

**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
First Sunday of Advent - Communion

December 2, 2018

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" UMH 211

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE Donna Chambers and
Gabrielle and Lincoln Klingler
Please join in singing "People, Look East" vs. 1 – UMH 202

Reader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader: Today we remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of a child to come, unexpected liberator of the people, vulnerable incarnation of the Holiest of Holies, a new name for God.

People: Today we give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring to us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.

Reader: On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle as a symbol of the prophets who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Beth Warfel

*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.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH Pg. 13

The Lord's Prayer (Sung in Unison)

Sharing the Bread & Cup

Hymn "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

UMH 623

Prayer

*CLOSING HYMN

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

UMH 196

*BLESSING

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

THE CHRIST LIGHT IS TAKEN INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on *HYFRYDOL*

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Ruth and Edward Locke by Rich Locke.

Advent Devotionals

Advent devotionals are located on the ledge in the back of the Sanctuary. Please take one to enjoy during the Advent season.



The decorations adorning our sanctuary are given to the *Glory of God*.

Advent Wreath

In loving memory of *Amanda and George Stewart* by daughter, *Phyllis Bowman*

Altar Wreath

In honor and memory of all loved ones by *Pat Cummings*

Altar Wreath

In loving memory of *Ruth and Leonard Gibney* by family

Balcony Wreath

In loving memory of *Rick Cleaver, Corporal Chris Shea, Melvin and Lil Collins, Joyce Collins and Joyce Toy* by *Raphael and Paulette Lazzaro*

Door Wreath

In honor of our sisters and brothers by *David and Kathy Rogers*

Door Wreath

In loving memory of *Ralph Scarborough* by wife, *Dorothy*

Door Wreath

In memory of all deceased church members by *Joan Stadelman*

Door Wreath

To the *Glory of God* by *Betty and Marvin Swain*

RICHARDSON PARK U.M.C.
CELEBRATES ADVENT and CHRISTMAS!



Sunday, December 9

11:30 AM

“Baby Shower for Jesus”
Advent Covered Dish
Everyone is invited

Saturday, December 22

5:30 PM and 7 PM

A Live Nativity
Our Upper Parking Lot

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:30 PM

Family Worship Service

10 PM

Candlelight Worship Service

Everyone is welcome!



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
Annual Cookie Walk
9 AM – 10:30 AM Extension

Come enjoy the aroma of fresh baked cookies as you walk down the "cookie aisle." Price: \$5.00 for ½ pound bag. Buy some for gifts...don't forget yourself! The money from this fund raiser helps our mission projects.

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.**

At our November meeting, Book Club discussed "The Man I never Met" by Adam Shafter. In December, we will meet on Wednesday, December 5 at 7 PM in the Lounge. Our book will be "Mudbound" by Hillary Jordan. Coming in future months will be "Bear Town" by Frederik Backman.

If you see a book that you like or have one to suggest, or if you are just in the mood for lively conversation and good fellowship, please join us at a future meeting. We look forward to seeing you soon."

KOINONIA GROUP

Mark your calendars for the following meetings/luncheons in December and January:

Saturday, December 15 11 AM - Extension

Saturday, January 19 11 AM - Extension

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 2

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

Monday, December 3

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

Tuesday, December 4

- 8:00 pm AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 5

- 6:30 pm Scout Board Meeting – Lounge
- 7:00 pm Book Club - Extension

Thursday, December 6

- 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 7

- 10:00 am Disciple – Peniel UMC

Saturday, December 8 Fellowship Hall Reserved

- 9:00 am UMW Cookie Walk - Extension

Sunday, December 9 Fellowship Hall Reserved

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Lounge
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time – Extension
- 10:30 am Worship and Children’s Church
- 11:30 am Baby Shower for Jesus and Covered Dish – Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 pm Extension and Sanctuary Reserved
- 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, Barbara and Bob, Carole, Patty and Sue, Sami and Jim, Samantha and Leo, Steve, Jeff and Nancy, Tami, Charlotte, Wende, Bill Green, Karlyn Moffett, the Robert Johnson family, Fran Tebbutt, Connie Marro, Jim Anderson, Linda Anderson, Sara, Konstantin and Aliana, church growth, outreach and vision, Neal Davis, Steve, Norma Von Brandt, Jane Small, Alvretta Crozier, Dot Scarborough, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Scot Deaton and family, Donald Trump and family, America, first responders, all those affected by wildfires in CA, law enforcement, our military families, all homeless and hungry families, our economy and jobs, the Delaware State Police, the Wilmington Police Department, children and newborns, Elizabeth Keeth, Pat and Chris Rodenhiser, Brenda Williams, 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, Kathryn Russell, Marian Jackson, everyone with health problems, Janis and family, Nancy and family, Roger and family, Donna, Jeff and Makena, Dory, Emmett, Casey and Erin, Helen and Wilson, Penny, Aunt Maxine, Shirley Delpizzo, Nancy Corrigan, Sharon and Mozes, Amanda, Steven and Tonja, Hillary, Natalie, healing, Sharon, Jennifer, Gladys, Terri, Preston, Adam, Jim Smith, Barbara Rhea, Wilbert Smith, Nancy Motley, Kathy and Richard Cravey, Valerie, Jeremy, Sal, Jenn, the Ironside family, the Hayes family, the Madison family, Ralph, Phillip, Eric, Heather, Patience, Danielle, Clyde, Betty, Anita, Margaret McDonnell Regan.

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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.
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SERVING TODAY

LAY READER

Ed Ide

FLOWERS

Rebekah Circle

GREETERS

Shirl Snapp and

Kathy Gibbons

MINISTERS

Everyone

PASTOR

Carolyn Williams

DIRECTOR, MUSIC MINISTRY

Donald H. McFarland

LAY LEADER

Kathy A. Rogers

ACOLYTES

Emmett Swanson and

Emma Warfel

SECRETARY

Harriet-Ann van Boven

Worship Attendance 11/25

90

Sunday School 11/25

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.



LOVE
Hope
Peace
Joy

The Season of Advent