

**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**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 26, 2019**

**10:30 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/GREETING

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

UMH 103

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God’s love!

**People: In God’s eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.**

Leader: In God’s eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

**People: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!**

Leader: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

**People: Praise be to God. AMEN!**

**Opening Prayer**

How magnificent the sight must be! The vision of John proclaims a crystal river flowing from God’s throne, comforting light, peace and hope for all God’s people. Darkness is vanquished. Open our eyes and our hearts to catch a glimpse of this vision. Help us to place our trust in you, that we may faithfully serve you, knowing what awaits our eyes in glory. AMEN.

**The Lectionary**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Acts 16:9-15

**Psalm 67**

UMH 791

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5

Hymn

“Glory Be to the Father”

UMH 70

**The Gospel**

John 14:23-29

**CALL TO PRAYER**

“Lead Me, Lord”

UMH 473

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

UMH 895

## **THE OFFERING**

Offering Scripture: “He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?” Romans 8:32

**Offertory Hymn** “For the Fruits of This Creation” UMH 97  
(Please join The Chancel Choir in singing)

\*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!*

**THE MESSAGE** “I Want To Go Home” Pastor Carolyn Williams

\*CLOSING HYMN “Shall We Gather at the River” UMH 723

\*BLESSING

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Amen”

THE CHRIST LIGHT IS TAKEN INTO THE WORLD

POSTLUDE *HANSON PLACE*

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of George Philippe Provost by J. Tod and Yvonne P. Mitten.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

On May 8, Book Club met at the church at 7 pm 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 7:30 pm (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. We look forward to seeing you.

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.

## 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.

## VBS - DONATIONS NEEDED

It’s that time of year again. Vacation Bible School is right around the corner 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 items in donations for approximately 75 people. Perishables (not needed until Sunday, June 23, and Non-perishables (can be dropped off at the church any time before VBS Sunday).

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

## GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share is 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. The next meeting is being held on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> “Challenges of Grief”

## FREE LUNCH THURSDAY

Due to a health issue, Bob Evely is currently unable to coordinate “Free Lunch Thursday.” In order to keep this vital ministry going we are in need of support from the congregation. If you can help or know anyone who can help, the following volunteer support is needed:

Coordination of weekly meals; purchasing items needed weekly (budget is available); food prep on Wednesday’s; and dessert donations.

For additional information, please see Sandy Ide



**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, 654-0961 or rpumc@rpumchurch.org. Please include the name and location of the school, plus the diploma or degree they will receive. These very special people and their accomplishments will be recognized at our June 9 Worship Service.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – MEETING RESCHEDULED**

VBS full team planning and Safe Sanctuary Review meeting originally scheduled for this Sunday, May 26 has been rescheduled to Monday, June 3 – 6:30 pm in the youth room. 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! -Beth

**CAP**

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.



**Father's Day Recognition**

This year on Father's Day, June 16, RPUMC will honor our fathers and other important men in our lives by raising money for Boy Scout Troop 339 and Cup 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 2. Your special person will be honored in our June 16 Worship Bulletin.

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**Special Father's Day Campaign**

I/we \_\_\_\_\_  
honor the following men:

In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount of Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **THIS WEEK**

### **Sunday, May 26**

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

### **Monday, May 27**

6:30 pm Girl Scouts – Extension  
6:30 pm Boy & Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, May 28**

8:00 pm AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, May 29**

No events scheduled

### **Thursday, May 30**

9:00 am-1:00 pm The Shoppe at RPUMC  
11:30 am Free Lunch Ministry  
8:15 pm AA Meeting – Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, May 31**

6:00 pm “Crafting for a Cause” Scripture Craft Missions Team with dinner

### **Saturday June 1**

No events scheduled

### **Sunday, June 2**

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



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Dave Rice, Joan Stadelman, Barbara Sayles, JoAnn and Sam Guidry, Joe Tucker, Jerry Toy, Charlene Workman, Jerry and Mike Paoli and families, Colleen, Randy, Olivia and Gillian Ide, Gregg, Joy and Abbi Ide, Shirley Davis, Beca Baird, James Baird, Kim, John, Nick and John III Sagrati, Tyler and Becky Heatwole and Niko, Allie Heatwole, Al, Rob and Liz Heatwole, John Sagrati Sr., homeless animals, Amy Gould and family, Sister Morgan, Connie Pondok, Sean Short and Kim and baby Dakota, Jessica Etter and family, Felicia Etter and family, Ed Ide, Janis and family, Nancy and family, Roger and family, Donna, Jeff and Makena, Dory Emmett, Casey and Erin, Helen and Wilson, Aunt Maxine, Penny, Kay & Gab White, Cathell Family, Sisk Family, Norvell Family, Jessica Martin, Kim Wolfe, Alvretta Crozier, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Dot Scarborough, Scott Deaton and family, Elizabeth Keeth, Pat Rodenhiser, Brenda Williams, Susan & Ken Malone, Beth & John, Donald & Marian Jackson, Tamson & Veronicka & Constantin & Raven & Riley & Ryder, First Responders, Doctors & Nurses, Bob Evely, Alvretta Crozier, Jackson Family, All affected by tornadoes & storms & floods, the Elderly, Newborns & Children, Military Families everywhere, Clyde, Sandra, Gus & Carol, Barbara & Bob, Carole, Sam & Jim, Samantha & Leo, Stephen, Donald Jackson, Jacket Leaning, Richard Leaning, Alan Leaning, Jay Leaning, Andrew Leaning and relatives, Dave Swain, Linda Anderson, Rob Anderson, Jerry Paoli, RPUMC vision & growth, Jim Smith, Barbara Rhea, Wilbert Smith, Kathy & Richard Cravey, Sal, Valerie, Jeremy, Jenn, Lovedy, Danny, Norwell Family, Cathell Family Przywara Family & Matt & Sam, Doug Kile, Ron Case, Jeni Weaver, Frank Shannon & Evan Shaffer, Kyle, Zach & Marlee Shaffer, Tracy and London, Ashley, Corey Weaver, Anne Lachenmayer, Karen, Diane, Gail, Greg, Ellen & Anne, Keith Bob, Cheryl, Scott & Dave, Richard & Susan, Jen & Brian, Millie Bradshaw.

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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 (Delivery)**

**GREETERS**

**MINISTERS**

**PASTOR**

**DIRECTOR, MUSIC MINISTRY**

**LAY LEADER**

**ACOLYTES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

David Dillman

**Please volunteer**

Debbie Freebery &

Beth Davis

Everyone

Rev. Carolyn Williams

Donald H. McFarland

Kathy A. Rogers

Emmett Swanson and

Emma Warfel

Jennifer Boyce

**Worship Attendance 5/2/19**

**51**

**Sunday School**

**6**

**Contemporary Worship**

**7**

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.