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"Life Begins Once Jesus becomes
the Reason You Live it."

Quote: Author unknown

What a great quote!

Sometimes we forget this when we focus on our everyday lives. More often than not, it seems as if killings, hate, injustice and threats of war are becoming normalized. It can almost make a person lose sight of the truth. Jesus proclaimed, "I am the resurrection and I am life." John 11:25 (NRSV)

Life can overwhelm us at times. But it's in those times we must look to Jesus and allow ourselves to be refreshed spiritually. We experience a time of refreshing when we allow our hearts to be calmed by seeking out ways to hear God speaking to us. Maybe a time of devotional prayer and Bible reading; spending time alone with God or reaching out to someone else would bring the peace and joy that renews our spirit.

There's a song by the contemporary gospel group Hillsong United entitled, "Jesus you are the reason I live." The words are, *"When I think of the things you've done for me; Jesus you're the reason I live; and I want to know you now each day; God please open my eyes and show me your way. You are the reason I live in the world; You are the one that I want to be like; You are the reason I live in the world; Show me the way to live; I want to be like you."*

Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NIV). Remember, because of Jesus, you are an overcomer.

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Claudia McFarland	May 1
John Parks	May 1
Frank Anderson, Jr.	May 2
Joshua Bourdon	May 2
Brian Panaccione	May 2
Carolyn Nafzinger	May 3
Christopher Doughty	May 4
Katie Meadows	May 6
Zach Farley	May 7
Shirley Roberts	May 8
Christina Weah	May 10
Maegin Coverdale	May 12
Ed McFarland	May 13
Volena Sease	May 13
Richard Beane	May 14
Steven Ott	May 14
Danny Cathell	May 16
Anna Mae Shewbrooks	May 16
Katie Klingler	May 17
Allison Perugini	May 17
Maria Ott	May 18
Brielle Chilcutt	May 20
Robert McFarland	May 20
Wendy Owen	May 22
Sydney Thomas	May 22
Karlee Boyd	May 23
Brenda Tucker	May 26
Cameron Przywara	May 29
Jimmie Focht	May 30
Peter Davis	May 31

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



In May, Ruth Circle will take care of the flowers in the church.

Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle Saturday, May 13
12:30 p.m. - Extension

Ruth Circle Saturday, May 13
12:30 p.m. - Extension

Unit Meeting – Sunday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge.

The Health Kits that the Circles are assembling will be delivered to the Westside Health Center during the week of May 15. Thanks to all of you for your help. These kits are really appreciated.

Combined Circle “Tea” will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the Extension. It is so nice to gather as “Circle sisters.” Remember to bring your favorite finger food to share.

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.



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

March 2017	\$71.29
April 2017	\$59.00

Thanks for remembering to bring in your filled banks the first Sunday of each month. Our year-to-date total is \$274.63. Empty banks can be picked up as you leave the altar area each Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE .

CHILDREN'S CHURCH



NEW TIME – 10:30 AM

The Children's Church will now start at the beginning of regular church (10:30 AM). We will gather the children and ask parents or guardians to sign the Safe Sanctuary paper. Also, please come down after the church service to sign your child out. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

There are exciting new plans for two classes: the younger children and the older children. Don't miss out on any of these wonderful adventures as we learn about God. Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM.

Blessings from everyone in Children's Church

SUNDAY, MAY 14 is

Mother's Day

We will honor our Mother's with a FREE LUNCHEON in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Worship Service. We invite you and your families to attend. Be sure to pick up a carnation as you enter worship – RED if your mother is living; WHITE if she is not.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 10 at 7 PM in the Lounge. Our book will be "Grandma Gatewood's Walk" by Ben Montgomery.

UMW MISSION

The Rebekah and Ruth Circles are assembling health kits for the Westside Health Center in Wilmington. These kits provide basic necessities to people in need within the State. If you would like to donate items, please see Marlene Johnson or Betty Swain.

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

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.



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.

MISSION TEAM
Baby Bottle Boomerang Fund Raiser

If you attended the Laity/UMW church service last October or the Lenten Luncheon held at RPUMC on March 28, you are familiar with A Door of Hope (ADOH).

The Mission Team invites you to participate in the Baby Bottle Boomerang fund raiser for a Door of Hope, our local Christian pregnancy center.

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is the most visible life-affirming event in our community – when thousands of people from 60 churches and schools come together to support women with pregnancy concerns and decisions to make.

All kinds of women come to A Door of Hope with all kinds of pregnancy concerns. Often, their situations are compounded by poverty, neglect, chaotic relationships, poor education and addiction. Recently, these women came to ADOH for counseling and resources:

A mom of a three-month old whose husband has a substance abuse problem;

A mother of two, whose career path does not include another baby;

A woman desperately trying to remain drug-free during her pregnancy;

A woman with a string of failed relationships. Expecting another child;

A student seeking an abortion, who first comes to ADOH for an ultrasound.

Sometimes the challenges are so significant that abortion seems the most logical solution. Sadly, each year in Delaware, 27 percent of all pregnancies end in abortion. But at A Door of Hope, holistic resources, education, long-term mentoring relationships, and the hope of the gospel encourage women to choose life for themselves and their unborn children.

Today, you can also be an advocate for life. I invite you to take a donation bottle and fill it generously to support women who come to A

Door of Hope. The goal is to surpass last year's combined giving total of \$80,000 – a big and important goal needed to keep ADOH services available to residents of New Castle County and nearby communities.

Bottles are located in the Extension. Please take one and return it full or empty on Sunday, May 28. This is a Mission Team project, but we need your help to be successful. Thank you.

GRIEFSHARE
St. Mark's UMC
Thursdays 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after the loss of a loved one. We know it hurts, and we want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

Please pray that the participants will understand they need to grieve in their own time, and not allow others to rush them through their grief.

For more information, contact:

Cheryl Doelze (528-2373)
Linda Simione (753-9366)

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

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.

Scout Fund Raiser

The Scouts will be holding a sub sale on Sunday, May 21 in Fellowship Hall. More information will be in upcoming worship bulletins.

May tip of the Month Backing up your data

Background

Last November we had an article on ransomware. The best defense against ransomware is to have a good backup of your data. This article covers techniques for finding and backing up your information. Keep in mind these are steps best done sooner than later. Once you are infected or lose a hard drive, it's too late for a backup.

Backups

Backing up your data requires a number of skills and works slightly differently depending on what operating system version you are using. This discussion will be limited to Windows operating systems. There are two types of backups. Full **system recovery** and **file recovery**. Full **system recovery** allows you to completely restore your computer in event of a system or disk failure. A full system recovery requires specialized software to completely back up a hard drive. This article will not address this type of backup. **File recovery** allows selective copying of files such as word documents, excel documents, photos, movies, and any other pure data files not associated with the operating system or installed programs. My original intent with this article was to provide instructions on how to find your files and back them up. There is not enough room in the newsletter to cover these in any meaningful detail. So this article contains three links to web site documentation.

Link 1 – How to work with files and file manager:

www.gcflearnfree.org/windowsbasics/working-with-files/1/

Link 2 – How to find your files:

www.gcflearnfree.org/windowsbasics/finding-files-on-your-computer/1/

Link 3 – Backing up your files:

www.gcflearnfree.org/techsavvy/backing-up-your-files/1/

Another way to figure out how to back up your important data is google it. Simply go to google.com and in the search bar type what you want to do. For example:

- "How do I backup my windows 7 data"
- "How do I backup my windows 10 data"
- "How do I find files on my computer"

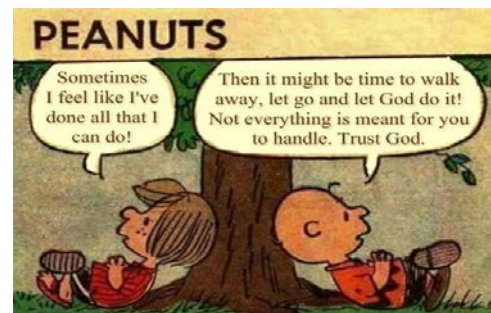
Then just select the choice that looks best.

Good luck

Jim Chilcutt
jimc@rpumchurch.org

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 2 PM, along with a regular or mini yard sale in Fellowship Hall. Stop in and look for some special treasures for you, your family or your friends.



You're invited to a...

SOLE

HOPE

Shoe Party

Hosted by: Pastor Carolyn & Minister Tina Young

Date: Saturday, May 20, 2017

Time: 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (Lunch and refreshments provided)

Location: Richardson Park UMC (Extension Room)

Please bring: Heavy scissors, old blue jeans, large safety pins, ink,

pen or black sharpie. (If you are unable to bring supplies, you can still attend.)

Plus a \$10 donation to sponsor a pair of shoes.

Offering HOPE, healthier lives, and freedom from foot-related diseases through education, jobs, and medical relief.

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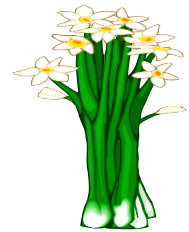
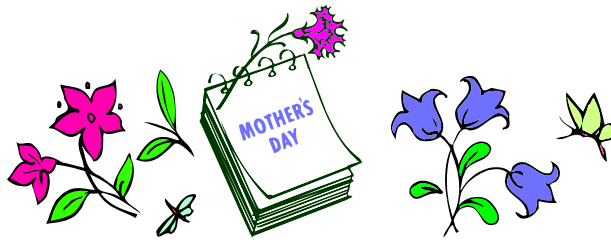
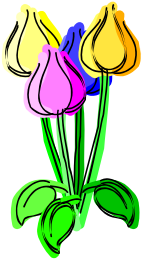
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LAY READERS

May 7	Karen Collins
May 14	Rob McFarland
May 21	Dave Rogers
May 28	Glenda Donnelly

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 7	Roger Longest, Nancy Jaegers & Janis Williams
May 14	Jerry Toy
At the Cross	Jerry Toy
At the Lectern	The Collins family
May 21	Mary Alice Bair
May 28	Tod and Yvonne Mitten
At the Cross	Julia Lynch

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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
June Messenger to the church office by
Thursday, May 11. 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.*