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I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!'

Ezekiel 37:2b-4

In case you missed it, I wanted to give you a glimpse of how the amazing power of the Holy Spirit moved among those who participated in the revival last month. The preachers each night were outstanding! God used each messenger to open the way for people to receive what David cried out for in Psalm 63:1, "O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water." All in attendance, including me, walked away each night overflowing with the joy of the Lord!

One of the quotes which stuck with me was shared by Rev. Hornberger, the pastor of Atonement Church. On the second night of revival he said, "Revival is all about you and your relationship with Jesus Christ." He went on to say revival is different from renewal and restoration. Using the examples of a driver's license and a library card, he stated that both can be renewed but not revived. In order for something to be revived it has to be dead. This is what the Ezekiel scripture is alluding to. God showed Ezekiel a vision of what looked like a hopeless cause. But Ezekiel was wise enough to know what looks dead to us isn't hopeless to God.

Lastly, Rev. Hornberger declared, "Revival has come; you don't need to pray for it. We've got to live it out. Since we are still in the season of Easter and living our lives as resurrected people, my question to us is, "Now what?"

Now we open our hearts to receive the Holy Spirit afresh! It is with the help of the Holy Spirit that we are empowered to be witnesses of the Risen Savior.

Now we open our eyes to see the various signs of resurrection taking place all around us. These signs can be observed in the beauty of the spring time—a time in which plants that appeared to be dead are coming back to life!

Now we open our ears to hear the voice of God calling us by name and telling us "Come alive," for things that appeared to be dead in your life are being resurrected. Can you see them? Can you name them?

Now, perhaps more than ever before, it is time to challenge ourselves to rediscover God's plan for our lives.

Now, God is telling us "Arise! The problems and the evil we face in this world do not have the last word." Can you hear him?

Now it is time to rise up in faith and to share the Good News and to serve our Risen Savior, both with our words and our deeds.

Now it is time to live with a victorious spirit in spite of the ups and downs of life—for the Risen Lord promised that he would never leave us alone. As he promised, the Holy Spirit is with us today, even while you read this messenger!

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



In May, Ruth Circle will take care of the flowers in the church.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Claudia McFarland	May 1
John Parks	May 1
Frank Anderson, Jr.	May 2
Joshua Bourdon	May 2
Brian Panaccione	May 2
Carolyn Nafzinger	May 3
Christopher Doughty	May 4
Katie Meadows	May 6
Zach Farley	May 7
Shirley Roberts	May 8
Christina Weah	May 10
Maegin Coverdale	May 12
Ed McFarland	May 13
Volena Sease	May 13
Richard Beane	May 14
Steven Ott	May 14
Danny Cathell	May 16
Anna Mae Shewbrooks	May 16
Allan Daniels	May 17
Katie Klingler	May 17
Allison Perugini	May 17
Maria Ott	May 18
Brielle Chilcutt	May 20
Robert McFarland	May 20
Wendy Owen	May 22
Sydney Thomas	May 22
Karlee Boyd	May 23
Brenda Tucker	May 26
Cameron Przywara	May 29
Jimmie Focht	May 30
Peter Davis	May 31

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

Circle Meetings

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 12 at Noon in the Extension for the "Combined Circles Tea." Please bring a favorite finger food to share and a baby item or canned food (especially peanut butter or spaghetti) for CAP. Any questions, call Marlene at 328-5806. Circles will not meet individually in May.

Unit Meeting – Sunday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the Lounge.

The UMW would like to thank everyone who made the "Mad Hatter Tea" such a wonderful success! Debbie Freebery and her committee of wonderful folks did a grand job. Also, thanks to our "bow tied waiters," "Top hat" elevator men and music professionals. This great fund raiser has allowed us to give \$200 to each of the three scout troops and \$100 to Friends in Need. We are already thinking of 2019!

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.

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 .

Scout Fund Raiser

The Scouts will be holding a sub sale on Sunday, May 20 in Fellowship Hall. More information will be in upcoming worship bulletins.



Here is a preview of coming attractions for Book Club. Our meeting in May will be on Wednesday, May 9 at 7 PM. Our book for the May meeting will be Mitch Albom's "Have a Little Faith." Please join us at our next meeting.



**SAVE THE DATE!
VBS IS COMING
JUNE 24-28, 2018
5:30-8:30PM**

COMMUNION SET UP – JUNE 3

A volunteer is needed to set up communion on Sunday, June 3. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Roger Longest for further information. Thank you for your help.

BABY SHOWER FOR KATIE

Please join the Pasmore family on Saturday, May 12 at 2 PM in Fellowship Hall for Katie's baby shower. The arrival of Ainsley Irene Schultz is expected in mid-June. Please stop by between 2 PM and 4 PM to celebrate with us! No presents are required. We just want you to help celebrate the big news with us on this special day. Hope to see you there!

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.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!!

We invite you to submit the names of all students graduating this year from high school, college, and graduate degree programs to the church office by the end of May. Please include the name and location of the school, plus the diploma or degree they will receive. You may also include what their plans are after graduation. These very special people and their accomplishments will be recognized at our June 10 Worship Service.



To the RPUMC Church Family,

I am really missing all of you and wanted to thank you for all your prayers, blessings, and phone calls. Thanks to the UMW for the lovely prayer shawl and all the lovely flowers and cards. Also, to the Koinonia Group for keeping me informed on their activities and for their lovely cards and phone calls. This is truly a journey, but I am so thankful for all my friends and family who continue to support and encourage me.

Love, Glenda Donnelly

May Cybersecurity Tip

The end of last year I announced we would have wireless internet access available the first quarter of 2018. Below is a brief update of progress.

First let me say that wireless is not truly wireless like you have on your cell phone. For any location either at home, church or business, wireless is actually just a connection to a wired network. Access to the network is made by connecting to a wireless access point (google it if you want) which in turn is physically connected to the wired network of the church in our case. The benefit of wireless is convenience and it's easier to connect. Everything is great if the wireless access point has a strong enough signal to cover a large area.

The construction in the church makes transmission of wireless signals very difficult. The implementation we are putting in is a compromise between very good and just enough.

At this time, the wireless we have installed can reach the office, lounge, 2/3 of the extension, the landing room, tower room, youth room and 2/3 of the choir room. Wireless is not yet available in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. Before we can open it up to general use, we need to see how stable it is and what can be done with it.

Jim Chilcutt



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 3. Your special person will be honored in our June 17 Worship Bulletin.

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

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 (7TH-12TH 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!

MAY 2018

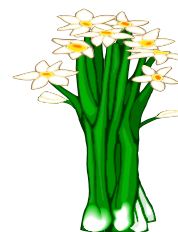
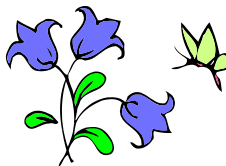
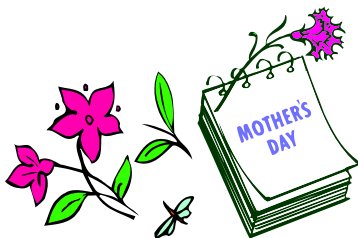
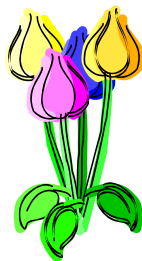
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		1 8 PM AA Meeting	2 6:30 PM Scout Board Meeting	3 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	4 10 AM Disciple – St. James	5 12 PM St. Barnabus Banquet
6 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM UMW Unit Meeting 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children’s Church 11:30 AM Mission Team Meeting	7 6:30 PM Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy/Cub Scouts	8 8 PM AA Meeting	9 7 PM Book Club	10 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 6:30 PM Chancel Bells 7:15 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	11 10 AM Disciple – St. James	12 Extension Reserved Fellowship Hall Reserved 12 PM Combined Circle Tea 2 PM Baby Shower for Katie
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LAY READERS

May 6	Katie Klingler
May 13	Rob McFarland
May 20	Beth Davis
May 27	Lee Powell

ALTAR FLOWERS

For the month of May, Ruth Circle
is responsible for the flowers.

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 6	Roger Longest, Nancy Jaegers & Janis Williams
At the Cross	Laurie Kalamchi
May 13	Jerry Toy
At the Cross	Jerry Toy
At the Lectern	The Collins family
May 20	Mary Alice Bair
May 27	Tod and Yvonne Mitten
At the Cross	Julia Lynch

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

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Please submit your articles for the
June Messenger to the church office by
Thursday, May 10. Thank You.

*The purpose of Richardson Park United Methodist Church is to help people
experience the amazing love of God and develop a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.*