



Richardson Park United Methodist Church
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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.

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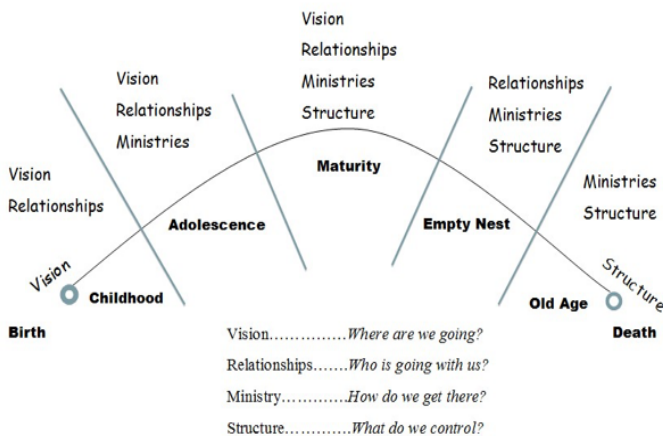


“For surely I know the plans I have for you, the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” *Jeremiah 29:11*

Recently I met with the Director of Connectional Ministry, Rev. Dr. Vicki-Gordy Stith, along with the director of Congregational Development and Strengthening the Black Church, Rev. Lester Justice of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference. During our meeting I received some vital information about the community surrounding the church. As they shared what their reports highlighted, I was amazed. God had already revealed the same thing to me when I prayed and fasted.

In addition, I watched a video titled, “Church Life Cycles” by Art Wiers. Mr. Wiers explained the life cycles of churches by using a chart similar to the one below,

Life Cycle of a Church



The extensive research by a consultant company of 1,000 churches is the basis for the life cycle model.

Mr. Wiers’ chart sights 4 important components of each cycle: Vision, Relationships, Programs, and Management. He stated, “When a church is in decline you don’t need more programs. You need more clarity around a new, clear and compelling vision to pull out of decline. This must be backed by leaders in congregations.”

When a church reaches the adulthood/maturity level, Mr. Weir says it should revisit its vision. In other words, when a church is thriving and the membership is at its peak, a church needs to revisit the vision. A dying church never recovers its’ vision per Mr. Wier. This statement is true if we are depending upon our own wisdom and strength. But when we go to God and yield to God’s plan; not our own, what is perceived as dying will spring forth new life.

In Isaiah 43:19 when the people of Israel were in need of restoration God said, “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? God wants to do a “new thing” at Richardson Park UMC. Do we perceive it?

Over the next few months, I will be sharing info and scheduling meetings so that we can live and not die to proclaim what the Lord has done and is doing. (Psalm 118:17) Change is not easy, but change is necessary. Fear not, for God is with us!

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn

United Methodist Women



Greetings from the Rebekah Circle!! Although we do not meet during the summer, we are still busy! Our members visit shut-ins, make “prayer shawls” and many other activities.

United Methodist Women



CELEBRATING 150 YEARS

July 18-20, 4 members plan to attend “Mission U” at Camp Pecometh. This is a time to share ideas with old friends, meet new UMW members, AND have days filled with classroom study. This year the studies are –

- 1) Spiritual Growth: Gospel of Mark (Radical Discipleship)
- 2) Geographic Study: UMW in Mission (150 years and beyond)

Please keep us in your prayers as we attend these classes. As always, new faces are welcome...come to the September meeting and become a member of this grand group of ladies!!!

Mission News

SAVE THE DATE

UMCOR Project
Sunday, August 4, 12 noon,
Fellowship Hall

CAP Food List

CAP is in need of plastic bags. If you have any plastic bags from grocery shopping, please bring them in, it would be of great help. Also, the following food items are needed for their pantry: small jars of peanut butter and jelly, tuna fish, spaghetti sauce. Thank you.



On June 12, Book Club met at the church at 7:30 PM and discussed “Believe it: my journey of success, failure, and overcoming the odds” by Nick Foles. We enjoyed our discussion.

On July 10, we will meet at the church at 7:00 PM to discuss “The Rent Collector” by Camron Wright. Please join us for an lively conversation and good fellowship.

Interesting reads we will enjoy in the coming months are “The Dog Who Saved Me: A Novel” by Susan Wilson and “Same Kind of Different As Me” by Ron Hall, Denver Moore, Lynn Vincent.

Paul Weaver

Grief Share at RPUMC

Pastor Carolyn will be leading Grief Share a support group that meets bi-weekly. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see the group as an “oasis” on your long journey through grief. Meetings held on
Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

July 6 AND July 20
August 10 AND August 24
September 7 AND September 21
October 6 AND October 19
November 9



Independence Day (colloquial: the Fourth of July) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress had voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2, but it was not declared until July 4.

July Birthdays



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

August Birthdays



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

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



Altar Flowers – July and August

- July 7 Harold Ritter
- July 14 Phyllis Bowman
At the Cross: Shirley Roberts
- July 21 Julia Lynch
At the Cross: Roger Longest
- July 28 Koinonia Class
AND
- August 4 Robert Collins
- August 11 Beth Robinson
- August 18 Debbie Freebery
- August 25 Lynn Laffery
At the Cross: Ginger Pettyjohn

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



Greeters – July and August

- July 7 Marie Walker and Rose Davis
- July 14 Ginger and George Pettyjohn
- July 21 Janet Hughes and Mary Alfaro
- July 28 Debbie Freebery and Beth Davis
AND
- August 4 Charlene Workman and Neal Davis
- August 11 Donna Chambers and Shirl Snapp
- August 18 Rose Davis and Mary Alice Bair
- August 25 Glenda and Anthony Donnelly

Lay Readers

July

- July 7 ~ Rose Davis
- July 14 ~ Janet Hughes
- July 21 ~ Linda Keffer
- July 28 ~ Beth Davis
- August**
- August 4 ~ Dave Rogers
- August 11 ~ Claudia McFarland
- August 18 ~ Kathy Rogers
- August 25 ~ Brenda Tucker



MUSIC NEWS

RPUMC MUSIC – SUMMER 2019

The music program at Richardson Park is now in summer mode – meaning the Chancel Choir will gather on the first Sunday of each of the summer months at 10am to rehearse and prepare an anthem for offering in worship. Those summer Sundays are July 7, August 4, and September 1. Chancel Choir and Chancel Bell rehearsals will begin again in September on Thursday, September 5.

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! And the same goes for Chancel Bells with rehearsals on Thursdays at 6:30 PM. We have room for 3 ringers and would love to welcome you to this wonderful musical experience.

Blessings to all and have a great Summer! Don

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.

- 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



Technology Tips

Protecting your Social Security Number

By: Jim Chilcutt

One of the most common

forms of identity theft is the malicious use of an individual's social security number. Using your name, address, birthday and social security number, a bad actor can open a bank account, obtain a loan, get a home mortgage, cash a counterfeit check and initiate just about any financial transaction they want All using your name.

You should make yourself aware of the risks associated with losing control of your social security number as well as who really does have a right to your number.

When is giving your SSN mandatory:

- Credit applications;
- Cash transactions over 10,000
- When applying for certain federal benefits;
- Military paperwork
- The department of motor vehicles

For just about anything else it's optional. That includes the doctor, the dentist, the drugstore, the school system, airlines and just about anything that is not financial in nature.

If someone asks for your SSN ask why they need it. Listen to the answer. Many times they want it because a form they are filling out asks for it. Doctors will often say the insurance companies need it. Not true. Many insurance companies track policy holders by an account number, not the SSN. Look at your insurance card for a contact number. Call that number and ask if they need SSN to file a claim. They may even be glad to provide a unique identifier to supply to the doctor.

One last thing to consider, it is your responsibility to protect your SSN not anyone else. If you do give it out try to make sure you know who will get the SSN beside the person you give it to. What happens to the hard copy form which has the SSN written on it. Is it destroyed after the SSN is used for the purpose intended? For example, if the ID is to be used for a background check the SSN should be removed from the form and destroyed immediately. If needed again you should be notified of that need and given the opportunity to supply the number or refuse.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

SAVE THE DATE!

Christmas in July

Friday, July 26 - 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Join us for this fun celebration. All children who attended VBS are invited to come back and join the fun. There will be dinner, water games, Christmas carols, Christmas cookies, and lots more fun! We will be taking final donations for our VBS mission project at this event as well.



David Rice is looking for help and assistance for his visual impairment. Duties would include meal preparation; help with shopping and some light housekeeping. No transportation is needed. Please give David a call at (302) 377-2926 to discuss this opportunity in further detail.

Bags of Blessings - Donations Needed

Please donate "single-serve" food items such as granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, 8oz. water bottles, snack crackers, cookies, peanut butter, etc. and zip-lock quart storage bags in support of this important adjunct ministry to our Free Lunch program. Volunteers are needed to fill the Bags of Blessings which are given out at the Free Lunch Ministry on Thursdays. Any questions, please contact Kathy Rogers, Missions Chair.

July 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	2	3 6:30 PM Scout Board Meeting - Lounge	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED The Shoppe CLOSED 11:30 AM Free Lunch 	5	6 The Shoppe at RPUMC- CLOSED TODAY 10 AM Grief Share-Lounge
7 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10 AM Chancel Choir 10 AM UMW Unit Mtg. 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30 AM Mission Team Mtg- 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship	8 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	9 8 PM AA Meeting	10 7:00 PM Book Club - Lounge	11 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	12	13
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Please remember to submit all announcements for the Sunday Bulletin no later than WEDNESDAY BY NOON.

Please submit your articles to the office or via email: rpumc@rpumchurch.org. Thank you! -Jen

August 2019

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The Messenger

July/August, 2019



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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Wednesday, August 21st
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Please remember to bring
food for CAP the first
Sunday of each month



The Shoppe at RPUMC

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