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And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" Acts 11:16-17

On September 20, I attended the Bishop's Day on our District. Bishop Johnson shared a word from Acts 11:1-18. It reminded us that God breaks down cultural barriers and we should, too. Our conference, as well as the denomination, is continually pursuing ways to tear down barriers and build bridges to help churches connect with one another in service to our Savior.

By the way, if you want to stay informed about the future of the United Methodist Church and all the ways the conference and denomination are addressing issues, I strongly encourage you to attend these events when they are offered. They are open to all laity and very informative.

Bishop Peggy Johnson and Peninsula- Delaware Conference Staff shared some valuable information to keep the church focused and working toward

fulfilling the mission and vision of our conference. Our **vision statement is:** Connected Christians offering the Hope of Jesus Christ in today's World. Our **mission statement is:** Cultivating Communities through our CALL: Connecting, Acting, Leading and Loving. To help churches live out the mission and vision, several opportunities and tools are being offered.

Prayer is the first tool churches are encouraged to use as they start or continue the practice of living out the mission and vision. Several online resources will be offered on the conference website (www.pen-del.org).

Bishop Johnson blessed everyone in attendance with a copy of the book, "The Circle Maker: Praying circles around your biggest dreams and greatest fears" by author Mark Batterson. We were reminded, "Nothing happens except by prayer." Keep your hearts, ears, and eyes open to what the Holy Spirit is revealing to us and remember we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength.

Blessings,
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
Alissa 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
Chelsea Chilcutt	10/12
Sarah Pasmore	10/12
Ken Bourdon	10/13
Dan Freebery	10/13
Emma Perugini	10/13
Jerry Toy	10/13
Dennis Earvase	10/16
Yvette Hayman	10/17
Riley Kaucz	10/19
Patrick Donnelly	10/22
Lovedy Berkley	10/26
Paulette Lazzaro	10/26
Dianna Deaton	10/26
Eric Fleming	10/27
Tod Mitten	10/27
Scott Cloud	10/28
Ashley Lang	10/30
Anthony Steward	10/31

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 4
7:00 p.m. – Lounge

Ruth Circle Wed., October 12
12 Noon – Extension

Circle Leaders

Rebekah Circle	Marlene Johnson
Ruth Circle	Betty Swain

Upcoming Events:

October 15
Wilmington District Meeting
Aldersgate UMC

October 16
UMW Sunday
With a surprise speaker

United Methodist Women is a group of dedicated women focused on mission in communities close by and around the world. We learn by living, giving, listening, praying and action! Our October circle meetings will focus on the role of a deaconess – come and learn about this important person.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Regular session Children's Church (pre-school through 5th grade) started in September. We are learning about God's helpers who serve – not being served! There is a difference and we discussed what God would like us to do. Ms. Beth is ready to teach us new songs – what a fun way to learn about God's love. A thank you to parents/guardians for supporting our safe sanctuary policy of signing children in and out of our room. Join us for a great learning experience.

Blessings from Room 3

UPCOMING EVENTS Mark your calendars!

Sunday, October 2 - World Communion
Sunday

Sunday, October 9 - 1 PM
CROP Walk – Banning Park

Sunday, October 16 - Laity Sunday

Sunday, October 23 - Home Coming Sunday

Saturday, October 29 2 PM – 4 PM
Trunk or Treats – Upper/Lower Parking Lots

Sunday, October 30 - Contemporary Healing
Service

Thursday, November 9 7 PM
Church Charge Conference



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

Time to turn your clocks back one hour!!!

Small Groups at RPUMC

Beginning in October, the groups will meet at 7 PM as follows:

1st Wednesday of each month – Cooking
Fellowship Hall

2nd Wednesday of each month – Book Club
Lounge

3rd Wednesday of each month – Bible Study
Lounge

Cooking with Friends – Claudia McFarland

Our focus for fall will be seasonal recipes. Each meeting, our presenter will offer a seasonal favorite such as soups, sides for holiday trimmings, desserts, etc. and “show and tell” the group how they prepare the dish. Members of the group should also share their favorite recipes as well as any tips they have picked up through their own experiences in the kitchen. AND we will enjoy tasting everything we cook, bake or stew!

Book Club – Paul Weaver Welcome potential RPUMC Book Club members. After opening devotions, we will spend 30-45 minutes discussing the book we have read. Our first book will be Mitch Albom's, “The 5 People You Meet in Heaven.” After that, we will nominate books and vote on the following month's book. I look forward to seeing you.

Bible Study – Pastor Carolyn

“Crazy Love” Overwhelmed by a Relentless God
Author, Francis Chan

Francis Chan, well-known author and pastor, says his prayer for everyone who studies this book is as follows: “I want everyone to be challenged by God's greatness and love. I want everyone to understand that the only sane response to his His love is wholehearted devotion to Jesus. And I want everyone to see that the crazy people in this world are those who experience God's love and remain complacent, not those who let go of all they have and follow Him completely.”

Join us as we seek God and allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by His relentless love.



WESLEY TOWER BANKS
September 2016 \$46.46

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 \$651.13. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.

RPUMC WEBSITE

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

**Keeping Your Personal Information Secure
Offline**

The information below is from a Federal Trade Commission Consumer Information paper on "How to Protect Your Personal Information"

Your personal information is yours and is a valuable asset. Treat it as you would your money because to an identity thief your personal information is worth real money. Below are some simple steps to help keep your information private:

- Limit what you carry. When you go out, take only the identification, credit, and debit cards you need. Leave your Social Security card at home. Make a copy of your Medicare card and black out all but the last four digits on the copy. Carry the copy with you — unless you are going to use your card at the doctor's office;

- Any time you are requested to provide a Social Security number challenge the reason. Ask why it is needed or if there is alternative identification. Resist giving out the information. Even at a doctor's office your social security number is not required. Insurance companies want your account number, not your Social Security number. Unless you use Medicare then your account number is your Social Security number;
- Shred receipts, credit offers, credit applications, insurance forms, physician statements, checks, bank statements, expired charge cards, and similar documents when you don't need them any longer;
- Destroy the labels on prescription bottles before you throw them out. Don't share your health plan information with anyone who offers free health services or products;
- When you order new checks watch for them to arrive. If they don't arrive in a timely manner alert the financial institution. Identity thieves know what checks look like in the mail and will take the boxes. The blank checks provide your bank and account number and can be used to commit fraud.

Always be aware of your personal information. Protect it. Any time you provide information to a business, school, doctor or other computerized organization that information will be placed in a database on a computer. Once it is there you have no way of knowing who it will be shared with. Be careful and be safe.



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.

Memorial Committee

Finance Committee - Bob Collins



Someone told me the other day Christmas was 15 Sunday's away. What happened to 2016? Feels like I missed a bunch of time somewhere. Hard to believe we are so close to year end and the Christmas Holidays. I noticed my grandchildren have started their Santa letters, and the lists appear longer than last year. As Karen said, it's worth it to see the excitement on their faces Christmas Morning so we go all out to make that happen.

It's also exciting to see all the great things happening at Richardson Park UMC. As I mentioned last month, many projects and upgrades are in various stages of completion with several still pending. Two things typically happen this time of year. One is the 2017 Budget Process which is ongoing. The Finance Committee puts together a budget based on routine normal expenses, anticipated programs like VBS and funding for music and special events. We also budget for capital expenditures. Later this month, the Finance Committee will meet and work on and hopefully agree to a final budget for 2017 which then will be presented to Church Council for final approval and included in the Charge Conference Report.

We will soon begin the 2017 Stewardship Campaign. As we did last year, your gift is between you and God. My challenge to each of us is to:

- Respond gratefully to what God has given you
- Give willingly as moved by the Holy Spirit
- Live genuinely by putting your faith in action

Your generous gift helps our congregation carry out our mission to be a welcoming Christian Community that helps connect faith journeys with life's journey and inspires the sharing of time, talents and treasures. As Pastor Carolyn says every Sunday, not everyone can afford to give monetarily and I respect and agree. Your time and work for Christ are needed just as much. So in closing if you give thank you and I hope you will continue to support Richardson Park UMC. If you are a new member or a member who has not committed in years past I hope you will consider committing this year.

TOO MANY CALENDARS?????

If you are receiving more 2017 calendars than you can possibly use, please leave your extra ones in the church office or give to Lee Powell 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.



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!



TRUNK or TREATS
at
RICHARDSON PARK UMC
Parking Lots
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
2:00 – 4:00PM

YOU ARE INVITED to join us for the 2016 TRUNK or TREAT. It is open to everyone and is a wonderful community outreach for children and adults. Fun and fellowship for all ages!

Pick a theme and decorate your auto's trunk (just like decorating your house!) Bring wrapped/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 any member of REM Team 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, 10/29, 2:00-4:00 PM.



October 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Fellowship Hall Reserved 8 AM Ye Olde Shoppe and YARD SALE
2 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM UMW Unit Meeting 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30 AM Missions Meeting 1 PM Choir Practice	3 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	4 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting	5 6:30 PM Scout Board Meeting 7 PM Cooking Class	6 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	7 10 AM Bible Study – Peniel UMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	8 8 AM Attic and Back Stage Clean Out
9 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30 REM Team Meeting. 1 PM CROP WALK	10 6:30 PM SPRC Mtg. 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	11 8 PM AA Meeting	12 12 PM Ruth Circle 7 PM Book Club	13 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	14 10 AM Bible Study – Peniel UMC 10 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	15 UMW Wilmington District Meeting
16 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30 AM SPRC Mtg. 1 PM Choir Practice	17 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	18 7 PM CAP Board Mtg. 8 PM AA Meeting	19 6:45 PM Trustee Mtg. 7 PM Bible Study	20 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	21 10 AM Bible Study – Peniel UMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC 6:30 PM Koinonia Game Night	22 8:30 AM Missions Team – Sojourner's Place
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READERS

October 2	Sheldon Edwards
October 9	Joe Tucker
October 16	Rose Davis
October 23	Sath Amara
October 30	Glenda Donnelly

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 2	Bob Ashton
October 9	Frank and Pat Pugh
October 16	Susan Watkins & Family
At the Cross	Tony and Glenda Donnelly
October 23	Dorothy Scarborough
At the Cross	Anna Mae Shewbrooks
October 30	Kathy Rogers

FLOWERS

For the month of October, Rebekah 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
November Messenger to the Church Office by
Wednesday, October 12. 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.*