

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

*Written by Rev. Keisha R. Duker*

It is that time of year again. We are making plans to have a house full of food and fun. We will gather around a table and talk about life's accomplishments and experiences, especially since we have not genuinely gathered since 2019. (You can only imagine how much we have to catch up on.) With this in mind, I wonder, are we living in this same reality as disciples? In other words, are we creating intentional spaces in various community areas, to give thanks and share our faith?

In Psalm 107, the writer stated to give thanks and tell someone about the God's blessed activity in our lives and in the world. This pattern repeats throughout the Bible, God performs signs and wonders, and we are expected to respond by sharing our faith with others. As Christians, the livelihood of our fellowship relies on our thanksgiving and witness. How can we not communicate about the goodness of God in the land of the living? I would like to challenge us this season to demonstrate our gratefulness by witnessing to others the goodness and faithfulness of God. The only way to see authentic growth of discipleship is to share our faith. **How can the world know about God if we do not open up and speak about His faithfulness?** So, "Now let the redeemed of the Lord say so...." (Psalm 107:2)

We should give thanks, strengthen our witness, and watch others come to know God through the saving grace of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. So, before carving the turkey, slicing the cranberry sauce, buttering the rolls, and gathering for the game in the living room, pause and give God thanks! And once we express our thankfulness, run and tell someone about God's presence, power and love.

With My Hands Lifted Up  
And My Mouth Filled With Praise;  
With A Heart Of Thanksgiving,  
I Will Bless Thee, O Lord.

-I will bless thee oh Lord, 1970, New Song Music Co.

Blessings,

*Pastor Keisha*



# United Women in Faith

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

This is the month of giving thanks - November which ushers in a time of thanksgiving. Our "United Women in Faith" are challenged monthly to write daily blessings in a journal.

Now...I give you that challenge. Find three blessings a day for the month of November. The result of this small exercise seems to give folks who participate a different outlook--try it.

A big thank you to everyone who brought in everyday items for our neighbors. Another thank you to all of you who have donated children's books which are still being distributed.

Now, we are gathering items for the Harvest baskets (check attached list). Another way to share God's love is cards for shut-ins. Many of those cards are hand delivered to nursing homes and to the VA in Elsmere. Of course, a few cards are mailed. Your challenge for this project- fill that card box in the back of the sanctuary. These wonderful cards will receive a label on the front. Please sign the inside of the card- From a friend or Blessings from a Friend. The cards will be delivered before Thanksgiving.

The United Women in Faith have started a new study - "The mosaic of faith", I invite you to attend our meeting following the worship service to find out what this is about. Come enjoy the fellowship. Our gentlemen meet in the Sanctuary to share any topics of interest.

Now, my sisters in faith, your November assignment:

1. Attend our meeting on November 13th
2. Bring your completed "mosaic heart"
3. Continue your "Daily Blessings journal".

Thought for November:

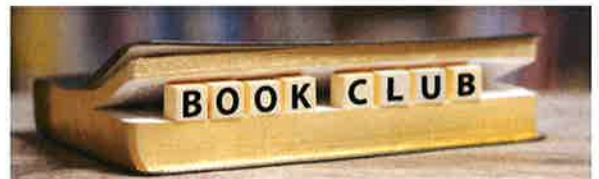
The Bible is meant to be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions.

Blessings from Marlene



## November 1st is All Saints' Day

We will celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 6th with a Service of Remembrance. On that day you are invited to come light a candle in honor and remembrance. If you cannot join us on that day, we will light a candle for you. The names of those we love and have lost will be read during our service. If you would like to include your loved one, please reach out to the office (302-654-0961) to make sure your loved one's name is on our list of people being honored.



## BOOK CLUB

BY PAUL WEAVER

On Friday, October 14th, we met on Swain's back porch to discuss "Before We Were Yours", by Lisa Wingate. Sandy again treated us to homemade cinnamon buns. The change in location allowed Janet D. to participate despite her injury.

We will discuss "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See at our November 11th meeting at 7 pm at the church in the Lounge. Please join us for an interesting conversation and good fellowship.

We may also read "Sam" in November and are hoping to schedule a visit from Rev. Robyn Brown to discuss that book. And we will also be reading "The Neighbor's Secret" by L. Alison Heller and "Gentleman and Players" by Joanne Harris in the coming months. 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

### Medicare Scams

This is the time of year when Medicare scams proliferate. I found an AARP site with a wealth of stories about how bad actors scam Medicare. The link for the site is:

<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2022/crooks-targeting-medicare/html>

Don't click on the link. Copy and paste it into your browser. It's really scary how easy it is for Medicare fraud to happen and the impact can be disastrous.

Some quick tips on how to stay safe if you don't want to read the article.

- Never give your Medicare number to anyone who calls on the telephone. Share it only with your health care providers or if you have placed a call to Medicare.
- If someone offers you free genetic testing in person or online, it's a scam. Medicare does not pay for these tests unless they are ordered by a medical professional.
- If someone calls and promises you COVID-19 test, medical equipment or medical services in return for your Medicare number, hang up. It is fraudulent activity.
- Medicare will not reach out to you regarding enrollment. If someone calls and makes a pitch to help you enroll in the program, that's a scam.

If there is a special topic you want to see just send a note to [rpumc@rpumchurch.org](mailto:rpumc@rpumchurch.org)



## 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

## 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 plastic grocery shopping 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



### ALTAR FLOWERS

November 6-OPEN

November 13-Kristi Doughty

November 20-Charlene Workman

November 27-OPEN

GREETER-Neal Davis

LAY READERS-To be announced



## THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

It's November and we are learning that God loves us and wants us to care for His world. We have learned about Noah obeying God and now we are starting to study Abraham. Each week items in our discovery center bring the Bible story to life. There are also songs, games and a special activity.

The youth shared a wonderful song with the congregation on Laity Sunday. It is always great to see everyone singing and clapping to "This is the Day the Lord has made".

We meet in the Sanctuary at 10:25 am. After a "moment with youth", we go to our room. Wonder what exciting adventures we will find? If your child is between the ages of 4 and 12, join us as we explore the Bible. Join us so you don't miss the adventures. We meet in the sanctuary at 10:25 a.m. There is a short "Time with Children" and then we are off to our classroom.

Blessings from Ms. Marlene

## NURSERY NEWS



### NURSERY IS REOPENING!

Our nursery is re-opening! A big thank you to Michelle Anderson and Alice Lang for volunteering to do this much needed ministry. It will be great to see our little ones and their parents.

However, we need substitutes to give these wonderful ladies a break once in a while. Please think about this exciting opportunity. Thank you for your support!

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



## UM STUDENT DAY NOVEMBER 27, 2022



### WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?

United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. For stories on how you make a difference visit [UMC.org/yourimpact](http://UMC.org/yourimpact)

### HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY?

United Methodists have been investing in our students for more than 100 years. United Methodist Student Day invites the church to support United Methodist students in achieving their educational goals. The funds received award United Methodist scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. Your gifts help young people achieve their educational calling with more financial freedom.

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

**TOGETHER**  
OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE

The United Methodist Church's special giving structure ensures your generosity blesses as many people as possible in sustainable, strategic ways

YOUR DONATION CHANGES THE WORLD ONE LIFE AT A TIME

GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH:  
Make checks payable to your local church or donate online via credit/debit card at [ResourceUMC.org/SSGive](http://ResourceUMC.org/SSGive)

TO GIVE ONLINE SCAN OR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.  
The people of The United Methodist Church\*

## JOIN US

Tuesday Mornings

Richardson Park  
United Methodist Church

# PRAYER CALL LINE

Confrence number (605) 468-8733  
Code: 6102741#

Tuesday Mornings

LINES OPEN AT 8:00 am

Join us for prayer,  
ALL ARE WELCOME!





## 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](http://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 Jennifer Christy at (410-810-0110)

Schedule of upcoming ZOOM online meetings:

- 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!**



## 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

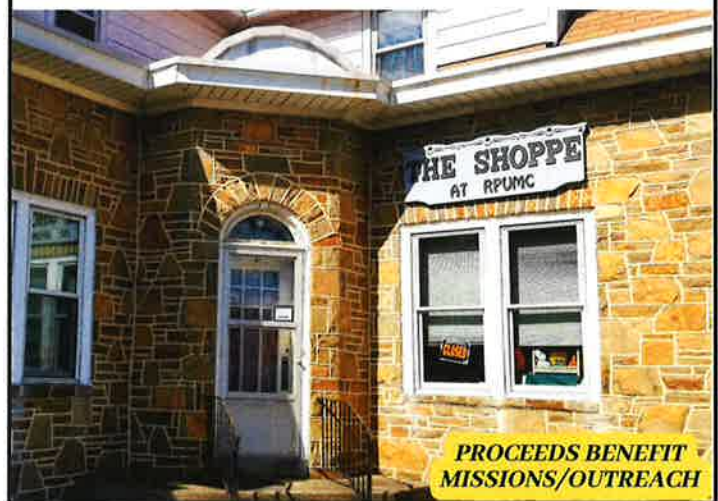
Please remember that if you would like to dedicate altar flowers "In Honor of" or "In Loving Memory of" a loved one, please submit your order and donation to the church office at least one week before.

Thank you.



## 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

# November Birthdays

Sandy Burkholder	November 1
Joseph Gallagher	November 1
Paul Ayala	November 2
Tracy Gamble	November 2
Sath Amara	November 3
Frank Lindell	November 5
Christopher Owen	November 5
Lis-Ana Wegman	November 5
Brandon Gamble	November 8
Alice Lang	November 9
Rob Swain	November 10
Bob Burkholder	November 11
Erin Cox	November 11
Mary White	November 12
Dennis Johnson	November 13
Barbara Sayles	November 13
George Sease	November 13
Phyllis Bowman	November 14



Shawn Creese	November 18
Jim King	November 20
Clyde Nafzinger	November 20
Debbie Davis	November 22
Hannah Phillippe	November 23
Janis Williams	November 23
Deborah Pruitt	November 25
Phyllis Thomas	November 25
Samuel Pasmore	November 26
Karen DiTullio-Ewell	November 28
Mallori Cochran	November 29
Laura Doughty	November 29
Kylie Parker	November 29
Marvin Swain	November 29
Sherlynn Aurelio	November 30
Mary Alice Bair	November 30

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

## Holiday Bazaar

When: Saturday, November 5, 2022

Where: Peniel United Methodist Church

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



REMEMBER OUR VETERANS  
NOVEMBER 11

Harvest Home  
In-Gathering  
November 20





# HARVEST HOME SHOPPING LIST





**Sunday, November 20**



Product	Amount per Family	Cash/Gift Card only	can/boxed
Apple juice	1 or 2		Yes
Canned Corn	2		Yes
Cranberry Sauce	2		Yes
Green Beans	2		Yes
Yams	2		Yes
Cheerios	1		Yes
Fresh Dinner Rolls	1		Yes
Grape Jelly	1		Yes
Instant Potatoes	2		Yes
Mac&Cheese	3		Yes
Spaghetti	2		Yes
Pasta Sauce	2		Yes
Apple Pie	1		Yes
Pumpkin Pie	1		Yes
Rice Krispies	1		Yes
Stuffing (Stove Top)	2		Yes
Turkey Gravy	2		Yes
Wonder Bread	1		Yes
Soup/Ramen Noodles	1 or 2		Yes
Creamy Peanut Butter	1		Yes
Sugar Free Powder Drink	1		Yes
<b>These items will be purchased fresh. Please donate by Check or Cash.</b>			
Butter	1	Yes	
Carrots (baby)	1	Yes	
Frozen Turkey	1	Yes	
Milk	1	Yes	
Orange Juice	1	Yes	
<b>Cash gifts are always appreciated in any amount.</b>			
<b>By Check, please make your check payable to Richardson Park UMC and put Harvest Home on the "For" line.</b>			
<b>Harvest Home In-Gathering Will Be Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022</b>			

Please share with Pastor Dukes those whom you feel would benefit from this outreach.

# NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1 All Saints' Day</b> 7-8PM Grief Share - Session 10 via Zoom	<b>2</b> 6:30PM Scout Board Mtg. - Lounge	<b>3</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM -Free Lunch - FH	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>11am-2pm at The Shoppe and Annex First Saturdays'</b> 9am-2pm Peniel Holiday Bazaar
<b>6 Daylight Savings All Saints' Sunday</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church	<b>7</b> NO Cub Pack 339 Mtg.	<b>8 FH Reserved Election Day</b> General Elections 6AM- 10PM - FH 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM -Free Lunch - FH	<b>11 Veterans Day</b> 7PM Book Club - Lounge 	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM UWIF Mtg. - Lounge	<b>14</b> 6PM Cub Pack 339 Mtg. - FH	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM -Free Lunch - FH	<b>18</b>  <b>Messenger Articles Due</b>	<b>19</b> 11AM Koinonia Mtg. - Lunch & Games - Ext.
<b>20 Home Harvest Gathering</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM Trustee Mtg. - Lounge	<b>21</b> NO Cub Pack 339 Mtg. - FH	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 	<b>25</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27 UM Student Day</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM - Council Mtg. - Lounge	<b>28</b> 6PM Cub Pack 339 Thanksgiving Feast - FH	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			

The Shoppe at RPUMC, Parsonage and Annex will be OPEN for shopping on Thursdays' from 11AM-2PM





## CHRISTMAS ALTAR POINSETTIAS



Red poinsettias will be ordered to be placed on the Altar on Sunday, December 18th. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in Memory or in Honor of Loved Ones.

Please return this form to the church office by Sunday, December 4. The cost of each poinsettia is \$8.50. Please make your check payable to Richardson Park United Methodist Church. On the memo line of the check, please indicate "Poinsettias". If possible, please pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve candlelight service on December 24.

Donor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers given:

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

(for those not living) \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

(for those living) \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory and \_\_\_\_\_

Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Check/Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Shall we deliver your flower to a Church Shut-In?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_





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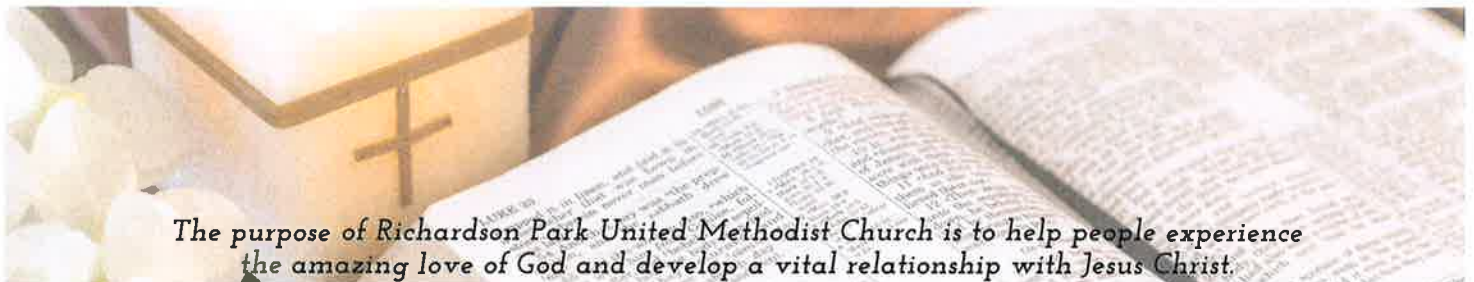
In-Person and **Live Streaming** Sunday Worship Services at the following sites:

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.



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



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.