

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Written by Rev. Carolyn Williams

"Though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great." Job 8:7

When I was contemplating what I would do after retirement, God reminded me of the scripture above. God wants me to look at retirement as a transition to the next steps He has already ordered for my life. As the song writer wrote, "Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand, but I know who holds tomorrow and I know who holds my hand."

Meanwhile, I look forward to serving the church for the next few weeks. Summer time is usually a time when attendance is low but the work of the church, by the grace of God, continues.

As you know, our gifted and anointed music director, Don McFarland, has retired. His position is a difficult one to fill because he shared so many gifts with the church in the music ministry and beyond. I ask you to pray for God to send a replacement who will have an excellent attitude and passion for the music ministry like Don. I am grateful for the years God allowed me to work with Don. I pray your new pastor has a great relationship with the new music director.

July 1, 2022 begins a new year for the church. I pray your latter years are greater than your former. The key is keeping your focus on Jesus and not the small things that distract us. Thank you Richardson Park for the years I served.

Blessings,

Pastor Carolyn

PS

I received a few comments regarding the article written by Rob Jones. Rob, who does attend RPUMC, and volunteers whenever he is needed, was very concerned about his health and the health of all people. He came to me and gave a brief description of something he read. I didn't have a chance to read the article completely due to it being submitted when the newsletter was ready for print. Rob did not mean to offend anyone. He simply thought he was giving information which would help people live out 1 Corinthians 10:31, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

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.



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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

A very big thank you for the generous outpouring of items that were delivered to the Door of Hope on May 9. Joe and Brenda Tucker volunteered to deliver them for us. When I spoke to Dora on Wednesday, May 11, all she kept repeating was "the items have tags"! They were very pleased to receive new items for the welcome baskets. What a generous group of folks at Richardson Park. Speaking of generous folks, all four of our book locations have received a "fill-up" of new selcetions. This rates another big "thank-you".

At our May 8th meeting, it was voted on to continue meeting during the summer months. Since we meet directly following the worship service and the meeting only lasts 30-35 minutes. Our women of faith really illustrate faith in action and sisterhood. Also, our gentlemen have found things to discuss.

In October, I am planning a special meeting - no more will be said until the October Messenger-wonder what it will be?

For June, July, and August we will be focusing on "Fruits of the Spirit". June's focus will be Love, Joy, Peace - be ready for a short discussion. Mark your calendars for June 12th following worship in the extension.

Now sisters in faith: June's assignment

1. Don't miss June 12th meeting
2. Continue your "Daily Blessings" journal
3. Read: Galatians 5:22-23

Closing Prayer:

Lord, help keep my eyes focused on you as I wak through life. Amen.

Blessings from Marlene



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can change
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Thank you 

THANK YOU

Dear Richardson Park Family and Friends,
Thank you for the lovely luncheon and celebration in honor of my retirement. The meal was wonderful and the gifts were more than I ever expected. It has been a joy for me to serve as organist and music director and please know I shall always be with you in spirit. I especially want to thank Sherlynn and everyone who made the luncheon so special and Kristi Doughty for her heartfelt presentation of gifts and kind words! She was right when she said I "came Home" in 2013 and will always consider Richardson Park to be my home church.
God Bless You All!
Don

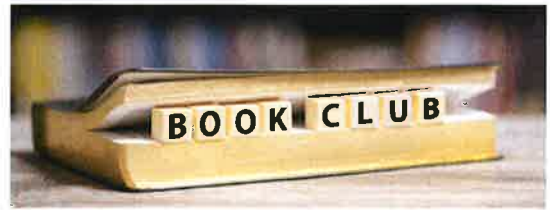
LEAVE OR STAY

BY BRENDA TUCKER

Within a year and a half (by the end of 2023), each United Methodist Church is going to have to make a decision about staying with the United Methodist Church, going to the Global Methodist Church which is just forming, or becoming an independent church. The main issue is the United Methodist Church is moving toward changing the Discipline (the official laws of the church) to permit LGBTQ+ persons to be ordained ministers and to recognize gay marriage. We at Richardson Park need to be in prayer and studying the scriptures to discern which way we are led to go. We need to begin conversations about what we believe God is calling us to do. At some point all members will be asked to vote. I would like as many members as possible to meet on Tuesday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension to begin the conversation. Please come. Be prepared to listen with your heart and express your opinions with gentleness and love. No matter which way we choose, first and foremost we are the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world.

Thank you.

Brenda Tucker, Chair of RPUMC Council



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 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

Happy Retirement to our Retirees!

As Pastor Carolyn Williams and our Organist/Music Director, Don McFarland plan for their retirement, we'd like to thank them for their years of dedicated service to the RPUMC family and community as we joined together to praise God and realize all the blessings bestowed upon us.

Pastor Carolyn has served as our pastor for 7 years and as Bob Collins noted, "They (pastors) see us in the best of times and unfortunately when things are not so good. They deal with the most priceless product of all... people." Thank you for your ministry and seeing us through some tough times!

Don has shared his musical talents at RPUMC as our Organist/Music Director for nearly 20 years! As Kristy Doughty shared, "Psalm 95:1 "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." Whether it was at the organ or piano, directing, orchestrating, or just pitching in to help others we thank you for your passion and dedication towards creating a joyful, inspirational sound for so many occasions! And we look forward to your continued participation at RPUMC.

"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31 NKJV)

Join us in wishing Pastor Carolyn and Don an abundance of new adventures, good health, blessings, and joy!





TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JIM CHILCUTT

Windows 11 is Coming - do some research before updating

Some of you may have noticed Microsoft is pushing an upgrade to Windows 11. Here are some simple "changes" that I found on the website below:

- You may need to buy a new computer. There are hardware requirements that many old coputers will not support. A quick way to check if your hardware is compatible is select settings/update and security. If your hardware is compatible, it will tell you there.
- The taskbar works differently.
- The start menu has changed.
- The search window isn't always available as it is now.
- Windows home version requires signing on to a Microsoft account. Another step toward forcing you to employ services you may or may not want.
- The action center (lower right where the date and time are located has been changed.
- Microsoft will continue to support Windows 10 for 3 years (until October 2025).

If you are satisfied with Windows 10 there is no compelling reason to upgrade.

If you do upgrade, you will have 10 days to revert back if you don't like it. As with any major system upgrade make sure you back up your critical/important files. Not all conversions will go smoothly.

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

GRADUATE SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 12, during worship, we will celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates of 2022



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

June 5-OPEN
 At the Cross: Fran Tebbutt
 June 12-Rob and Michelle Anderson
 At the Cross: Ginger Pettyjohn
 June 19-United Methodist Women
 At the Cross: Bob Collins
 June 26-Janet Dickerson

GREETER-Neal Davis
 LAY READERS-To be announced



WATER IS LIFE!!!

Peter D Weaver Congo Partnership

Beginning May 29, we will start a new mission project. For many years, as I have attended Annual Conference and have heard about all the Peter D Weaver Congo Partnership has been doing for the people of the Central Congo from providing medical clinics, feeding malnourished children, providing sewing machines so the women could support themselves, funding schools and more, the one thing that has tugged at my heart was drilling wells. Wells not only supply safe drinking water, but also give the people a way to cleanse their bodies and clothing. Water borne diseases have greatly declined in communities that have a well. Before wells, women would walk miles to a water source and carry containers of unsanitary water weighing forty pounds on their heads back to their families! I'm not sure we can pay for a well (if God wants us to, God will provide), but I ask everyone to consider what our lives would be like without water and to give what we can.

Brenda Tucker,

Lay Member to Annual Conference

Pecometh Summer Kick-Off

Saturday, June 11 3:00-6:00 PM Pecometh



School is winding down and the weather is warming up! Come over to Pecometh to celebrate the beginning of summer with other children, youth and families from around the Pen-Del Annual Conference! Come kick off summer with us on Jun 11, 2022, from 3pm to 6pm!

Our Summer Kick Off is a pool party and picnic for ALL ages! We hope to see you there! The pool will be open, plus we'll have worship, food and more!

This is a FREE event, but registration is requested.

For more information and/or to register, visit:

<https://www.pecometh.org/summer-kick-off>

Highmark Walk for Friendship House

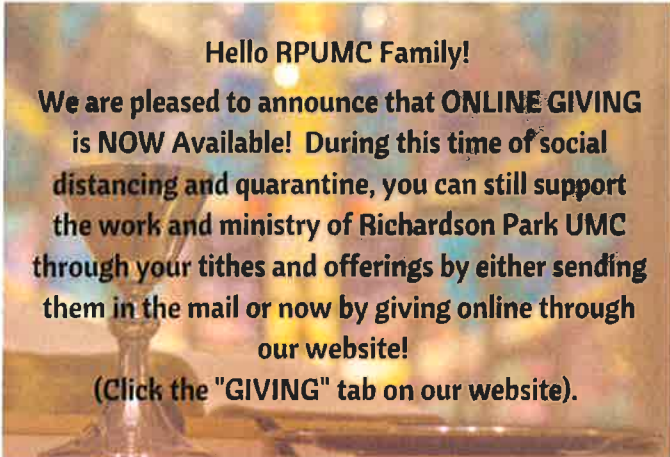
On June 11th, Friendship House is participating in the 2022 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. This is one of our biggest fundraisers! Last year we raised \$73,000 and had over 500 walkers. Will you consider supporting our Boxwood Empowerment Center team? Make a donation or register as a walker and join us at the Riverfront for a 5k walk. 100% of the proceeds go directly towards our life-saving, life-changing programs. Register at:

http://hcf.convio.net/site/TR/Wilmington/HighmarkWalk?team_id=14802&pg=team&fr_id=3857



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

VBS DONATIONS

BY LINDA KEFFER

VBS is right around the corner folks. We will be handing out snack bags each night. We would like to ask for donations of single size bags of various chips, prewrapped cookies, fruit snacks and juice boxes. Thanks you for your generosity and support. Please contact or see Linda Keffer (302) 444-7371.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

BY LINDA KEFFER

Please join us for Fellowship on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:30 am. We will have snacks, coffee and tea to enjoy. We are also in need of donations of prewrapped snacks. Please see Linda Keffer. Thank you for your generosity.



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.



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!



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>

JUNE 14TH



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

June Birthdays

Susan Durkee June 1
 Nicholas Perugini June 4
 Brisa Peterson June 5
 Katie Parker June 10
 Sharon Pierce June 11
 Billy Sorensen June 11
 Ruthann Will June 13
 Yvonne Mitten June 15
 Maria Andraya Ott June 16
 Jeannine White June 18



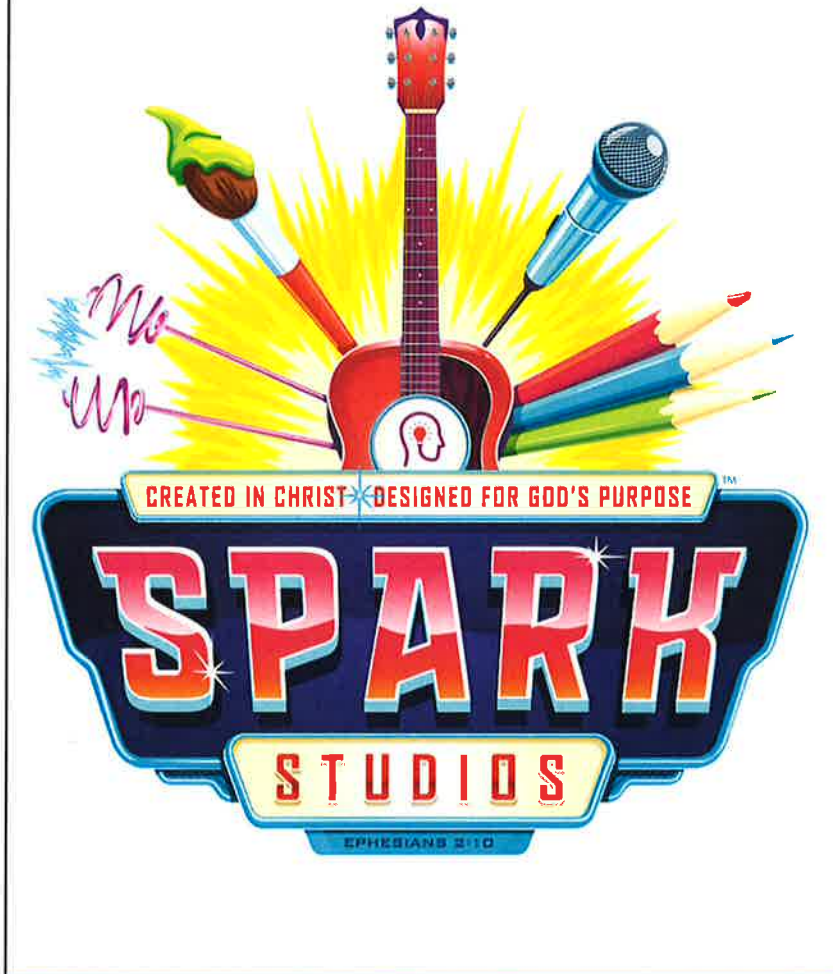
Kayla Brown June 19
 Carolyn Wootten June 20
 Rob Anderson June 21
 Alicia Ott June 23
 David Pruitt June 23
 Carolyn Swain June 23
 Natalie Woodward June 23
 Charlene Workman June 23
 Franz Kappel June 25

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

JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30PM Scout Board Mtg. - Lounge	2 9:00AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch 11AM-2PM The Shoppe at RPUMC	3	4 11AM-2PM The Shoppe at RPUMC
5 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 10AM Fellowship - Ext. 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	6	7 7-8PM Grief Share - Session 5 via Zoom	8	9 9:00AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch 11AM-2PM The Shoppe at RPUMC	10 7:00pm - Book Club - Lounge	11
12 Graduate Sunday 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 10AM Fellowship -Ext. 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM UwiF Mtg. - Lounge 11:30AM Trustee Mtg. - Lounge 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	13	14 Flag Day	15	16 9:00AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch 11AM-2PM The Shoppe at RPUMC	17 7:00PM Koinonia - Ext.	18
19 Father's Day 9:00AM Adult Sunday School 10AM Fellowship - Ext. 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM Council Mtg. - Lounge 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	20  Messenger Deadline Articles Due	21 Summer Begins 7:00PM Leave or Stay Mtg. - Ext.	22	23 9:00AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch 11AM-2PM The Shoppe at RPUMC	24 VBS 6:30-8:30 pm	25 VBS 9:30-11:30am
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IT'S TIME FOR VBS!



Join us for an exciting 2022 VBS from June 24-26

Where? Richardson Park United Methodist Church

When? Friday, June 24 - 6:30-8:30 pm
Saturday, June 25 - 9:30-11:30 am
Sunday, June 26 - 10:30-11:45 am

Register here: <https://forms.gle/2LwEUzxa38PDjoUW7>
or scan the QR Code for registration.

For information, call or contact:
Beth Warfel, Children's Ministry Director at
(302) 654-0961





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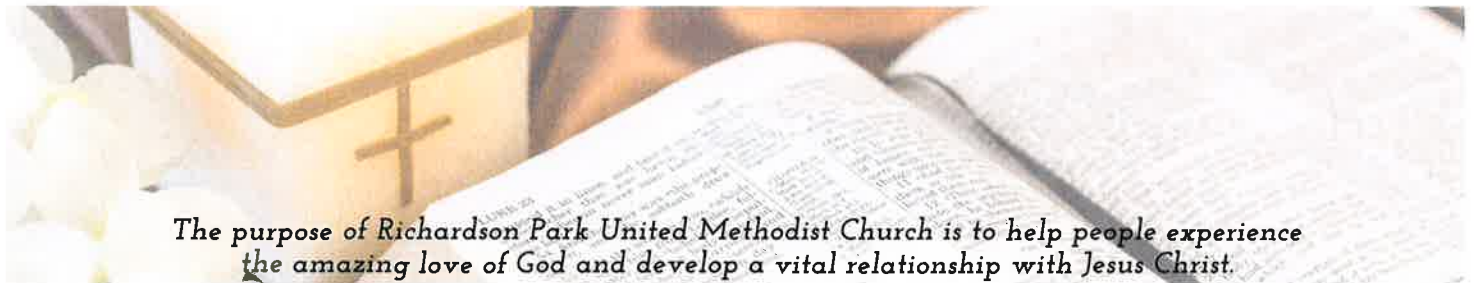
In-Person and Live Streaming Sunday Worship Services at the following sites:

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

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



Please have articles and information for the July Messenger to the church office by Friday, June 16th. 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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