



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Written by Rev. Carolyn Williams

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

When we look closely at this scripture, Jesus is charging the 11 disciples with the responsibility of going into the world and seeking opportunities to create new disciples. Summer is gone and fall is drawing close. September is the month we celebrate "Back to Church Sunday." This year we will be celebrating on Sunday, September 26th. If weather permits, we will celebrate outside in the afternoon. Back to Church Sunday is an excellent opportunity to reach out to friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers.

Back to Church Sunday will be celebrated nationally the week before but that doesn't mean God can't use September 26th to draw people together in unity. I was listening to a sermon by a pastor who said these words, "The world is our altar. God is not just watching how we show up in church building. God is watching how we show up in the world." John Wesley made the same statement with these words, "The world is our parish."

Back to Church Sunday is an opportunity for everyone to do what John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement declared. Wesley said, "I look upon all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, that, in whatever part of it I am, [it is my] duty to declare unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of salvation. This is the work which I know God has called me to; and sure I am that his blessing attends it." (from Wesley's journal entry on 11 June 1739).

Wherever you are, in person or online, it's an opportunity to reach out to someone and invite them to know the joy of your salvation. Let's give God our best efforts and He will do the rest!

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

Greetings!!

It is September and I am anxiously awaiting Sunday, September 12th. Following the worship service, I do hope to greet many of you in the Extension for a 30-45 minute informational get-together. Come find out what a small group of faith-driven women do!

Our "Books for Children" project has blossomed. Thanks to donations from many of you, I am able to give Cassandra King about 10 books a week to replenish our "Book for you" area at the Elsmere Laundromat. The manager has provided a child-sized chair and it is being used! The location has proved beneficial to the children who do not have an opportunity to go to the library. Thank you again for supporting this wonderful mission.

What adventures are in the future for the UMW? Faith, Hope, Love in Action. There will be a project or two in the near future!

Have a wonderful September!

Now your assignment: Read Psalm 136:1 and Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Blessings for a wonderful August!
Marlene

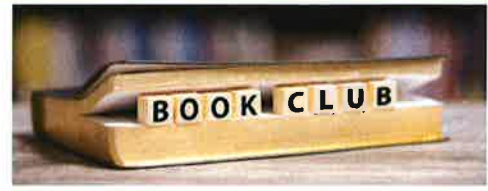
BAGS OF BLESSINGS

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 gallon sized 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



Sunday, September 12



BY PAUL WEAVER

On Thursday, August 12, we met at 7 pm in the lounge to discuss "The Four Winds", by Kristin Hannah". We had a very interesting discussion about the book.

During the next month, we will read "In a Book Club Far Away" by Tif Marcelo. All are invited to read the book and join us on Friday, September 10th at 7 pm in the lounge at RPUMC. Expect lively conversation and good fellowship.

September begins our move to the second Friday of the month for our meetings.

We have been 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. 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. Coming attractions will include "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig. In addition, on October 22, 2021, at 7 pm we will visit the Chase Center to hear Min Jin Lee speak, after dinner at Iron Hill Brewery @ 5 pm. Min Jin Lee is the author of "Pachinko" and her talk was originally planned for last April.

Thank you. Paul

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. Currently, Free Lunch is in need of gallon storage bags at this time.

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



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESTARTS ON 9/19/21

BY KATHY ROGERS

The Wesley Adult Bible Study Class will be restarting on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the church lounge beginning September 19, 2021. Currently, we follow the Cokesbury Adult Bible Studies program which includes a Teacher's Guide, Student Guides and a DVD with short videos for each lesson. This format allows for the Facilitator to direct the weekly learning using mixed media and also provides opportunity for interesting group discussion, all in about 1 hour! For now, Kathy Rogers will act as the facilitator each Sunday morning. If you are interested in learning more about the Bible and participating either as a facilitator or student, please contact the church office and provide your name and contact information or plan to meet in the lounge on 9/19/21 at 9 am. We hope to see you there!



MEMORIAL TREE

BY GLENDA DONNELLY

Thanks to the great work of the Trustees and the BMG, we have a beautiful Memorial Tree to recognize all our loved families and friends who have passed.

Take a moment and stop by the Extension and see the Memorial Tree. If you are interested in adding a loved one's name to the Memorial Tree, there are forms located on the table near the Tree. Any questions, please contact Glenda Donnelly a call on (302) 998-5047 or call the Church Office.

Thank you. Glenda

The exciting quest at the 2021 VBS "Knights of North Castle"



VBS



August 20-22

faith



Ready to read from the King's Book and search for the Great Armor!

Knights of North Castle VBS Day 2 - headed to Arts & Crafts to make the Breastplate of Justice!!

salvation

PEACE





MUSIC NEWS

BY DON MCFARLAND

With great joy I say to all "Welcome Back!" I so look forward to our 2021-22 Music Season and to seeing more of our church family together on Sundays and at special occasions.

Everyone who previously participated in our music programs, Chancel Choir and/or Chancel Bells will be receiving a letter from me asking you for a "commitment" to participate in those programs going forward. Some of you have indicated that you will not be able to return and some have said "I'll be there." In order to effectively plan for the year, I am asking everyone to give me a "final answer" so that we can hit the ground running in September. You can email me at music@rpumchurch.org or text or telephone me at 302-427-8465, but if you get my letter, please give me your answer.

Regular Chancel Bells & Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 9, with Bells from 6:30 – 7:15 PM and Choir from 7:15 – 8:30 PM.

Ernie and Jason Couch will return for a Revival Concert on November 21, 2021. Put it on your calendar now! Plans are set for a Multi-Generational (kids and adults) Presentation of "Behind The Manger" (scenes) for Advent IV. More information to come.

Peach and joy to All!
Don



TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JIM CHILCUTT

How to monitor your home network?

The first utility I used to monitor any network is called "Fing". It is available for Android (google play), Apple (app store), windows and MacOS (from the Fing web site).

Simply download/install the app on your device and have it scan for devices. I like the mobile device options better. There is less overhead. Your device must be connected to the network you want to monitor. When run Fing uses your current IP address to do its scan. It will test every device on your network and try to identify what types of devices they are.

The app is free with in app purchases. There should be no need to purchase anything.

If you decide to try Fing keep in mind the following:

- If asked you are a consumer not a business.
- You should no need an account.
- You may be surprised how much is on your network.

The link to the Fing web site is: <http://www.fing.com>

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

Thank you,
Jim

Christiana Care Again Allowing Visitation

For Clergy and laity visiting patients at the 3 Christiana Care hospitals, the facilities are open again.

- Hospitalized patients at Cecil, Newark and Wilmington campuses who do not have COVID-19, or are not suspected of having COVID-19, may now have visitors between 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM.
- Support persons may accompany patients to appointments at ambulatory locations.
- All visitors will continue to be screened for COVID-19 and will be masked while in our facilities, even if they are vaccinated.
- Visitors may not stay overnight.
- Visitation at our hospitals is limited to those five years of age and older.
- Patients in Labor & Delivery may have two visitors, plus a doula if they wish.



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

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!



OFFICIAL DE COVID-19 WEBSITE

coronavirus.de.gov

The website will provide you with information and updates on a regular basis. Find out where you can get vaccinated, and answers to frequently asked questions. Questions about the vaccine? Contact the Division of Public Health Vaccine Call Center at 1-833-643-1715. The call center is open from 8:30 am-4:30 pm, M-F, and 10 am-4 pm on Saturday. Or email Vaccine@delaware.gov

General questions about coronavirus? Call 2-1-1 or for people who are deaf or hard of hearing, please text your ZIP code to 898-211. For those with specific health-related questions, email DPHCall@delaware.gov

GRIEF SHARE

GRIEF RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

 **WEDNESDAY AT 7:00 PM**
STARTING OCTOBER 7TH

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 - 01/16/21	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

Lunch & Learn

Every Thursday 12:30pm-1:00pm
March - December

Delaware Hospice and Honoring Choices® Delaware have teamed up to launch our virtual informational Lunch & Learn series featuring speakers from Delaware Hospice, Honoring Choices® Delaware, and community experts on a variety of topics. Lunch & Learns are **free** conversations.

For additional information and registration please visit www.delawarehospice.org/events

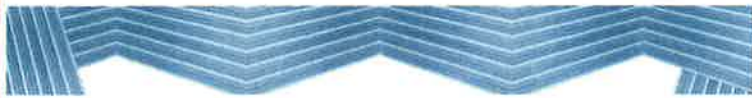


2021 LUNCH & LEARN



Delaware Hospice staff is here to help and support you.
Call 800-838-9800

Thank you!



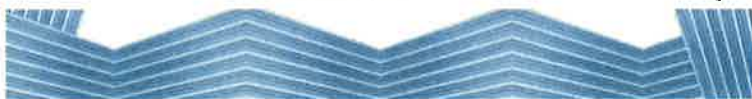
*Thank you sincerely for
your kind expression of sympathy*

It was deeply appreciated

9/2/21

Sandy + Church family,
Thanks so much for all of
you efforts + for all of your
kind sentiments + for allowing
us to host our lunch in the
church hall. My mom would
want the enclosed donation
to go to the church.

Sincerely,
Linda Prior + Frank Pugh



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Did you ever wonder how the info we see on the screen gets there every week? Have you ever wondered if there was training to learn how to use the software? If you are looking for a place to volunteer on Sunday morning please join us and receive training on "Easy Worship." This program is vital to the worship service weekly and we need volunteers who are willing to give one week a month. If that's you, on Thursday September 16th at 10:00 am Rob McFarland, our contemporary worship director, has graciously volunteered to train anyone willing to learn. Please call the office and let Jennifer know you are interested. By the way if you forget to call, just show up at the church on September 16th. Thank you.

The Shoppe at RPUMC

The Shoppe at RPUMC is open for shopping in the afternoons and by appointment only on Thursdays. Give Sandy a call (302) 593-3395
Schedule your appointment today!!

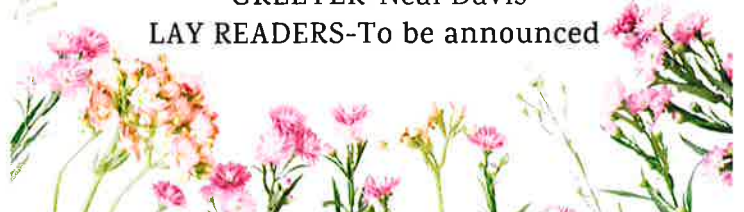


ALTAR FLOWERS

- September 5-Ed Ide
-Beth Robinson
- September 12-Sath Amara
-Cherie Krebs
- September 19-Sandy Ide
-At Cross: Barbara Sayles
- September 26-Joe and Brenda Tucker

GREETER-Neal Davis

LAY READERS-To be announced



September Birthdays

James Durkee September 1
 Tyler Hughart September 2
 Jean VanVliet September 4
 Ed Ide September 6
 Maggie Painter September 6
 Bob Gamble September 7
 Richard Locke September 7
 Molly Mucha September 7
 Madison Mucha September 10
 Mary Alfaro September 11
 Richard Allen September 11
 Sami Davidson September 12
 Norma Allen September 13
 Karen Davis September 15



Trish Earvase September 15
 Annette Ott September 16
 Jessica Saunders September 16
 Carolyn Williams September 16
 Sharon Wright September 19
 Mark Cummings September 20
 George Przybylski September 20
 Marlene Johnson September 20
 Andrew Opalach September 22
 Alexandria Caldora September 22
 Alex Przybylski September 24
 Pat Cummings September 25
 Amy Przywara September 27

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

September 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30PM Scout Board Mtg. - Lounge	2 9:00AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch The Shoppe CLOSED today	3	4
5 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:45AM Missions Mtg. - Lounge 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	6 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 	7	8 7:00PM Grief Share - Zoom	9 9:00AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch The Shoppe at RPUMC Open for Afternoon Appointments Only 6:30PM Chancel Bells 7:15PM Choir	10 7:00PM Book Club - Lounge	11 Patriot Day 
12 Grandparents' Day 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM UMW Mtg. - Ext. 11:30AM SPRC Mtg. - Lounge 11:30AM Circle - Ext. 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	13	14	15	16 9:00AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch The Shoppe at RPUMC Open for Afternoon Appointments Only 6:30PM Chancel Bells 7:15PM Choir	17 7:00PM Koininia - Ext.  Messenger Deadline Articles Due	18
19 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM Trustees Mtg. - Lounge 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn 	23 9:00AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch The Shoppe at RPUMC Open for Afternoon Appointments Only 6:30PM Chancel Bells 7:15PM Choir	24	25
26 Back to Church 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM Council Mtg. - Lounge 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	27	28	29	30 9:00AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch The Shoppe at RPUMC Open for Afternoon Appointments Only 6:30PM Chancel Bells 7:15PM Choir	Deadline for September Messenger: <u>FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17</u> . 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@rpmchurch.org . Thank you! -Jen	

The Shoppe at RPUMC, Parsonage and Annex will be **OPEN** by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Sandy (302-593-3395) to schedule your shopping visit.



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In-Person and Live Streaming Sunday Worship Services at the following sites:

rpumchurch.org/html/streaming_service.html and/or
Facebook at: facebook.com/rpumchurch

Sunday School.....9:00 A.M.
Worship and Children's Church.....10:30 A.M.
Contemporary Worship.....4:30 P.M.



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.

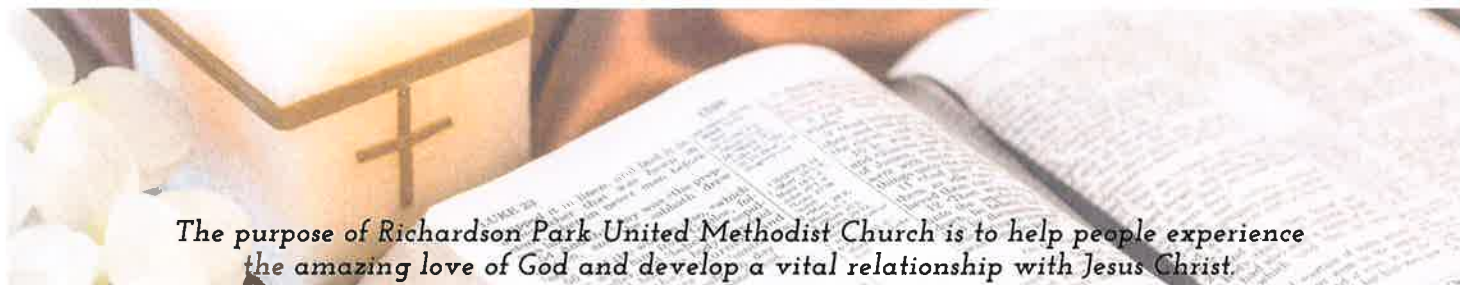
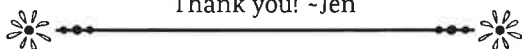
Thank you.





Please have articles and information for the October Messenger to the church office by Friday, September 17th. Remember to submit all announcements for the Sunday Bulletin no later than Wednesday. Email to: rpumc@rpumchurch.org

Thank you! -Jen



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.