

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

*Written by Rev. Keisha R. Dukes*

Here at RPUMC, we are dedicated to sharing our faith to help people experience God's amazing love and develop a vital relationship with Jesus Christ. With this in mind, we are "walking with God" during October. This month, we will explore scriptures that emphasize walking with God. This past month, we talked about faith, and this month, we will examine how our faith informs our walk!

Since the beginning of time, our foremothers and forefathers have walked with God. Their faith was evidence that God was present in all things. This month, we should examine our discipleship and ask: "am I authentically walking with God, or have I taken a break?" Please remember, no matter which answers you provide, we have been afforded grace, which continues to encourage our walk! I am challenging the church to commit to prayer, worship, and Bible study this month! Let us walk with God!

So, log in or come in, join us for Sunday school at 9:00 am, Sunday worship/Children's church at 10:30 am, Cluster bible study every Wednesday at 11:00 am, and beginning in October, we will start our prayer conference call every Tuesday at 8:00 am.

We are RPUMC and join us as we walk with God this season!

### "Footprints in the Sand"

One night I dreamed a dream.  
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.  
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
You'd walk with me all the way.  
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

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He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you  
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."

Margaret Fishback Powers, 1964

Blessings,

*Pastor Keisha*

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2, 2022

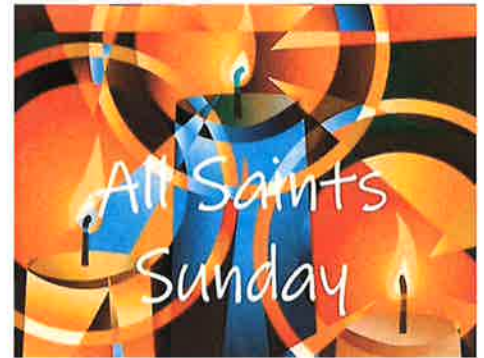


### WHY DO WE CELEBRATE SPECIAL SUNDAYS?

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](https://www.UMC.org/yourimpact)

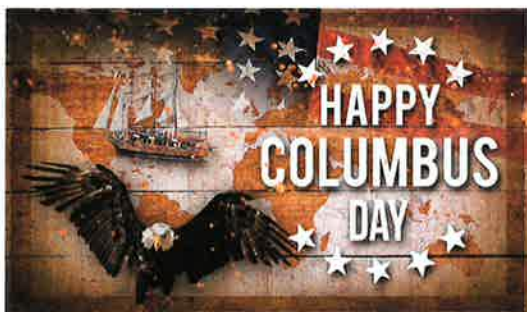
### HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS AROUND THE WORLD?

We are called to reach out to all people and model the diversity of all God's children. Your gifts support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals while also transforming communities. Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries. Thirty-five percent supports ethnic scholarships for undergraduate students. Fifteen percent funds In-Service Training Programs for racial and ethnic persons.



### October 30th is All Saints Sunday

We want to honor everyone's loved ones. 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. Thank you.



October 10th



October 9th



United Women in Faith

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

The cooler weather and autumn colors are here...What wonders God gives to us.

Our wonderful group of women will venture into a new study beginning this month. The title of our story is "Mosaic of Faith- we area all part of God's story". Please check the United Women in Faith bulletin board to see what ways these wonderful women share God's story. They certainly believe "love in action can change the world".

Thanks to all of you who are participating in everyday items for our neighbors. You continually amaze me with your generosity! The items collected so far will be placed in clear plastic bags and given out- one bag per family. This will be an on-going project.

If you have not attended one of our meetings, I extend an invitation to join us. Our meetings are the second Sunday of the month. We meet directly following the worship service in the extension. Don't worry about the length of time- only 30-35 minutes long. Of course, there is always conversation following- join in.

Now, my sisters in faith, your October assignment:

1. Attend the October 9th meeting
2. Read Mark 8:27-30
3. Continue your "Daily Blessings journal".

Closing Prayer:

Dear God, help us to see you in every person and care for them as you have cared for us. Enable us to communicate your caring. In Your Name, Amen.  
Blessings from Marlene





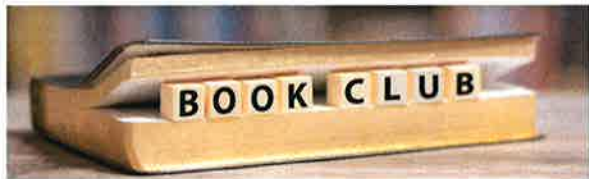
## THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

The leaves are falling and changing colors- it must be autumn. In fact, it's October! We had a wonderful start to Children's Church on September 11th. We met in the sanctuary, introduced each member of the class and said a special "Prayer of Protection" for our grandparents. Now, we are studying "God's Creation". There is a discovery center which changes weekly. We have a craft, songs, and most importantly, our Bible story of the week. There might even be a game!

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- off to our classroom.

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



## BOOK CLUB

BY PAUL WEAVER

On Friday, September 9th, we met on Swain's back porch to discuss "Home Front" by Kristin Hannah. And we enjoyed some interesting conversation (with pictures) about one of our own's service overseas. Sandy again treated us to homemade cinnamon buns. The change in location allowed Janet D. to participate despite her recent injury.

We will discuss "Before We Were Yours", by Lisa Wingate at our October 14th meeting at 7 PM. We will meet at Swain's again. Please join us for an interesting conversation and good fellowship.

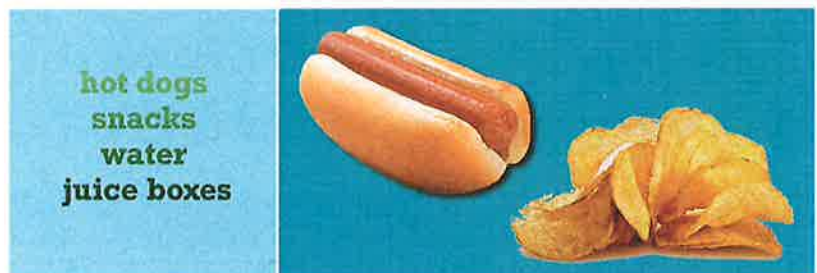
We may read "Sam" for our November meeting, and are hoping to schedule a visit from Rev. Robyn Brown to discuss that book. And we will also be reading "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See, "The Neighbor's Secret" by L. Alison Heller and "Gentleman and Players" by Joanne Harris in the coming months. In addition, a number of our recent books have come from your suggestions; please keep those coming! Thank you.  
Paul

## FAMILY FUN DAY - OCTOBER 8, 2022 UM CHURCHES COMMUNITY DAY EVENT

We have partnered with Cedars UMC, Peniel UMC, and St. Mark's UMC to reach out to the surrounding communities and having a Family Fun Day which is being held at Brandywine Springs Park, at the Rudy Williams Pavilion on October 8th 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - FREE event.

Each church will have a table for their information. There will be food, music, games and lots of fun!! Come on out to Family Fun Day!

Thank you for your support of this important outreach mission!  
Blessings,  
The RPUMC Missions and Koinonia Fellowship



### Save the Date - Oct. 8, 2022

United Methodist Churches Community Day

Cedars UMC - Peniel - Richardson Park - St. Mark's UMC



To be held at  
**Brandywine Springs Park**  
Rudy Williams Pavilion  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**



## TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JIM CHILCUTT

### Fun With Emojis

This is a nifty tip I found on pcworld's web site.

Windows 10 has an integrated emoji keyboard which allows you to select a telephone style emoji, an ASCII emoji or a special character.

To summon it, simply press the Windows key and ; (semi colon) simultaneously on your keyboard to get the emoji popup. 😎 (R) 🚀 😊

Another little trick is a way to insert an ASCII character. If you happened to see the movie "The Martian" you may remember Matt Damon looking for an ASCII table. This trick works for numbers from 001 to 255. Hold down the ALT key and using a numeric keypad type simultaneously type a number from 001 to 255 then release the ALT key. For example ALT 125 generates }. This only works with a numeric keypad.

Alt 200 ⌘

Alt 201 ⌞

Alt 202 ⌚

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

October 2-Frank Pugh

At the Cross: Fran Tebbutt

October 9-Susan Watkins

October 16-Nancy Quillen

October 23-Kathy Rogers

October 30-OPEN

GREETER-Neal Davis

LAY READERS-To be announced



## ONLINE GIVING - TITHES & OFFERINGS

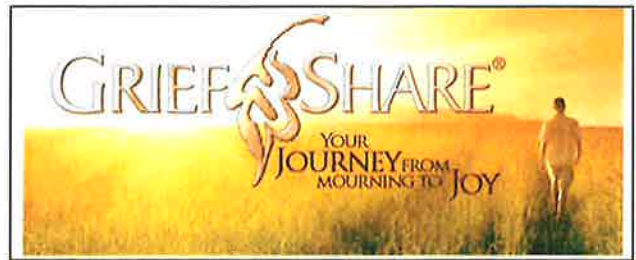
ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE

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](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 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!



## 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

# October Birthdays

Karen Boyd	October 1
Brittany Brown	October 1
Allison Cox	October 2
Chrysta Martin	October 3
Dee Dee Painter	October 3
Jane Thomas	October 3
Robert Evely	October 4
Edward Przywara	October 4
Alissa Ayala	October 6
Lincoln Klingler	October 6
Roger Longest	October 6
Mike Phillips	October 6
Cheryl Chilcutt	October 7
Angela Buhner	October 8
Jessica Donnelly	October 9
Mary Hall	October 9
Tony DiMauro	October 10
Kaia Phillips	October 10



Logan Phillips	October 10
Melissa Hughes	October 11
Chelsea Chilcutt	October 12
Sarah Pasmore	October 12
Dan Freebery	October 13
Emma Perugini	October 13
Dennis Earvase	October 16
Yvette Hayman	October 17
Riley Kaucz	October 19
Patrick Donnelly	October 22
Lovedy Berkley	October 26
Dianna Deaton	October 26
Paulette Lazzaro	October 26
Eric Fleming	October 27
Tod Mitten	October 27
Scott Cloud	October 28
Ashley Lang Blevins	October 30
Anthony Steward	October 31

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

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

**TRUCK OR TREAT**

CHURCH PARKING LOT  
**FROM 11AM-1 PM**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH**

There will be NO rain date

## TRUNK OR TREAT

**Save the date!**  
Saturday, October 29th  
from 11am-1pm

Please join us and participate in a fun church activity right in the parking lot. Decorate your car and get some candy and enjoy the kids from the neighborhood all dressed up to safely trick or treat. Great opportunity to connect with the community and invite families to church. There will not be a rain date. Any questions, please see Cassandra King or Linda Keffer.

Come on out and enjoy the fun!



# OCTOBER 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						<b>1</b>
<b>2 World Communion Day</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church	<b>3</b> 6PM Cub Pack 339 Mtg. - FH	<b>4</b> 7-8PM Grief Share - Session 9 via Zoom	<b>5</b> 6:30PM Scout Board Mtg. - Lounge	<b>6</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM -Free Lunch - FH	<b>7</b>	<b>8 UM Churches Family Fun Day -</b> 11AM - 2PM Brandywine Springs Park, Rudy Williams Pavilion
<b>9 Pastor Appreciation Day</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM UWIF Mtg. - Lounge	<b>10 Columbus Day</b> 6PM Cub Pack 339 Mtg. - FH	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM -Free Lunch - FH	<b>14</b> 7PM Book Club - Swain's	<b>15</b> 11AM Koinonia Mtg. - Lunch & Games - Ext.
<b>16 Laity Sunday</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM Trustee Mtg. - Lounge	<b>17</b> 6PM Cub Pack 339 Mtg. - FH	<b>18</b>  <b>Messenger Articles Due</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM -Free Lunch - FH	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church	<b>24</b> 6PM Cub Pack 339 Halloween Party - FH	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM -Free Lunch - FH	<b>28</b>	<b>29 Trunk or Treat</b> 11AM - 1PM  Church Parking Lot
<b>30 All Saints' Day</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church	<b>31 Halloween</b> NO Cub Pack 339 Mtg. tonight 				Please remember to submit all announcements for the Sunday Bulletin to the Church Office by <u>Wednesday</u> or via email to: <a href="mailto:rpumc@rpumchurch.org">rpumc@rpumchurch.org</a>	







# 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</b>			
<b>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.



# The Messenger



October 2022

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Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Boyce

BOO!



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

[rpumchurch.org/html/streaming\\_service.html](http://rpumchurch.org/html/streaming_service.html) or Facebook at: [facebook.com/rpumchurch](https://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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# PRAYER CALL LINE

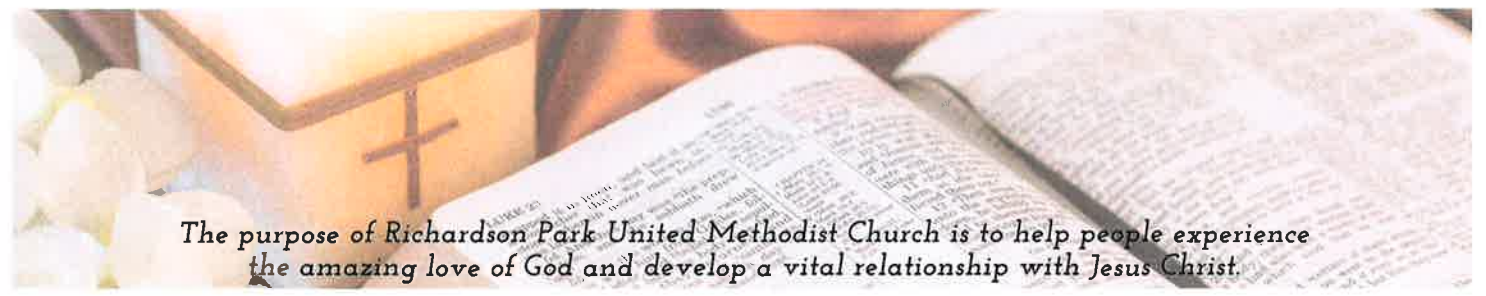
Confrencece number (605) 468-8733  
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**Tuesday Mornings**

LINES OPEN AT 8:00 am

Join us for prayer, ALL ARE WELCOME!

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



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