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The Messenger

Monthly publication of Richardson Park United Methodist Church

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Written by Rev. Carolyn Williams

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." John 11:25-26

As I sat down to write this article the words of "Celebrate Jesus" by Gary Oliver popped into my head. My heart rejoiced as I sang, "Celebrate Jesus celebrate, he is risen and he lives forevermore; he is risen, come on and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord." I found this great article entitled "The Power of Easter; Now More Than Ever" and wanted to share some of it with you.

"The secular critique of the Christian belief in resurrection is that it is "pie in the sky," that it ignores reality, and that it glosses over the darkness and tragedy of life. In fact, the biblical accounts do just the opposite. That is why we observe "Good Friday" as the darkest day in history, why we drape the cross, and why we read out loud about the cowardice of the disciples, the betrayal of Judas and the unbelief of nearly every single follower who saw or heard about the empty tomb.

The Easter message is not about a God who saves us from pain and darkness, but about a God who is plotting victory in the midst of defeat, who is planting seeds in the darkness of winter and who is preparing a Technicolor palette for the painting of the blackest canvas."

The article is a great reminder to us of God's unfailing love in the midst of all the chaos in the world. We see so much going on in the world but it doesn't dim the light of our resurrected Savior. Join us as we celebrate Jesus. We will celebrate Palm Sunday on April 10th 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Praise God we will be celebrating Good Friday service on April 15th at Peniel UMC at 12:00 p.m. On Easter April 17th Sunrise service will be held at St James Episcopal Church at 6:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. service at Richardson Park and the 4:30 p.m. service will be online only.

Celebrate Jesus!

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
Women
in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

Yes, beginning now, United Methodist Women have become “United Women in Faith”. This includes a new look, new feel and new programs designed to better nurture current members and welcome new women into our sisterhood to put their love in action too! During our April meeting, scheduled for the 10th, more information will be given to you about this exciting new chapter, complete with a new logo - Just wait until I share it with you!

Upcoming adventures:

1.) Easter card box for shut-ins will appear in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday, March 27. It will disappear on April 13-cards will then be delivered for Easter.

2.) There is a basket located in the back of the sanctuary with a label “Pocket Prayer Shawls”. The Church's information is on the back of the card. Please take one for yourself or someone you know who would appreciate a little pick-me-up.

3.) Great news: There is now a fourth location for the children's book project! This is at the “garden room” of the Kutz Home where Anna Mae Shrewbrooks is living. The folks enjoy the large print and colorful pictures - Thank all of you who contribute to this worthwhile program.

4.) I promised an exciting adventure for Mother's Day - get ready! On April 24 a large box will appear in the back of the sanctuary marked “Baby Shower for Door of Hope! I spoke with the director and she is very please with out idea.

They make a welcome basket for each new little one. She provided me with a list of needed items.

1. Infant toys and rattles
2. Teethers
3. Baby nail clippers
4. Baby hair brushes
5. Baby soap and lotion
6. Hooded towels
7. New outfits size 0-9 months - especially boys

This is a great project for us!

UWiF cont'd...

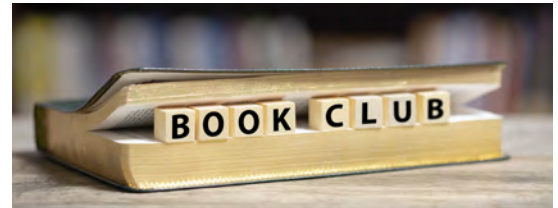
Now - it is time for my sisters in faith assignment:

- 1) Don't miss our April 10 meeting.
- 2) Continue your “Daily Blessings” journal.
- 3) Read: Titus 3:1 and Psalm 16:11.

In closing:

“We are United Women in Faith, a powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united in sisterhood. With a focus on women, children and youth, we act for justice and transform communities. We invite you to join us because love in action can change the world”.

Blessings from Marlene



BOOK CLUB

BY PAUL WEAVER

We met on Friday, March 18, to discuss Mitch Albom's “The Stranger in the Lifeboat”. We had an enjoyable discussion.

On April 8, we will be discussing the book from the New Castle County Library Association, “This Tender Land”, by William Kent Krueger. Then on Thursday, May 12, we will have dinner at Iron Hill at 5 pm and see the author speak at the Chase Center at 7 pm. Please join us theses events are a blast. I have one more copy of the book to distribute.

After that, I hope to be in touch with Rev. Brown about “Sam”. In June, we will read “Lincoln Highway”, by Amor Towles. In the coming months, we can look to reading “West With Giraffes” by Lynda Rutledge and “We Are the Brennan's” when they become a bit more readily available.

In addition, a number of our recent books have come from your suggestions; please keep those coming!

Thank you. Paul



TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JIM CHILCUTT

Ways to Organize Your Desktop

Have too many windows open on your desktop? Here are a couple of tips for organizing the windows. First, let's make sure we know what the desktop is. It's that view on your monitor that you see right after you log on and before you open any apps. Sometimes after working for a while you end up with numerous windows open and you want to close them.

An easy way to close all the open windows is to move your cursor all the way to the lower right corner of the screen and click on a very narrow strip there to show the desktop. All the open apps will be minimized to the task bar on the bottom of the screen.

Another way is to move the cursor over the taskbar and right click your mouse. This will open a popup menu and one of the options is to show desktop. Click on that and all apps will minimize to the taskbar.

Any open app will have an icon on the taskbar that is underlined. Simply click on that underlined icon to restore the app to its earlier view.

A final way to organize windows is to left click on the menu bar of the app and drag the open window to any edge or corner of the screen and drop the window. It will park where the cursor was. Make sure to place the cursor where you want to drop the window. Experiment and have fun.

Hope these tips help you with organization of your desktop.

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

Thank you,
Jen



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

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

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 3-Jim and Cheryl Chilcutt
 April 10-Lynn Lafferty
 At the Cross: Carolyn Swain
 April 17-Easter Sunday Lilies
 April 24-Carolyn Nafzinger

GREETER-Neal Davis
 LAY READERS-To be announced



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

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!



Yard Sale!

Saturday, April 30 8:00AM-1:00PM St. Mark's/Stanton
St. Mark's is having A Yard Sale! Reserve a space, 18 X 18, no table, no electric. Space is \$30 a space. Kitchen open to purchase food. Call our office at 302 994 0400. Come sell and/or buy or both. **Cash Only**



St.Marks UMC 1700 Limestone Rd., Wilmington, DE 19804.

Join Us

Easter Sunday

April 17th

Sunrise Service at 6:00 a.m.

St. James Episcopal

Richardson Park UMC 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service and 4:30 p.m. will be online only



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.



The Shoppe at RPUMC

The Shoppe at RPUMC is open for shopping on Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



PROCEEDS BENEFIT MISSIONS/OUTREACH

GRIEF SHARE RETURNS 2-2-22

BY REV. CAROLYN WILLIAMS

GriefShare began on February 2nd via ZOOM from 7 - 8 p.m. GriefShare groups meet to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. (Griefshare.org)

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about the things you've never faced before.

"Going to GriefShare feels like having warm arms wrapped around you when you're shivering."

If you would like to participate please contact Pastor Carolyn or Jennifer Christy at (410-810-0110)

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 80 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

Con-kerr Cancer Pillow Cases Sewing Event

Saturday, April 9 9:00AM-2:00PM St. Marks/Stanton
Please join St.Marks United Methodist Church, 1700 Limestone Rd, Wilmington, DE, 19808 as we get together, in the Fellowship hall to make pillowcases for terminally ill children at A.I. DuPont hospital & CHOP in Philadelphia.

If you enjoy sewing (mostly straight seams), bring your sewing Machine & extension cord. If you would rather, pin, iron, fold & package the finished pillowcases, bring yourself, & maybe your iron. Monetary donation are also being accepted to purchase fabric.

Bring your own lunch.. Questions and call:
Cynthia Vilcek 302 995 6497 or
Emilia Machulski 302 995 1179

Pecometh Volunteer Day

April 23 8:00AM - 4:30PM Camp Pecometh

Join us for a day of work and fellowship as we prepare Camp for the summer season. Individuals, youth groups, and adult groups are invited.

It's a lot of work getting Pecometh ready for summer! Volunteer Day is a chance for adults, youth, and kids to come help - all while spending a day of fellowship and enjoying the spring weather.

We'll take a midday, break from the hard work and enjoy a cookout lunch at the Picnic Pavilion.

This event is open to youth groups, church and community groups, and families! Common tasks include weeding, clearing trails and picking up sticks, getting cabins ready for campers and guests, and more.

This is a free event, but **registration** is required.

2022 Annual Conference to be *Virtual*

June 16-18, 2022 Virtual Platform

The Sessions team weighed advantages and disadvantages of in-person, virtual, and hybrid models. The virtual option is the most accessible to the greatest number of people (including laity and retirees), better stewards our financial and natural resources, and privileges life and health during the ongoing covid pandemic.

The schedule three day incorporates clergy and laity sessions, a full day of plenary, and the memorial, ordination and commissioning services.

Additional details and updates will be posted to the PDC website as they become available.

Important Delaware District DCOM Information

As we continue to navigate the merging of the former Wilmington and Dover DCOM's into the Delaware DCOM, we give thanks for everyone's patience and grace along the way. You are able to access everything you need for DCOM via our district website:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/dcomindex.htm

Meeting times and schedules, what to submit, and instructions on how to submit, along with other helpful information for candidates, mentors, and members can be found there.

MENTORS: Please make sure your mentees have this information!

Family Programs at Pecometh

Single Parent Family Retreat

Between work, caring for family, and trying to have a life, single parents have their hands full. This retreat offers an opportunity for single parents and their kids to get away and spend some time together - and apart! This year, our Single Parent Family Retreat is being held Friday, July 8th through Sunday, July 10th. Programming will provide parents with spiritual support, encouragement, and an opportunity to relax, while the kids are busy doing camp activities! The schedule also includes family and big-group activities, and a "Parents' Night Off" while the kids have a movie night. Accommodations provide the best of both worlds at Pecometh: families sleep easy in hotel-style accommodations while enjoying meals at our Camp Dining Hall and lots of fun camp activities.

For more information, or to register, visit:
www.pecometh.org/single-parent-family

Friends and Family Camp

Experience all the fun and joy that kids at Camp Pecometh do! Gather friends and family and join us for a weekend of Splashdown, s'mores, kayaking, campfires, music, and all the beauty and joy of Pecometh! You can bring a tent, stay in a cabin, or experience our Riverview Retreat Center. This year, Friends and Family Camp will be held Friday, July 29th through Sunday, July 31st. Enjoy time in the Chester River kayaking or splashing around on our Splashdown equipment. Relax with a s'more by the campfire or work on that long-awaited scrapbook. Experience the fun, fellowship, and festivities of a weekend at camp!

For more information, or to register, visit:
www.pecometh.org/friends-and-family-camp

Pecometh Summer Camp 2022

We are excited to announce that Summer Camp 2022 Registration is open! Looking for an unplugged environment where your camper will build their faith, character and independence? Allow them to experience a genuine, inclusive community at Camp Pecometh's Christian summer camps. Living our mission of God-inspired, life-changing experiences, campers make memories for a lifetime and come back year after year. From day camps to half and full weeks of overnight camps for Kindergarten through 11th grade, there's a program for all interests. For summer of 2022, we have 5 NEW camps that we are offering, along with many of our usual camps!

For more information about Camp Pecometh, visit:
<https://www.pecometh.org/about-camp-pecometh>

For a full list of our camps and program descriptions, visit: <https://www.pecometh.org/christian-summer-camp-program-descriptions>

For more information about registering for Summer Camp for 2022, visit: <https://www.pecometh.org/summer-camp>

Advanced Classes - Lay Academy

Thursdays April 21-May 26 7:30-9:00 PM ZOOM

Dancing with Words

Course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who regularly or occasionally practices public speaking.

It explores what constitutes a good story, discover storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their own experiences.

Living Our Beliefs

Course focuses on reclaiming the balance of John Wesley's wisdom between cultivating Christian life and our witness. "Living Our Beliefs" is an essential and required Advanced Course for every Certified Lay Servant.

Social Principles

Course is designed to help the Lay Servant examine their own theology and ethics as related to Social Principles such as global migration, immigration, gun violence, mass incarceration, climate & environmental stewardship, living wage, access to clean water and healthcare and to apply these values to their personal discipleship practices.

The Sacraments

Course is designed to help the Lay Servant examine and deepen their experience of Holy Communion, baptism, confirmation, and reaffirmation of baptism, through the wide-ranging study of scripture, church history, United Methodist theology and the practices of the sacraments

Teaching Biblical Faith:

Leading Small Group Bible Studies

Course is designed to help the Lay Servant teach Biblical faith, the by applying the tools for biblical study to explore scripture, perform historical studies of scripture texts, experience praying the scriptures, and practice teaching in small groups of supportive colleagues.

Register Here:

<https://forms.gle/YW99tK6SQWzYE7Cy8>

Printable Class Details & Times:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/22AdvCourses.pdf

Printable Class Resources:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/22Resources.pdf



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ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



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OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT
BEFORE EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M.

**APRIL 17, 2022 AT 10 A.M.
RICHARDSON PARK UMC**

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April Birthdays



Dawn Davis April 1
 Paul Weaver April 2
 Robert Boyd April 8
 Edward Rash April 9
 Kelly Gibbons April 11
 Joan Stadelman April 11
 Marie Walker April 11
 Christopher Sutor April 16
 Amber Saienni April 18
 Richard Sutor April 18
 Julie Gibbons April 19
 Kirlynn Phillppe April 20



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Robert Boyd, Jr. April 21
 Katherine Burge April 22
 Robert Collins, Jr. April 22
 Howard Eney April 23
 Kathy Rogers April 23
 Linda Keffer April 24
 Jennifer Swarter April 24
 Trisha Parks April 25
 Harrietann Van Boven April 26
 Shirley Delpizzo April 27
 Debbie Freebery April 27
 Daniel Swain April 29

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



Thank you!



Thank you does not seem enough to say for all the cards and the prayers during our bereavement and my recovery from my accident. We are very grateful for this wonderful church family.
 Carol Cathell and family



Sunday, April 10th



PALM SUNDAY
 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Good Friday
 April 15th at 12 PM
 Peniel UMC, Newport





APRIL 2022

The Shoppe at RPUMC, Parsonage and Annex will be OPEN for shopping on Thursday afternoons from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



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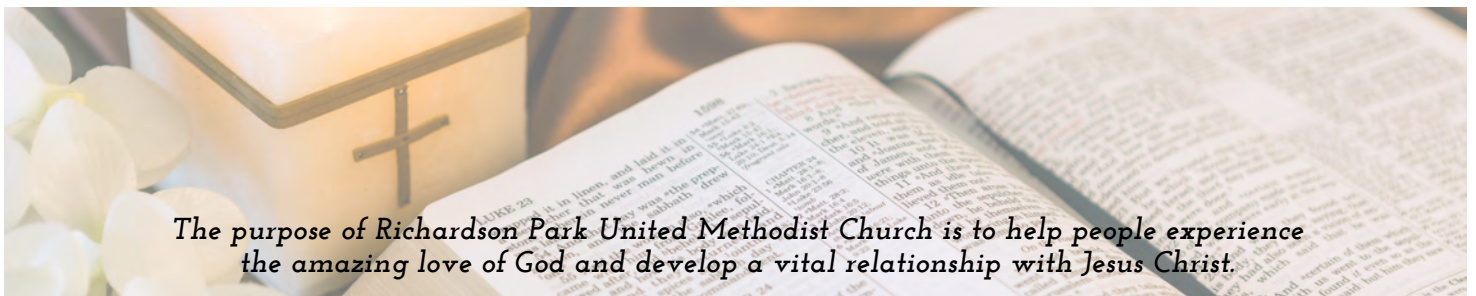
In-Person and Live Streaming Sunday Worship Services at the following sites:

rpumchurch.org/html/streaming_service.html 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.



Please have articles and information for the May Messenger to the church office by Friday, April 18th. Remember to submit all announcements for the Sunday Bulletin no later than Wednesday. Email to: rpumc@rpumchurch.org Thank you! ~Jen



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