

**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 After the Epiphany**

**January 20, 2019    Human Relations Day                    10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE    "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"    J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING

**\*OPENING HYMN**    "Lift Every Voice and Sing"                    UMH 519

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

**People: Your steadfast love finds us.**

Leader: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

**People: Your steadfast righteousness sustains us.**

Leader: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

**People: Your steadfast presence gives us hope.**

Leader: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

**People: You hear our cries and answer our prayers. Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Prayer**

Lord, open our hearts to the surprising ways in which you offer to us your love and your presence. Help us to truly believe in the wondrous ways that you work in our lives. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN

**The Lectionary**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** from The Old Testament

Isaiah 62:1-5

**Psalms 36:5-10**

UMH 771

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** from The New Testament

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Hymn    "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word"    (vs. 1)

UMH 596

(Please stand and remain standing for the Gospel)

**The Gospel**

John 2:1-12

**Call to Prayer**

"Now the Silence"

UMH 691

**Prayers of the People**

**THE OFFERING**

Offering Scripture: "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

James 1:17

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"On Eagles Wings" – Michael Joncas/arr.M.Hayes

The Chancel Choir

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise God the source of all our gifts!*

*Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!*

*Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**THE MESSAGE** "Gifted For Others"

Pastor Carolyn Williams

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140

\*BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Amen"

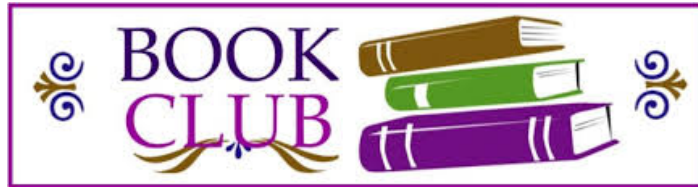
THE CHRIST LIGHT IS TAKEN INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE Improvisation on *FAITHFULNESS*

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and birthday wishes for Loretta and Dick George by Bill & Sherlynn Aurelio.*

*The flowers at the cross this morning are given in memory of Earl Snapp by Shirley Snapp and family.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



At our January meeting, Book Club discussed "Bear Town" by Frederik Backman.

Book Club meeting will be taking a month off in February, but we have exciting plans in the coming months. On March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, we will have the Rev. Robyn Brown lead a Bible Study/Book Club on her novel, "Ben". Here is a link that you can use to purchase her book on Amazon.

[https://www.amazon.com/Ben-Novel-Robyn-S-Brown/dp/1632134306/ref=tmm\\_pap\\_swatch\\_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=](https://www.amazon.com/Ben-Novel-Robyn-S-Brown/dp/1632134306/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=)

And 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. Please join us for these exciting 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 Next Person You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom.

If you see a book that you like or have one to suggest, or if you were just in the mood for lively conversation and good fellowship, please join us at a future meeting. We look forward to seeing you soon.

## **BAGS OF BLESSINGS Volunteer Needed**

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.

## **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – SUNDAY at 4:30pm**

Have you shared the “Good News” about our relaxed, Contemporary Worship Service? Perhaps you have a friend who can’t make it on Sunday mornings but Sunday afternoon at 4:30pm might be perfect, or didn’t feel like getting up yourself? Sunday at 4:30 pm is your “do-over” opportunity, to catch up with the Lord. Invite a friend, or better yet, bring them! Have a cup of coffee or tea, enjoy some spirit-filled music and find a blessing for yourself in the message. We hope to see you and your friends soon!

### **Honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Keeping the Dream Alive**

On Monday, January 21, there will be a special worship service celebrating the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Grace United Methodist Church, 900 N. Washington St., Wilmington. Following the short service, there will be a panel discussion on the topic “How Can We Keep Dr. King’s Dream Alive in 2019?” The service will begin at 9:30am and the panel discussion will continue until 12 noon.

### **OFFICE WORK**

Please keep our office volunteers in your prayers as we work through the absence of Harriet Ann. During this time, Don McFarland is preparing the bulletins for worship services, Brenda Tucker is preparing the February Messenger, and Janet Dickerson is daily handling office duties as required. Please be sure and get appropriate information to these folks so that they can be sure nothing gets “lost in the shuffle.” Thank you!

### **FLOWERS IN FEBRUARY**

If you are interested, we have an opening for Flowers at the Altar on Sunday, February 24. Please let Ed or Sandy Ide, or the Office know if you would like to have memorial flowers on that day.

Due to the inclement weather, worship was cancelled on January 13, 2019. Attendance reports on the back page are for Sunday, Jan. 6, 2019.

## THIS WEEK

### **Sunday, January 20**

9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
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

### **Monday, January 21**

6:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop 392 – Extension
6:30 pm	Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, January 22**

8:00 pm	AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall
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### **Wednesday, January 23**

No events scheduled

### **Thursday, January 24**

11:00 am	Free Lunch Ministry
6:30 pm	Chancel Bells
7:15 pm	Chancel Choir
8:15 pm	AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, January 25**

10:00 am	Disciple Bible Study – Peniel UMC
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### **Saturday, January 26**

No events scheduled

### **Sunday, January 27**

9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
10:00 am	Fellowship Time - Extension
10:30 am	Worship and Children's Church
11:30 am	Church Council – Lounge
4:30 pm	Contemporary Worship – Fellowship Hall



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Clyde, Betty B, All of our Scout Troops., Shirley Delpizzo, Nancy Corrigan, Amanda, Steven & Tonja, Natalie & Hillary, Jean Nichols, Kristi Doughty and family, Robert Shaleen, Kathryn Russell, Cindi Melrath, Jose Espejo & family, JoAnn & Jerry Armstrong, Maddie, Janis & family, Nancy & family, Roger & family, Donna, Jeff & Makena, Dory, Emmett, Casey & Erin, Aunt Maxine, Helen & Wilson, Penny, The Long family, Taiya, Teonya, Kim, Ida, The Harris family, The Graves & Brown family, Harry Williams, Sr., Harry Williams, Jr., Leonard Williams, Sr., Quadaire Sadler, Yvonne Sadler and family, Gloria Williams, James Stewart, Madison Stewart, Sandra Grinnage, Randy, Olivea & Colleen, Gillian Ide & Jim Smith, Barbara Rhea, Wilbert Smith, Nancy Motley, Kathy & Richards Cravey, Valerie, Brianna, Jeremy, Jenn, Sal & Przyntra Family, Ryan, Erin, Daniel, Sarah, Dana, James, Kelliana, Ruth, Sarah and Beth Davis, Louie, Shaun Lovell, Becky & Dave Williams, Elizabeth, Keeth, Pat & Chris Rodenhiser, Brenda Williams, Susan & Ken Malone, Beth & John, Tamson, Veronika, Constantin, Raven, Riley, Ryder, Grant Rogers & family, Houston Rogers & family, Cindi Melrath, Bob Stancavage, Marian Jackson, Melissa & Andy Jackson, Peg & Mickey Hirst and family, All Newborns, Military families everywhere, Philadelphia Police Department, Law Enforcement Safety, travel mercies, Alvretta Crozier, Dot Scarborough, Anna Mae Shewsbury, Scott Deaton, Donald Trump and family, Our Government & Jobs, Cathell Family, Norvell Family, Sisk Family, Krys & Mario, Harriett Ann Van Boven, Betty Swain.

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### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

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**  
**FLOWERS**  
**GREETERS**

Brenda Tucker  
**Please volunteer**  
Alvretta Crozier &  
Marie Walker  
Everyone  
Rev. Carolyn Williams  
Donald H. McFarland  
Kathy A. Rogers  
Emmett Swanson and  
Emma Warfel  
Harriet-Ann van Boven

**MINISTERS**  
**PASTOR**  
**DIRECTOR, MUSIC MINISTRY**  
**LAY LEADER**  
**ACOLYTES**  
  
**SECRETARY**

<b>Worship Attendance 1/6/19</b>	65
<b>Sunday School 1/6/19</b>	10
<b>Contemporary Worship</b>	12

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.