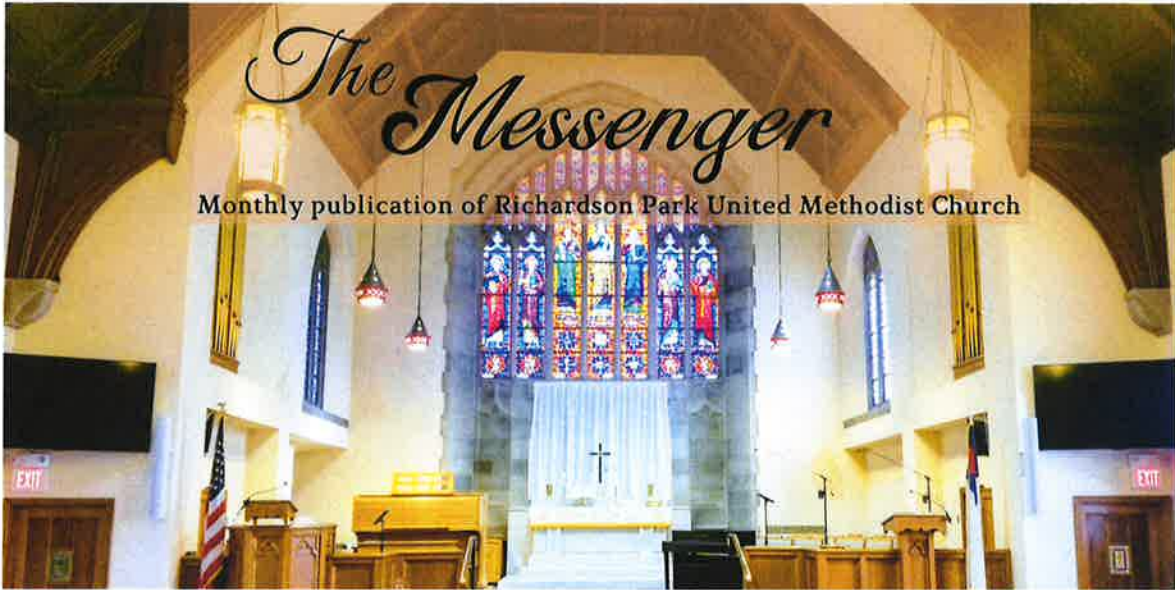


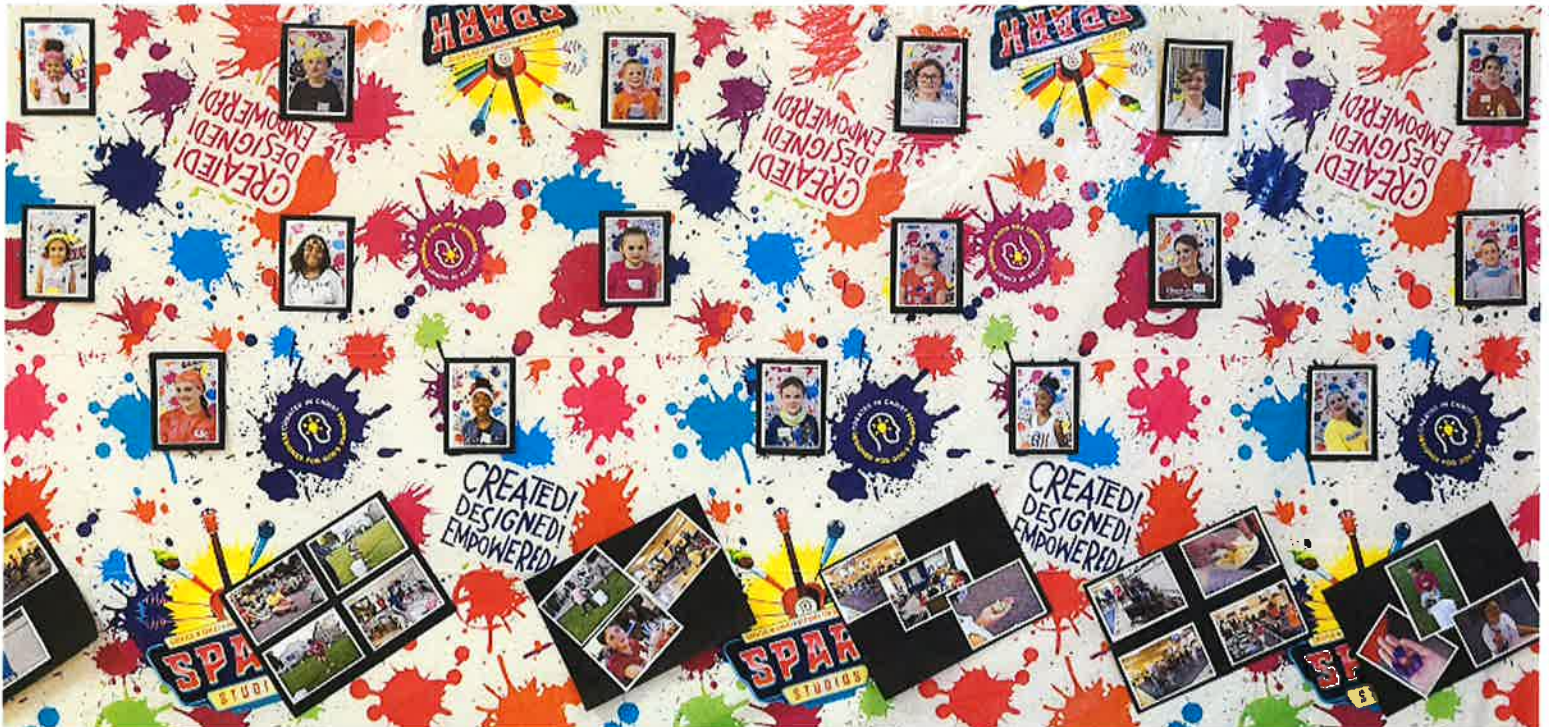
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What a wonderful weekend VBS at Spark Studios we had here at RPUMC!! Thank you so much for all of your hard work helping to teach kids that they are "Created in Christ - Designed for God's Purpose!" What an important message for our youth.

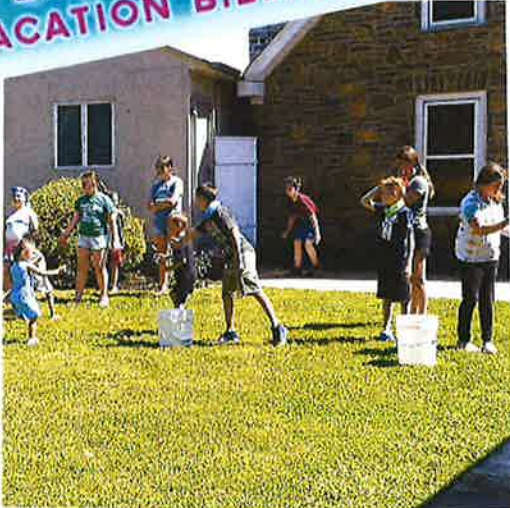


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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

July marks the start of our new pastor, as we welcome Reverend Keisha R. Dukes and her husband, Brandon!

Pastor Keisha comes to us from Pocomoke City, MD where she was pastor at two churches: Mt. Zion and St. James United Methodist Churches. She is mission-driven and has a natural ability to comfortably communicate with diverse groups of people to create an inclusive environment as witnessed through her outreach and community service. She displays strong leadership skills with an effective ability to work independently as a proficient manager or as a team player. She is known for being a practical, passionate, relevant teacher who empowers others to discover their gifts through her teachings and ministry.

Pastor Keisha's past experience includes Lead Teacher at Loftin Love Christian Daycare & Learning Center in Windsor Hill, MD where she incorporated Biblical studies, music, and the arts into children's daily activities. She also served as Associate Minister at Pleasant Rock Baptist Church in Baltimore City, MD where she wore many hats: Youth Ministry Advisor, Director of Music Ministry, Praise and Worship Leader, youth and adult Bible study teacher, and assisted the Senior Pastor with administrative and Sacramental duties.

Pastor Keisha completed her Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington D.C. last month. She also holds a BA in Theatre Arts from Morgan State University, Baltimore City, MD (2010).

Pastor Keisha comes to us with youthful energy and passion, considering her assignment to Richardson Park UMC more of a calling, saying,

"When I think of the goodness of Jesus, and all he has done for me, my soul cries out, Hallelujah, I thank God for saving me. One of those great things God has done is allowing me to walk with RPUMC. This will be an amazing journey because anything God ordains shall stand! (Isaiah 46:10) As Pastor and people, I pray when fear arises in this new season, our faith becomes our compass and inspires us to look towards the hills for our help! (Psalm 121:1-2) May the God of grace abound in our walk and work for the new year! I look forward to meeting all the wonderful souls of RPUMC."



Plan to join us **Sunday, July 10th** for a **Welcoming Reception** for **Pastor Keisha and Brandon** after church. Light lunch, desserts, and refreshments will be available!



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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

It is summer and for years the women did not meet. As I noted, in the June Messenger, a vote was taken to continue meeting in June, July and August. I am so pleased to report 17 United Women in Faith met after the worship in the extension! Yes, 17!!

This is a very active group of women. Many came out and worked during the sale on June 4. Circle sisters assist on Wednesdays and Thursdays for the free lunch. They support our "books for children" program. Also, they gave monetary gifts for the Neighborhood House playground and Water for Life. Yes, we are active.

In July, we will continue the "Fruits of the Spirit".

In June we discussed Love, Joy and Peace. Many women shared how they show three "fruits" - sharing food with neighbors, sharing newspapers, supporting the activities at RPUMC, visiting and calling shut-ins and many more ways to show Love, Joy, and Peace.

On July 10, we will again meet in the extension following the worship service. If you have not joined this wonderful group, please stop by. The meeting is only 30-35 minutes. The gentlemen are enjoying meeting in the sanctuary - what fellowship! Our discussion will be based on 3 more fruits of the spirit: Patience, Kindness and Goodness. Come ready to share!

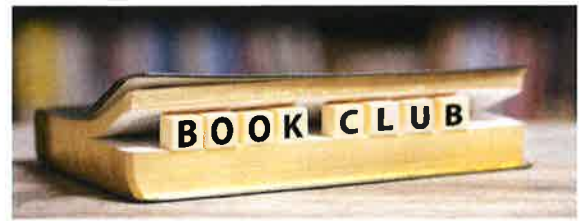
Now sisters united in faith: July's assignment:

1. Attend July 10th meeting
2. Read Galatians 5:22-23
3. Continue your "Daily Blessings" journal

Closing Prayer:

Dear God, continue to grow Your fruit in my life that others might see You and want You in their lives.

Blessings from Marlene



BOOK CLUB

BY PAUL WEAVER

On Thursday, May 12, we had dinner at Iron Hill at 5 pm and saw William Kent Krueger speak at the Chase Center at 7 pm. Krueger was interesting and we had a fun evening.

We will discuss Amor Towles', "The Lincoln Highway" at our June 10th meeting at 7 pm.

Please join us for an interesting conversation and good fellowship.

We would like to read "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge and "We Are the Brennan's" by Tracey Lange, when they become a bit more readily available. We may also soon read "Home Front", by Kristin Hannah. In addition, a number of our recent books have come from your suggestions; please keep those coming! And after that, I hope to be in touch with Rev. Brown about "Sam" in hopes of scheduling a visit from her in the coming months.

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 100 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

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TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JIM CHILCUTT

What to do if Malware locks your screen

Sometimes when surfing the internet, you may encounter a site that displays a full screen window that claims it has detected one or more virus infections on your computer. It then attempts to direct you to a link that will fix your computer.

Assuming you have your own virus detector installed, don't fall for it. These phishing sites are designed to entice you to click on a link sending you to a malicious site which really will infect your computer. Any link you click will result in infecting your computer, even exiting out.

To close the page without anything happening press alt-F4. This forces the currently active page to close. Next close all applications and reboot your computer to clear memory and finish by running a virus scan. After these actions you should be good to go.

If there is a special topic you want to see just send a note to 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. 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

FELLOWSHIP TIME

BY LINDA KEFFER

Please join us for Fellowship Time on Sunday mornings from 9:40-10:20 am. We will have snacks, coffee and tea to enjoy. We are also in need of donations of pre-wrapped snacks. Please see Linda Keffer for details. Thank you for your generosity.

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ALTAR FLOWERS
July 3-Phyllis Bowman
-Mary Alice Bair
July 10-Harold Ritter
At the Cross: Shirley Roberts
July 17-Julia Lynch
July 24-Koinonia Class
July 31-OPEN
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



GRIEF SHARE 2022-2023

GriefShare groups meet to help you face challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. (Griefshare.org) GriefShare meets once a month via ZOOM at 7-8 p.m.

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

Schedule of upcoming ZOOM online meetings:

- Session 6 Tues. Jul 5, 2022 7:00pm-8:00pm
- Session 7 Tues. Aug 2, 2022 7:00pm-8:00pm
- Session 8 Tues. Sep 6, 2022 7:00pm-8:00pm
- Session 9 Tues. Oct 4, 2022 7:00pm-8:00pm
- Session 10 Tues. Nov 1, 2022 7:00pm-8:00pm
- Session 11 Tues. Dec 6, 2022 7:00pm-8:00pm
- Session 12 Tues. Jan 3, 2023 7:00pm-8:00pm
- Session 13 Tues. Feb 7, 2023 7:00pm-8:00pm

Peniel Soup Kitchen

10:30 to 12:30—Every Friday

Pick Up Free Lunch—Goodie Bag For All

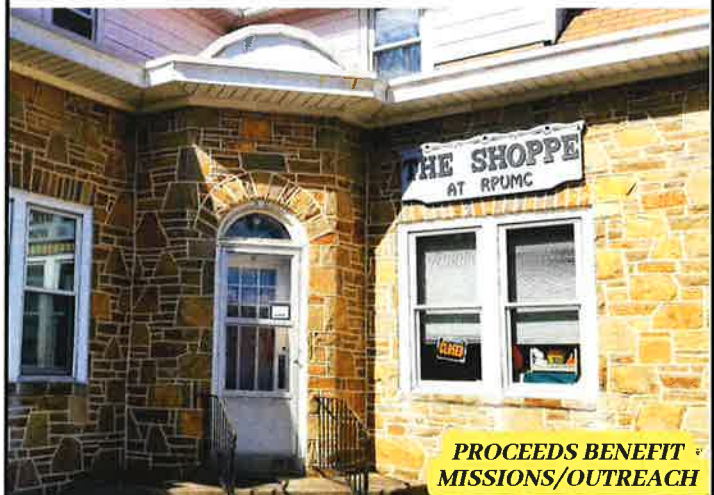
Looking forward to seeing all of our friends again. Please come everyone.



WELCOME!

The Shoppe at RPUMC

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



Holy Land Tour Opportunities
 District Superintendent Archie authorized the following link from a local tour agent offering a variety of Holy Land tours for 2023.
<http://www.etstours.com/larue>



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.



July Birthdays

Joey Davis	July 1
Diane Maloney	July 2
Tom Pasmore	July 2
Joe Tucker	July 5
Robert Collins	July 6
Eric Granby	July 7
Gail Eney	July 8
David McFarland	July 10
Joey Beane	July 11
Mark Panaccione	July 13
Jennifer Patterson	July 15
Christopher Swarter	July 16
Jim Chilcutt	July 17
William Martin	July 17
Nancy Perugini	July 18



Bruce Cooke	July 19
Aidan Chilcutt	July 21
Nancy Jaegers	July 21
Dixie Dillion	July 21
Lisa Williams	July 21
Harold Follett	July 25
Daniel Gallagher	July 25
Julia Lynch	July 26
Wyatt Rash	July 26
Michelle Anderson	July 27
Mabel Dunfee	July 28
Nicole Cummings	July 30
Glenda Donnelly	July 30
Terri Williams	July 31

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



Congratulations Graduates!!



Ronald Eric Russell graduated from First State Military Academy and will be deployed to the Marine Corps on July 11. He is the grandson of Kathy Rogers.

Eriana Williams graduated from Goldy Beacom College. She is the niece of Pastor Carolyn Williams.

Ken Palmer graduated from Saint George's Tech and will be doing an internship for JP Morgan. He is the nephew of Pastor Carolyn Williams.

Brandon R. Gamble graduated from Brandywine High. He is the son of Tracy Crozier Gamble.

Blessings to all of you!



Barratt's Chapel Summer Services

7:00 PM

Jun 23rd Rev. Joshua Berry- Grace UMC/Millsboro
With Their Praise Team


Jul 14th Rev. Joseph Archie - Delaware District D.S.

Jul 28th Rev. Bonnie Shively - St. Paul's & Calvary-
Asbury UMC/ Sudlersville, MD

Aug. 11th Rev. Amy D. Yarnall - Wesley UMC/Dover

Aug. 25th Rev. Jacob Macklin - St. Matthews By The
Sea /Fenwick Island, DE

JULY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
The Shoppe at RPUMC, Parsonage and Annex will be OPEN for shopping on Thursday from 11AM-2PM					1	2
3 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 9:40-10:20AM Fellowship Time-Ext. 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church	4 Fourth of July Church Office Closed	5 7-8PM Grief Share - Session 6 via Zoom	6 6:30PM Scout Board Mtg. - Lounge	7 9:00AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch 11AM-2PM The Shoppe at RPUMC	8 7:00PM - Book Club - Lounge	9 11:00AM - Koinonia Mtg. - Ext.
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Please remember to submit all announcements for the Sunday Bulletin no later than Wednesday to the Church Office or via email to: rpumc@rpumchurch.org. Thank you! Jen



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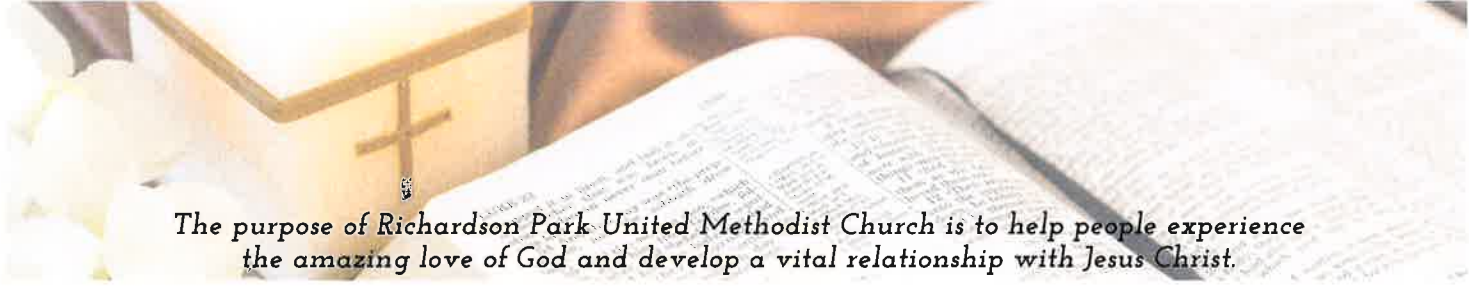
In-Person and Live Streaming Sunday Worship Services at the following sites:

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

Sunday School.....9:00 A.M.
Fellowship Time.....9:40 A.M.
Worship and Children's Church.....10:30 A.M.



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