

**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**  
**Second Sunday of Advent - Communion**

**December 9, 2018**

**10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*OPENING HYMN      "Of the Father's Love Begotten"      UMH 184

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord has looked with favor on God's people.

**People: Praise be to the Lord!**

Leader: A messenger of peace will be sent to us.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Leader: The messenger will place peace in our hearts and our spirits.

**People: Come, O Messenger of Peace, we stand in need of your presence. AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

We have prepared our homes, and our gifts, Lord, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace. Free us from the stresses and strains of this time, and place your peace which passes all our understanding in our hearts. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Lang Family

Please join in singing "People, Look East" vs. 1 & 2 – UMH 202

Reader: "In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people'" (Luke 2:8-10).



\*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 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

UMH 382

Prayer

\*CLOSING HYMN "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213

\*BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Amen"

THE CHRIST LIGHT IS TAKEN INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *TRURO*

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Richard Johnson and Henry and Margaret George by Dennis and Marlene Johnson.*

*The flowers at the cross are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Charles "Chuck" A. Luppy, Jr. by Debbie Freebery.*

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.**

## 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

## ALTAR FLOWER OPENING

Altar flowers are available on Sunday, January 20. Cost for two vases is \$30.00. If you are interested, please see Sandy Ide.

## 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 9 Fellowship Hall Reserved**

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Lounge
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time – Lounge
- 10:30 am Worship and Children's Church
- 11:30 am Baby Shower for Jesus – Fellowship Hall
- 2:00 pm Extension Reserved
- 4:30 pm Contemporary Worship – Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, December 10**

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

### **Tuesday, December 11**

- 8:00 pm AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, December 12 No Activities**

### **Thursday, December 13**

- 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 14**

- 10:00 am Disciple – Peniel UMC

### **Saturday, December 15 Fellowship Hall Reserved**

- 11:00 am Koinonia Meeting/Luncheon – Extension
- 3:00 pm Extension Reserved
- 5:30 pm Live Nativity – Upper Parking Lot
- 7:00 pm Live Nativity – Upper Parking Lot

### **Sunday, December 16**

- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School - Lounge
- 10:00 am Fellowship Time – Extension
- 10:30 am Worship and Children's Church
- 11:30 am Trustees 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, Clyde, Sandra N., Shirley Delpizzo, Nancy Corrigan, Sharon and Mozes, Amanda, Steven and Tonja, Natalie, Hillary, healing, Ann Hague, Susan Cribb, Kelly Hynson, Randy Comegys, Jim Peel, Guy Campbell, Joyce, Rose, Lori, Rita, Jeanne and Darryl, Tracy and Gene, Donna and John, our armed forces, police, firefighters and emergency personnel, justice, liberty, Lynda Pinkowski, Janis and family, Nancy and family, Roger and family, Donna, Jeff and Makena, Dory, Emmett, Casey and Erin, Helen and Wilson, Aunt Maxine, Penny, Ryan, Erin, Dana, James, Kelliann, Daniel, Sarah, Sue, Kathern, Ruth, Beth, Mr. Chuck, Jim Smith, Barbara Rhea, Wilbert Smith, Nancy Motley, Kathy and Richard Cravey, Valerie, Jeremy, Sal, Jenn and the Przywara family, Pastor Carolyn, Karen Gibbons, Sharon, Jennifer, Gladys, Terri, Adam, Preston, Linda Anderson, Jim Anderson, the church's vision and future growth, Alvretta Crozier, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Dot Scarborough, Scott Deaton and family, Donald Trump and family, our government and jobs, military families, 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, Pastor Bill and Patti, Pastor Tom and Sarah, Pastor Jennifer, Pastor Wendy, all missionaries, travel mercies, Ed Lindell, Norma Von Brandt, Jane Small, Janet Flower, the people in Alaska.

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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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### **SERVING TODAY**

**LAY READER**

Joan Stadelman

**FLOWERS**

Rebekah Circle

**GREETERS**

Marvin and Betty Swain

**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 12/2**

73

**Sunday School 12/2**

16

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.