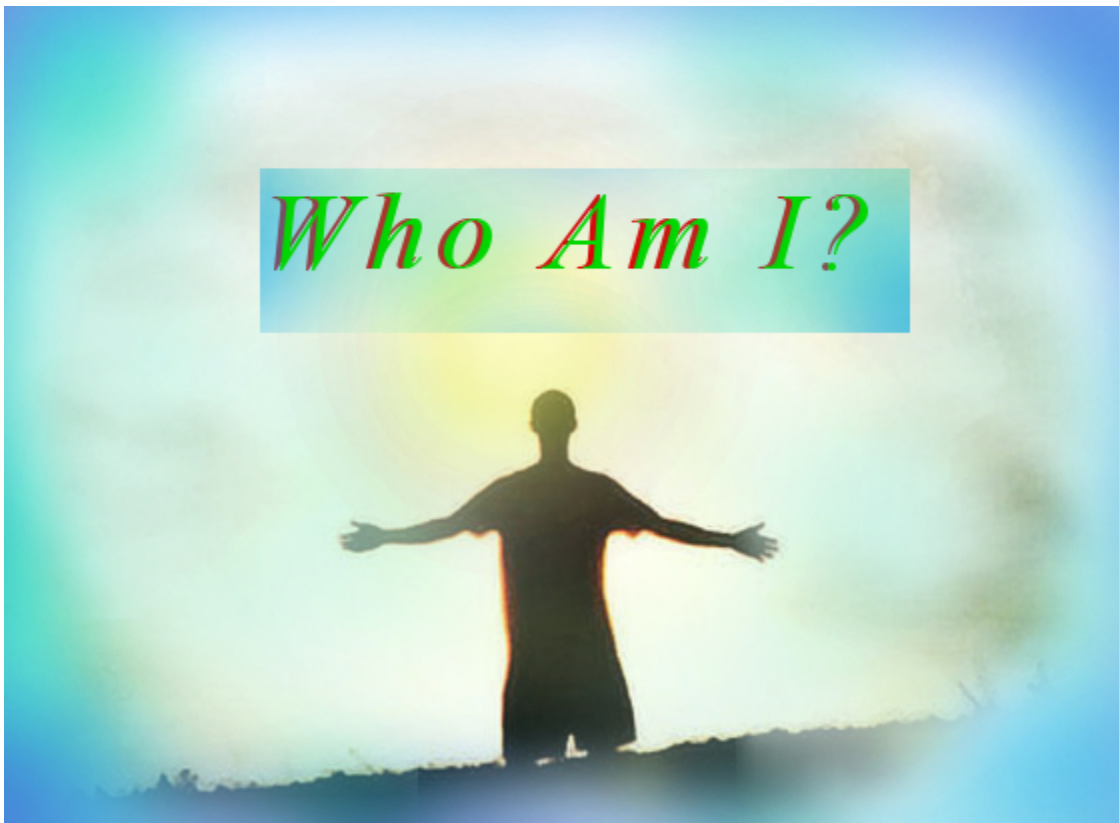


**Richardson Park  
United Methodist Church  
*Celebrating Over 100 Years of Ministry***

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."  
Mark 16:15 NRSV



*The mission of Richardson Park United Methodist Church is to help people experience the amazing love of God and develop a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.*

**RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Communion**

**September 3, 2017**

**10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE      HYMN SING – (Please call out your favorite by name and number.) We will sing the first and last verses of 3 or 4 favorites!

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING

\*OPENING HYMN    "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"    UMH 66

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord!

**People: We will sing God's praises!**

Leader: Seek the Lord and God's strength.

**People: We continually seek God's presence in our lives.**

Leader: Remember all the wonderful things that God has done.

**People: Praise the Lord! AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Surprising God, you have an uncomfortable habit of showing up where we least expect you: in a burning bush, in the face of an enemy, in a livestock feed trough, on a rough wooden cross. Turn our lives upside down with your radical love. Help us fully embrace your surprises, even as we revel in the joy of being fully embraced by your all-encompassing grace and mercy. We pray in the name of your most amazing surprise of all: your Son, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Miss Beth

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-15

MESSAGE

"Who Am I?"

Pastor Carolyn

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"On Eagles Wings"  
Chancel Choir

Michael Joncas

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH Pg. 13

The Lord's Prayer (Sung in Unison)

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Hymn "Seek the Lord Who Now is Present"

UMH 124

Prayer

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Lift High the Cross"

UMH 159

\*BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

THE CHRIST LIGHT IS TAKEN INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *CRUCIFER*

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Altar Flower Opening**

If you would like to place flowers on the Altar in honor or memory of someone, the first Sunday in September is available. The cost is \$30.00. Please see Sandy Ide if you are interested.



Book Club will meet on Wednesday, September 13 at 7 PM in the Lounge. Our book will be, "Britt-Marie Was Here" by Fredrik Backman. In October, we will meet on Wednesday, October 11 at 7 PM in the Lounge. We will discuss "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini at this meeting.

### **Our Church/Charge Conference**

Our Church Charge Conference will be held on Wednesday, September 27 at 7 PM in the Lounge. Please mark your calendars. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Immediate Need for Altar Guild servers! How can you help?**

1. Prepare the sanctuary for communion.
2. Make sure the vestments and altar are kept clean and presentable.
3. Change the banners for the appropriate seasons of the church.
4. Bake Communion Bread.

If you would like to volunteer for this once a month serving opportunity, please contact the office and let Harriet Ann know or speak with Pastor Carolyn.

### **Wednesday Night Bible Study**

**The Shack Movie Study Group** This five-week study based on the movie is designed to help people experience the life-changing goodness, grace, and presence of God. The study starts on Wednesday, September 20 at 7:00 PM in the Lounge. Stop by the office to sign up and get a copy of the study book.

## FRIDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP

The study for this fall is "**The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World.**" The first meeting will be held at Richardson Park UMC on Friday, September 8 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Extension. Join us as we explore this thought provoking book. It highlights the many ways we all can bring greater joy, fulfillment and purpose into our lives.

Books for this study are available for purchase through St. James Episcopal Church. The cost of the book is \$17.00. If you want to purchase a book, please call (302) 994-2029.

## RICHARDSON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM

Richardson Park Elementary School is presently participating in the Box Tops for Education Program. This program is one of the nation's largest school earnings loyalty programs and has been helping schools succeed since 1996. With over 250 participating products, it's an easy way for schools to earn cash for the things they need. Following is a picture of the Box Tops for Education Coupon that you will find on the product packaging and all you need to do is cut out the coupon and put it in the baskets located in the Extension, on the ledge in the back of the Sanctuary, and the vestibule on the Matthes Avenue side of the church.

## CAP PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

Pasta sauce, peanut butter (small or medium jars preferred), Jelly, Soups (all kinds), Spaghetti, Pork and Beans, Tuna, Baked Beans, Chef Boyardee, Ketchup, and bottled salad dressing.

## BAGS OF BLESSINGS

On Thursdays, along with our free lunch program, we are distributing "Bags of Blessings." These bags contain a light lunch or snacks. Along with the food items, we enclose a flyer showing a picture of our church, Pastor Carolyn's name, and the times of our services. In addition, we have added the new location of CAP and the times CAP is open.

Right now, we need help in filling these bags. Items needed are:

Bottled water (any size bottle)

Individually wrapped:

- Crackers (peanut butter or cheese filled)
- Cookies
- Nutella
- Candy
- Protein Bars
- Fruit Cups (4 in a package)

If you are unable to shop for these items but would like to contribute money toward their purchase that would certainly be appreciated, also. All food items and money should be given to Pastor Carolyn.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, September 3**

9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	UMW Unit Meeting – Lounge
10:00 am	Fellowship Time – Extension
10:30 am	Worship

### **Monday, September 4 Labor Day No Activities**

### **Tuesday, September 5**

7:00 pm	Rebekah Circle - Lounge
8:00 pm	AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, September 6**

6:30 pm	Scout Board Meeting - Lounge
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### **Thursday, September 7**

9:00 am	The Shoppe at RPUMC
11:00 am	Free Lunch Ministry – Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Chancel Bells
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir
8:15 pm	AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, September 8**

10:00 am	Disciple Class - RPUMC
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### **Saturday, September 9 No Activities**

### **Sunday, September 10**

9:00 am	Sunday School
10:00 am	Fellowship Time – Extension
10:30 am	Worship and Children's Church
11:30 am	REM Team Meeting - Lounge



## PRAYER REQUESTS

J. Franklin and Patricia A. Pugh and family, Vincent Pugh and family, the Noss family, the Page family, the Prior family, Shirl Snapp and Greg and Maria and family, Janice and Bill Richards, the United States and Israel, Ben Fay, Ed Ide, Joan Stadelman, Jim King, Barb Sayles, JoAnn and Sam Guidry, Joe Tucker, Jerry Toy, Charlene Workman, Jerry and Mike Paoli and families, Colleen, Randy, Olivia and Gillian Ide, Gregg, Joy and Abbi Ide, Dean and Shirley Davis, Beca and James Baird, Kim, John, Nick and John III Sagrati, Tyler and Allie Heatwole and Becky, Al, Rob and Liz Heatwole, John Sagrati Sr., homeless animals, Amy Gould and family, Bernie Nowell and family, Karen Messick and family, Lisa Pugliese and family, Sister Morgan, Connie Pondok, Sean Short, Stan Foster, Daisy, Sandra Nafzinger, Clyde, Virginia Craven and family, everyone affected by Hurricane Harvey, Neal and Rose, Joey and Karen, Pete and Lottie, Paul Johnson, Shirley Delpizzo, Roger, Jonathan, Jessica, KC and Hunter, Nancy, Bill and family, Janis, Vic and family, Karen, Joe, Sarah, Chris, Pennie, Donna, Dory, Emmett, Casey, Erin, Makena, Chuck, Mark, Deb, Patti, Frank, Rose, Gen, Sheila, Joe, Jane, Lemon, people in Texas, Karen, Larry, the Cathell family, the Norvell family, the Sisk family, Janis Williams, Peter and Lisa, Rev. Frankie Reynolds, Connie Taylor, Samen Krangar, Alicia Krangar, Stacy Krangar, Barbara and Bob, Carole, Sami and Jim, Samantha and Leo, Sue, Patty, Wendy, Ruth Ann, Nancie and Jeff, Tami, Charlotte, Pastor Bill and Patti, Pastor Carolyn, travel mercies, Kelly Hynson, Randy Comegys, Jim Peel, Guy Campbell, Jack, Joyce, Lisa, Amber, C.J. and Jessie, Ashley, Tiffany, Vick, Ann Hague, Susan Cribb, our armed forces, police, firefighters and emergency personnel, justice, liberty, Gram, Anthony, Anastasia, Yvette, Jennifer, Art, Preston, Sharon, Bill, Wilfredo, Jerry Toy, Cassandra King, the Ironside family, the Hayes family, the Madison family, Linden, Sal, Heather, Jenn, Cody, Alice Lang, Kim, Amy, Ed, Jim Smith, Barbara Rhea, Kathy and Richard Cravey, Valerie, Maranda, Cam, Phyllis Brasure and family, the people of Louisiana, Barcelona Spain, Boston Mass., Finland, Charlottesville VA, military families, Kip McKenna and family, Cindy Melrath and family, Bob Stancavage and family, Elizabeth Keeth, Jane and Walter Campbell, Tamson and Constantin and Veronicka, Dottie and Ralph Ventresca, Pastor Tom and Sarah, Alvretta Crozier, Dot Scarborough, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Scott Deaton and family, the Willman family, the Klingmeyer family, the Zumar family, Terri Pagani, Jessica Etter, Bonnie and John Lewes, Bill and Avanell Klepper, the Sorensen families, Justin Rosini, Richard Quann, Lucci, Bill and Marquita Storms.

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### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday School.....9:00 A.M.  
Fellowship Time.....10:00 A.M.  
Worship and Children's Church.....10:30 A.M.  
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### **SERVING TODAY**

**LAY READER**

Linda Keffer

**FLOWERS**

Ruth Circle

**GREETERS**

Bob and Karen Collins

**MINISTERS**

Everyone

**PASTOR**

Carolyn Williams

**DIRECTOR, MUSIC MINISTRY**

Donald H. McFarland

**LAY LEADER**

Kathy A. Rogers

**ACOLYTES**

Anthony Steward

Anastasia Hayman

Yvette Hayman

Emma Warfel

Harriet-Ann van Boven

**SECRETARY**

**Worship Attendance 8/27**

83

**Sunday School 8/27**

20

The first services were held under a large tree in 1907 at the corner of Belmont Avenue and DuPont Road. The first church building was completed in 1908 at Glenrich Avenue and Eureka Street. The church relocated to its current location in 1926, and the present sanctuary was built in 1950. Richardson Park United Methodist Church has had a long and distinguished ministry in the community dedicated to producing fruit that is pleasing to the Lord. This tradition continues today.