

Richardson Park United Methodist Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost – Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: “Prelude on Converse” – Raymond H. Haan (2017)

Welcome & Greeting each other in Peace

***OPENING HYMN:** “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Omit vs. 6) UMH 57

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: We gather here to worship God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

People: We gather surrounded by God’s Holy Spirit, who encourages us to walk faithfully with Christ.

Leader: Praise be to God, whose goodness and mercy fill our days.

People: Praise be to God, whose ways lead to peace and justice.

*OPENING PRAYER:

God of abundant life, you want the best for your people around the globe. You bring healing, wholeness, and new life to all your children. On this day, may our eyes be open to the presence of Christ in one another. May our ears be open to the needs of our community. May our hands be open to serve the forgotten. And may our hearts be open to receive your Holy Spirit along this journey of faith. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

The Lectionary

1st Reading – Proverbs 22:1, 8-9, 22-23

2nd Reading – James 2:1-17

GRADUAL HYMN: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” UMH 526
(Please stand, and you are able, remain standing for the reading of the Gospel)

***GOSPEL:** Mark 7:24-37 Rev. Carolyn Williams

THE MESSAGE: “Feed Me The Crumbs” Rev. Carolyn Williams

OFFERTORY ORGAN VOLUNTARY: “Meditation” – Arthur Foote (1853-1937)

Presentation of Gifts: *Doxology UMH 94

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

CLOSING HYMN: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” UMH 664

POSTLUDE: Improvisation on *The Ash Grove*

Let us depart in joy and take Christ to all!

*Please stand as you are able at these points in the service.

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my dad and mother
by Ed Ide.*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Jean VanVliet’s
95th birthday from Beth Robinson and Laurie Kalamchi.*

Announcements & Events

Book Club – On Thursday, August 12, we met at 7pm 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. Starting in September, we plan to move our meetings to the second Friday of the month. 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. Look for additional communication. Coming attractions will include “In a Book Club Far Away” by Tif Marcelo and “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. Min Jin Lee is the author of “Pachinko” and her talk was originally planned for last April. Thanks, Paul

Free Lunch – Free Lunch program is continuing every Thursday 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. We prepare a hot lunch in a take-out container at the main door of the church. Each person also receives a ‘bag of blessings’. Our group of dedicated volunteers work on Wednesday mornings preparing food and the ‘bags of blessings’ to hand out.

We are averaging about 60 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 for your contributions. ~Joe Tucker

Grief Share – COVID 19 has interrupted the way we do things in the church, but it has no power to interrupt how we are called to be the Church. RPUMC partnered with Mt. Pisgah to provide “*Grief Share*”. It is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. Don’t go through the grieving process alone. Our online group will have the final meeting of this Session on **September 8th at 7 pm**. Register: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/126159> on “Mount Pisgah UMC group”. You’ll receive a confirmation. Any questions or have trouble registering please call the office of RPUMC (302) 654-0961 speak with Pastor Carolyn or Jennifer Christy from Mt. Pisgah UMC at (410) 810-0110.

The Shoppe at RPUMC – The Shoppe is **CLOSED** and will reopen on **September 9th** for shopping in the afternoons by appointment only. You can schedule your appointment by giving Sandy a call at (302) 593-3395.

Christiana Care Visitation – Restriction change for the Christiana Care (Newark, Wilmington, Middletown, and Cecil campuses) have had a visitation policy change. The new restrictions now allow 1 visitor per day AND 1 clergy person per day. You still must show proof of vaccination or a negative screening within 72 hours.

Peniel UMC Bible Study – Pastor Greg Vickers from Peniel UMC has extended an invitation to Richardson Park to participate in his upcoming Bible Study beginning Wednesday, September 15th at 11:00 am. It’s also being offered at 6:30 pm in the parsonage. The study will be of the book, “CREED” what Christians believe by Adam Hamilton. Books are available at the church and cost is \$13.00. For additional information contact the church at (302) 994-9519 or email:penielumcsecretary@gmail.com

What’s Happening

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

11:30 AM – MISSIONS MTG. – LOUNGE

4:30 PM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – FH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – LABOR DAY

OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

7:00 PM – GRIEF SHARE – ZOOM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9 AM – 11 AM – BMG – EXT.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – FREE LUNCH

THE SHOPPE – CLOSED 9/9; SHOPPE REOPENS 9/16

PROCEEDS BENEFIT MISSION/OUTREACH

6:30 PM – CHANCEL BELLS – CHOIR RM

7:15 PM – CHANCEL CHOIR – CHOIR RM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

7:00 PM – BOOK CLUB – LOUNGE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – PATRIOT DAY

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – GRANDPARENTS’ DAY

10:30 AM – WORSHIP AND CHILDREN’S CHURCH

11:30 AM – SPRC MTG. – LOUNGE

11:30 AM – CIRCLE – EXT.

4:30 PM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – FH



Joan Stadelman, Barbara Sayles, JoAnn and Sam Guidry, Joe Tucker, 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, Liz Heatwole, John Sagrati Sr., homeless animals, Amy Gould and family, Sister Morgan, Connie Pondok, Sean Short, Kim and baby Dakota, Jessica Etter and family, Felicia Etter and family, Julia Lynch, Crozier family, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Dianna Deaton and family, Cherie Krebs, Shirley Delpizzo, Steven, Tonja, Natalie, Hillary, Sharon, Amanda, Mozes, Neal, Lewis, Sheldon Edwards, Cassandra King, Rebecca King, James King, Clyde, Carol and Gus, Ralph and Vicky, Donna Gerhold, Frank Pugh, Virginia Craven, our Scout Troop, Tom, Denise, Stephanie and family, Mike, Kevin, Scott, Eric, Jim Smith, patience, Alice Boulden, Holder family, Cindi, Melrath, Barbara Vena, people of Haiti, Gulf coast residents, beach safety, all affected by wildfires, homeless, and hungry families, families of Soldiers lost to terrorism, world peace, law enforcement, Chicago police family, domestic abuse laws, highway workers safety, newborns and children, everyone vaccinated, all teachers and staff everywhere, Elizabeth Keeth, Pat Rodenhiser, Beth and John, Brenda Willams, Susan and Ken Malone, Houston Rogers, Troy Rogers, Grant Rogers, Melissa Jackson, Luke and Kyle Jackson, Kamyryn Russell, all school children, travel mercies, Joe and Brenda Tucker, Janet Dickerson, Dennis and Marlene Johnson, Ed and Sandy Ide, our country leaders, our church leaders, Rev. Carolyn Williams and family, Michael Doc and family, Tracy, our church, our community, our prayers

Richardson Park United Methodist Church

Celebrating Over 100 Years of Ministry

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

And He said to them,

“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”

Mark 16:15 NRSV



<u>SERVING TODAY</u>	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	8/29/21	46
GREETER: NEAL DAVIS	LIVE ENGAGEMENT AM WORSHIP		3
	SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN		—
	CONTEMPORARY SERVICE		—
	LIVE ENGAGEMENT PM WORSHIP		4

About RPUM Church

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.

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Welcome to RPUMC Worship Service

September 5, 2021