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*"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27*

The month of April reminds us that Easter is more than just one day. Easter is an "every Sunday" celebration. Every Sunday we come together to acknowledge that our lives have been transformed because of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As it tells us in Ephesians 1:5, "We have been adopted into the family of God through faith in Jesus Christ." Easter is also an "every day" celebration in which we live each day trusting in God through Christ, knowing that Jesus is the resurrection and life (John 11:25) for us.

So what do we do now as we go forth from the empty tomb? I believe we can follow the example of the first witnesses. They went forth from the tomb changed by the resurrection of Jesus. They went forth to bring an "every day" witness of God's power over sin, death, hell and the grave.

So where do we go once we leave the empty tomb? Let us follow the example of Jesus' first disciples. After Jesus walked through locked doors to appear to the eleven disciples and to show himself to Thomas, seven of the eleven disciples went back to their fishing business (John 21:1-14). They went back to their positions in life and took the witness of the resurrection with them. They lived in the joy of the resurrection of Jesus while carrying out the daily, ordinary work and responsibilities given to them.

Like the women at the empty tomb and the eleven disciples, we are "every day" witnesses and participants in the resurrection of Jesus. We believe and are baptized. We have the hope of eternal life. We have the joy of the resurrection living inside us. Similar to the early believers, we too have positions in life that God has given us as a gift. Most of us may not fish by the Sea of Galilee, but all of us have one or more callings we may not think of as a calling. We are called to be fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, sons, daughters, brother, sister, grandparent, employee, retiree, friend, and neighbor. Each of these callings comes with a set of duties and responsibilities. By the grace of God, we wrap these daily duties and responsibilities of our position in life in joy, love, peace, and the forgiveness Christ offers to us.

Now, we go forth from Easter Sunday and the celebration of the empty tomb as God's forgiven children in Christ. Now we go forth empowered by God's Spirit living and active within us to live in the joy of the resurrection as "every day" witnesses.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn

# EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Sunday, April 1



6:30 AM - Sunrise Service  
St. James Episcopal Church

10:30 AM - Festival Worship  
Richardson Park UMC

*Thank You  
So Much*

Dear RPUMC Church Family,

Thank you for the blessing of your prayers over the past month. I appreciated all the beautiful cards, flowers, visits and phone calls. And thank you for the lovely lap robe. It really came in handy. You all are a very special part of my life.

Love,  
Harriet-Ann

*Thank You!*

Richardson Park UMC would like to thank Mike Phillips for faithfully taking care of our parking lots when it snows. It means a great deal to all of us and we appreciate your dedication to our church.



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Dawn Logullo Davis	4/1
Tessa Logullo	4/1
Paul Weaver	4/2
Ruth Gibney	4/5
Robert Boyd	4/8
Edward Rash	4/9
Kelly Gibbons	4/11
Joan Stadelman	4/11
Marie Walker	4/11
Christopher Sutor	4/16
Amber Saienni	4/18
Richard Sutor	4/18
Julie Gibbons	4/19
Kiralyn Phillippe	4/20
Robert Boyd, Jr.	4/21
Katherine Burge	4/22
Robert Collins, Jr.	4/22
Howard Eney	4/23
Kathy Rogers	4/23
Linda Keffer	4/24
Jennifer Swarter	4/24
Trisha Parks	4/25
Harriet Ann van Boven	4/26
Shirley Delpizzo	4/27
Debbie Freebery	4/27
Daniel Swain	4/29

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



## WESLEY TOWER BANKS

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.

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



It is spring! What a wonderful time of year as we notice the flowers breaking through the soil. As they bloom, so do the activities of our UMW.

In April, Rebekah Circle will take care of the flowers in the church. Both Circles will take care of the Easter Lilies.

## Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle      Tues., April 3    7:00 p.m.  
Lounge

Ruth Circle          Wed., April 11    12 Noon  
Lounge

**UMW Unit Meeting – Sunday, April 8    10 a.m.  
Lounge**

Saturday, April 14 is the long-awaited “Mad Hatter Tea.” If you have a ticket, get ready to decorate your hat and enjoy a funfilled afternoon. This is our major fund raiser for the year. Your wonderful response will fund many of our on-going projects. Thank You!

Circle Members: Mark your calendars for a combined Circle “tea” on Saturday, May 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the Extension. We had a wonderful get together in May of 2017. This year we hope to enjoy the tea and fellowship.

## Circle Leaders

Rebekah Circle              Marlene Johnson  
Ruth Circle                  Betty Swain

We are a group of caring women who strive to have a creative, supportive fellowship. New members are also welcome to join a circle (daytime or evening). Please visit and you will find Bible study, exciting activities and a caring environment.

**The next meeting of SPRC  
will be on Sunday, April 8.**



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.



The Book Club will return to action on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 PM in the Lounge. The book for the April meeting will be “Kindred” by Octavia E. Butler. Please plan to join us!

## **Wilmington District Leadership Training 2018**

If you would like to attend a Leadership Training workshop on Saturday, April 7 at Elkton UMC, registration forms are located on the ledge in the back of the Sanctuary.

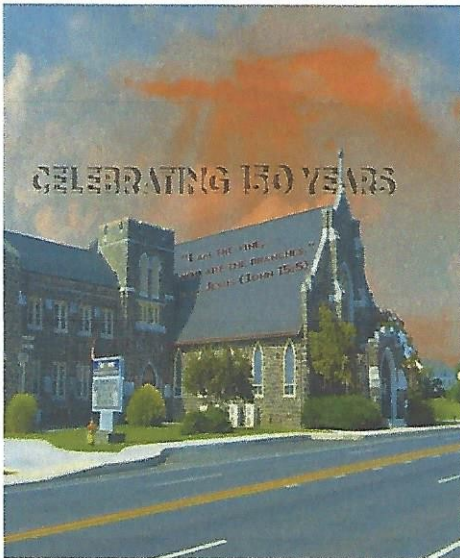
## **TRUSTEES ATTIC CLEAN-OUT Saturday, April 21    8 AM**

The Trustees would appreciate any help you can give them to get the attic cleaned out.

### **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 is open the first Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 1 PM, along with the Annex and Parsonage. Stop in and look for some special treasures for you, your family or your friends.**

**Revival**  
**Gateway to a Taste of Heaven**  
**April 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 2018**



April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Cornerstone UMC

3135 Summit Bridge Rd.

Bear, De.

7:00 pm

April 13<sup>th</sup>

Mt. Salem UMC

2629 W 19<sup>th</sup> St.

Wilmington De

7:00 pm

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Atonement UMC

3519 Philadelphia Pike

Claymont De

7:00pm

**LIGHT DINNER 6:30PM.**

"What an awesome place this is! It is none other than the house of God, the very gateway to heaven!"

Genesis 28:17b



## SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY CAMPAIGN

This year on Mother's Day, May 13, RPUMC will honor our mothers and other important women in our lives. If you would like to make a contribution, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office by Sunday, April 29. Your special person will be honored in our May 13 Worship Bulletin.

This year, RPUMC will contribute all donations to our two Girl Scout Programs, Scout Troop 279 and Scout Troop 392. Please make your check payable to RPUMC and specify "Girl Scout Programs."

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### Special Mother's Day Campaign

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ honor the following women:

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Amount of Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# April 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 Easter</b> 6:30 AM Sunrise Service – St. James 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children’s Church	<b>2</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 279 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 392 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts #339	<b>3</b> 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM Scout Board Meeting	<b>5</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>6</b> 10 AM Disciple – St. James 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	<b>7</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC
<b>8</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM UMW Unit Mtg. 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children’s Church 11:30 AM SPRC Mtg.	<b>9</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 279 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 392 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts #339	<b>10</b> 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>11</b> 12 PM Ruth Circle 7 PM Book Club	<b>12</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>13 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 10 AM Disciple – St. James	<b>14 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 12 PM “Mad Hatter Tea”
<b>15 Native American Sunday</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children’s Church 11:30 AM Trustees Mtg.	<b>16</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 279 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 392 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts #339	<b>17</b> 7 PM CAP Board Mtg. 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>18</b> 7 PM Bible Study	<b>19</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>20</b> 10 AM Disciple – St. James 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC 6 PM Missions Craft Night 6:30 PM Koinonia Covered Dish	<b>21</b> 8 AM Attic Clean Out 8:30 AM Soujourners Place
<b>22 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children’s Church 11:30 AM Council Mtg.	<b>23</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 279 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 392 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts #339	<b>24</b> 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>25</b> 6 PM Crayons for Christ	<b>26</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11 AM Free Lunch 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>27</b> 10 AM Bible Study – St. James 11 AM Free Lunch – Peniel UMC	<b>28 Camp Pecometh Day</b>
<b>29</b> 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children’s Church	<b>30</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 279 6:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 392 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts #339					

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### LAY READERS

April 1	Ed Ide
April 8	Ryan Warfel
April 15	Yvonne Mitten
April 22	Sherlynn Aurelio
April 29	Tod Mitten

### FLOWERS

For the month of April, Rebekah Circle is responsible for the altar flowers.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

April 1	Easter Lilies
April 8	Lynn and Bryant Lafferty
April 15	Jerry Toy
April 22	Jim and Cheryl Chilcutt
At the Cross	Carolyn Swain
April 29	Ruth Gibney
At the Cross	Carolyn Nafzinger

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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  
May Messenger to the church office by Friday,  
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.*