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"This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God. Carrying out this social relief work involves far more than helping meet the bare needs of poor Christians. It also produces abundant and bountiful thanksgivings to God."

*1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9: 10-12  
(The Message Bible)*

Even though we should think about it all the time, I believe most of us really concentrate on gratitude in the month of November. We celebrate Thanksgiving Day at the church by inviting others to come and share in a delicious meal free of charge. The recipients of the meal show their gratitude by thanking all who sacrifice their time and resources to make sure a wonderful meal is available.

People make preparations to bring food for the ingathering. In addition, they give generously through monetary gifts. This giving provides an avenue for baskets of food to be available for those who may want to prepare a meal at home for their

family but the expense will devastate their budget. The expression on the face of each recipient replaces the necessity to communicate their gratitude with words.

This month we will also celebrate Stewardship Sunday on November 26th. God has, as 1 Corinthians 9 reminds us, given to us generously so that we can be generous in every way. Stewardship Sunday is an opportunity for us to invest in ministries which will produce abundant and bountiful thanksgivings to God.

We are looking forward to an exciting year of ministry together and encourage your prayerful consideration of how you may participate in Christ's ministry as we grow together to be the hands and heart of Jesus Christ for the world. Please take time to check out the information on Stewardship Sunday enclosed in this month's Messenger.

As always, the Jesus in me loves the Jesus in you!

Blessings,  
Pastor Carolyn



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sandy Burkholder	11/1
Joseph Gallagher	11/1
Paul Ayala	11/2
Tracy Gamble	11/2
Sath Amara	11/3
Frank Lindell	11/5
Christopher Owen	11/5
Lis-Ana Wegman	11/5
Brandon Gamble	11/8
Alice Lang	11/9
Rob Swain	11/10
Bob Burkholder	11/11
Erin Cox	11/11
Dennis Johnson	11/13
Barbara Sayles	11/13
George Sease	11/13
Phyllis Bowman	11/14
Shawn Creese	11/18
Jim King	11/20
Clyde Nafzinger	11/20
Debbie Davis	11/22
Hannah Phillipe	11/23
Janis Williams	11/23
Deborah Pruitt	11/25
Phyllis Thomas	11/25
Sammy Pasmore	11/26
Karen DiTullio-Ewell	11/28
Mallori Cochran	11/29
Laura Doughty	11/29
Kylie Parker	11/29
Marvin Swain	11/29
Sherlynn Aurelio	11/30
Mary Alice Bair	11/30

**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 November, Ruth Circle will take care of the flowers in the church. We do need help delivering these beautiful flowers to shut-ins. Please talk with Betty or Marlene if you can assist. Thank you!

### Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle	Tue., November 7 7:00 p.m. – Lounge Please bring a snack to share
Ruth Circle	Wed., November 15 12:00 p.m. - Lounge

### **No Unit Meeting in November**

### Circle Leaders

Rebekah Circle	Marlene Johnson
Ruth Circle	Betty Swain

### **Dates to Remember:**

#### Saturday, October 28

Pen-Del Conference and Wilmington District  
9:30 a.m. – St. Paul's UMC

#### Saturday, December 9

Cookie Walk  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the Extension  
Benefits Richardson Park School Clothing

#### Sunday, December 10

Covered Dish and Baby Shower for Jesus  
11:30 a.m., following Worship – Fellowship Hall  
Benefits the Community Action Program (CAP)

*Thanks*

Your prayers, cards and well wishes were gratefully appreciated.

Dave Swain

**NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS**  
**Saturday, November 18**  
**10 AM Lounge**

If you are interested in joining Richardson Park United Methodist Church, please contact Pastor Carolyn or call the church office at 654-0961.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**  
**To benefit Girl Scout Troop 279**  
**Saturday, November 11**  
**9 AM – 4 PM**

Reserve a table for \$12.00 plus a donation of one craft item for a door prize. Quality crafts!! Please call Kathy Daniels at 302-996-6445 for more information.



**WESLEY TOWER BANKS**

October 2017 \$62.00

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date for 2017 is \$757.54. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.



**Daylight Saving Time Ends on Sunday,**  
**November 5 at 2 AM.**

**Time to turn your clocks back one hour!!!**



**HARVEST HOME IN-GATHERING**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016**

Harvest Home is a wonderful opportunity to share the abundance of which God has blessed us with those in our own congregation whose cupboards may be a little bare. Please see the Harvest Home shopping list inserted in this bulletin for items needed. And, when you are doing your family shopping, add a few items for our holiday baskets. We will be preparing baskets after church on Sunday, November 19. Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated and are a true reflection of God's love. May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving.



Our October Book Club meeting (October 11) was cancelled. Our books for October, *"The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini*, and for November, *"My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry" by Fredrik Backman* will be discussed at the November meeting (Wednesday, November 8 at 7 PM).



**Thank You, LORD!**

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
**Donations Needed**

The following items are needed for our annual dinner: 15 lb. turkeys, Stovetop turkey stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, whipped cream (RediWhip or Cool Whip). Please see Bob Evely for donation information.

## HARVEST HOME SHOPPING LIST

	A	B	C	D	E
1	<b>Product</b>	<b>can/boxed</b>	<b>refrigerated /fresh</b>	<b>amt per family</b>	
2	American Cheese Slices		cash/gift card only	1	
3	Apple Juice			1	
4	Apples			1	
5	Butter		cash/gift card only	1	
6	Canned Whole Corn			2	
7	Canned Cranberry sauce			2	
8	Canned Green beans			3	
9	Canned Tuna (In Water) (StarKist)			3	
10	Canned Yams (Bruce)			2	
11	Carrots - baby		cash/gift card only	1	
12	Celery - Raw		cash/gift card only	1	
13	GM Cheerios			1	
14	Complete Pancake mix			1	
15	Saltine Crackers			1	
16	Eggs (Egglands)		cash/gift card only	1	
17	Fresh pre-packaged dinner rolls			1	
18	Frozen Turkey		cash/gift card only	1	
19	Grape Jelly			1	
20	Instant Oatmeal - packets			1	
21	Instant Potatoes			2	
22	Jello			2	
23	Mac & Cheese			3	
24	Maple Syrup			1	
25	Mini Marshmallows			1	
26	Milk		cash/gift card only	1	
27	Orange Juice			1	
28	Pasta - Box Elbows			3	
29	Pasta Sauce			3	
30	Creamy Peanut Butter			1	
31	Pie - Apple (Bakery) 34 oz.			1	
32	Pie - Pumpkin (Bakery) 24 oz.			1	
33	Soup - Ramen Noodles			1	
34	Amer. Salad - Ready to go bag		cash/gift card only	1	
35	Kellogg's Rice krispies			1	
36	Stuffing			3	
37	BC Tuna Helper			1	
38	Turkey Gravy (Campbell's)			2	
39	Wonder Bread ( )			1	
40	Sugar free powder drink			1	
41	<b>Please share with Pastor Williams those whom you feel would benefit from this</b>				
42	<b>outreach. Our goal is to help our church family and friends have a Thanksgiving</b>				
43	<b>meal and beyond through the love of Christ. Bring your gifts on Sunday, 11/19.</b>				
44	Please donate fresh items by cash or gift card and REM will shop for those items for delivery.				



## Music Program News

As we move into November, there are lots of exciting musical moments in the works so don't miss a Sunday.

**November 5** – All Saints Sunday – We will celebrate the lives of the Saints of Richardson Park who have passed on to our heavenly home. We will remember them during a special time, and the Chancel Choir will offer a new anthem entitled "Angels Carry Me Home."

**November 12** – We will have a special music guest – Matthew Leitsch, Clarinet. Matt is a wonderfully talented artist who played with our orchestral ensembles in the early 2000's. He went on to earn his Master's in Performance at Peabody Conservatory of Music and then came home to Wilmington to work in the banking industry. During the course of the worship service, Matt will perform "Suite from THE VICTORIAN KITCHEN GARDEN" by Paul Reade. This beautiful music is spiritually engaging and will spread over the Prelude, Call to Prayer, and Offertory. And the Postlude will be a special arrangement of the Buxtehude "Jig Fugue." Invite someone to join you for this special opportunity to celebrate the musical arts.

**November 19** – Our Chancel Bells will provide special music throughout the service and celebrate our beautifully restored Handbells.

**November 26** – Christ the King Sunday marks the end of our Church Year with a celebration of the "Shepherd of Saints." Our music will reflect the joy we share in the knowledge that "our Shepherd-King gathers and makes saints from the most marginalized, damaged, abused, abandoned people on earth, leading the saints to eternal life now and in the new creation."

**AND IN DECEMBER – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 4:00 PM**, when the Chancel Choir and Friends will present "WE'RE GLAD YOU CAME," a Christmas Musical to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This "multi-media" presentation will include our children, soloists, and a wonderful afternoon of joy! Plan now to bring family and friends to this special Christmas event.

Watch the coming bulletins for the extra rehearsal schedule for the preparation for this event.

Peace & Joy to All! Don

### **TROOP 339 SCOUT REUNION** **Sunday, November 26** **10:30 a.m. Worship** **11:30 a.m. Fellowship**

Step back in time and reunite with your fellow scouts!!

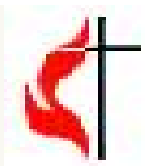
Pack and Troop 339 invite you and your family to come back home to Richardson Park United Methodist Church and visit with your Scout family, old and new. We will have Campfire Hors DeVors to take you right back to Camp Rodney and Abendblum!!

We will also unveil the crowning achievements in a form of an Eagle Plaque, graciously donated by Mr. Jim Chilcutt!!

If you have any old photos, please send them to [Troop339de@Gmail.com](mailto:Troop339de@Gmail.com). We would also love to have any old memorabilia to display, as in patches, uniforms, sashes, etc.

Church Service is at 10:30 a.m. at which the Scouts will present the colors, and everyone is invited to come for the service and stay for the fellowship.

**\*\*PLEASE SHARE\*\*** Please share with any fellow scouts that you may have contact with. If they are not on Facebook, please reach out to them and have them email us. We want to invite as many former scouts as possible.



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Dear Richardson Park Church members and friends:

Why do you give to your church?

We each have different motivations and capacities for giving, and every gift and pledge is gratefully received. Your Finance Committee's one hope is that your support for our ministries comes from a profound sense of gratitude and joy for all you receive through your relationship with God and the members of our church.

We share a strong faith with each other. We celebrate the joyful events in each other's lives and comfort each other in times of trial and sorrow. We welcome everyone and anyone to join us, and we change the lives of people in our community – people who may never set foot in our church – simply because they have no one else to turn to, and we are here, and we count ourselves blessed.

Our church has ministered faithfully for more than 110 years – not because members have given year after year out of duty, obligation, guilt or fear. Such motivations can't sustain an institution. No, our church is still here, still strong and vibrant, because generations and generations of members have counted themselves blessed and have therefore supported its mission with generous gifts of gratitude and joy. Now it's up to us.

In worship, fellowship, study and faith-sharing groups, service opportunities and more, we're growing in Christ. Your generous gift will continue to build the web of caring and community for all. As you "count yourself blessed," please consider increasing your pledge for 2018 and beyond.

Stewardship Sunday is November 26<sup>th</sup>. Over the next few weeks you'll be hearing from Pastor Carolyn deeply personal messages about members of our community who feel blessed to be among us. Please use this time to reflect on the many ways you can count yourself blessed and then give gratefully, generously, and joyfully in support of our ministries in 2018.

Thank you,

Bob Collins  
Finance Chair

# STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT 2018

## Richardson Park United Methodist Church Confidential Stewardship Commitment Card

Please complete this form, place it in a sealed envelope, write your name on the outside of the envelope and bring it with you on Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> when we will make our commitments.

Name (Family or Individual) \_\_\_\_\_

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we will support the mission and ministries of Richardson Park UMC as follows:

\$ Weekly \_\_\_\_\_

\$ Monthly \_\_\_\_\_

\$ Quarterly \_\_\_\_\_

\$ Annually \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to pledge at this time but will give as I am able.

*"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work."*

**2 Corinthians 9:8**



# November 2017 Tip of The Month

## Social Media in the workplace

The source for most if this information can be found on the following web site: <https://www.cnbc.com/2016/02/05/how-using-social-media-can-get-you-fired.html> . Below are several true/false statements regarding social media in the workplace. For each one mark whether the statement is True or False.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Social media can prevent your getting a job;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Social media can cost you your job;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media can make you more productive;
- \_\_\_\_\_ Social Media can lead to the loss or destruction of your private property.

If you answered True for each item you have demonstrated an awareness of what use of social media can do to you or for you.

More and more companies are looking at the social media postings of potential employees. Since web content stays around for years even if you have deleted it potential employers and find any good or questionable postings you have ever made.

More and more companies are requiring employees to sign acceptable use policies as a condition of employment. According to CNBC, "28 percent of employers report that they've fired people for using the Internet for non-work-related activity (such as shopping online or checking out Facebook, for example) during the workday and 18 percent have dismissed employees because of something they posted on social media, according to CareerBuilder".

According to CNBC "other reports have shown that more limited use of social media can actually boost productivity. The majority of millennials said that an employer's provision of state-of-the-art technology was an important factor when considering a job".

Publishing your vacation photos and your daily activities on Facebook is an excellent way to tell a potential thief when your house is available to be raided. Especially if you post your name, address and location on your account.

## CHRISTMAS ALTAR POINSETTIAS

Sixty red poinsettias have been ordered to be placed on the Altar on Sunday, December 24. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in Memory or Honor of Loved Ones, please return this form to the church office by Thursday, November 30. The cost of each poinsettia is \$8.00. A check for the total amount should be included with this order form. Please make your check payable to Richardson Park United Methodist Church, marked "poinsettias." If possible, please pick up your poinsettia after the candlelight service on December 24.

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_

Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of  
(for those not living)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of  
(for those living)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory and  
And Honor of

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check/Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Shall we deliver your flower to a Church Shut-In? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_



# NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30 PM Scout Board Meeting	2 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6:30 PM Bells 7:15 PM Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	3 10 AM Disciple - RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	4 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC and Mini Yard Sale
5 All Saints Day Daylight Saving Time Ends 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Sunday School 11:30 AM Missions Meeting	6 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	7 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting	8 7 PM Book Club	9 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6:30 PM Bells 7:15 PM Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	10 Fellowship Hall Reserved 10 AM Disciple - RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	11 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM Holiday Bazaar
12 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Sunday School 11:30 AM REM Team Meeting Scout Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser	13 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	14 8 PM AA Meeting	15 12 PM Ruth Circle 6 PM Bible Study	16 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6:30 PM CAP Board Meeting 6:30 PM Bells 7:15 PM Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	17 10 AM Disciple - RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC 6:30 PM Koinonia Covered Dish	18 Fellowship Hall & Youth Room Reserved 3 PM Youth Night-Celery Night Fever Party
19 Kitchen Res. 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Sunday School 11:30 AM SPRC Meeting 11:30 AM Trustees Meeting	20 Kitchen Res. 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	21 8 PM AA Meeting	22	23  1 PM Thanksgiving Dinner 8:15 PM AA Meeting	24 Office Closed	25 Fellowship Hall Reserved
26 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Sunday School 11:30 AM Council Meeting 11:30 AM Troop 339 Reunion Gathering & Lunch	27 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Cub Scouts	28 8 PM AA Meeting	29	30 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch Ministry 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting		

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### LAY READERS

November 5  
November 12  
November 19  
November 26

Ryan Warfel  
Kristin Fleming  
Claudia McFarland  
Karen Collins

### ALTAR FLOWERS

November 5  
November 12  
At the Cross  
November 19  
November 26

Roger Longest  
Kristi Doughty  
Bettie Smith  
Thanksgiving arrangement  
donated by Charlene Workman and procured and  
arranged by Kathy and Dave Rogers.  
Harriet-Ann van Boven



### FLOWERS



For the month of November, Ruth 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 December/January Messenger to the church office by Monday, November 13. Thank you.

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