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*"From his fullness we have all received,
grace upon grace."*

John 1:16



Dear Friends,

As I sit in my office and look around at all the items donated in support of the "Bags of Blessings" for the homeless, I'm amazed. All I can say is thank you Lord for your amazing grace. Just when I thought people were finished donating, someone showed up with their arms full of supplies. That's how God shows up in our lives with grace. When we open our hearts to Jesus, grace overflows continually.

As we approach the end of our ecumenical Wednesday Lenten services, I am grateful to God for all the people who unselfishly give of their time, talent, and treasure. In doing so, you have allowed others to see the love of Christ in action (overflowing grace).

I truly believe we have lived out our theme this year of, *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25:40 NIV) Let's continue to follow Jesus' example and make every effort to love and serve the least, last, and lost.

As we draw near to "Holy Week," we invite you to participate in giving thanks to God for the abundance of grace we constantly receive because of Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing you at the following services:

Maundy Thursday Service April 13th

7:00 p.m. at Richardson Park UMC

Good Friday Service April 14th

12:00 p.m. at Peniel UMC

Sunrise Service April 16th 6:30 a.m. at St. James Episcopal Church

Easter Service April 16th 10:30 a.m. at Richardson Park UMC.

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays at Noon

April 5

Calvary Presbyterian Church

Please join the noon prayer services during Lent, followed by a light lunch.

Offertory benefits Newport Soup Kitchen.

HOLY WEEK

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9 10:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Communion

Thursday, April 13 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 14 12:00 PM

Ecumenical Service

Peniel United Methodist Church

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, April 16



**6:30 AM - Sunrise Service
St. James Episcopal Church**

**10:30 AM - Festival Worship
Richardson Park UMC**

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
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

Thanks for remembering to bring in your filled banks the first Sunday of each month. 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. Both Circles will take care of the Easter Lilies.

Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle Tues., April 4 7:00 p.m.
Lounge

Ruth Circle Wed., April 12 12 Noon
Extension

UMW Unit Meeting – Sunday, April 2 10 a.m. Lounge

The Circles will be making Health Kits in April and early May. The Westside Health Center was so appreciative last year that it was decided to make the kits for them this year.

Circle Members: Mark your calendars for a combined Circle “tea” on Saturday, May 13 at 12:30 p.m. Invitations will be given out at Circle meetings.

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.

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

Health Kits Cont'd.

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



All of us in Children's Church wish you a wonderful spring. During the 40 days of Lent, the children received an at-home activity as we count down to Easter Sunday. In our class, we have learned that Jesus shared stories so the people could understand how to care for each and everyone – the lost sheep and the woman at the well are two of the stories shared. Ms. Beth keeps us on our toes singing great songs. As our group leaves, they receive a bulletin to finish and share at home.

Blessings for a wonderful Easter!



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.

NEW ADDRESS

Mark and Sue Cummings
37238 Clamshell Lane
Selbyville, DE 19975

MISSIONS TEAM

Used Postage Stamps benefit Children

Like me, I am sure you receive dozens of stamped pieces of mail each week. Would you like to know how these used stamps can help children?

Alliance Stamp Ministry in Fort Myers, Florida collects these used stamps and sells them to a dealer for mission purposes. The money for these stamps is used by David and Betty Constance in Fort Myers to purchase children's Sunday School materials. David and Betty then translate these materials into Spanish and send the material to children's ministries in South America. There is no program like this in the United States.

The stamp collecting works this way. Used stamps are cut from envelopes with a ¼" to ½" border all around the stamp. If you do not want to cut around the stamps, please bring your entire envelopes to me or the church office. Our Missions Team will do the cutting for you.

Peniel and Marshallton United Methodist Churches are participating in this program. We are coordinating with Peniel to do the mailing. They have the necessary boxes for the mailing.

This is an easy, worthwhile mission project. Also, do not forget the box tops for the schools.

Any questions? Call Lee Powell
302-995-1307

SPRC VOLUNTEER REQUEST

The SPRC is looking for four-five volunteers to review messages on the church answering machine one weekend each month. This can be done from home and would entail forwarding urgent messages to Pastor Carolyn. An easy, detailed, step-by-step procedure will be available.

If interested, please contact the church office.

Thanks. Paul Weaver, Chair

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 PM in the Lounge. Our book for April will be "The Choice" by Nicholas Sparks.

On Wednesday, March 15, eight of us enjoyed the movie "The Shack" followed by dinner at Cosmo's. The movie was excellent and all enjoyed fellowship and good conversation with dinner.

SMALL GROUP COOKING CLASS

The cooking class will not meet in April or May. The class will resume in the fall.

MORNING WORSHIP VIDEO SYSTEM

If you are interested in running the video system for Sunday morning worship, please call the church office at 302-654-0961 for more information.



I greatly appreciated all the visits, cards, prayers and flowers that my church family bestowed upon Bruce and me during this long, difficult journey. Your support was so special, and I will always be grateful to you.

I love you all,
Charlene Workman

THE SHOPPE AT RPUMC

The Shoppe at RPUMC 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.

April 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Fellowship Hall Reserved 11:30 AM Visitation 1 PM Funeral 2 PM Luncheon
2 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	3 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Cub Scouts	4 6 PM Mission Crafting Night 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting	5 12 PM Lenten Service - Calvary 6:30 PM Scout Board Meeting	6 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	7 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM Bible Study - St. James 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	8 Fellowship Hall Reserved 12:30 PM UMW Elegant Queen's Tea
9 Palm Sunday 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM REM Team Meeting	10 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	11 8 PM AA Meeting	12 12 PM Ruth Circle 7 PM Book Club	13 Maundy Thursday 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch 7 PM Maundy Thursday Communion Service 8:15 PM AA Meeting	14 Good Friday 12 PM Good Friday Service - Peniel UMC	15
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LAY READERS

April 2	Brenda Tucker
April 9	Kristin Fleming
April 16	Ryan Warfel
April 23	Roger Longest
April 30	Kathy Daniels

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 12. Thank You.

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 2	Lynn & Bryant Lafferty
April 9	Jerry Toy and family
At the Cross	Clyde and Carolyn Nafzinger
April 16	Easter Lilies
April 23	Jim and Cheryl Chilcutt
At the Cross	Carolyn Swain
April 30	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.