



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Written by Rev. Carolyn Williams

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:30-31

Entering the New Year with a right attitude means everything. In spite of what we faced last year, the New Year is filled with hope. As Isaiah the prophet declared, we cannot grow weary. I found this poem and I pray it encourages you to soar in the New Year.

Recipe for a Happy New Year
Author Anonymous

Take twelve fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past--have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole bath at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal part of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor for rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing--don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution. Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

May the coming year bring be an amazing year as we look to the Lord for renewed strength.

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn

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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

January has arrived- it's 2021! I wish all of you a healthy and safe New Year. The following is a quote by Albert Schweitzer, "The purpose of human life is to serve and show compassion and the will to help others". The congregation of RPUMC certainly has demonstrated this quote!

1. Christmas cards (over 205) for nursing/retirement homes. These were delivered and gratefully accepted at 3 facilities.

2. The challenge to "Fill the Box for Friendship House" was a great success! You gave so graciously that over two boxes were delivered. Thank you, Thank you!

Now, there is a box in the back of the sanctuary. Get ready, though- a box will appear for cards on January 17. This will be for Valentine's Day. Delivery will be made the week of February 7.

Bible readings to warm your spirit: 1 John 5:16 and Leviticus 25:15-22

Blessings from Marlene

BAGS OF BLESSINGS

DONATIONS NEEDED

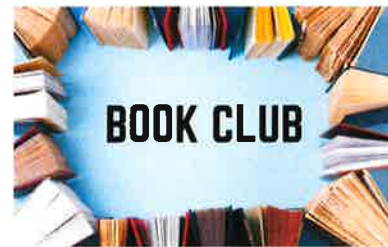
Please donate "single-served" food items such as granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, 16 oz. water bottles, snack crackers, cookies, peanut butter, etc. and zip-lock quart storage bags in support of this important adjunct ministry to our Free Lunch program. Volunteers are needed to fill the Bags of Blessings which are given out at the Free Lunch Ministry on Thursdays. Any questions, please contact Kathy Rogers, Missions Chair

FREE LUNCH MINISTRY

BY JOE TUCKER

Free Lunch program is continuing every Thursday 11:30 am to 12:30 pm with a grab-n-go lunch. We deliver a hot lunch in a take-out container at the main door of the church. Each person also receives a bag of crackers, power bars, a bottle of water, cup of pudding, etc. Our group of dedicated volunteers work Wednesday morning preparing food and 'bags of blessings' to hand out on Thursday morning. We are averaging about 50 meals a week. Contributions of items are always accepted. Some church members pick up meals and deliver them to family and elderly neighbors. Thank you to all volunteers who help on Wednesday and Thursday to prepare and serve free lunch!!

Thank you. Joe



BY PAUL WEAVER

On Wednesday, January 13, we will meet at 7:00 pm on Zoom to chat and have lively conversations and good fellowship.

Coming attractions will include "Moloka'I", by Alan Brennert and "I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives" - by Martin Ganda. And we are holding our copies of the second book in Rev. Robyn Brown's trilogy, "SAM. A Ghost Story" in hopes that we can have her join us at the church in the not too distant future. Rev. Brown's visit to RPUMC to discuss "Ben" was a book club highlight, and we are hoping that (in time), she will be able to join us again.

While we would love to be together, our Zoom meeting has been a good alternative. It was a delight to see friends we had not seen in a while. If you like to read, a book a month is not too tough. And if you don't finish in time, just jump on with your friends for the chitchat that always follows discussion of the book.

Thank you. Paul

GRIEF SHARE

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM
STARTING OCTOBER 7TH

zoom

SESSION 1 - 10/7/20	SESSION 8 - 04/7/21
SESSION 2 - 11/4/20	SESSION 9 - 05/5/21
SESSION 3 - 12/2/20	SESSION 10 - 06/2/21
SESSION 4 - 12/16/20	SESSION 11 - 07/7/21
SESSION 5 - 01/6/21	SESSION 12 - 08/4/21
SESSION 6 - 02/3/21	SESSION 13 - 09/8/21
SESSION 7 - 03/3/21	

SIGN-UP TODAY!! <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/126159>

www.griefshare.org





ONLINE GIVING - TITHES & OFFERINGS

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE

Hello RPUMC Family!

We are pleased to announce that **ONLINE GIVING** is **NOW Available!** During this time of social distancing and quarantine, you can still support the work and ministry of Richardson Park UMC through your tithes and offerings by either sending them in the mail or now by giving online through our website!

(Click the "GIVING" tab on our website).

www.rpumchurch.org/html/giving.html

TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JIM CHILCUTT

Where's your data? and How to Back it Up

This month's tech tip is about how to figure out where your data is and how to back it up.

The first thing you need to be aware of is the contents of the hard drive are divided into two main parts. Part one is the operating system. This is the part that makes everything work. Part two is your information. Information is all the stuff that you store on the computer like email, documents, photos and whatever else you really do not want to lose. .

To save your data you need an external storage device. This can be a lot of different things, but I prefer to use a flash drive or external disk drive. Both these mediums are very portable and can be carried with the computer. the flash drive or external disk drive should be able to store all your data. If you are saving documents a 64GB flash drive is probably big enough. Photos take a lot of disk space so you should use an external drive that can store at least 1TB of data. Any salesperson at Staples or Best Buy should understand the sizes. I also use Amazon a lot.

Both the flash drive and external drive should be USB 3.0 capable. USB 2.0 is too slow.

If you use default storage locations your data will be easy to find with File Explorer or finder on a Mac. By default, Apple and Windows put stuff in easy to find locations. Documents are in a folder named "documents", pictures are usually in "photos", etc. To copy your files first plug in the preferred storage device. Then use file explorer, select the folder you want and drag it to the drive containing the external storage.

Future topics:

- How to find and use file explorer or finder;
- How to search for files;
- How to navigate the files on Windows or a Mac;
- How to drag a folder from one drive to another;

If there is a special topic you want to see just send a note to rpumc@rpumchurch.org

More on how to protect your data next month.

Thank you. Jim

**Peniel Soup Kitchen
Will be Reopening
September 18, 2020
10:30 to 12:30—Every Friday**

Pick Up Free Lunch—Goodie Bag For All

Looking forward to seeing all of our friends again.
Please come everyone.



WELCOME!





ALTAR FLOWER ORDERS!

Please remember that if you would like to dedicate altar flowers "In Honor of" or "In Loving Memory of" a loved one, please submit your order and donation to the church office at least one week before.

Thank you.






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December 28, 2020

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the support and kindness that you have blessed me with throughout the year. 2020 had truly been a challenge in so many ways but we have been creative and focused and, I believe, musically successful. Facebook report of views of our LIVE streamed services showed that in the month between November 25 and December 26 we reached 807 people. (They didn't watch everything all the way through, but they did stop on our page long enough to be counted!) We thank God for this new way to share God's love in the 21st century.

Most especially, I thank you for the love you shared with me through the Christmas gift I received. I am grateful for your remembrance in this generous way.

My prayer is that God will continue to bless our Richardson Park Church family in the coming year and that we can return to a "fuller expression" of worship through music in 2021.

Peace and New Year's Blessing to you all!

Sincerely,
Don

Donald H. McFarland
Director of Music/Organist

ALTAR FLOWERS

Dec. 6—Richard Locke
Dec. 13—Dennis & Marlene Johnson
Dec. 20—Poinsettias
Dec. 27—Anna Mae Shewbrooks
—Sandy Ide

GREETERS

Neal Davis

LAY READERS

To be announced



January Birthdays




Michael Coverdale January 2
 David Swain January 2
 Karen Collins January 3
 Paigely Boyd January 4
 Gabriel Klingler January 4
 Harold Spedden January 4
 Wendy Walls January 5
 Donald Pasmore January 6
 Lee Powell January 8
 Cynthia Beane January 11
 Joseph Watkins January 12
 Dillion Keffer January 14
 Julie Oakley January 15
 Hunter Saunders January 15
 Kiersten Hughart January 16



Gail Cooke January 17
 Ginger Pettyjohn January 17
 Emmanuel Lee January 18
 Kenneth Saunders January 18
 David Goss January 19
 Jerry Paoli January 19
 Ruth Phillips January 19
 Anthony Donnelly January 20
 Kristi Doughty January 23
 Jennifer Fitzgerald January 31

Note: If your name is not listed on our birthday list, please call the church office.

JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*The Shoppe at RPUMC - CLOSED until February 18th					1 New Year's Day 2021	2
3 10 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30 AM - Missions Mtg. - Lounge 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship	4	5	6 6:30 PM - Scout Board Mtg. - Lounge	7 11:30 AM Free Lunch	8	9
10 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30 AM SPRC Mtg. - Lounge 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship	11	12	13 7:00 PM - Book Club - Zoom	14 11:30 AM Free Lunch	15	16
17 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30 AM Trustee Mtg. - Lounge 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship	18 Martin Luther King Jr., Day	19	20	21 11:30 AM Free Lunch	22  Messenger Deadline Articles Due	23
24 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30 AM Council Mtg. - Lounge 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship	25	26	27	28 11:30 AM Free Lunch	29	30
31 10:30 AM Worship & Children's Church 4:30 PM Contemporary Worship	31	The deadline for your February Messenger is: <u>FRIDAY, JANUARY 22</u> . Please remember to submit all announcements for the Sunday Bulletin no later than <u>WEDNESDAY</u> . Please submit your articles to the office or via email: rpumc@rpumchurch.org. Thank you! -Jen				



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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.

The Shoppe at RPUMC
The Shoppe at RPUMC will be closed from December 18th through February 17th and will reopen on Thursday, February 18th. Thank you.

Have a wonderful Holiday season!!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT MISSIONS/OUTREACH

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