



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Written by Rev. Carolyn Williams

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15

Imagine someone coming to you and asking, "Explain to me why you believe in Christ." What would you say? How would you explain how you walk with Christ daily?

It's hard to believe but the season of Lent is only a few weeks away. This year Pastor Greg Vickers of Peniel UMC reached out to me and asked if we could join them in studying God's word together during the Lenten season. We will come together on Tuesdays beginning February 22nd at 11:00 a.m. at Peniel UMC. We are studying "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton. This class will meet every Tuesday for six weeks at Peniel. A description of the book content is below:

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.

In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith. (From the book "The Walk")

I hope you can join us in this study as we journey towards Easter. If you're interesting in participating see me for a book.

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

Loved...that is what we definitely are! The women of faith and the congregation of RPUMC are loved and share this love with various outreach programs in the community that has no boundaries.

I will share a "thank you" from Friendship House: "RPUMC- Thank you so much for the hat, glove, and sock donation for folks experiencing homelessness in New Castle County! We're so grateful for your loving support."

Now- we are not stopping and we continue to share God's love through the "books for children program which keeps growing and growing. How wonderful!

Circle was not held in January and I certainly missed sharing with circle members. February is a new month and I am hoping to see all of my circle sisters on February 13 following worship in the extension.

We are ready to plan more outreach activities! I have an idea for one exciting adventure in May- so don't miss our meeting.

Our card box was in use during January for a very special birthday. Dave Goss, a longtime member of RPUMC, resides in the Lorelton and celebrated his 100th birthday! Thanks to all of you for signing cards for him.

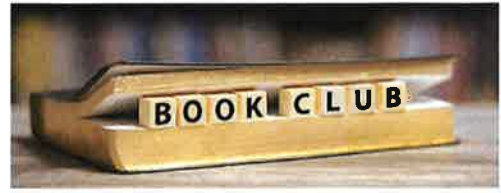
The card box will be in the back of the sanctuary until February 9. It's Valentine's and we want to share our love with residents of the V.A. nursing home and Churchman's Village. Drop a few cards in the box- these are certainly appreciated.

Now- it's time for my sisters of faith assignment:

1. Continue your "Daily Blessings Journal"
2. Read Mark 9:35

Closing Prayer: Lord, may I serve you by serving others with the goodness, compassion and gentleness you show me. Amen

Blessings from Marlene



BOOK CLUB

BY PAUL WEAVER

On Friday, January 11, we met at 7:00 PM in the church lounge to discuss "The Moonlight School. We had an enjoyable discussion.

We plan to discuss "A Little Hope" by Ethan Joella on February 11 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for an interesting conversation and good fellowship.

After that, thinking about Mitch Albom's "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" for March (I will have 2 copies of that to share too). Will be in touch with Rev. Brown about "Sam" and would like to read "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge and "We Are the Brennan's" when they become a bit more readily available. In addition, our book from the New Castle County Library Association should be coming out soon.

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

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



TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JIM CHILCUTT

Some tricks to protect your email address

One evening last week I was watching the network news and they had a short piece about how to protect your email address and I thought would be worth covering here.

When you provide a website with your email address you are contributing to the store of information that entity uses to track you. At the very least your address will be added to a mailing list. Many times, that mailing list is sold or given away for the purpose of cross selling. In the spirit of protecting your privacy here are some thoughts.

- If possible, avoid using your name as an email address or as part of it.
- Create an email address that you only use for "trusted" recipients.
- If you play any online games do not use a "good" email address. For example, do not use your Amazon address for a game logon. Game vendors are notorious for losing control of user ID's and passwords.
- If the site really wants your email and you never want to hear from them provide a fictitious address such as sfa@gqf.com. Many sites only validate for an "@" and ".com" in the correct positions.
- Sometimes I set up a valid email on gmail (mail.gmail.com), yahoo (mail.yahoo.com), or aol (mail.aol.com) to use for junk. If you do this do not provide real personal data when setting up the account. Remember you do not care if it gets compromised because there is nothing valid on the account.

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

Thank you,
Jim



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



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!



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

ASH WEDNESDAY



Join Us

Wednesday,
March 2nd
for
7:00 p.m.
Worship
Service



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 in the afternoons and by appointment only on Thursdays. Give Sandy a call (302) 593-3395 Schedule your appointment today!!



PROCEEDS BENEFIT MISSIONS/OUTREACH

THANK
YOU



Jan. 14, 2022

Joe and
Prenda Tucker
brought me
a beautiful
bouquet of flowers
on Sunday and

1/21/22

I just want to
thank everyone
for them! I
really appreciate
the thoughtfulness
of the church
and the love

Shirley
Snapp

GRIEF SHARE RETURNS 2-2-22

BY REV. CAROLYN WILLIAMS

GriefShare is returning on February 2nd at 7:00 pm via ZOOM.

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."

GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. (Griefshare.org)

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

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

BY REV. CAROLYN WILLIAMS

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If you are interested in joining this study see Pastor Carolyn for a copy of the book.

ALTAR FLOWERS

February 6-Don and Claudia McFarland
At the Cross - Fran Tebbutt
February 13-RPUMC Chancel & Bell Choir
February 20-Sherlynn Aurelio
February 27-Bob and Karen Collins
GREETER-Neal Davis
LAY READERS-To be announced

February Birthdays

Teresa Snead February 1
 Anastasia Hayman February 2
 Edward Podgorski February 4
 Beverly Cuomo February 5
 Terry Bourdon February 7
 Carol Cathell February 10
 Mary Sutor February 11
 Brian Crozier February 12
 Terri Antonine February 13
 Cassandra King February 13
 Byrom Price February 13
 Ellen Willard February 14
 Robert Davis February 16




Frank Pugh February 18
 Kathy Gibbons February 20
 Bettie Smith February 20
 Robert Truitt February 20
 Kristin Fleming February 21
 Bethany Pasmore February 21
 Morgan Coverdale February 23
 Donna Daniels February 23
 Ben Brindle February 24
 Bob Thomas February 24
 Kim Przybylski February 26

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



FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 GROUNDHOG DAY 6:30PM Scout Board Mtg. - Lounge	3 9AM BMG - Ext. 11:30AM Free Lunch The Shoppe at RPUMC Open for Afternoon Appointments Only	4	5
6 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:45AM Missions Mtg. - Lounge 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	7	8	9	10 9AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch The Shoppe at RPUMC Open for Afternoon Appointments Only 6:30pm Bells 7:15pm Choir	11 7PM Book Club - Lounge	12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY 11AM Koinonia Mtg. - Ext.
13 9AM Adult Sunday School 10AM UMW - Lounge 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM Circle Mtg. - Ext. 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17 9AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch The Shoppe at RPUMC Open for Afternoon Appointments Only 6:30PM Bells 7:15PM Choir	18	19
20 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM Trustees Mtg. - Lounge 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	21 PRESIDENTS' DAY WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY  Messenger Articles Due	22	23	24 9AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch The Shoppe at RPUMC Open for Afternoon Appointments Only 6:30PM Bells 7:15PM Choir	25	26
27 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM Council Mtg. - Lounge 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	28					

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



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

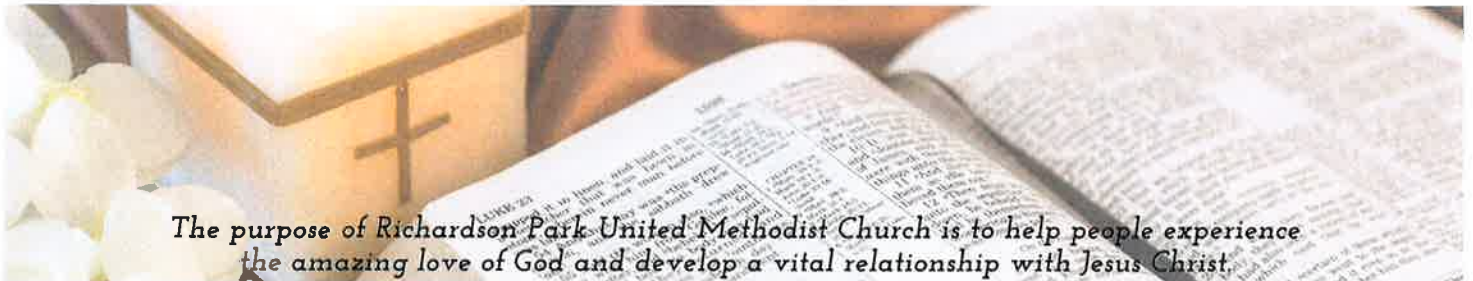
rpumchurch.org/html/streaming_service.html or
Facebook at: facebook.com/rpumchurch

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
March Messenger to the church office by
Friday, February 21st. 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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