

**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
Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH 203

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say Rejoice!

People: Our joy is in the Lord who blesses us.

Leader: Shout for joy, for the Lord is near!

**People: Our praises ascend to God for the mighty things
God has done.**

Leader: Let your praise dance and swirl in tribute to God!

**People: Surely God blesses and saves us. Hallelujah!
Praise be to God. AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we have come to this place from a world of demands and schedules. We have sought hope and peace and have found them here. Now we seek the inner joy that only your presence can bring to our lives. Open our hearts and our spirits to your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Tony and Glenda Donnelly
Please join in singing "People, Look East" vs. 1, 2 & 3 UMH 202

Reader: "And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name'" (Luke 1:46-49).

OFFERING SCRIPTURE

"Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the Lord; King David also rejoiced greatly."
1 Chronicles 29:9

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "What Can I Give Him" arr. Mark Schweizer
The Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

MESSAGE

"Do"

Pastor Carolyn

*CLOSING HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

THE CHRIST LIGHT IS TAKEN INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *HOUSTON*

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of loved ones by Anna Mae Shewbrooks.

The Sunday School of RPUMC and Troop 339 BOY AND CUB SCOUTS
PRESENT

A LIVE NATIVITY



SATURDAY – DECEMBER 22
Shows at 5:30 and 7:00 PM

Mark your calendar now for an exciting way to experience the joy and wonder of the birth of Jesus. Our Sunday School children and friends from our Boy and Cub Scouts will present a LIVE NATIVITY featuring children and adults, sing-along carols and a “family-friendly” narration of the Christmas story. There will be warm cider and cookies for all and a special gift for our first-time visitors. Invite someone to join you for this wonderful presentation that will be staged outdoors in our “upper” parking lot. **Donations of baked goods such as brownies or cookies (store bought or home baked) would be appreciated. Please give them to Linda Keffer by Sunday, December 16.**

Christmas Eve Services **Monday, December 24**

4:30 PM

Family Worship Service

10:00 PM

Candlelight Worship Service

KOINONIA GROUP

Mark your calendars for the following meeting/luncheon in January:

Saturday, January 19 11 AM – Extension

BAGS OF BLESSINGS **Volunteer Needed**

Charlene Workman will be leaving for Florida in early January. A volunteer is needed to fill the Bags of Blessings which are given out at the Free Lunch Ministry on Thursdays. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Rogers, Missions Chair.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 16

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Lounge
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time – Lounge
- 10:30 am Worship and Children's Church
- 11:30 am Trustees Meeting - Lounge
- 4:30 pm Contemporary Worship – Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 17

- 6:30 pm Girl Scouts - Extension
- 6:30 pm Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 18

- 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting - Lounge
- 8:00 pm AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 19

- 7:00 pm Bible Study - Lounge

Thursday, December 20

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

Friday, December 21 Fellowship Hall Reserved

- 10:00 am Disciple – Peniel UMC
- 6:30 pm Youth Ministry Rehearsal and Dinner – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 22 Fellowship Hall Reserved

- 5:30 pm Live Nativity – Upper Parking Lot
- 7:00 pm Live Nativity – Upper Parking Lot

Sunday, December 23

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Lounge
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time – Extension
- 10:30 am Worship and Children's Church
- 11:30 am Council Meeting - Lounge
- 4:30 pm Contemporary Worship – Fellowship Hall



PRAYER REQUESTS

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, Joan Stadelman, Barbara 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, Shirley Davis, Beca Baird, James Baird, Kim, John, Nick and John III Sagrati, Tyler and Becky Heatwole and Niko, Allie Heatwole, 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 and Kim and baby Dakota, Jessica and Chris States and family, Felicia Etter and family, Adele, Ed Ide, Julia Lynch, Ann Hague, Susan Cribb, Kelly Hynson, Randy Comegys, Guy Campbell, Jim Peel, Becka, Rose, Mary, Lisa, Joyce, Amber, Jeanne and Darryl, Tracy and Gene, Donna and John, our armed forces, police, firefighters and emergency personnel, justice, liberty, Jim Smith, Barbara Rhea, Wilbert Smith, Nancy Motley, Kathy and Richard Cravey, Valerie, Jeremy, Jenn, Sal, the Przywara family, the Ironside family, the Hayes family, the Madison family, Eric, Michele, Phillip, Glenda, Ralph, Heather, Barbara and Bob, Carole, Patty and Sue, Sami and Jim, Samantha and Leo, Tami, Charlotte, Wendy, Gill and Blake, Wende, Nancy, Janis and family, Nancy and family, Roger and family, Donna, Jeff and Makena, Dory, Emmett, Casey and Erin, Helen and Wilson, Aunt Maxine, Penny, Susan, the Cathell family, the Norvell family, the Sisk family, Krys and Mario, Alvretta Crozier, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Dot Scarborough, Scott Deaton and family, Kevin Mahoney, Peg and Mickey Hirst and family, travel mercies, Donald Trump and family, Elizabeth Keeth, Pat and Chris Rodenhiser, Brenda Williams, Beth and John, Susan and Ken Malone, Tamson and Veronicka and Constantin, Raven and Riley and Ryder, Grant Rogers and family, Houston Rogers and family, Joann and Jerry Armstrong, Pastor Carolyn Williams, Kathryn Russell, Pastor Bill and Patti Green, Pastor Tom and Sarah, Pastor Jennifer Kerby, Marian Jackson, Pastor Wendy, all missionaries, the people of Alaska and California, Linda Anderson, Jim Anderson, our church's vision and growth, Norma Jean Williamson, Norma Vonbrandt, Jane Small, Emory Berkley, Ed Lindell, Clyde, Sandra N., Marvin, Terry Williams, Harry Williams Sr., Harry Williams Jr., Quadaire Sadler, Yvonne Sadler, Anyair Sadler, Julian Sadler, Nasir Wayman, Madison Stewart, Karlyn Hall, Tia Williams, Ryan and Chrissy Williams, Bob Johnson and family, Shirley Delpizzo, Nancy Corrigan, Sharon and Mozes, Amanda, Steven and Tonja, Hillary, Natalie, healing.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Adult Sunday School..... 9:00 A.M.
Fellowship Time.....10:00 A.M.
Worship and Children's Church.....10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Worship..... 4:30 P.M.
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Kathy A. Rogers

Emmett Swanson and

Emma Warfel

Harriet-Ann van Boven

Worship Attendance 12/9 AM

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Worship Attendance 12/9 PM

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Sunday School 12/9

19

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.