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*He said to them, "Why are you afraid?  
Have you still no faith?" Mark 4:40*

Fear has a way of paralyzing us. I remember the first time I felt that kind of fear as a pastor. It was very early in the ministry. I ran to the scene of a horrific accident in front of the church. But when I drew closer, what I saw stopped me in my tracks. I couldn't move, the fear of what I might see next took control of my emotions. In that moment of fear I didn't think about asking Jesus to give me strength to do what I needed to do. God sent help and the people involved in the accident did receive emotional support. I often wondered if I missed an opportunity to be a comforting presence to someone because I was afraid of what I might encounter next.

What would you do if you weren't afraid? This is a great question to ask ourselves regarding how we live out God's mission in the ministries of the Church, the community, and beyond.

Fear has a way of keeping us in our boxes because that unknown place outside of our comfort zone is just a little too unconventional, unpredictable, and scary. Yet, throughout scripture we are reminded by God or God's messengers to "fear not." Fear is one of those things that gets in the way of our faith journeys; it keeps us from experiencing the fullness of who God is;

how God is moving in the world; and who God is calling us to be.

Fear is a reality of life and something we all have in common. We all meet and experience fear on a daily basis whether we are aware of it or not. And that fear we encounter impacts our decisions.

Sometimes our fears cause us to box ourselves in or stand still. They cause us to respond in intense and anxious ways with others rather than in love.

If we look through the scriptures and see all the times God asked us to fear not, maybe we would find that God isn't asking us to do the impossible without fears. Perhaps God is asking us to decide what we will do with our fears. Will we let them hold us back or will we hear the call of God to follow Jesus into that unknown place of mission and ministry?

When fear tries to overtake, remember the words of Paul to Timothy, "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline." *2 Timothy 1:7*

So the question remains, "What would you do if you weren't afraid? Fear not for God is with us!

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Susan Durkee	6/1
Bette Farra	6/3
Nicholas Perugini	6/4
Brisa Peterson	6/5
Katie Parker	6/10
Sharon Pierce	6/11
Billy Sorensen	6/11
Ruthann Will	6/13
Yvonne Mitten	6/15
Maria Andraya Ott	6/16
Megan Thomas	6/18
Jeannine White	6/18
Kayla Brown	6/19
Carolyn Wootten	6/20
Rob Anderson	6/21
Alicia Ott	6/23
David Pruitt	6/23
Carolyn Swain	6/23
Natalie Woodward	6/23
Charlene Workman	6/23
Franz Kappel	6/25
William Cathell	6/29

**NOTE: If your name is not listed on our birthday calendar, please call the church office at 654-0961. Thank you.**



Flag Day, always June 14, is a day for Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag and its designers and makers. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States by resolution of the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



In June, Rebekah Circle will take care of the flowers in the church.

### Circle Meetings

Rebekah Circle Will begin again in Sept.

Ruth Circle Will begin again in Sept.

### Circle Leaders

Rebekah Circle	Marlene Johnson
Ruth Circle	Betty Swain

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

### UMW News

On Saturday, May 12, the UMW held our annual "combined circle tea." It is always a wonderful opportunity to visit with members of both the daytime and evening circles. This also serves as our last meeting until September. Many items were donated by our members for CAP. Thank you for the generous donations.

Although we don't officially meet in the summer, prayer shawls and comfort dolls are still being made. In July, seven members of our UMW are attending Mission U -- more about this wonderful adventure next month!

If you are interested in learning about the UMW circles, please contact Marlene Johnson of the evening Rebekah Circle or Betty Swain of the daytime Ruth Circle.

Have a wonderful summer!



At our May meeting, book club discussed "Have a Little Faith" by Mitch Albom. The June Book Club will meet on Wednesday, June 6 at 7 PM instead of Wednesday, June 13. At that meeting, we will discuss "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. Our July book will be "For One More Day" by Mitch Albom.

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

### **Mission News**

#### **Save the Date**

#### **UMCOR Missions Project**

The Richardson Park United Methodist Church SOURCE (Service/Outreach/Unity/Rejuvenation/Connection/Enrichment Missions Team) is hosting an UMCOR School Kit assembly event on Sunday, August 5 at 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please put this date on your calendar if you'd like to be a part of this special sharing and caring experience! More details will follow in the July/August Messenger.

### **CAP FOOD LIST**

CAP is in need of the following food items for their pantry: Canned Baked Beans, Hot Dogs, Canned Chef Boyardee, Spaghetti, and Canned Spaghetti Sauce.



## **CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!**

On Sunday, June 10, during worship, we will celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates of 2018.

ZACHARY BAIR graduated from Belmont University in Nashville, TN with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Audio-Engineering. He is the grandson of Mary Alice Bair.

ABIGAIL IDE graduated from Delaware Technical and Community College with a Degree in Histology and is seeking employment in this field. She is the granddaughter of Sandy and Ed Ide.

MICHAEL LANDRY SNAPP graduated from Boston University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Film and TV. He will pursue work in the entertainment field in Los Angeles with a career in film and TV. He is the grandson of Shirley Snapp.

### **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.



**SAVE THE DATE!  
VBS IS COMING  
JUNE 24-28, 2018  
5:30-8:30PM  
REGISTRATION OPEN  
AS OF MAY 1!**

Wilmington Church of the Brethren will be joining RPUMC this year since they decided on the same dates and VBS materials. Dinner will be provided each evening from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. followed by a venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. This year's VBS anchors kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

REGISTER ONLINE:  
[WWW.RPUMCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.RPUMCHURCH.ORG) – AND CLICK  
THE LINK FOR SHIPWRECK VBS  
OR GO DIRECTLY TO  
[VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/RPUMC](http://VBSPRO.EVENTS/P/RPUMC)

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!**

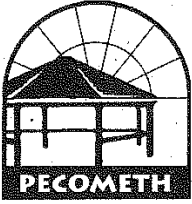
Vacation Bible School is approaching fast. While we have volunteers already, we can always use more. You can bless us with your valuable time with one

night, a couple of nights or the whole week. There are plenty of spots where you can be plugged in.

If you aren't able to give us your time, you can still help by praying for the week of VBS for the kids and volunteers. Or, you can donate money for food or supplies and/or by donating the following items:

Fish Sticks (6 large bags)  
Ragu (4 large jars)  
Velveeta Cheese Blocks (2)  
Grated Cheese (2 large bottles)  
Ketchup (4 large bottles)  
Italian Bread (6 loaves)  
Mustard (2 bottles)  
Butter (1 box-4 quarters)  
Relish (2 bottles)  
Chicken Nuggets (6 large bags)  
Ranch Dressing (2 large bottles)  
Tater Tots (4 large bags)  
Milk (4 gallons)  
Baby Carrots (4 large bags)  
Lemonade, iced tea and fruit punch mixes  
Sturdy Paper Plates  
Napkins  
Potato Chips (6 large bags)  
Plastic Forks and Spoons  
Baked Beans

Please contact Linda Keffer (444-7371) to let her know what you would like to donate. This will prevent duplicate donations. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS.**



CAMPS

RETREATS

OUTDOOR  
PROGRAMS

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

Richardson Park UMC  
11 N. Maryland Ave.  
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Dear Richardson Park UMC,

Thank you for your congregation's very generous donation of \$25,000.00 toward Pecometh's On Earth as it is in Heaven campaign. We are very grateful for the support that you give Pecometh.

Heaven on Earth at Pecometh inspires people of all ages to experience real connections, real community and real relationships; with everlasting memories of friendships made, sunsets and laughter. It is our hope that campers and guests share the experience when they leave and that they carry a vision of what community can be like. They understand the power of God's love. They see the world for what is possible, not just what it is.

By supporting the On Earth as it is in Heaven campaign you are investing in renovations of the Faith and Graces houses, supplying summer camp equipment and challenge course materials, updating and maintaining the pool grounds, and financially supporting the Riverview Retreat Center Mortgage until usage is self-sustaining. You are investing in our future, which will greatly impact many young lives.

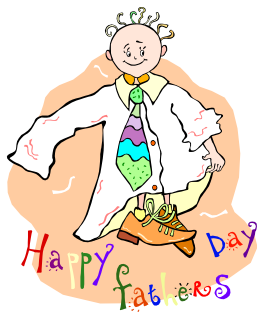
It takes many people in many ways to support this important ministry and to help us continue to provide quality programs and facilities here at Pecometh. We are thankful and appreciate your contribution with this donation.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Jack Shitama  
Executive Director  
Pecometh Camp & Retreat Ministries

*Thank You  
So Much!  
It was just so  
for you at Pecometh, Jay.*





## SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY CAMPAIGN

This year on Father's Day, June 17, RPUMC will honor our fathers and other important men in our lives by raising money for Boy Scout Troop 339 and Cub Pack 339 here at RPUMC. Help us help our young people as we celebrate together on Father's Day.

If you would like to make a contribution to this worthy cause, please make your check payable to RPUMC and specify Father's Day Campaign. Donations are due to the church office by Sunday, June 10. Your special person will be honored in our June 17 Worship Bulletin.

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### Special Father's Day Campaign

I/we \_\_\_\_\_ honor the following men:

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WILMINGTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

**Vacation Bible School Registration**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ HELPER

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Last School Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or Other Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of one special friend your child might like to be with during VBS: \_\_\_\_\_

***The Adventure Starts  
Sunday, June 24 – Thursday, June 28  
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
Pre-School Through Grade 6***

**NOTE: HELPERS (7<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES) MUST PRE-REGISTER**

**\*\* PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL INFO ON BACK OF REGISTRATION \*\***

We ask that all children be picked up promptly at 8:30 p.m. We recommend you make every effort to pick up any child regardless of age; however, we realize that some children walk or may be capable of going home on their own. If your child is at least ten years old and you wish to allow him/her to leave the church without adult supervision, please check the appropriate box below and sign and date this form. If your child will be picked up each evening, please check the appropriate box below and sign and date this form. Thank you!

My child may leave on his/her own at the end of each evening.

My child will be picked up in the sanctuary each evening.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign here if you will allow your child's photograph to be taken this year at our Shipwrecked (Rescued by Jesus) Vacation Bible School and posted within the church building.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Due to the United Methodist Church's Safe Sanctuary policy,  
all registration forms must be completed and signed by  
a parent or guardian!**

**Questions??? Please call 654-0961.**

**Please bring a canned good for CAP!**



# June 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1 Annual Conf.</b> 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel	<b>2 Annual Conf.</b> <b>Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC, Parsonage and Annex
<b>3</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 Missions Mtg.	<b>4</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	<b>5</b> 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>6</b> 7 PM Scout Board Meeting 7 PM Book Club	<b>7</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>8</b> 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM SPRC Meeting 6:30 PM Worship Committee	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scouts	<b>12</b> 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Flag Day</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>15</b> 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC 6:30 PM Koinonia Covered Dish	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Father's Day</b> 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Trustee Meeting	<b>18 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b>	<b>19 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 7 PM CAP Board Meeting 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>20 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 7 PM Bible Study	<b>21 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>22 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 11 AM Free Lunch - Peniel UMC	<b>23 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b>
<b>24 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship and Children's Church 11:30 AM Church Council 5:30 PM VBS	<b>25 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 5:30 PM VBS	<b>26 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 5:30 PM VBS	<b>27 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 5:30 PM VBS	<b>28 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Bag Lunch 5:30 PM VBS	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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## LAY READERS

June 3	Joe Tucker
June 10	Donna Daniels
June 17	Linda Keffer
June 24	Don McFarland

## ALTAR FLOWERS

For the month of June, Rebekah Circle is responsible for the flowers.

Please submit your articles for the July/August Messenger to the church office by Tuesday, June 12. Thank You.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

June 3	Joan Stadelman
At the Cross	Ginger Pettyjohn
June 10	Rob and Michelle Anderson
June 17	Alvretta Crozier
At the Cross	Bob Collins
At the Lectern	Ruth Gibney
June 24	United Methodist Women

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

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