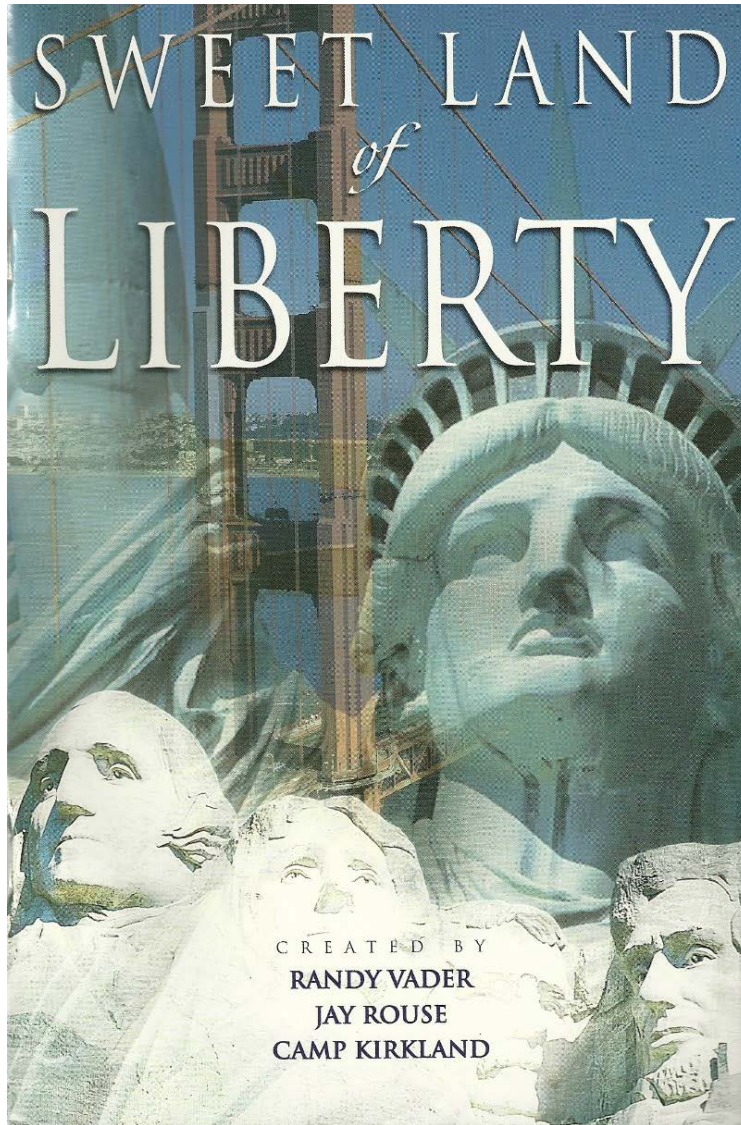


HARVEST HOME IN-GATHERING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Again this year, we have the opportunity to share the bounty we enjoy with members of our church family who are facing challenges that prevent them from enjoying the Thanksgiving holiday in the same way. Our goal is to help at least eight families, nominated by you, who have that challenge this year with baskets that represent our "Harvest Home" offerings. As in the past, you may take the shopping list, found elsewhere in this newsletter, to the grocery store each week between now and November 20 and purchase one or more items to be included in the gift baskets that the REM Team will put together. If you prefer to make a cash donation, please give that donation to any REM member -- Kristi Doughty, Michele Anderson, Howard Eney, Claudia McFarland or Paul Weaver -- and we will use your gift to purchase fresh items for the baskets. Please do not worry about "extra goods" that might be gathered as all extra items will be donated to the CAP Food Pantry for distribution to the community. Our Harvest Home program is, first and foremost, for those in the Richardson Park UMC family who would benefit from a special gift of love from their brothers and sisters. The gifts will be brought forward during the worship hour on November 20, and we look forward to having the additional blessing of our Bishop Peggy Johnson with us that day.

Thank you!

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6, 4:00 PM
Richardson Park UMC Chancel Choir & Friends Present



Mark Your Calendar Now for This
Celebration of God's Gift of Liberty
SUNDAY, NOV. 6, 4:00 PM
11 North Maryland Avenue
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HARVEST HOME SHOPPING LIST

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Product	can/boxed	refrigerated /fresh	amt per family	
2	American Cheese Slices		cash/gift card only	1	
3	Apple Juice			1	
4	Apples			1	
5	Butter		cash/gift card only	1	
6	Canned Whole Corn			2	
7	Canned Cranberry sauce			2	
8	Canned Green beans			3	
9	Canned Tuna (In Water) (StarKist)			3	
10	Canned Yams (Bruce)			2	
11	Carrots - baby		cash/gift card only	1	
12	Celery - Raw		cash/gift card only	1	
13	GM Cheerios			1	
14	Complete Pancake mix			1	
15	Saltine Crackers			1	
16	Eggs (Egglands)		cash/gift card only	1	
17	Fresh pre-packaged dinner rolls			1	
18	Frozen Turkey		cash/gift card only	1	
19	Grape Jelly			1	
20	Instant Oatmeal - packets			1	
21	Instant Potatoes			2	
22	Jello			2	
23	Mac & Cheese			3	
24	Maple Syrup			1	
25	Mini Marshmallows			1	
26	Milk		cash/gift card only	1	
27	Orange Juice			1	
28	Pasta - Box Elbows			3	
29	Pasta Sauce			3	
30	Creamy Peanut Butter			1	
31	Pie - Apple (Bakery) 34 oz.			1	
32	Pie - Pumpkin (Bakery) 24 oz.			1	
33	Soup - Ramen Noodles			1	
34	Amer. Salad - Ready to go bag		cash/gift card only	1	
35	Kellogg's Rice krispies			1	
36	Stuffing			3	
37	BC Tuna Helper			1	
38	Turkey Gravy (Campbell's)			2	
39	Wonder Bread ()			1	
40	Sugar free powder drink			1	
41	Please share with Pastor Williams those whom you feel would benefit from this				
42	outreach. Our goal is to help our church family and friends have a Thanksgiving				
43	meal and beyond through the love of Christ. Bring your gifts on Sunday, 11/22.				
44	Please donate fresh items by cash or gift card and REM will shop for those items for delivery.				

CHRISTMAS ALTAR POINSETTIAS

Sixty red poinsettias have been ordered to be placed on the Altar on Saturday, December 24. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in Memory or Honor of Loved Ones, please return this form to the church office by Wednesday, November 30. The cost of each poinsettia is \$8.00. 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 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 _____



NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7 PM Rebekah and Ruth Circles 8 PM AA Meeting	2 6:30 PM Scout Board Meeting 7 PM Cooking Class	3 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 2 PM Kitchen Res. 6:30 PM Bells 7:15 PM Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	4 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM Bible Study - St. James 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	5 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe and Mini Yard Sale & BOGOGO Soup Sale
6 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10 AM UMW Unit Meeting 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 4 PM Sweet Land of Liberty Musical	7 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	8 Fellowship Hall Reserved General Election 8 PM AA Meeting	9 7 PM Church Charge Conference	10 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6:30 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 Extension Reserved 12 PM Sole Hope
13 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM REM Team Meeting	14 6 PM Finance Mtg. 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	15 7 PM CAP Board Mtg. 8 PM AA Meeting	16 6 PM Bible Study	17 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6:30 PM Bells 7:15 Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	18 8:30 AM Mission Team 10 AM Bible Study - RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC 6:30 PM Koinonia	19
20 Kitchen Res. 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM SPRC Meeting 11:30 AM Trustees Meeting	21 Kitchen Res. 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	22 8 PM AA Meeting	23 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Service - Peniel UMC	24  1 PM Thanksgiving Dinner 8:15 PM AA Meeting	25 Office Closed	26
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LAY READERS

November 6
November 13
November 20
November 27

Betty Swain
Brenda Tucker
Kathy Rogers
Paul Weaver

ALTAR FLOWERS

November 6
November 13
At the Cross
November 20
November 27

Roger Longest
Kristi Doughty
Bettie Smith
Thanksgiving arrangement
donated by Charlene and Bruce Workman and
arranged by Kathy and Dave Rogers.
Harriet-Ann van Boven



FLOWERS

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

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

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Please submit your articles for the
December/January Messenger to the church office by
Thursday, November 10. Thank you.

*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.*