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The Messenger

Monthly publication of Richardson Park United Methodist Church

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Written by Rev. Carolyn Williams

"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:19

As we enter the season of Lent we are reminded Ash Wednesday is a time for us to remember. Ash Wednesday reminds us of two things. We are reminded of our sinfulness before God. Second we are reminded death is part of life. We remember because of sin our body of flesh will return to the dust. We remember accepting Christ as our Lord and Savior breaks the curse of death. Ashes are a visible sign for us to remember our mortality and our desire to repent from sin.

Lent is our time of preparation for Easter. United Methodist all over the world take part in fasting, repentance, and spiritual disciplines as a part of the journey towards Easter.

Join us on Wednesday, March 2nd for Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. Knowing there are some who are unable to attend, I have included a prayer for you to read on this day.

Prayer for Lent

Lord, Holy One, have mercy on us. We confess our sins to you. We have fallen short of your glory and without your mercy and grace, we would be dust. We repent now. Lord, as we enter into this Lenten season, be near to us. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to feel right conviction and repentance for our sin. Help us, by your Spirit, to have the strength to overcome the enemy.

Thank you, Lord, that Easter is coming! Death has no sting, no victory, because of Jesus! Glory and honor and praise to His name! Thank you for rescuing us. Help us keep both the weight and the joy of this season in our hearts as we move through the next several weeks. Help us bear the good fruit of your Spirit.

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

Members of the U.M.W. support one another, their communities and women and children around the world. We are the hands that create, comfort, feed and pray. We are a powerful sisterhood. Together, we are making the world a better place.

I extend an invitation to all women of faith to join our unit. We are serious about outreach but have great conversations. You connect with people that you only glimpse in a pew on Sunday. Our next meeting will be on March 13- following worship service. It lasts about 30 minutes... then you can stay and visit if you would like. This is our special "Upper Room Gathering". It is a very meaningful time to share with sisters of faith. Join us in the extension.

Upcoming adventures:

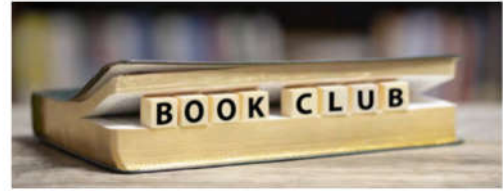
- 1) Easter card box for shut-ins will appear in the back of the sanctuary on April 3. It will disappear on April 13-cards will then be delivered for Easter.
- 2) There is a basket in the back of the sanctuary containing pocket prayer shawls. The back of the card gives information about RPUMC. If you or someone you know could use a little uplift- take one or two to share.
- 3) We now have our third outreach children's book box located at Door of Hope. Thank all of you for the donations of books!
- 4) To be announced next month- a new adventure of outreach for the mothers and babies- it is exciting!

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

1. If possible, take a picture of your "chain of love" to share with us;
2. Continue your "Daily Blessing's Journal";
3. Read: Romans 12:10 and Psalm 16:11.

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, February 11, we met at 7:00 pm in the church lounge to discuss "A Little Hope" by Ethan Joella. We had an enjoyable discussion.

We plan to discuss Mitch Albom's "The Stranger in the Lifeboat" at our March meeting. We are moving the March meeting to the third Friday, on March 18th at 7 pm. Please join us for an interesting conversation and good fellowship.

In April, we will be reading the book from the New Castle County Library Association, "This Tender Land", by William Kent Krueger. Then on Thursday, May 12th, we will have dinner at Iron Hill and see the author speak at the Chase Center at 7 pm.

After that, I hope to 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, 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 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



TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JENNIFER BOYCE

Awesome Tech Tips That Will Save You Time

Nobody likes to waste time. And although technology helps us save time in a myriad of ways, it can also slow us down.

From making quicker Google searches to changing the ways we interact with our smartphones, there are countless ways to speed things up using tech. Use these shortcuts on our PC, Mac, iPhone or Android device to put more time back into your day.

Use Quotation Marks to Narrow Your Search

If you're searching for something in Google but getting bogged down with irrelevant results, consider wrapping your query in quotes. By doing so, Google will only show results that exactly match whatever you might have in quotes. It often makes it easier to find what you're looking for.

Search From the Browser Bar

Why waster time opening a new tab and going to Google? Today's browsers give you the option to search directly from the browser bar at the top of the page. So, simply input your query into the area where Web addresses are normally displayed, and you'll immediately be brought to a search results page related to your query.

Scan Documents From Your Phone

When you need to scan a document there are scanner apps that have become so popular. The apps, let you snap a picture of a document from your phone. The files are then saved as PDFs on your device and you can send them on.

Use F5 to Refresh A Browser Webpage

Using your mouse and clicking on the refresh button in your browser is a waste of time. If you want to refresh a web page without the hassle, just tap the F5 key on your PC keyboard. The browser will refresh whatever page is active in your browser.

Hope these tips help you save some time.

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

March 6-Tony & Glenda Donnelly

March 13-Open

March 20-Joan Stadelman

March 27-Ruth Phillips

At the Cross: Carol Cathell

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 LimestoneRd., Wilmington, DE 19804.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Join Us

Wednesday, March 2nd

for

7:00 p.m. Worship Service



ASH WEDNESDAY



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. - 1 p.m.



PROCEEDS BENEFIT MISSIONS/OUTREACH

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)

BASIC - Lay Servant I Class

Thursdays, March 10-April 7 7:30-9:00 PM ZOOM

The BASIC Lay Servant 1 Course, introduces and develops processes that help individuals discern and respond to God's call on their lives. This course invites participants to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in discipleship. It offers guidelines for optimal communication in leadership and presents numerous types of ministries in which lay servants may assume roles.

Register Here:

<https://forms.gle/YW99tK6SQWzYE7Cy8>



Printable Details Flyer:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/2022BASIC1.pdf

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

BY REV. CAROLYN WILLIAMS

Richardson Park and Peniel UMC are partnering with one another to study "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton. 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.

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

UMCOR SUNDAY

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ALTAR EASTER LILIES



If you would like to place a lily on the Altar for Easter, please return this form to the church office by Sunday, April 3rd. Cost of each plant is \$9.00. Please make your check payable to Richardson Park United Methodist Church and mark "Easter Lilies."

Number of Plants _____ x \$9.00 = _____

Donor's Name _____

In Memory of _____
(for those not _____
living) _____

In Honor of _____
(for those _____
living) _____



In Memory of _____
and Honor of _____

Check/Amount Enclosed: _____

Shall we deliver your flower to a Church Shut-In? YES ___ NO ___

Please arrange to pick up your flowers immediately after the Easter
worship service if they are not being delivered to a shut-in

Thank you.



March Birthdays

Jennifer Boyce March 3
 Morgan Straughn March 5
 Beth Warfel March 5
 Paul McGinnes, Jr. March 6
 Ryan Warfel March 6
 Janet Dickerson March 7
 Steven Palmer March 7
 Stephanie Swain March 7
 Kim Cloud March 10
 John DuVall March 10
 Madison Keffer March 10
 David Rogers March 12

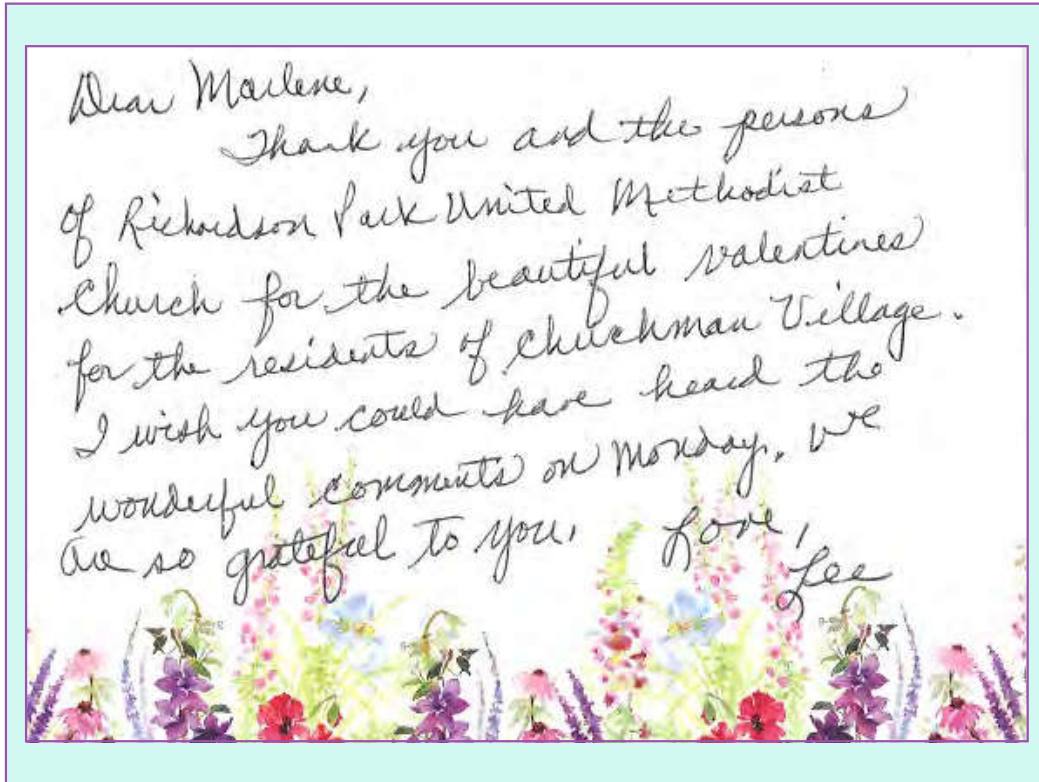


**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

Dennis Daniels March 15
 Susan Eveland March 15
 Don Painter March 16
 Kevin Cecelia March 18
 James Chilcutt March 19
 Jackson Beane March 19
 Tom Beane March 22
 Michael Coverdale March 23
 Austin Painter March 23
 James Keffer March 24
 Sue Cummings March 25

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


*Thank
you*



**DON'T FORGET
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**



MARCH 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:30PM Scout Board Mtg. - Lounge  7PM ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE	3 9AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch - DOOR 11am-1pm - The Shoppe at RPUMC	4	5
6 9AM Adult Sunday School 9:50AM Chancel Choir 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	7	8	9	10 9AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch - DOOR 11AM-1PM - The Shoppe at RPUMC	11	12 11AM Koinonia Mtg. - EXT.
13 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS 9AM Adult Sunday School 9:50AM Chancel Choir 10AM UMW - Lounge 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM Circle Mtg. - Ext. 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	14	15	16	17 St. PATRICK'S DAY 9AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch - DOOR 11AM-1PM - The Shoppe at RPUMC	18 7PM Book Club - Lounge	19
20 SPRING BEGINS 9AM Adult Sunday School 9:50AM Chancel Choir 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM Trustees Mtg. - Lounge 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	21  Messenger Articles Due	22	23	24 9AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch - DOOR 11AM-1PM - The Shoppe at RPUMC	25	26
27 UMCOR SUNDAY 9AM Adult Sunday School 9:50AM Chancel Choir 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM Council Mtg. - Lounge 4:30PM Contemporary Worship - FH	28	29	30	31 9AM BMG - EXT. 11:30AM Free Lunch - DOOR 11AM-1PM - The Shoppe at RPUMC		

The Shoppe at RPUMC, Parsonage and Annex will be OPEN for shopping on Thursday afternoons from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Reverend Carolyn Williams prepares to retire, please join us in wishing her a happy and fulfilling retirement and thanking her for her service at Richardson Park. We will be planning a retirement celebration later this year.

We will receive our new pastor July 1st, Reverend Keisha R. Dukes, and her husband, Brandon. Pastor Keisha is currently the pastor at two churches in Pocomoke City, MD: Mt. Zion and St. James United Methodist Churches.

Pastor Keisha is mission-driven and having been raised in a diverse setting, 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 will be completing her Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington D.C. this May. 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 a passion to serve a church within an urban-like setting and considers Richardson Park UMC a calling, rather than an assignment, 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."*

Respectfully submitted,
Sherlynn Aurelio, SPRC Chair



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In-Person and Live Streaming Sunday Worship Services
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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
April Messenger to the church office by Friday,
March 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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