

**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.

Reader: Today we remember Joseph, worn-out traveler and worried husband, doing what was necessary for the sake of his family, the burden of poverty stifling his hope in the promise of God. There was no room for him, yet he knows to whom he belongs.

People: Today we give thanks for the Josephs among us, migrating far from home when there is no choice, fiercely devoted to the ones they love, unwavering in their belief that there is room for all in the kingdom of God.

Reader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of Joseph, who knocks at the door, ready to take his place among royalty.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Micah 5:2-5a

CANTICLE OF MARY UMH 199

We will read the Response together.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 10:5-10

*HYMN "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" UMH 216

Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel Reading

GOSPEL READING Luke 1:39-45

CALL TO PRAYER "Lead Me, Lord" The Chancel Bells

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison) UMH 895

OFFERING SCRIPTURE

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" 2 Chronicles 9:15

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "O Come, Little Children" arr. Michael Helman
The Chancel Bells

*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

"Welcome"

Pastor Carolyn

*CLOSING HYMN "When Christmas Morn Is Dawning"

UMH 232

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

THE CHRIST LIGHT IS TAKEN INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE Joyful Peal on *WIR HATTEN GEBAUET*



Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24

4:30 PM

Family Worship Service

10:00 PM

Candlelight Worship Service



The poinsettias decorating the Sanctuary
are given to the Glory of God.

In honor of

Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Mother by Leslie and Bill Lacombe
**Frank Shaffer, Jr., Kyle Shaffer, Corey Weaver, Zach Shaffer,
Evan Shaffer and Marlee Shaffer** by Paul Weaver
Helen Long by Roger Longest
Helen Long and Hunter Saunders by Jessica Saunders
My father-in law and mother-in-law, Wilson and Helen Green
by Janis Williams

In loving memory and honor of

Our loved ones – past, present and future by Dave and Kathy
Rogers
Johnson Bair and Mary Alice Bair by Dot Brogan
Family and Friends by Phyllis and Bob Thomas
**Our parents – Dick and Loretta George and William and Joy
Aurelio** by Sherlynn and Bill Aurelio

In loving memory of

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Nafzinger by Clyde and Carolyn
Mr. and Mrs. George Howell by Clyde and Carolyn
Ruth A. Woodward by Clyde and Carolyn
Ralph E. Hopkins Sr. by family
Mr. and Mrs. Rawlins Pardee by Carolyn

In loving memory of (Cont'd.)

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hopkins by Carolyn
Nevin W. Shewbrooks, Father by Leslie and Bill Lacombe
Nevin W. Shewbrooks, Husband by Anna Mae Shewbrooks
Roberta C. and Carroll A. Truitt by Bob Truitt
Shirley T. and C. Robert Godfrey by Bob Truitt
Elizabeth and Norman McCallister by Ellen Willard
Helen Farra by Ellen Willard
Branson Frye and Jay Cummings, Jr. by Fred and Mary Zwiebel
John H. Maloney, Sr. by John H. Maloney, Jr.
Effie M. Lefevre by John H. Maloney, Jr.
Marie Bennett and Sue Housel by Sandy and Ed Ide
Frank, Agnes and Edna Ide by Sandy and Ed Ide
Ralph, Bea and Skip Bennett by Sandy and Ed Ide
Brian Schieferstein by Sandy and Ed Ide
Deceased members of the Crozier and Thomas families by
Gail Eney
Dorothy and Charles Dickey by Charlene Workman
Bruce, Ada and Bob by Charlene Workman
Ralph W. Scarborough by Dorothy Scarborough
Joilyn Marie Snapp and Earle Snapp by Mrs. Shirley Snapp and
family
Joyce Collins by Bob Collins
Arthur and Marie Hoch by Bob and Karen Collins and Michelle
Daoust
Our mom, Joyce Collins by Robert, Alicia, David and Andrea
Collins
Our Mom Mom, Joyce Collins by Paige, Chase, Ava, Braden and
Bryson Collins
Joyce Toy, Rick Cleaver and CPL. Christopher Shea DSP by
Bob and Karen Collins
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Asquith by Dot Brogan
Jane Asquith by Dot Brogan
Jeanne and L. William Thomas by Susan Sayers
Rev. Thomas C. Short by Susan Sayers

In loving memory of (Cont'd.)

Muriel and Cliff Campbell, parents by Beth Robinson and Laurie Kalamchi

Richard E. Crozier and Richard F. Crozier by Alvretta Crozier

Parents, Thomas and Alvretta Edwards by Alvretta Crozier

Clara and Alfred Crozier by Alvretta Crozier

My husband, Johnson Bair by Mary Alice Bair

Leonard Carpenter by the Collins family

Charles and Lavinia Asquith, parents by Mary Alice Bair

Marion Tebbutt by Fran Tebbutt

Madeline McLaughlin by Fran Tebbutt

Linda Moffett by Fran Tebbutt

John Hall by Fran Tebbutt

Parents, Gertrude and Eldred Marris by Tony and Glenda Donnelly and family

Parents, Jane and Anthony Donnelly by Tony and Glenda Donnelly and family

Parents and Grandparents by Mike and Ruth Phillips

Janet and Clayton Weaver by Paul Weaver

Jack Townsend by Paul Weaver

Frank Shaffer, Sr. by Paul Weaver

Edison A. Longest by Roger Longest

Sylvia Longest by Roger Longest

Edison Longest and Sylvia Longest by Jessica Saunders

French Long by Jessica Saunders

Luna Blue Hartman by Jessica Saunders

My mother and father, Edison and Sylvia Longest by Janis Williams

My husband, Victor Williams by Janis Williams

Audrey, Francis and Dwight Rash by Susan Rash Watkins

J. Frank and Naomi Pugh by Frank and Patricia Pugh

Christopher Younker by Donna and Robert Younker

Edwin A. Bollinger by Carol Ewing

Edward and Ruth Locke by Robert and Richard Locke

Leonard P. Gibney by Lynn and Bryant Lafferty

Ruth T. Gibney by Lynn and Bryant Lafferty

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 23

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

Monday, December 24

4:30 pm	Family Worship Service
10:00 pm	Candlelight Worship Service

Tuesday, December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

8:00 pm	AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday, December 26 Office Closed

Thursday, December 27

11:30 am	Free Lunch Ministry – Fellowship Hall
8:15 pm	AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 28 No Activities

Saturday, December 29 Fellowship Hall Reserved

Sunday, December 30

9:00 am	Adult Sunday School - Lounge
10:00 am	Fellowship Time – Extension
10:30 am	Worship and Children's Church
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, Dave Nash, Shirley Delpizzo, Nancy Corrigan, Sharon and Mozes, Amanda, Tonja and Steven, Natalie, Hillary, Linda Anderson, Jim Anderson, the success of our Nativity, our vision and growth, Quadaire Sadler, Ke'Aisha Faulkner, Yvonne Sadler and family, James Stewart, Madison Stewart, Gloria Williams, Harry Williams Sr., all military families, Donald Trump and family, our government and jobs, newborns and children, Kathryn Russell, Pastor Bill and Patti Green, Pastor Carolyn Williams, Pastor Tom and Sarah Pasmore, Pastor Jennifer Kerby, Pastor Wendy Butterworth, Marian Jackson, Kevin Mahoney, Peg and Mickey Hirst and family, travel mercies, holiday blessings to all, 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, Donna Rogers and family, Judy Fox, Jane Small, Michelle Drass, Norma Williamson, Norma Von Brandt, Sally Stearit, Jim Smith, Barbara Rhea, Wilbert Smith, Nancy Motley, Kathy and Richard Cravey, Valerie, Jeremy, Jenn, Sal, the Przywara family, Sharon, Jennifer, Gladys, Terri, Preston, Adam, Alvretta Crozier, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Dot Scarborough, Scott Deaton and family, Cindi Melrath and family, Bob Stancavage and family, all those who are ill and in hospitals, Sigrid and Rob Renn, John Hughes, Janis and family, Roger and family, Nancy and family, Donna, Jeff and Makena, Dory, Emmett, Casey and Erin, Helen and Wilson, Aunt Maxine, Penny, Barbara and Bob, Carole, Patty and Sue, Sami and Jim, Samantha and Leo, Charlotte, Tami, Jill, Nancy and Jeff, our children and grandchildren, Karen and Dave, Steve, Debbie Igo, the Cathell family, the Norvell family, the Sisk family, Krys and Mario, homeless and mistreated animals, Sean C., governments worldwide for peace, justice and freedom, Don McFarland and the choir, Rose Davis and family, Clyde, Sandra, our Boy, Cub and Girl Scout Troops, Ann Hague, Susan Cribb, Kelly Hynson, Randy Comegys, Jim Peel, Guy Campbell, Joyce, Rose, Mary, Lisa, Amber, Mark and Angela, Jeanne and Darryl, Donna and John, Tracy and Gene, Jerry, our armed forces, police, firefighters and emergency personnel, liberty.

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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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Carolyn Williams
Donald H. McFarland
Kathy A. Rogers
Emmett Swanson and
Emma Warfel
Harriet-Ann van Boven

Worship Attendance 12/16 AM	84
Worship Attendance 12/16 PM	
Sunday School 12/16	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.

A Christmas Blessing

ESPECIALLY FOR YOU



*With wintertime upon us
And the old year nearly through,
May every Christmas Blessing
Bring a gentle peace to you.*