



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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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” *Luke 4:18*

This year Annual Conference takes place May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Chase Center in Wilmington. Our theme is “Proclaim Release.” In case you’ve forgotten or don’t know what happens during Annual Conference, let me give you a breakdown.

Every year lay-delegates and clergy from each church in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference come together to worship, receive reports from the various ministries which serve the whole conference, vote on important issues, celebrate the ordination of fellow clergy, and have a service of remembrance for clergy and clergy spouses who have passed away. Every 4 years the delegates and pastors vote on a slate of laity and clergy who have submitted the proper paper work to be considered as a delegate to General or Jurisdictional Conference. This year we will be voting on delegates to represent the Peninsula Delaware Conference at the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conference.

The General Conference is an international body of nearly 1,000 delegates that generally meets every four years. (There was an exception this year due to the issue at hand, therefore a special session was held in 2019) It is at General Conference where delegates wrestle with today's issues in light of scriptural teachings and the church's understanding of that teaching. Here is where the church's official stands and church policies are made regarding such issues as human sexuality, abortion, war and peace, as well as determination of ministries and funding.

In the United States of America, The United Methodist Church is divided into five areas known as jurisdictions: Northeastern, Southeastern, North Central, South Central and Western. These provide some program and leadership training events to support the annual conferences. Every four years the jurisdictional conferences meet to elect new bishops and select members of general boards and agencies.

So the question is how all of this relates to our theme of “proclaim release.” It’s summed up in the first few words of the scripture, “The Spirit of the Lord.” We must always remember we were created to honor Jesus and His Spirit (the Holy Spirit) that dwells in us. If we keep our eyes on Jesus, and continue to proclaim the good news, the Church will continue to be the Church (The body of Christ.) Our job is to keep building on the foundation. *“According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 3:10-11*

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn

## June Birthdays



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



12 members attended the end of year dessert tea. We received the activities and donations for the past year. Sharing and laughter abounded. What a grand way to end! Of course, plans are in the process for 2019/2020. As always, new faces are welcome...come to the September meeting and become a member of this grand group of ladies!!!



On May 8, the Book Club met at the church and discussed "The Next Person You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom. We enjoyed a lively conversation.

On June 12, we will meet at the church at 7:30pm (please note the change in time) to discuss "Believe it: my journey of success, failure, and overcoming the odds" by Nick Foles. Please join us for an interesting evening and good fellowship.

Interesting reads we will enjoy in the coming months are "The Dog Who Saved Me: A Novel" by Susan Wilson and "The Rent Collector" by Camron Wright. 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.

June 8 AND June 22

July 6 AND July 20

August 10 AND August 24

September 7 AND September 21

## **Mission News**

### ***SAVE THE DATE***

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



### **Thank You**

Dear RPUMC Family,

Thank you all who helped me through a difficult time. The cards, flowers and prayers were very helpful and very much appreciated. Thank you.

Cheryl Chilcut

### **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.

### **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



### **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 June 2, July 7, August 4, and September 1. We have one "special Sunday" and that is June 9 – Pentecost Sunday.

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!

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*Happy Father's Day!!*

*Sunday, June 16, 2019*



**Altar Flowers – June 2019**

- June 2 Fran Tebbutt  
At the Cross: Giner Pettyjohn
- June 9 Rob and Michelle Anderson
- June 16 Alvretta Crozier  
At the Cross: Bob Collins
- June 23 Glenda Donnelly
- June 30 Janet Dickerson

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



**Greeters**

- June 5 Carol Cathell and Richard Beane
- June 9 Donna Chambers and Janis Williams
- June 16 Glenda and Anthony Donnelly
- June 23 Gail and Howard Eney
- June 30 Mary Alfaro and Neal Davis

**Lay Readers**

- June 2 ~ Bob Collins
- June 9 ~ Fran Tebbutt
- June 16 ~ Ryan Warfel
- June 23 ~ Roger Longest
- June 30 ~ Gloria Williams

**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.

- 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



**Pecometh Summer Camp Registration**

We believe that every child should be able to come to camp, which is why we have more options than ever for paying for a week at Pecometh! We have multiple payment options that allow us to keep the cost of summer camp affordable for everyone. Two of our great cost savings come in the form of Camperships and Spain Grants.

Camperships are our version of Scholarships. They are available for campers who need financial support to attend camp. We typically provide a \$150 campership for our week-long, overnight programs and \$50 for mini-camp. A Campership Application is required to be filled out and mailed or e-mailed to our camp registrar, Julie Lutz. **We also encourage you to check with your church or community organization-most are very willing to help send a child to camp.**

The Spain Campership Grant Program is a partnership between Supporting Churches-who underwrite the program financially, Sponsoring Churches-who identify campers and ensure they are equipped and ready for camp, and families that desire for their children to have God-inspired, life changing experiences at Camp Pecometh. A \$150 campership is first applied, and between the sponsoring church and family, the \$50 registration fee is taken care of. The remaining amount of the camp fee is funded by a supporting church who will be recognized in our Pecometh Annual Report.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!



On Sunday, June 9, during worship, we will celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates of 2019.

Kelly L. Reburn graduated from East Carolina University, with a Doctor of Philosophy – Health Psychology. She is the granddaughter of Dave and Sandy Swain.

Stephanie J. Swain graduated from Wilmington University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Dan Swain and the granddaughter of Dave and Sandy Swain.

Blessings to all of you!

### Vacation Bible School Meetings

These meetings are for the station leaders VBS full team planning and safe sanctuary review meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, May 26 has been rescheduled to **Monday, June 3 at 6:30 pm** in the youth room.

**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  
youth@rpumchurch.org

## *Hello Folks!*

It's that time of year again. Vacation Bible School is Sunday, June 23 – Thursday, June 27 and promises to be an exciting one.

As you all are aware, we serve dinner to the attending kids and volunteers each night. To offset the cost of food and supplies, we are asking for the listed items in donations for approximately 75 people:

Perishables (not needed until Sunday, June 23).

- Precooked sausage links/patties
- Precooked French toast sticks
- Tater tots (4 large bags)
- Chicken nuggets (5 large bags or boxes)
- Corn (canned or frozen) institution size cans accepted
- Ground hamburger (15 Pounds)
- 10 packages of hamburger rolls
- Hot dogs (total amount of 120)
- Hot dog rolls (enough for 120)
- Baby carrots (raw–6 bags)
- Milk (6 gallons)
- Butter (4 1-pound blocks)

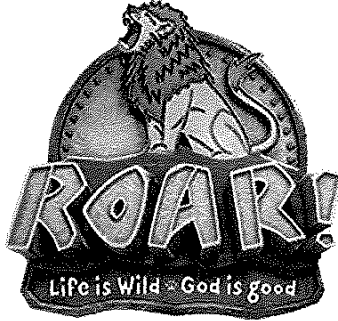
Non-perishables (can be dropped off at the church any time before VBS Sunday).

- Baked beans (8 large cans)
- 5 large bags of chips
- Fruit punches/lemonade/iced tea mixes
- Capri Sun/juice boxes
- Syrup (3 bottles)
- Pickles
- Ranch dressing (3 bottles)
- Assorted cookies
- Premade brownies bites (enough for 100)

Gift cards and/or cash donations are also most welcome and appreciated. They can be given to Janet Dickerson.

If you have any questions or would like to make food donations, please see Linda Keffer or contact her at 444-7371.

Thank you everyone for continually being a generous, faithful congregation and friends of RPUMC.  
Linda Keffer



## 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade!

VBS is Free for all participants!

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY: [vbspro.events/p/RPUMCandWCOB](http://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.*

# June 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC, Parsonage and Annex
<b>2</b> 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	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scout 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 6:30 VBS Team Mtg.-Youth Room	<b>4</b> 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10 AM Grief Share-Lounge
<b>9</b> 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	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scout 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	<b>11</b> 6:30 PM Worship Committee 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>12</b> 7:30 PM Book Club - Lounge	<b>13</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>14 FLAG DAY</b> 	<b>15</b>
<b>16 Father's Day</b> 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10 AM Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30 AM Trustees Mtg. 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship	<b>17</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scout 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	<b>18</b> 8 PM AA Meeting	<b>19 Messenger Deadline</b>	<b>20</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 8:15 PM AA Meeting	<b>21 VBS Setup Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 6 PM Koinonia-Ext. 	<b>22 VBS Setup Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 10 AM Grief Share-Lounge 10 AM VBS Set Up
<b>23 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10 AM Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30 AM Council Mtg. 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship 5 PM First day VBS	<b>24 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 6:30 PM Girl Scout 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 5:30 PM VBS - FH	<b>25 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 5:30 PM VBS - FH	<b>26 Fellowship Hall Reserved</b> 5:30 PM VBS - FH	<b>27</b> 9 AM The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30 AM Free Lunch 5:30 PM VBS	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9 AM Adult Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship 10 AM Choir 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship-Lawn (Setup 3-6PM)	<p>The deadline for your July/August Messenger is: <u>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19</u>. Please remember to submit all announcements for the Sunday Bulletin no later than <u>WEDNESDAY BY NOON</u>. Please submit your articles to the office or via email: <a href="mailto:rpumc@rpumchurch.org">rpumc@rpumchurch.org</a>. Thank you! -Jen</p>					

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Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Boyce

# The Messenger

June, 2019



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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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Deadline for your  
July/August  
Messenger is:  
Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Thank you.



Please remember to bring  
food for CAP the first  
Sunday of each month



### ***The Shoppe at RPUMC***

The Shoppe at RPUMC is open for browsing and shopping every Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM. The Shoppe also will be open the first Saturday of JUNE, along with sales in the parsonage and annex. Stop in and look for some special treasures for you, your family or friends.

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