

JULY 2023



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Written by Rev. J. Chris Pennington

Dear RP family,

What a great joy it is to come and serve in ministry with you all. This will be my fifth stop along the way since beginning in 2000 and each stop has provided a wealth of different experiences and opportunities. I've learned and grown at each church and I hope that I've been able to provide tools from my toolbox that have helped the churches and their members to continue and grow in their walk with Jesus.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and learning about your strengths and interests. Please don't hesitate to share with me your thoughts and dreams and together we'll forge a path for RP that will honor God and be a witness to the community that surrounds us.

Many blessings to each of you!

Pastor Chris

Micah 6:8 Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with 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.



United
Women
in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

It seems that 2023 is swiftly moving- July (the seventh month) has arrived! I know many of you have been actively sharing God's blessings with other folks. Last month the thought to remember was "to love by freely giving is its own reward". As I watch my wonderful group of "sisters in faith", this is exactly what I witness. This group works in The Shoppe, helps at free lunch, programs the worship service, delivers flowers, takes communion to shut-ins, sends cards and visits shut-ins. The list goes on and on.

Now, my sisters in faith your July assignment:

- 1.) Continue these wonderful activities
- 2.) Smile and share kindness
- 3.) Enjoy the month of July!

A thought to remember:

Dear Lord, help me to see, know and thank you for the countless beautiful and wonderful things in our lives.

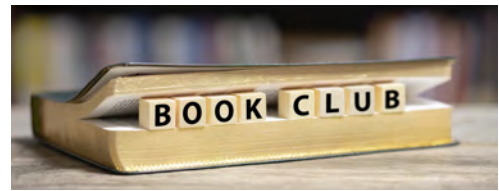
Blessings from Marlene



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



BOOK CLUB

BY PAUL WEAVER

On Friday, June 9th, we met at the church, to discuss "Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah, an author we like and have enjoyed in the past. We had an interesting discussion.

Our July meeting will be on Friday, July 14th at 2 pm at the church. We will discuss "The Lies I Tell" by Julie Clark.

We will be reading "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus, and "The Only Woman In The Room", by Heather Teller and "The Neighbor's Secret" by L. Alison Heller. In addition, a number of our recent books have come from your suggestions, please keep those coming!

Continued prayers for healing to Janis Williams, one of our loyal members, who took a spill last month and has fractures in both hands. Get well soon, Janis!



THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

Where did the month of June go? It's now July! I do hope you are enjoying each and every day of summer!

As you know, we are on a summer break from Children's Church until the second Sunday in September. I do have an assignment for each of you- don't groan- it's easy. What did you enjoy in Children's Church? Now think- was it the Bible stories, the mystery table, songs, crafts, the little books we made or the experiments? Let me know!

I do hope you enjoy each day of this summer God is sharing with us. Stop by the sanctuary on Sunday morning and say "hi".

See you the second Sunday in September.

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JIM CHILCUTT

Word Shortcut Quick Tips

1. Use the Search Box to Find Features
 - a. Ctrl-Q
2. Highlight a Sentence With a Click
 - a. Cursor at begin of sentence, press Ctrl for rest of sentence.
3. Select Text From the Keyboard
 - a. Place cursor where selection starts, press F8 to select a word F8 to select the line and again to select a paragraph.
4. Jump to Your Most Recent Edits
 - a. From anywhere on the page press Shift F5 to jump to the location of the last edit.
5. Change Capitalizations the Easy Way
 - a. Do you want to capitalize every word in a header, or reduce all-caps text to lowercase? Select the text you want to change, then press Shift-F3 repeatedly until the text looks the way you want.
6. Switch between open windows.
 - a. Alt Tab and select the desired window.
7. Stop word from inserting automatic underline.
 - a. If you type three or more hyphens on a separate line, Word will insert a horizontal line across the page. Click on the paragraph with the line below it. Go to the Home tab, and, in the Paragraph box, find the Borders icon, which looks like a four-cell table. Select the icon with no borders and click on it. The line will go away.
8. Use the Keyboard for Almost Anything
 - a. Press the Alt key and word will highlight all the shortcuts.

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

PAPER RECYCLING CAN

Please be aware that effective 3/3/23, Richardson Park UMC is no longer participating in the Paper Retriever program and the collection container has been removed from the back parking lot. The initial objective of gaining a very small revenue stream along with a positive environmental impact, based on the reuse of clean paper, is no longer viable. We thank the many people who contributed to this program over the past several years! We welcome any new ideas for Sustainable Solutions that can be incorporated into the operations of the church. We will continue to look for ways to nurture and protect the people of our church, surrounding community and God's Green Earth. Thank you, Kathy Rogers

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



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



New Women's Al-Alon Meeting

Women's Al-Anon Family Group is an open meeting available to all women on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 525 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark, DE 19711.

Please use the main front entrance of the church.

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relative and friends of alcoholics who share experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems.

If you have any questions please call 302-731-9495, Ext. 10.

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.



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 will be open for shopping on Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



PROCEEDS BENEFIT MISSIONS/OUTREACH



Bishop LaTrelle Easterling begins her new podcast.

Thursdays at the Table

Asking good questions, engaging in deep conversation and telling the whole truth can change the world. In her new podcast Bishop LaTrelle Easterling invites you to join her for Thursdays at the Table as she is joined by leaders from across the connection, serving up new insights and interesting ways of experiencing our lives together.

New podcasts are the first Thursday of each month. Tune in **July 6** for the next podcast.

You can join at 8 a.m. or listen any time on: Spotify, Apple Podcasts or at pdcbwc.org/thursdays-at-the-table.html

63rd Annual Lewes Antiques Show & Sale

Friday & Saturday, July 7 - 8 10 am-5 pm

Admission: \$5.00 • is for both days

The 2-day event is held at Bethel UMC
129 W 4th St, Lewes, DE 19958



Whether you live locally or are visiting the Delaware beaches, come help us celebrate the 63rd anniversary of Lewes Antiques Show & Sale sponsored by Bethel UMC since 1959.

This indoor show features quality antiques, collectibles, art & photography from 17 regional dealers & has something for everyone at reasonable prices.

Bethel United Methodist Church is handicapped accessible.

Lunch can be purchased at the Bethel Deli & Lunchroom Café; prepared by Bethel parishioners to include delectable homemade desserts

- Free parking available
- Take a self-guided tour of this historic church and view the beautifully restored stained-glass windows.
- All proceeds benefit the missions & ministries of Bethel UMC.
- In addition to the Antiques Show & Sale, the Bethel Women's Ministry is sponsoring a "Priceless" Curiosity Shop located in the Parsonage Meeting House directly across from the church. It will be held over the same two days as the Antiques Show & Sale but only Friday, 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday, 8 am to 2 pm.

Bethel United Methodist Church
129 W. 4th Street, Historic Lewes.

Questions:

<http://bethellewes.org>
302-645-9426,
office@bethellewes.org



MT. LEBANON UMC
PRESENTS

STARS & STRIPES SUNDAY

SUNDAY JULY 2 • 4PM - 7PM

DONATIONS FROM OUR COMMUNITY WILL HELP FUND CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR TROOPS

LIVE PATRIOTIC BAND CONCERT FROM 5 - 6PM

FOOD & DRINKS FOR SALE
GAMES

JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF OUR MILITARY

MT. LEBANON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
850 MT LEBANON ROAD, WILMINGTON, DE 19803
OPEN TO ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY -- SPREAD THE WORD!

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 Sease 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
 RuthAnn Woodward July 27
 Mabel Dunfee July 28
 Nicole Cummings July 30
 Glenda Donnelly July 30
 Teri Williams July 31

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

Wednesdays June-Oct 3:30 pm-6:30pm

FREE LUNCH Announcement

Thank You
For your support

Thank you Teri Williams!

We are possibly handing out over 100 lunches and we want to thank all the present working volunteer staff. Teri Williams has resigned due to health concerns. We may need more staff. If you are interested, please contact us. Blessings, Joe Tucker



ALTAR FLOWERS

July 2-Phyllis Bowman
 At the Cross: Mary Alice Bair
 July 9-Harold Ritter
 July 16-Julia Lynch
 July 23-Koinonia Class
 July 30-Open

LAY READERS-To be announced



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 9AM Adult Sunday School 9:30AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM Meet & Greet with Pastor Chris Pennington-Ext.	3	4 Independence Day Church Office & Building Closed	5 6:30PM Scout Board Mtg. - Lounge	6 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH	7	8
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16 9AM Adult Sunday School 9:30AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30AM Worship 11:30AM - Trustee Mtg. - Lounge	17	18	19	20 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH	21  Messenger Deadline Articles Due	22
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The Shoppe at RPUMC, Parsonage and Annex will be OPEN for shopping on Thursdays' from 11AM-2PM the month of July.

COME ON OUT & SHOP AT
THE SHOPPE AT RPUMC
 on Thursdays 11 AM-2 PM
PRE-LOVED GOODS
DISCOVER GREAT FINDS



@rpumchurch.org
 proceeds benefit
 missions/outreach



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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 Service.....10:30 A.M.



Please have articles and information for the August Messenger to the Church Office by Friday, July 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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