

April 2019



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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.



Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4

We don't have to look or go very far to find people who are dealing with the devastation of grief. As I prayed and asked God how we should respond as a community of faith, the Grief Share Program immediately came to mind.

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was viewed. If you ask anyone who has been through this program about their experience, I'm quite sure they will tell you how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily routines. Too often people, including Christians, tend to stuff their grief instead of allowing it to do the God-given work for which it is intended. Don't allow fear of what others may think to keep you from what could help you. Confidentiality is very much a part of this program.

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, or other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

Grief Share will be held every other Saturday beginning May 11th, 10:00am-12:00pm at Richardson Park. The cost is your time. Any questions, please contact Pastor Carolyn at (302) 654-0961 or pastor@rpumchurch.org Have you experienced the deep grief of losing a loved one to death? Have you learned valuable lessons and experienced healing from the hurt? Would you like to help others do the same? If so, please call the office or email to learn more about the different volunteer opportunities with our new Grief Share Ministry starting in May.

Blessings

Pastor Carolyn

April Birthdays



Dawn Davis	April 1
Paul Weaver	April 2
Robert Boyd	April 8
Edward Rash	April 9
Kelly Gibbons	April 11
Joan Stadelman	April 11
Marie Walker	April 11
Christopher Sutor	April 16
Amber Saienni	April 18
Richard Sutor	April 18
Julie Gibbons	April 19
Kirlynn Phillippe	April 20
Robert Boyd, Jr.	April 21
Katherine Burge	April 22
Robert Collins, Jr.	April 22
Howard Eney	April 23
Kathy Rogers	April 23
Linda Keffer	April 24
Jennifer Swarter	April 24
Trisha Parks	April 25
Harrietann Van Boven	April 26
Shirley Delpizzo	April 27
Debbie Freebery	April 27
Daniel Swain	April 29

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

Grief Share coming to RPUMC.

Pastor Carolyn will be leading a Grief Share program Saturday's 10:00am-12:00pm every two weeks in the church lounge: May 11, May 25, June 8, June 22, July 6, July 20, August 10, August 24, September 7, September 21.

More information will be available in future Messengers.

United Methodist Women

"Spring Garden Tea"

April 13 at 12:30 p.m.

Sold Out!

We have one circle which meets on April 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge. It is a wonderful group of ladies. There is a devotion time, business segment, and social time. We are always excited to welcome new faces! Hope to see you at the meeting!

Unit Meeting

Sunday, April 7 at 10 a.m. in the Lounge

Circle Meeting

Rebekah Circle, Tuesday, April 2
7:00 p.m., Lounge



Altar Flowers - April 2019

April 7` Jim and Cheryl Chilcutt
At the Cross: Carolyn Swain

April 14 Lynn Lafferty
Jerry Toy

April 21 Easter Lilies

April 28 Lynn Lafferty
At the Cross: Carolyn Nafzinger

If you would like to provide flowers for the altar, please contact Ed Ide (302)593-3430 or Sandy Ide (302)593-3395.

Book Club

On March 13th, Book Club was joined by the Rev. Robyn Brown, who led a discussion on her novel, "Ben". It was our largest turnout and Rev. Brown led an inspirational discussion.

Book Club has exciting plans in April. On April 10th, we plan to attend a book signing and author Q&A by "Mudbound" author, Hillary Jordan at 7 PM at the Chase Center. We will meet for dinner at 5:15 PM at Iron Hill Brewery. On May 8, we will meet at the church at 7 PM to discuss "The Next Person You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom. Please join us for these fun-filled events.

Interesting reads we will enjoy in the coming months are "Believe it: my journey of success, failure, and overcoming the odds" by Nick Foles and "The Dog Who Saved Me: A Novel" by Susan Wilson.

Paul Weaver

Bible Study

Fridays from 10 AM to Noon

St. James Episcopal Church

A Journey with Mark. For more information, check with Pastor Carolyn or Clyde Nafzinger.

Missions

- Crafting for a Cause (Scripture Craft)
 - Friday, April 5, 6:00 p.m., Lounge
- UMCOR Project
 - Sunday, August 4, 12 noon, Fellowship Hall

Community Lenten Services Wednesdays at 12:00 p.m.

April 3	Richardson Park UMC
April 10	St. James Episcopal



It's a lot of work getting Pecometh ready for summer! Held this year on April 13th, Volunteer Day is a chance for adults, youth, and kids to come help - all while spending a day of fellowship and enjoying the spring weather.

The work day runs from 8am-4:30pm. In the middle of the day, we'll all take a break from the hard work and enjoy a free cookout lunch at the Picnic Pavilion. Online registration is open now & pre-registration is required. When you register, please give an estimate of the number of adults, youth, and children you will have. Our Director of Facilities, Bud-d Landing, will then contact you to set up your start time and work assignments. Please remember that youth must be supervised by adult leaders at all times. We encourage youth groups to participate, so please be sure to bring enough adult leaders to ensure proper supervision. For more information, and to register, please visit our website at <http://www.pecometh.org/volunteer-day> or by calling 410-556-6900.



Pecometh Summer Camp Registration

We are gearing up for Summer Camp 2019 We know that June will be here before we know it and are ready to fill our Pecometh home with the joy and cheer of our campers once again.

Register your camper for a week at Pecometh. Registration is live and open now! You can search through our program descriptions and dates and rates matrix to help choose the right program and week for you and your camper-sign up to receive the brochure.

For more information, and to register, visit our website at www.pecometh.org/registration or by calling 410-556-6900.

2019 Communion Schedule

Each of you have graciously volunteered to help set up for Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Please reach out to me if you need further explanation or have any questions. You can reach me at my email address: longestar6@aol.com or by calling me at 302-528-1465.

April – Debbie Freebery
May – Janet Hughes
June – Linda Keffer
July – Carol Cathell
August – Carol Cathell
September – Janis Williams
October – Ginger Pettyjohn
November – Sandy Swain
December – Roger Longest



I appreciate all of you for helping with this ministry. Roger Longest

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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Fax.....302-655-7446
Pastor’s Cell Phone.....302-545-3528
Web.....<http://www.rpumchurch.org>
E-mail.....rpumc@rpumchurch.org
E-mail, Pastor.....pastor@rpumchurch.org

Thank You

Dear Family,
Thank you so much for the wonderful luncheon in our honor. We are so blessed to have had a home at RPUMC and will miss all of you dearly. Please keep in touch.

Love,
Tod and Yvonne (Mitten)

251 Midori Way
West Melbourne, FL 32904

Greeters

April 7 Ginger and George Pettyjohn
April 14 Carol Cathell and Donna Chambers
April 21 Janis Williams and Roger Longest
April 28 Shirley Snapp and Alvretta Crosier

Lay Readers

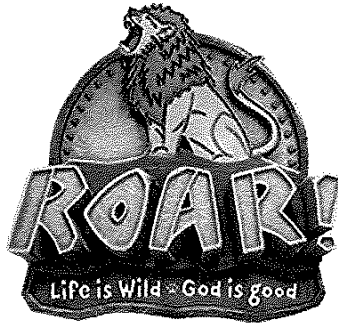
April 7 Sath Amara
April 14 Carol Cathell
April 21 Ed Ide
April 28 Ruth Phillips

April 18 Holy Thursday Brenda Tucker

May Messenger

Please have articles and information for the May Messenger to the church office by Thursday, April. 18.

Email to rpumc@rpumchurch.org.



Vacation Bible School 2019

RICHARDSON PARK UMC & The Wilmington COB

Held at RPUMC ~ Sunday, June 23 – Thursday, June 27

5:30 – 8:30PM

Dinner served each night!

For children ages 3 – 6th Grade!

VBS is Free for all participants!

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY: vbspro.events/p/RPUMCandWCOB

Volunteers can register on the same website!

Please note: All youth in grades 7 – 12 wishing to be an assistant must register online as well.

Scout Sub Sale
Sunday, April 28 after worship

Vacation Bible School Meetings

The first two meetings are just for the smaller group of station leaders and people who might need to order materials!

Here are the meeting dates:

Wednesday – April 3 – 6:30pm

Wednesday – May 1 – 6:30pm

Also for us who are station leaders:

Sunday, May 26 – 12:00pm – VBS full team planning AND SAFE SANCTUARY REVIEW...with LUNCH PROVIDED. Please come as soon as your respective church services have ended. We will eat lunch first and wait for everyone to get there from both churches before we start the meeting.

Saturday, June 22 – 10:00am – Any VBS staff who are able to come help finish decorating and setting up their areas are encouraged to come at this time.

Sunday, June 23 – First day of VBS...all VBS staff should plan to arrive NO LATER than 5:00pm today to ensure we are ready to go when kids arrive. Dinner will begin at 5:30 but kids always come early!

Thank you for volunteering to help with ROAR VBS this summer! It promises to be an exciting event as it is every year and I know God will move in the hearts of the children who attend! Elizabeth M. Warfel, Children's & Youth Ministry Director
Richardson Park United Methodist Church
11 N. Maryland Ave.
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youth@rpumchurch.org

Matsiko World Orphan Choir

Sat., April 6 7:00 PM

Christ the Cornerstone/Elsmere

The Matsiko World Orphan choir will present a FREE concert at Christ the Cornerstone, Elsmere Campus. This superb group of young people will also be sharing arts and crafts from around the world to support their ministry.

Christ the Cornerstone UMC

6 N. Clifton Avenue, Roselle, Wilmington, DE 19805

Please join us in welcoming this amazing choir.

Men's Health Fair

Sat., April 27

10:00AM – Noon

Ezion-Mount Carmel

A panel of doctors and medical specialists will discuss men's health issues and answer questions. Our audience is primarily men seeking knowledge and understanding of the effects of diet, exercise and medication in controlling diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and prostate cancer. The goal is to improve the quality of life through knowledge. There will be health screeners at tables to test blood pressure and blood sugar levels, and health service representatives to discuss their services. Admission is free and refreshments.

Ezion-Mount Carmel United Methodist Church
800 N. Walnut Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Vacation Bible School 2019

RPUMC & The Wilmington COB

Held at RPUMC - Sunday, June 23 – Thursday,
June 27

5:30 – 8:30PM



Will you answer the “CALL OF THE WILD” and serve God this summer as a VBS volunteer?

Register online to volunteer: vbspro.events/p/RPUMCandWCOB

You can email your response to: youth@rpumchurch.org

Or return the bottom portion to Beth Warfel.

Full Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Alternate Phone: _____

Email: _____

(PLEASE PRINT neatly...most communication will happen via email!)

____ Yes, I will volunteer for ROAR VBS, June 23-37, 2019

____ No, I am not available during that time.

____ If something happens and you change the dates to July 14-18, I'm in!

I am willing to serve as a:

____ Group Leader (This job is like being a wilderness guide in pairs!)

____ Station Leader ____ Kitchen Assistant

____ Extra hands wherever needed ____ Decorations



ALTAR EASTER LILIES



If you would like to place a lily on the Altar for Easter, please return this form to the church office by Sunday, April 7. Cost of each plant is \$9.00. Please make your check payable to Richardson Park United Methodist Church and mark “Easter Lilies.”

Number of Plants _____ X \$9.00 = _____

Donor's Name _____

In Memory of _____
(for those not living) _____

In Honor of _____
(for those living) _____

In Memory of _____
and Honor of _____

Check/Amount Enclosed: _____

Shall we deliver your flower to a Church Shut-In? YES ___ NO ___

*Please arrange to pick up your flowers immediately after the Easter worship service if they are not being delivered to a shut-in
Thank you.*

RPUMC Upcoming Children's Ministry Activities

Sunday, April 14, 10:15am – Children will carry Palm Branches into church at 10:30am worship, followed by Children's Church in the Youth Room.

Saturday, April 20 – Family Egg Hunt & Easter Cantata

9:00am – 11:00am – Quick Breakfast, followed by DRESS REHEARSAL for cantata performance with the adult choir.

3:45pm – Children SIGN-IN with Mrs. Beth/Mrs. Marlene for performance, then stay with parents until after the Egg Hunt has ended.

4:00pm – Family Egg Hunt begins, when children are finished, parents should return children to Mrs. Beth/Mrs. Marlene to line up for cantata performance. Children should not be allowed to go to the refreshment area. There will be snacks for children who are performing in the Youth Room upstairs. Families may enjoy refreshments while the choirs get ready for their presentation. The performance will begin shortly after the egg hunt ends, but there is not a SPECIFIC time for things to happen.



OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES:

- The children will sit up in the front of the church during the cantata.
- The children should plan to dress in nicer "Sunday" clothes if possible.
- All children should be SIGNED OUT at the end of the worship service.
- All RPUMC Children who are performing MUST have an adult/guardian accompany them for the egg hunt.

Sunday, April 21, 10:15am – Easter Sunday

Children will gather upstairs as usual for Children's Church but we will then travel downstairs at 10:30am to be a part of the worship service on Easter Sunday morning. We will have a special children's time during worship and then return to the YOUTH ROOM upstairs where we will watch an Easter movie and CELEBRATE THAT JESUS LIVES all together!

ROAR VBS – June 23 – 27, 2019 5:30 – 8:30pm

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY: vbspro.events/p/RPUMCandWCOB

Easter Sunrise Service

6:30 a.m.

St James Episcopal Church

Easter Worship

10:30 a.m.

Richardson Park UMC

Easter Season

RPUMC MUSIC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

The Youth Program and Music Program

Celebration of Easter

Family Afternoon,

on Saturday, April 20 at 4:00 PM.

The “First Celebration of Easter” will begin with a **Family Egg Hunt**, outdoors (unless it’s raining) in the church yard. A special area just for “wee ones” (toddlers to 5 yrs.) will be set aside and the remainder of our church yard will be open to older youth (ages 6-11). Parents are encouraged to hunt with their children (especially the youngest). Then, at 4:30 PM come inside for punch, cookies, and a presentation of our **Easter Musical – “The Cross”** by Robert Lau. This Easter Journey will feature the Chancel Choir and our Sunday School children with opportunities for all to join in singing. Prior to the musical, our RPUMC Praise Ensemble will provide spirit-filled music for the season.



Our Chancel Bells will be performing special music throughout Holy Week, at Palm Sunday – April 14 and also on Easter Sunday – April 21. Their ensemble is a joy to have in worship and they look forward to presenting special music.

And don’t forget to take advantage of God’s “DO-OVER” opportunity offered to all at our Modern Worship Service on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 PM. Need to sleep-in on a Sunday morning? You can catch-up and be enlivened by the Holy Spirit at Contemporary Worship every Sunday afternoon. The coffee is always on and we’re saving a seat just for you!

Anyone, ages 14 and up, is always welcome to join our music program at Richardson Park. If you love to sing and are willing to commit to regular rehearsal attendance, please know you are warmly welcome to try us out. Thursdays at 7:15 PM – we’d love to have you with us! If you are interested in our contemporary worship music team, please email Rob McFarland at robmcfarland05@gmail.com.

*Please join us for a farewell luncheon
for Joan Stadelman
who is moving to Florida.
Sunday, April 7, following
worship, Fellowship Hall*

April 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>1 6:30 PM Girl Scout 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Cub Scouts</p>	<p>2 8 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>3 Lenten Service 12:00 p.m. RPUMC</p>	<p>4 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</p>	<p>5 10 AM Disciple Bible Study – St. James 6:00 PM Crafting for a Cause (Scripture Craft) Lounge</p>	<p>6 Extension Reserved</p>	
<p>7 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10 AM UMW Unit Mtg. 10:30 AM Worship & Children’s Church 11:30 AM Mission Team 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>8 6:30 PM Girl Scout 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Cub Scouts</p>	<p>9 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>10 Lenten Service 12:00 p.m. St. James Episcopal</p>	<p>11 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</p>	<p>12 10 AM Disciple Bible Study – St. James Fellowship Hall reserved - UMW</p>	<p>13 12:30 PM. UMW Spring Fling Tea Fellowship Hall 8:00 AM-4:30 PM Volunteer Day, Camp Pecometh</p>
<p>14 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children’s Church 11:30 AM SPRC Mtg. 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>15 6:30 PM Girl Scout 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Cub Scouts</p>	<p>16 8 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 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</p>	<p>19 Good Friday No Bible Study 12:00 NOON Good Friday Service – Peniel UMC</p> 	<p>20 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary 4:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt 4:30 PM Musical Presentation</p>
<p>21 Easter 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children’s Church 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 6:30 Trustees - Lounge 8 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>26 10 AM NO Bible Study</p>	<p>27 9:00 AM Trustees Garage Clean-Out 12:00 PM Koinonia Lunch – Ext.</p>
<p>28 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children’s Church 11:30 AM Council Mtg. Scout Sub Sale 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship</p>	<p>29 6:30 PM Girl Scout 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Cub Scouts</p>	<p>30 8 PM AA Meeting</p>				