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*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

*Matthew 28: 19-20*

The call from God is to go and make disciples of all nations. What does that look like at Richardson Park UMC in 2018 and beyond? In what new ways is Jesus asking us to be his hands and feet in the world today? How do people perceive us as "The Church?"

In the Bible, "the church" is described as believers and disciples of Jesus Christ. A beautiful picture of the church functioning as God intended is found in Acts 2. "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

*Acts 2: 46-47(KJV)*

Many people associate the word "church" with a building. But as we see from the Acts scripture, church is living out what Jesus commanded in Matthew 28: 19-

20. The church isn't a physical building. If I had to describe the church in my own words I would describe it like this, "The church was and is the people who put their hope and trust in Jesus Christ. The church was and is believers who allow the Holy Spirit full control over every part of their lives. The church was and is believers who don't mind sharing their testimony so that others will believe, accept Jesus as their savior and enjoy the gift of salvation."

In the coming months, God is providing an opportunity for us to enjoy the same favor the early church enjoyed; adding to the number those who will be saved. Notice I didn't say adding to our membership. God isn't concerned about how many people are on our membership role, but He is passionate about how many people are written in the book of life.

I invite you to join us Sunday, July 8 at 4:30 p.m. as we seek to celebrate what God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is going to do in our new "Contemporary Worship" service. We're excited about what God has already done and will do. We want you to share in the excitement with us! If you can't join us, pray for God to send the harvest!

Your co-laborer in Christ,

Pastor Carolyn



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

Joey Davis	7/1
Diane Maloney	7/2
Tom Pasmore	7/2
Joe Tucker	7/5
Bob Collins	7/6
Eric Granby	7/7
Gail Eney	7/8
David McFarland	7/10
Joey Beane	7/11
Mark Panaccione	7/13
Jennifer Patterson	7/15
Christopher Swarter	7/16
Jim Chilcutt	7/17
Bill Martin	7/17
Nancy Perugini	7/18
Bruce Cooke	7/19
Aidan Chilcutt	7/21
Nancy Jaegers	7/21
Dixie Sease	7/21
Lisa Williams	7/21
Harold Follett	7/25
Daniel Gallagher	7/25
Julia Lynch	7/26
Wyatt Rash	7/26
Michelle Anderson	7/27
Mabel Dunfee	7/28
Nicole Cummings	7/30
Glenda Donnelly	7/30



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Shirl Snapp	8/1
Kathy Evelyn	8/3
Scott Doughty	8/4
Jacalyn Foraker	8/8
Sharon Panaccione	8/8
Isabella Warfel	8/8
Emmett Swanson	8/9
Jennifer Pettyjohn	8/10
Elmer Krebs	8/11
Kathryn Mitten	8/11
Donna Chambers	8/15
Chad Hughes	8/15
Carol Puelo	8/15
Nicole Anderson	8/18
Sara Anderson Abramov	8/18
Sandy Ide	8/20
Tom Manley	8/20
Suzy Price	8/20
Jacob Farley	8/22
Samantha Farley	8/22
Patti Green	8/24
Lisa Martin	8/25
Natalie Parks	8/27
Sandy Swain	8/27
Jane McAllister	8/29
Carol Ewing	8/31
Abigail Price	8/31

**If your name is missing from our birthday list, please call the office at 654-0961. We don't want to miss your special day!**

# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



In July, Ruth Circle will take care of the altar flowers. In August, Rebekah Circle will take care of the altar flowers. We can always use help with the delivery of flowers to shut-ins. Please contact Betty or Marlene if you are willing to help. Thank you!

Although circle meetings do not meet in July and August, the prayer shawls ladies are still "clicking away." Thanks to all of you for the generous donations of yarn.

In July, seven members of our UMW are attending Mission U. This is the first time it will be held at Camp Pecometh. There is classroom study, worship gathering, and gathering ideas from other UMW! We will definitely have lots of great new ideas to share with you.

Enjoy your summer months!!

Rebekah Circle  
Ruth Circle

Marlene Johnson  
Betty Swain

If you are interested in joining a Circle, please contact Marlene or Betty for more information.



## 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.

## ALTAR FLOWER OPENINGS

If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone, Sunday, July 22 and Sunday, August 12 are available. The cost is \$30.00 for two vases. You may take the flowers after the service or request that they be delivered to shut-ins. Please see Sandy Ide to reserve one of these dates.



At our June meeting, Book Club discussed "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 11 at 7 PM. At that meeting, we will discuss "For One More Day" by Mitch Albom. Our August book will be "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles.

We have several books on our list for reading in future months including "Ordinary Grace" and "The First Phone Call from Heaven." If you see a book that you like or have one to suggest, or if you are in the mood for lively conversation and good fellowship, please join us at a future meeting. We would love to have you come out and share in our spirited discussions and good fellowship.

### Coming Soon to RPUMC

#### Our "Soft Opening"

Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 4:30 PM

#### A New Contemporary Worship Service

Families, Singles, Young or Young at Heart – all are Welcome!

Gathering in Fellowship Hall

Please share the word about this new worship opportunity with friends and family.

Please see Rob McFarland if you are willing and interested in helping with this new outreach to our community.

More information will be available during VBS.

*Thank You!*

We would like to extend a special thank you to Ruth and Mike Phillips and their crew for the timely snow removal and salting done to the church grounds during the 2017-2018 winter seasons. This special gift to the church has been donated in honor and memory of their parents, Sam and Grace Pettyjohn and Paul and Irene Phillips. Again, thanks so much for a job very well done.

**SOURCE Mission Team**  
**Meetings for the remainder of 2018**

Sunday, July 1 11:30 AM Lounge  
Sunday, August 19 11:30 AM Lounge  
Sunday, Sept. 16 11:30 AM Lounge  
Sunday, October 7 11:30 AM Lounge  
Sunday, November 4 11:30 AM Lounge  
Sunday, December 2 11:30 Lounge

**Upcoming Activities**

Friday, July 13 6:30 PM Lounge  
Scripture Ministry/Crafting Night  
Saturday, July 14 8:30 AM  
Sojourner's Place Clothing Closet  
Cleanout  
Saturday, August 5 10:45 AM  
Fellowship Hall  
UMCOR and Local School Supplies  
Mission Project

**RPUMC SOURCE Missions Team UMCOR  
School Kits Project**

(Excerpts taken from the United Methodist  
Committee on Relief website.)

Education is a key element of survival and success in our world today. In some countries, children don't have books or school supplies. Many have no schoolrooms; classes are held in inadequate or half-destroyed buildings, tents, or even the open air. School kits may be these children's only educational resources.

The RPUMC SOURCE Missions Team UMCOR School Kits Project is planned for **August 5, 2018 at 11:45 A.M. in Fellowship Hall**. Our mission is to create 100 school kits to be distributed to children around the world who need basic school supplies. We also plan to put together 50 school kits to donate to an elementary school in our area.

Each kit costs \$11 or less and consists of the many specific items listed below.

**One pair blunt scissors**

Round tip only  
No plastic scissors

**One box of 24 crayons**

Only 24-count boxes are accepted

**Three one-subject notebooks**

No marble composition books  
No 3 or 5-subject notebooks

**One pack of loose-leaf paper**

100-200 page packets are acceptable  
Wide or college rule accepted

**One hand-held pencil sharpener**

1-inch or longer  
Remove from packaging

**One ruler**

12 inches or 30 centimeters long  
Sturdy or flexible material accepted

**Six unsharpened pencils**

**One eraser**

Two inches or larger

**One two-gallon re-sealable plastic bag**

The Missions Team will purchase the items and will graciously accept any donations to help offset the costs. Then, on August 5<sup>th</sup>, we'll need help to assemble the kits. A light lunch will be provided for participants immediately after the kits are assembled. Please consider contributing to the education of children both globally and locally by joining us for this school kit assembly event or by donating money for the supplies. Please contact Kathy Rogers if you plan to participate.

We live in hope that, as United Methodist Christians, we will make a difference in the lives of the children who use these educational resources. We may never meet the children we help with this project, but those who receive these supplies may feel a touch of the love of Christ we shared by making these school kits.

Thank You in advance for your support of this outreach mission! The RPUMC SOURCE (Service/Outreach/Unity/Rejuvenation/Connection/Enrichment) Missions Team

## Richardson Park CAP has a new Executive Director

As many of you know, Lenora Webb, Director of “In Her Shoes” ministry has served as the acting executive director for CAP since Edwin Estevez’s departure. Her ministry is growing and Lenora made the decision to step down as the acting executive director. The CAP Board is excited to announce Janelle Middleton accepted the position of executive director. She comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience. Most importantly, she is very passionate about serving the people who depend on CAP for support.

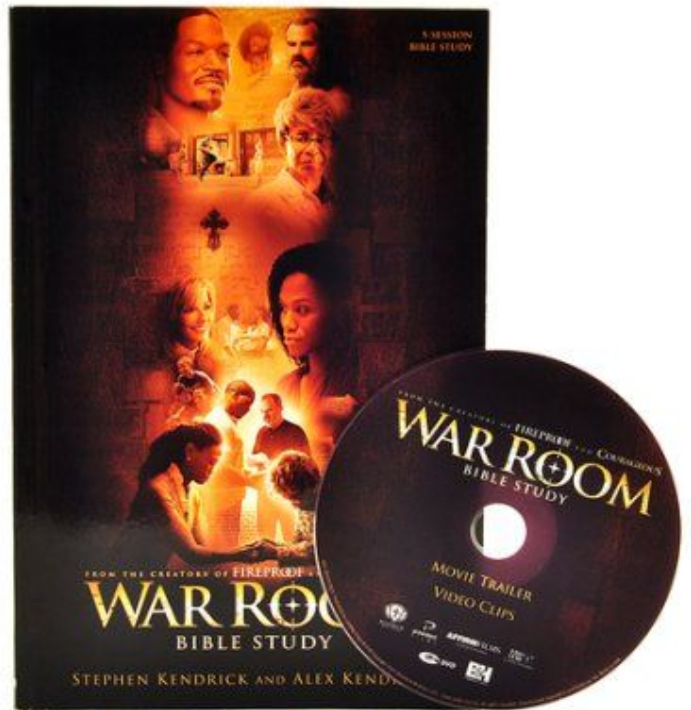
If you haven’t been by to visit CAP lately, take a moment to stop by and welcome Janelle. She is diligently working to make CAP a successful ministry in the future as it has been in the past.

The kinds of food CAP is in need of are: frozen and canned meats, canned vegetables, pastas, sauces, cereals, rice, soups, beans, etc.

**DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITY**  
**September 7, 2018 – May 24 2019**  
**Fridays from 10 AM to Noon**  
**Class rotates among RPUMC,**  
**Peniel UMC and St. James**

### 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 will be open the first Saturday of each month from 9 AM to 1 PM, along with sales in the parsonage and annex. Stop in and look for some special treasures for you, your family or your friends.



This summer beginning July 18 at 7:00 p.m., we are offering a 5-week study of “War Room.” This is a video/book-based Bible study from the creators of the movies “Fireproof” and “Courageous.” This compelling movie and Bible study explores the power prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of life.

This group will meet for five consecutive Wednesdays from July 18 through August 15. To receive a book prior to the beginning of class, see Pastor Carolyn.

**YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT**  
**“Christmas in July”**  
**Wednesday, July 25 5:30 PM – 7 PM**

For more information, please contact Beth Warfel at [youth@rpmchurch.org](mailto:youth@rpmchurch.org).

# July 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM UMW Unit Meeting 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Mission Mtg.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>4 Holiday – Office Closed</b>	<b>5</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Mtg.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC, the parsonage and Annex
<b>8 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM SPRC Meeting 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>11</b> 7 PM Book Club	<b>12</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>13</b> 6 PM Mission Crafting Night	<b>14</b> 8:30 AM Missions Sojourner's Place
<b>15</b> 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Trustees Mtg. 6:30 PM Worship Committee Mtg.	<b>16</b> 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	<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 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Mtg.	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM Koinonia Game Night	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Council Mtg.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>25 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 5:30 PM Christmas in July 7 PM Bible Study	<b>26</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church	<b>30</b> 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	<b>31</b> 8 PM AA Meeting				

# August 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 6:30 PM Scout Board Mtg. 7 PM Bible Study	<b>2</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC, Annex and Parsonage
<b>5 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10 AM UMW Unit Meeting 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Missions School Supply Project	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>8</b> 7 PM Book Club	<b>9</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>26</b> 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Council Mtg.	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts Returning Parents Mtg.	<b>28</b> 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Mtg.	<b>31</b>	

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### READERS

July 1	Sath Amara
July 8	Bob Collins
July 15	Paul Weaver
July 22	Katie Klingler
July 29	Gloria Williams
August 5	Beth Davis
August 12	Ed Ide
August 19	Linda Keffer
August 26	Ryan Warfel

### FLOWERS

For the month of July, Ruth Circle is responsible for the flowers and for the month of August, Rebekah Circle is responsible.

Please submit your articles for the September Messenger to the Church Office by Tuesday, August 15. Thank you.

### ALTAR FLOWERS

July 1	Ruth Gibney
July 8	Harold Ritter
July 15	Phyllis Bowman
At the Cross	Shirley Roberts
July 22	Available
At the Cross	Roger Longest
July 29	Koinonia Class
August 5	Bob and Karen Collins
August 12	Available
August 19	Debbie Freebery
August 26	Lynn Lafferty

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING FOOD FOR CAP THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

*The mission of Richardson Park United Methodist Church is to feed the body and soul in the name of Jesus Christ.*