

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Written by Rev. Keisha R. Dukes

Happy Resurrection Season! As a church, we celebrate the event of new life and beginnings on "Resurrection Sunday," however, this was not the end; Christ revealed his glorified nature, and his disciples witnessed his transfiguration. (Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:13-53; John 20:11-19) and then he ascended into heaven. (Acts 1:6-11)

What does this mean for the Christian faith?

Christ's resurrection and ascension occurred time apart from one another. In other words, He did not just "rise" and then ascend to heaven; instead, there was a transitional space where Jesus proved the promise of God to those who loved him by revealing his glorified nature.

Sometimes, we rush forward with our liturgical worship, and we do not take the time to embrace the glorious splendor of God's covenant with us and how God keeps divine promises.

We must take the time to experience the resurrected Christ before his ascension. During this season, please find time to reflect and imagine yourself as one of his disciples during that historical context. Would you want to "rush him" into glory, or would you take the time to settle in the fellowship of God's glory?

What are some ideas to practice fruitful faith during this resurrection season?

We could take a nature or community walk, pray, call friends, and share our faith. Remember to enjoy fellowship with the resurrected Christ while he is with us!

With light, love and resurrection blessings,

Pastor Keisha

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

Is it me or do the days seem to quickly pass! We are now in the month of May and hopefully you are enjoying the wonderful array of flowers God gives us to enjoy.

I thank everyone filling our "Card Box" in the back of the sanctuary. The Easter cards were delivered on April 5th. It means so much to the folks to know someone has them in thought and prayer! The card box will be in the back of the sanctuary-this time for Memorial Day. These cards really mean so much to the veterans at the V.A. in Elsmere - not only the folks in the nursing division but also the workers. Our veterans are not forgotten! The cards will be delivered on May 25th. Thank you for supporting this worth while program - sharing God's love!

You all deserve another thank-you for supporting the "Children's Book Program". The book box located at Cosmos is replenished every two weeks - the children, parents and employees love it. The other locations - Door of Hope and Elsmere Laundromat are filled monthly.

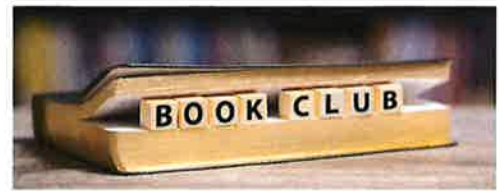
Now, my sisters in faith, May's assignment:

- 1.) Attend our May meeting in the extension on May 14 following our worship service. This will be a short meeting - May 14th is Mother's Day!
- 2.) Invite someone to a church service
- 3.) Show kindness!

A thought to Remember:

Jesus, open my eyes to see the everyday gifts you give to everyone who believes.

Blessings from Marlene



BOOK CLUB

BY PAUL WEAVER

On Friday, April 14th at 2 pm, we met at the church, to discuss "Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law" by Mary Roach. We had an interesting discussion of the book. On Thursday, April 20, we met for dinner at Iron Hill Brewery at 5 pm, then headed over to the Chase Center to hear Mary Roach speak. On Thursday, May 4th we will have a Zoom call with Rev. Robyn Brown to discuss "Sam". We have been looking forward to this meeting with one of our favorite authors. Our "Regularly scheduled" May meeting will be on Friday, May 12th at 2pm at the church. We will discuss "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah for that meeting. We have enjoyed several of her books. I just finished reading "Winter Garden" and believe that it is the best of the bunch.

We will be reading "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus, "The Neighbor's Secret" by L. Alison Heller and "The Lies I Tell" by Julie Clark in the coming months. In addition, a number of our recent books have come from your suggestions; please keep those coming!



THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

It's May and the weather is warmer! We are certainly blessed! I do hope to see you during this month as we continue our study in the New Testament. Will we met other folks? What are their jobs? Will we make the story books to take home and share with families?

Please join us in the back of the sanctuary by 10:30 a.m. We will then go to the Youth room. Be ready to discover what adventures await!

On May May 28th we will have our last meeting until September. Be ready to share what exciting adventures you enjoyed the most this year. We have really had a great learning experience! I can't wait to hear what you enjoyed!

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JIM CHILCUTT

What Is Account Takeover Fraud?

Account takeover fraud occurs when cybercriminals gain access to your online accounts and use them to withdraw money, make purchases or extract information they can sell or use to access your other accounts. Potential targets of account takeover fraud include social media and email accounts, as well as those you use to shop or handle bank and credit card transactions. During the pandemic, there's been an uptick in government benefits, such as unemployment payments, involved in account takeover fraud --a good example of the opportunistic thinking that drives this trend.

What can you do to reduce your risk of account takeover fraud? Following general best practices for reducing the risk of identity theft is a good place to start. Some factors may be out of your control. For example, your information may be leaked in a data breach without your knowledge or the opportunity to secure your information. You can, however, take steps to limit the ways bad actors can use your data.

- Be meticulous with passwords.
- Use multifactor authentication.
- Safeguard your credit.

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

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



MAY 20TH



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



GRIEF SHARE 2023

GriefShare groups meet to help you face challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. (Griefshare.org) GriefShare meets once a week online via ZOOM from 6:30pm-8:30pm on Mondays. You are encouraged to join on any week. Sessions are self-contained. It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future 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. If you would like to participate please contact Judy Barker, GS/Director/Leader at (302-994-1939)

Schedule of upcoming ZOOM online meetings:

Session 8	Mon, May 1, 2023	6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Session 9	Mon, May 8, 2023	6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Session 10	Mon, May 15, 2023	6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Session 11	Mon, May 22, 2023	6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Session 12	Mon, May 29, 2023	6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Session 13	Mon, June 5, 2023	6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Session 14	Closing Mon, June 12, 2023	6:30 pm-8:30 pm

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

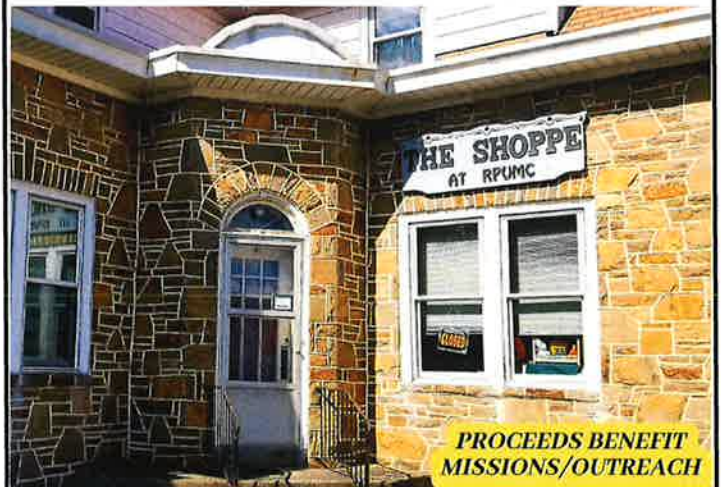
Please remember that if you would like to dedicate altar flowers "In Honor of" or "In Loving Memory of" a loved one, please submit your order and donation to the church office at least one week before.

Thank you.

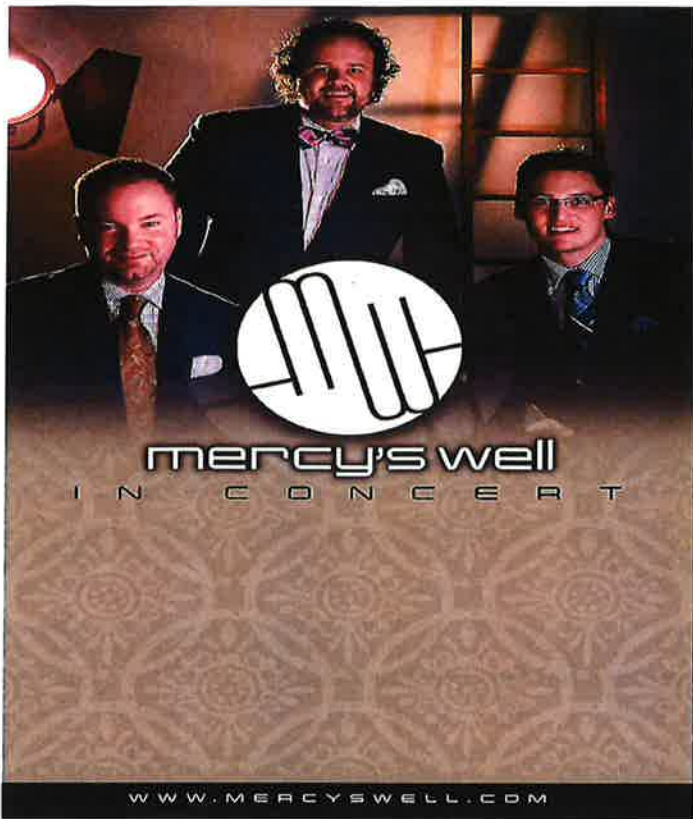


The Shoppe at RPUMC

The Shoppe at RPUMC will be open for shopping on Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.



PROCEEDS BENEFIT MISSIONS/OUTREACH



Abury UMC
200 Weiner Ave.,
Harrington, DE

Saturday, May 6th
7:00 pm
Concert is FREE, but a Love offering will be collected



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 May 4 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

Wilmington Handbell Ensemble presents...



Featuring some of the songs we've loved to sing and dance to for decades such as "Dancing Queen," "Stairway to Heaven," a Beatles medley, "Rock Around the Clock," and "Bohemian Rhapsody." We are coming to a location near you!

Wilmington Handbell Ensemble (WHE) is the only community based handbell ensemble in the Wilmington, DE area. We have two CDs for sale for your listening pleasure, "A Little Bit of Christmas" and "Theme Songs to Ring By." Both are available for purchase online and at our concerts.

To learn more about WHE, visit our website at www.wilmingtonhandbellensemble.org
Donations welcomed; please use QR code.

Wilmington Handbell Ensemble is a sponsored ministry of St. Paul's UMC, Wilmington, DE.

Saturday, May 13 6:00 PM
Hockessin United Methodist Church
7250 Lancaster Pike
Hockessin, DE 19707

Saturday, May 20 4:00 PM
Hands-on-Handbells 3:20 PM
Trinity Episcopal Church
1108 N. Adams Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Sunday, May 21 3:00 PM
Joint Concert with First State Ringers
Newark United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 4 3:00 PM
Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church
101 Old Kennett Pike
Wilmington, DE 19707

Mr. Kerry W. Dietz, Artistic Director



New Al-Anon 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.





May Birthdays

Claudia McFarland May 1
 John Parks May 1
 Frank Anderson, Jr. May 2
 Joshua Bourdon May 2
 Brian Panaccione May 2
 Carolyn Nafzinger May 3
 Christopher Doughty May 4
 Katlyn Meadows May 6
 Zachary Farley May 7
 Shirley Roberts May 8
 Christina Weah Kranger May 10
 Maegin Coverdale May 12
 Richard Beane May 13
 Edward McFarland May 13
 Volena Sease May 13
 Steven Ott May 14



Daniel Cathell May 16
 Anna Mae Shewbrooks May 16
 Allan Daniels May 17
 Katie Klinger May 17
 Allison Perugini May 17
 Maria Ott May 18
 Brielle Chilcutt May 20
 Robert McFarland May 20
 Daniel Arnold, Jr. May 22
 Wendy Owen May 22
 Karlee Boyd May 23
 Janet Hughes May 25
 Brenda Tucker May 26
 Cameron Przywara May 29
 Jimmie Focht May 30
 Peter Davis May 31

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



**Richardson Park
United Methodist Church**

**Join us for prayer,
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Every Tuesday Evening

PRAYER CALL LINE

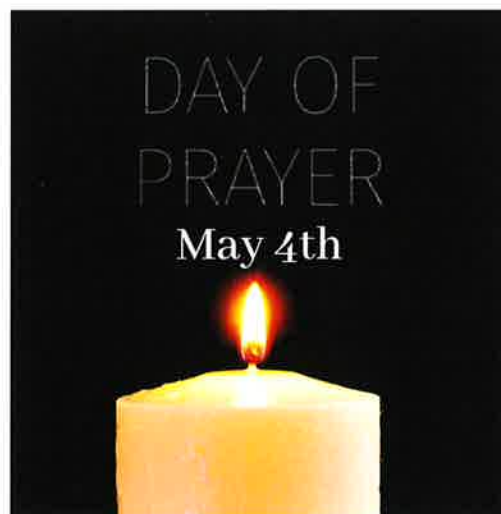
**Confrencece number (605) 468-8733
Code: 6102741#**

LINE OPENS AT 5:45 pm

*"One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.
When he finished, one of his disciples said to him,
"Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."
~ Luke 11:1*



Keisha R. Dukes, Pastor



DAY OF
PRAYER
May 4th

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 7-Roger Longest
 At the Cross: Beth Robinson
 May 14-OPEN
 At the Cross: Bob Collins
 May 21-Mary Alice Bair
 May 28-OPEN
 At the Cross-Julia Lynch

LAY READERS-To be announced


MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6PM Cub Pack 339 Mtg. - FH 6:30PM-8:30PM Grief Share Session 8 - Zoom	2	3 6:30PM Scout Board Mtg. - Lounge	4 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH 2PM Book Club "SAM" - Zoom 	5	6 11AM-2PM OPEN First Saturdays' - The Shoppe at RPUMC
7 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church	8 6PM Cub Pack 339 Mtg. - FH 6:30PM-8:30PM Grief Share Session 9 - Zoom	9	10	11 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH	12 2PM Book Club - Lounge	13
14 MOTHER'S DAY 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM UWif Mtg. - Ext.	15 6PM Cub Pack 339 - FISHING 6:30PM-8:30PM Grief Share Session 10 - Zoom	16	17	18 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH	19  Newsletter Messenger Deadline Articles Due	20 ARMED FORCES DAY 11AM Koinonia - Ext.
21 FH-RESERVED 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM Trustees Mtg. - Lounge 11:45AM Luncheon - FH	22 6PM Cub Pack 339 Mtg. - FH 6:30PM-8:30PM Grief Share Session 11 - Zoom	23	24	25 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH	26	27
28 9AM Adult Sunday School 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church	29 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED NO Cub Pack Mtg. 6:30PM-8:30PM Grief Share Session 12 - Zoom	30	31			

The Shoppe at RPUMC, Parsonage and Annex will be OPEN for shopping on Thursdays' from 11AM-2PM and First Saturday this month of May.

COME ON OUT AND SHOP
 FIRST SATURDAYS' AT
THE SHOPPE AT RPUMC
 May 6th | 11 AM-2 PM
 PRE-LOVED GOODS
 DISCOVER GREAT FINDS

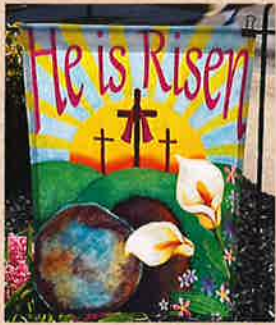


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 proceeds benefit
 missions/outreach

Good Friday



Easter Sunday



Dear Delaware District UM Churches,

New life abounds! Please spread the resurrection news below through your congregations and networks. This opportunity can help many of our members and friends clear up outstanding legal issues...See the link below for more details.

The Delaware Courts will be hosting an event called Safe Surrender on May 12, 2023 at the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center (500 N. King Street Wilmington, DE 19801). The event aims to provide a safe and less-threatening environment for individuals with active capias or arrest warrants for non-violent misdemeanors to surrender and have their case adjudicated before a judge.

The event is not an amnesty program, but fugitives may receive "favorable consideration" from judges for participating. The event will benefit the community as former fugitives can move on with their lives, law enforcement will have fewer fugitives to apprehend, and the courts can close outstanding cases and warrants.

Learn more at <https://courts.delaware.gov/safesurrender>

**FORGOT TO PAY A TRAFFIC
FINE OR CHILD SUPPORT?**

MISSED A COURT DATE?

Come clear your
record at...

**SAFE
SURRENDER**

**MAY 12, 2023
9:00 AM UNTIL 7:00 PM**

NOW HIRING!

Camp Hope

Located at Conley's United Methodist Church
33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes, DE 19958

A Ministry of Bethel UMC, Conley's UMC, Israel UMC

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

We are looking for positive, enthusiastic, Christian

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

able to lead elementary age youth in many different activities!

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS POSITIONS

- Camp Counselor (Must be 21+ years old)
- Assistant Camp Counselor (Must be 19+ years old)



DETAILS TO KNOW!

- Camp Hope is an 8 week summer, day camp for children going into 2nd - 5th grade.
- Camp Hope meets every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday beginning June 19th and concluding August 10th. Monday and Tuesday activities are held at Conley's United Methodist Church in Lewes, Delaware. Thursdays are Field Trips.

FOR A COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTION EMAIL Camphope316@gmail.com



APPLY NOW!

Please send your resume with a cover letter explaining your interest in either position to:

Camp Director, Karen Lessey at Camphope316@gmail.com.

Or mail your resume to:

Camp Hope, c/o Conley's UMC, 33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes, DE 19958,

ATTN: Karen Lessey, Camp Director

Questions? Please email Karen at Camphope316@gmail.com





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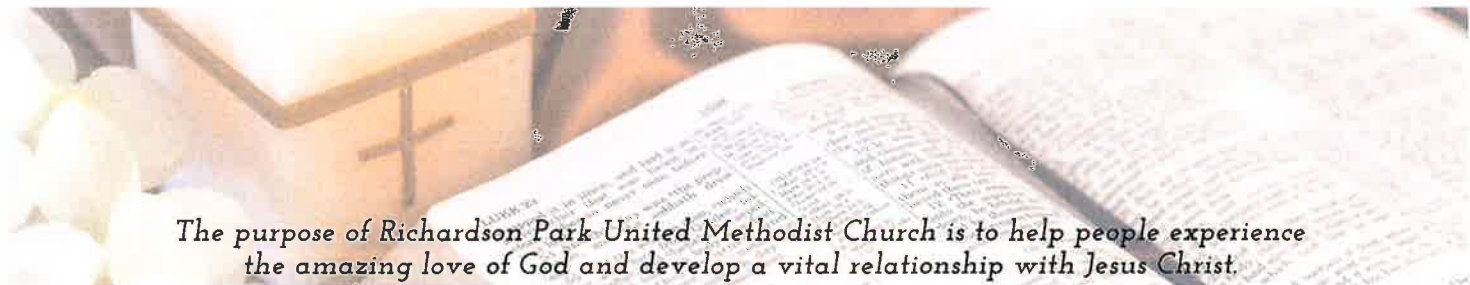
In-Person and **Live Streaming** Sunday Worship Services at the following sites:

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 June Messenger to the Church Office by Friday, May 19th. 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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