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"For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"
Romans 8:15 NRSV

Many people can tell you how Mother's day originated. But I don't recall anyone telling me about the origins of Father's Day. After researching, I found the information to be quite interesting and I thought you would too.

The idea of a Father's Day celebration was first introduced in the United States by a woman named Sonora Louise Smart from Spokane, Washington. She was listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909 and wondered, "If there was a day for mothers, why wasn't there one for fathers?"

She began a campaign for the celebration with the support of The Spokane Ministerial Association and the local YMCA. Spokane celebrated its first Father's Day on June 19, 1910. The idea eventually became popular all over the U.S.

A presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day was finally signed in 1966 by President Johnson. And in 1972 President Nixon established the date as a permanent national observance.

This year for Father's day, I thought it would be great to celebrate Dads with the same enthusiasm we celebrate Moms on their special day. On Sunday June 18, right after service, we have a luncheon planned to celebrate the men. Whether you are a father to birth children or a father figure to children, we invite you to come down to fellowship hall and enjoy oven fried chicken, BBQ pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, macaroni salad, deviled eggs, tossed salad, dessert, ice tea, lemonade, coffee and Dad's root beer.

Celebrate our "Abba Father" every day of the year because he has signed our adoption papers with the blood of His one and only Son Jesus!

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

On Sunday, June 11, during worship,
we will celebrate the accomplishments
of our graduates of 2017.

BEN BRINDLE is graduating from high school and will be attending Lehigh University in the fall. He will be majoring in the Integrated Civil Engineering/Business Program. Ben is the grandson of Dennis and Marlene Johnson.

JOEY DAVIS is graduating from Conrad High School and will be joining the Air Force. He is the grandson of Neal and Rose Davis.

AUBREY EVELAND graduated from Goldey Beacom College with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – Concentration in Health Care Management. She is the granddaughter of Dave and Sandy Swain.

OLIVIA AND GILLIAN IDE are graduating from St. Mark's High School and will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall. They are the granddaughters of Sandy and Ed Ide.

ASHLEY LANG is graduating from Delcastle Technical High School. She will be attending Delaware Technical Community College in the fall. She is the daughter of Alice Lang.

MARIA OTT is graduating from the University of Delaware with Honors and a Bachelor Degree in Communication. She is the daughter of Steven and Annette Ott.

STEVEN OTT is graduating from Conrad High School and will be attending Delaware Technical Community College in the fall. He is the son of Steven and Annette Ott.

ALLISON PERUGINI is graduating from Wesley College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology summa cum laude. She plans to attend graduate school. She is the granddaughter of Mary Alice Bair.

EMMA PERUGINI is graduating from Appoquinimink High School and will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall. She is the granddaughter of Mary Alice Bair.

STEPHANIE SWAIN graduated cum laude from Delaware Technical Community College with an Associates in Elementary Education and will attend Wilmington University in the fall to obtain her Bachelors in Elementary Education. She is the granddaughter of Dave and Sandy Swain.

KEVIN WILL graduates from Avon Grove High School and will attend Penn State – University Park in the fall. He is the grandson of Dave and Sandy Swain.

BRADY WILLMAN is graduating from St. George's High School and will be attending the University of Delaware in the fall. He is the grandson of Harriet-Ann van Boven.

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
Sharon Pierce	6/11
Billy Sorensen	6/11
Ruthann Will	6/13
Yvonne Mitten	6/15
Megan Thomas	6/18
Jeannine White	6/18
Kayla Brown	6/19
Carolyn Wootten	6/20
Rob Anderson	6/21
Alicia Ott	6/23
David Pruitt	6/23
Carolyn Swain	6/23
Natalie Woodward	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 "combined circle tea" held on Saturday, May 13 was very enjoyable. Both circles met (a total of 16 members) and shared tea and wonderful conversation. Following the tea, health kits were completed. Thanks to everyone who contributed, 27 kits are being delivered to the Westside Health Center in Wilmington.

During the May 21 worship service, the book scholarship for a graduating senior was given. Thanks to the generous folks who bought cookies during our December cookie walk, over \$400.00 was raised. The UMW added a few dollars to be able to give Ashley Lang a \$500.00 book scholarship. Good luck, Ashley.

If you are interested in learning about the UMW circles, please contact Marlene Johnson of the evening Rebekah Circle or Betty Swain of the daytime Ruth Circle.

Have a wonderful summer!



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Children's Church will continue to start at the beginning of the church service at 10:30 AM. However, mark June 18 on your calendar. On that day, "Bible Detectives" will begin for the summer! What exciting adventures await...don't miss a single Sunday! Have an enjoyable summer!

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee is happy to announcement that Beth Warfel starts on June 1 as Director of Children's and Youth Ministry. Beth's career experience in education, her history in working with our youth in the past (along with her husband, Ryan) and her commitment to the development of the children of RPUMC make her the right person for this challenge. Please congratulate Beth and join us in offering her our support and prayers.



Book Club will move up in June to the first Wednesday, June 7 at 7:00 PM. Our June book will be "Changing Habits," by Debbie Macomber. Please join us for conversation and fellowship!

Mission News

Sojourner's Place – Volunteer in Clothing Closet – Meet in RPUMC parking lot.

Saturday, June 17 at 8:30 AM
Saturday, July 15 at 12:00 PM

Please contact Kathy Rogers or the church office to let us know if you want to join us. Thanks in advance for your help with this important service of caring for others.

MUSIC NEWS

Thank you to our CHANCEL CHOIR and CHANCEL BELLS for a wonderful season of song and music. The year has gone by very quickly and I hope everyone will enjoy their summer break. (Did I say break?) Remember, members of the Chancel Choir will gather in the choir room at 10 a.m. to prepare an Offertory Anthem for the first Sunday of the summer months, June 4, July 2, August 6, and September 3. If you are in town, you know you want to be at RPUMC to sing!

Also, I want to say a special "Thank You" to all the musicians who have helped make our 5th Sunday Contemporary Worship such a meaningful experience. Whether we have been a large group, or just a trio, the spirit-filled music has been a real joy. Our next "5th Sunday Contemporary" will be July 30, and I look forward to working with Kristin Fleming, Ryan Warfel, Rob McFarland, Steven Ott, and anyone else out there who might like to help us form a "Praise & Worship" team as we move into the fall. We need a drummer and a bass player – anyone out there interested? (See Rob McFarland, Ryan Warfel, or Don.)

For those who might enjoy giving it a try, our 3-Octave set of handbells were sent away just after Easter for a complete refurbishment and they are now back and BEAUTIFUL! 3 octaves means we have 37 bells that could be rung and that usually calls for 10-12 players. Our present ensemble of 6-7 ringers has been fabulous but there are open positions that we would love to fill. Please know that you will be welcome to give our CHANCEL BELLS a try anytime!

Regular rehearsals will begin again on Thursday evenings in mid-August. More information on the exact date and times will be announced a bit later in the summer. We will be preparing special music for our 110th Anniversary Sunday coming in October, so stay tuned!

God Bless You All!

Don McFarland, Director of Music



I greatly appreciate all the cards, prayers, visits and love from my church family while I was recuperating. Also, I would like to thank the Koinonia and Circles for all the goodies. You are very special to me, and I will always be grateful to all of you.

Shirl Snapp

WESLEY TOWER BANKS

May 2017 \$46.10

Thanks for remembering to bring in your filled banks the first Sunday of each month. Our year-to-date total is \$320.73. 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

There are two topics this month. The first topic is credit card skimmers. The second topic is a review of ransomware.

Skimmers

What is a skimmer?

It's a small device which can be placed on an ATM, Point of Sale device, or gas pump that will capture your payment card information. Often they are paired with a secondary small video capture device which will record your pin or identification number when you key in.

The occurrence of these devices in Delaware is increasing all over the state. How can you protect yourself from one of these devices?

Whenever you insert your credit card in a device carefully examine the slot for the credit card. Grab it with your hand and wiggle it. Skimmers are usually attached by double sticky tape and will come off if pulled. You can also look for a two or three inch wire hanging from the side of the machine. Many of the devices use Bluetooth to transmit captured information to a nearby computer and the wire is an antennae extender.

Just be aware these devices are showing up more and more. If the device into which you are inserting your credit card looks the least suspicious do not use it.

Ransomware review

Many of you may have heard in the news about the global virus threat called Wannacry. As of this writing, experts do not know how the malware gets into a system. The experts do know that once in the malware will spread itself to other computers on a network. That means if one computer on your home or workplace network becomes infected, they all will be at risk.

It looks like once the malware gets on a machine it communicates to a master server via the internet and the main payload is downloaded. Once this is on a computer, it locks the files and demands a ransom to unlock your data files.

As with other ransomware the best defense for your information is to make sure all your software products have current updates and make sure your data is backed up regularly.



**Hey kids! Get ready for
Vacation Bible School
Maker Fun Factory
Sunday, July 9–Thursday, July 13
5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
(Dinner provided for all children
and volunteers.)**

Early registration is encouraged and a form is provided in this newsletter and will be in future bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Keffer at 444-7371 or the church office at 654-0961.

Volunteers are needed for the week. If you would like to help out for an hour or two, an entire evening, or a couple of days or more, please contact Linda Keffer as well. Any amount of time would be greatly appreciated and will be a great blessing.

Created by God, Built for a Purpose

To offset the cost of purchasing food, we would like to ask you, our generous congregation and friends, to donate food or give a monetary donation.

Items needed are:

Styrofoam Plates
Napkins
Cups
Forks and Spoons
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo
Hamburg Meat – 20 lbs.
Bulk Size Bags of Chicken Nuggets
Bulk Size Bags of Fish Sticks
Hot Dogs
Mini Pizza Bagels
Six Boxes of Rotini (curly pasta)
Spaghetti Sauce
Two Large Containers of Grated
Parmesan Cheese
Six Boxes of Elbow Macaroni
Two Large Blocks of Velveeta Cheese
Five Bags of Regular Potato Chips
Four Large Boxes of Mashed Potato
Flakes
Two Gallon Jugs of Milk
Four Packages (lb. size) of Butter
Five Bags of Baby Carrots
Three Bottles of Ranch Dressing
Four Large Bags of Tater Tots
Prepackaged: Pudding, Fruit, Cookies,
and Snack Cakes.

If you would like to donate, please contact Linda Keffer at 444-7371. This will ensure that we don't duplicate items.

Thank you very much for your generosity!



SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY CAMPAIGN

This year on Father's Day, June 18, RPUMC will honor our fathers and other important men in our lives by raising money for the Scouting Program here at RPUMC. Help us help our young people as we celebrate together on Father's Day.

The Scouts will honor our Fathers with a complementary luncheon in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Worship Service. Everyone is invited to attend.

If you would like to make a contribution to this worthy cause, 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, July 9 – Thursday, July 13
5:30 pm – 8:30 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 8:30 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 this year at our Maker Fun Factory 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 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	2 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel	3 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC & Mini Yard Sale
4 9 AM Wesley Class 10 AM UMW Unit Meeting 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Missions Mtg.	5 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7PM Cub Scouts	6 8 PM AA Meeting	7 7 PM Board Scout Meeting 7 PM Book Club	8 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch 7 PM VBS Orientation 8:15 PM AA Meeting	9 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	10
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18 Fellowship Hall Reserved Father's Day 9 AM Wesley Class 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Father's Day Lunch 11:30 AM Trustee Meeting 11:30 AM SPRC Meeting	19	20 8 PM AA Meeting	21	22 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	23 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	24 Fellowship Hall Reserved
25 9 AM Wesley Class 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Church Council	26 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	27 8 PM AA Meeting	28	29 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch 8:15 pm AA Meeting	30	

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LAY READERS

June 4	Ashley Lang
June 11	Sath Amara
June 18	Clyde Nafzinger
June 25	Sue Durkee

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 6. Thank You.

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 4	Joan Stadelman
At the Cross	Ginger Pettyjohn
June 11	Rob and Michelle Anderson
June 18	Alvretta Crozier
At the Cross	Bob Collins
At the Lectern	Ruth Gibney
June 25	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.*