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*"Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."*  
Matthew 6:10

Prayer has been and always will be the main ingredient of a healthy, thriving Church. This February our Annual Conference, The Peninsula-Delaware, is covering our denomination in prayer during the week of February 5-11. This call to prayer is in response to what the future will bring for our denomination and the discernment of the Council of Bishops. The Council of Bishops launched a prayer initiative known as "Praying Our Way Forward."

Each annual conference is taking one week to have intentional prayer for the mission of The United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and for the work of the Commission on a Way Forward, which began meeting in January.

Clergy, laity, congregations, and small groups are encouraged to pray for God's guidance. I have signed up to pray on February 5 at 2:00 PM, and I invite you to lift up a prayer during the same day. If you're at a loss for what to pray, the Lord's Prayer is always an effective prayer. If you want to sign up for a specific time during the week of February 5-11, you can

go to [www.pen-del.org](http://www.pen-del.org) and click on the prayer vigil and sign up.

If you've been wondering what we can do about safety around the church and in our congregation, join me on February 9 at the Church of the Brethren at 6:30 PM. They are hosting a safety session. Representatives from The New Castle County Police Department will be presenting information to help congregations address safety issues.

The Lenten season is fast approaching. Peniel UMC invites us to join them for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 28 from 5-6:30 PM. Ash Wednesday is on March 1. A service will be held at Peniel at 12:00 PM and Richardson Park UMC will have a service at 7 PM.

As we continue to move forward in 2017, remember to put your trust in God. *"When God pushes you to the edge of difficulty, trust Him fully because two things can happen. Either He'll catch you when you fall or He will teach you how to fly."*  
Author Unknown

Blessings, Pastor Carolyn



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
MARCH 1 12 PM PENIEL UMC  
7 PM RPUMC**

**COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

**Wednesdays at Noon**

**March 8**

St. James Episcopal Church

**March 15**

Peniel United Methodist Church

**March 22**

Wilmington Church of the Brethren

**March 29**

Richardson Park United Methodist Church

**April 5**

Calvary Presbyterian Church - Tentative

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

**Offertory benefits Newport Soup Kitchen.**

Anastasia Hayman	2/2
Edward Podgorski	2/4
Beverly Cuomo	2/5
Terry Bourdon	2/7
Bill Green	2/7
Carol Cathell	2/10
Mary Sutor	2/11
Brian Crozier	2/12
Terri Antonine	2/13
Cassandra King	2/13
Byrom Price	2/13
Ellen Willard	2/14
Robert Davis	2/16
Karen Gibbons	2/17
Elaine Spedden	2/17
Frank Pugh	2/18
Kathy Gibbons	2/20
Bettie Smith	2/20
Robert Truitt	2/20
Kristin Fleming	2/21
Bethany Pasmore	2/21
Morgan Coverdale	2/23
Ben Brindle	2/24
Bob Thomas	2/24
Chuck Luppy	2/26

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



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME  
BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12.  
TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD  
ONE HOUR.**

*Thank You  
So Much*

Many thanks to our church family for the generous Christmas gifts. It is a blessing to work with all of you. Your thoughtfulness and support are very much appreciated. May God bless you in the new year.

*Pastor Carolyn, Don and Harriet Ann*

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

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

## Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle	Tues., Feb. 7	7:00 p.m. Lounge
Ruth Circle	Wed., Feb. 8	12:00 p.m. Extension

**Unit Meeting – Sunday, February 5 10:00 a.m.**

**Mark your Calendars!  
Saturday, April 8 12:30 PM**

Our Elegant Queen's Tea is returning!  
Tickets: \$15.00 Contact Marlene at 328-5806  
Buy your tickets by April 1  
This fun afternoon will be a sell-out!  
No tickets will be sold at the door!

## Circle Leaders

Rebekah Circle	Marlene Johnson
Ruth Circle	Betty Swain

The United Methodist Women is a group of dedicated women who strive to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and expand concepts of mission. Please come and join a wonderful "sisterhood" of women. For information, contact Marlene at 328-5806 or Betty Swain at 838-6044.

**SPECIAL FEBRUARY MUSIC CELEBRATION  
Saturday, February 25 6 PM**

Mark your calendars for a special Saturday Night Lift – February 25 at 6:00 PM. The DUPONT DIVERSITY CHOIR, under the direction of Dr. C. Lawler Rogers, will join our own Chancel Choir to sing a program of uplifting music in support of Neighborhood House. The free-will offering that evening will go to support the community outreach of Neighborhood House that is supported by our church and the DuPont Company as represented by their Diversity Choir. (The Diversity Choir is all volunteers who love to make music and includes our own Kathy Rogers.) Please join us for an hour of music and celebration.



Greetings from all of us in Children's Church! We have a wonderful group of children who participate in learning about the Bible. The children "saw" Jesus as a baby and growing into a young man. We also are growing in our understanding – each child was measured, and in May we will discover how we grew in God's teaching. Ms. Beth always introduces new and exciting songs each Sunday. This really energizes the children. During the next month, we are going to meet folks that Jesus met. We already "walked" in the wilderness to discover how John the Baptist lived. More adventures await...come join this wonderful learning experience!

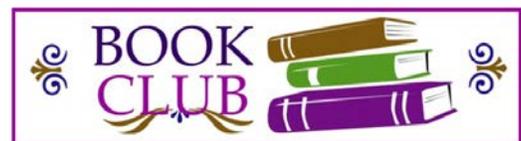


## WESLEY TOWER BANKS

**January 2017**

**\$72.41**

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.



Book Club returned in January with a discussion of **Amazing Grace by Steve Turner**. For the February meeting (February 8), the book we will discuss is **The Second Son by Charles Sailor**. In March, we are planning a night at the movies as **The Shack**, our first book, comes to theaters on March 3. More details to follow. Hope to see you soon at one of our Book Club meetings which are held the second Wednesday of each month.



Golfers for Food  
Green Hills Lions Club, Inc.

God bless you for all you do in partnership with Richardson Park UMC to help minister to those in need. Your ongoing contributions of food for our Free Lunch Program have enhanced our mission. The participants at lunch always look forward to your visits each month and appreciate all the extra staples you have to offer. We are grateful for the time and effort you put forth to make this mission project a success to those in our community who need a helping hand. And thank you for making the 2016 Christmas holiday extra special for everyone. We look forward to working beside you in 2017.

### *YE OLDE SHOPPE*

*Ye Olde Shoppe will be open for browsing and shopping every Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM beginning Thursday, February 2. On the first Saturday of each month, Ye Olde Shoppe is open, along with a mini-yard sale! So stop by the first Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 2 PM and look for some special treasures for you, your family or your friends. Proceeds from the sale of items in the Shoppe support various Mission Projects.*

## RICHARDSON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOTHING PROGRAM

The children of Richardson Park Elementary School are in need of the following clothing items:

- Girls tights – small, medium, large  
Colors – white, navy, black
- Girls underwear – small, medium, large
- Boys underwear – small, medium, large and x-large
- Socks – all sizes – navy, black or white

If you have any questions, please contact Glenda Donnelly or Marlene Johnson.

### **THANK YOU FROM THE MISSIONS TEAM**

We owe a big “Thank You” to LandCare for the work they did around the church before Christmas. The LandCare landscaping crew that works at the DuPont Experimental Station was looking for non-profit organizations that they could help by volunteering their services around the holidays. Kathy Rogers met with the LandCare Production Manager, Mike Boppell, to organize the crew, set a work date and provide directions to the church. Kathy and Dave Rogers met with Mike and his crew, Don MacDonald and Alex Sweeney, on Friday, December 23 and showed them around the property. The LandCare team agreed to perform leaf removal around the church, parsonage and parking lots, clean up and cut back plants in the gardens and cut back limbs along the sidewalk in front of the parsonage. While cutting back the branches that hung down low over the sidewalk, the crew said that walkers were actually clapping and thanking the crew as they passed by! On Tuesday, December 27, LandCare’s Jose Espejo and Nick Rodriguez came back to pick up the rest of the leaves they had collected. The property looked great!

We are grateful for the gift of service that LandCare shared with us this Christmas. May God bless each one of the LandCare Team for contributing their time, energy and talents to beautify and make safe the church grounds for the community and people of Richardson Park United Methodist Church.

THANK YOU, LandCare!

**From the Finance Committee  
Bob Collins, Chair**

I thought I would take a minute to let everyone know where we stand financially at Richardson Park UMC as of December 31, 2016. As most of you know, we've been blessed by a gift from Helen Murphey. The money from this gift has been invested in funds we consider to be conservative. For the first three quarters of 2016, the funds generated returns above market. These gains were the result of realignment in the investments. We anticipate that the returns will show market results in the fourth quarter of 2016 or the first quarter of 2017. We continue to draw \$6,000 per month from the income this account generates. This money supplements our monthly income and helps replace the contributions we've lost from folks who have passed on or who have left the area. This distribution is from income generated by the Endowment Fund and does not reduce the principal of the fund.

Also, the church was blessed with a second gift from the Estate of Milfred Keen. Milfred was the son of Rachel Keen who passed away many years ago. Milfred passed away in January 2016 and left his entire estate to Richardson Park UMC through a Revocable Trust. It was determined that Milfred did not have any surviving family members to handle his financial matters. I was appointed executor of his estate. Milfred's estate was significant but more complicated than Helen Murphey's estate. To date, I have sold his residence on Hayden Avenue, liquidated his pension and investments, and have paid all of his final expenses. There is one item still outstanding that will be closed early this year. Once that's done, I will close the estate and trust. The funds we have received from Milfred's estate so far have been invested with Ameriprise through Orth Financial along the same conservative guidelines as the Murphey Endowment.

The church Endowment Fund is governed by an agreement written by Bob Thomas and ratified by the Endowment Committee and the Church Council. Bob, before retiring, was an Estate Lawyer for many years with a local law firm. In order for us to use any of the principal dollars in the Endowment Fund, it requires a unanimous vote of the members of the Endowment Committee, which consists of a member from Church Council, the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees, followed by approval of three-quarters of the members of Church Council. Within the Endowment Fund, there are also individual donations that may have restrictions. For instance, some may be designated for Missions, the Organ Fund or youth activities. We are governed by law and church doctrine to use the money as designated.

Although the Endowment Fund generates income to help operate the church, this income does not generate enough to pay all of our monthly expenses. It certainly does help. However, we still need your support through pledging, special offerings and mission project giving. For 2016, all of our bills have been paid and we have met our commitments, including our Conference Apportionments. We've hired a Youth Director. We have made major strides in repairs and improvements to the church facility and the parsonage. We need your support to continue down this path. We can't do it without you.

Our goal is to keep the church on a firm financial footing now and well into the future. We are moving in this direction. So we ask for your continued financial, time, and prayerful support.

I'd be happy to answer any questions you have. Drop me an email at [bcollins@fult.com](mailto:bcollins@fult.com), grab me at church any Sunday morning or call me at home at 302-834-1940.

## Backing up your data

The last newsletter tip described ransomware and how it can destroy data files on your computer. This tip covers some simple ways data can be protected by backups.

Ransomware attacks your computer by either encrypting your data or by preventing your system from starting up. To regain access to your data you are asked to call the number provided on the ransomware message, pay the ransom (usually between \$100 and \$300) and get a key to unlock your computer or decrypt the files or take the computer to a service center and pay to have it fixed.

Paying the ransom is strongly discouraged. By contacting the bad guys using the phone number provided, you communicate to them a willingness to be blackmailed. Ransomware constantly communicates with the bad guy's server so they know who and where you are. The best protection available is a backup of important files.

There are a couple choices to protect your data. Keep in mind that even if data is backed up the ransomware still needs to be removed. The removal is not simple and can possibly involve a complete reinstall of the computer system (which requires wiping the hard drive). The choices below are for Microsoft Windows systems only (XP, Vista, Windows 7, Windows 8, and Windows 10).

### Create system restore points

Windows includes a utility to create a recovery point for your system to preserve its state at the time of backup. Recovery points create an image of your system at a point in time and are very effective for recovering your system. The checkpoint can restore files and the registry entries to a point before any infection. To create a restore point, click on the Start icon (usually located at the lower left of your windows screen) and search for "create restore point." Your system should then give you a shortcut for creating the restore point. Click on that shortcut and follow the directions the application gives.

Use this link for a full description for creating a restore point or Google "create a recovery point:"

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/answers/e6bbddb0-9db4-4d88-9063-42c52c79a96e/create-a-system-restore-point>

### Manually back up your data files

Manually backing up critical files is actually a simple operation. Backup media and capacities are:

1. CDs which hold about 700MB of data;
2. DVDs which hold about 4 GB of data;
3. Flash drives which vary in size. Currently flash drives up to 128 MB are reasonably priced;
4. External drives are available for reasonable prices up to 2 TB (reasonable being less than \$100).

For many people, it's harder to find the data than it is to back it up. The March tip will cover methods to find where data is stored.

If there is a large amount of data, such as photos or videos, the external hard drive is the best choice. The drives connect to the USB port on your computer and are quite fast. Simply go to Staples or Best Buy and ask for an external backup drive. It should be possible to obtain up to 2TB capacity drives for less than \$100. A USB 3.0 drive is best if your computer supports USB 3.0 (transfer speed is much faster). Regardless, a USB 3.0 drive will work on either 2.0 or 3.0 USB ports. It is possible to tell what kind of USB port is on the computer by looking at the port and identifying what color it is. Blue is USB 3.0. Any other color is probably USB 2.0.

### Conclusion

One additional reason to back up data to an external device is to act as a backup for your computer's hard drive. Hard drives have a life cycle and will eventually fail. It is always a good idea to have a backup of important files. It is important to remember that ransomware can only infect a computer if you download or open infected files. Infected files come from malicious websites or malicious emails. So be very careful what you download or open on your system.

Jim Chilcutt



**SUNDAY**  
**JAN. 29 6:00PM**  
**LON CHANEY STARS IN**  
**THE 1925 SILENT FILM**

Accompanied by  
**PAUL FLECKENSTEIN**



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Sunday, January 29, 2017  
6:00 PM

# An Elegant Queen's Tea

Saturday April 8 at 12:30 p.m.  
Richardson Park United Methodist Church  
11 North Maryland Avenue

Don't miss this delicious Queen's Tea  
American style  
With musical entertainment

Cost \$15.00

Tickets must be purchased in advance.  
(Last year, the Tea sold out by March 1.)

Contact Marlene Johnson 328-5806



# February 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 6:30 PM Scout Board Meeting 7:00 PM Cooling Class	<b>2</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>3</b> 10 AM Bible Study – RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	<b>4 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe and Mini Yard Sale
<b>5</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10 AM UMW Unit Mtg. 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30 AM Mission Team	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	<b>7</b> 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>8</b> 12 PM Ruth Circle 7 PM Book Club	<b>9</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>10</b> 10 AM Bible Study – RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	<b>11</b>
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<b>19</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30 AM SPRC Mtg. 11:30 AM Trustees Mtg.	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	<b>21</b> 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 11 AM Free Lunch 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>24</b> 10 AM Bible Study – St. James 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	<b>25</b> 6 PM Concert – DuPont Diversity Choir and the Chancel Choir
<b>26</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30 AM Council Mtg.	<b>27</b> 6:30 Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	<b>28</b> 5 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Peniel UMC 8 PM AA Meeting				

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Carolyn Williams, Pastor



## LAY READERS

February 5	Howard Eney
February 12	Yvonne Mitten
February 19	Sherlynn Aurelio
February 26	Sue Cummings

## ALTAR FLOWERS

February 5	Charlene & Bruce Workman	
February 12	Chancel Bells & Choir	
February 19	At the Cross	Melissa Hughes
February 26	At the Cross	Bob Evely
		Ruth Gibney
		Bettie Smith

## ALTAR FLOWERS

For the month of February, 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  
March Messenger to the church office by  
Wednesday, February 8. Thank You.

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experience the amazing love of God and develop a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.*