

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

*Written by Rev. J. Chris Pennington*

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me", he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil - he is anger, envy, bitterness, negativity, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogant, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, ugly gossip, and ego. The other is good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, empathy, kindness, benevolence, humility, generosity, truth, compassion, faith, pride, justice, and determination. This fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person, too." The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The old Cherokee replied simply, "The one you feed." As we head into the Thanksgiving season, I am reminded that Christ is always inviting us to his table to dine with Him and that His banquet is made of food that leads to eternal life with Him. God says to the Laodiceans in the seventh oracle in Revelation, "If you open the door...I will come and dine with you and you will dine with me." He shared this invitation with them after having told them that all the things they held as important were causing them to be ineffective and indifferent and that He was disgusted by their lifestyle. He then offers them a way to become right with Him again. Christ is always available and always offering ways for us to be right with Him. The old Cherokee's simple answer to his grandson could not be more true. ·What things are each of you partaking of at this time in your life? · How do you see these things affecting you? ·And what will be the resulting fruit that you produce? My wish and my prayer for you is that you will feed the good wolf inside you a hearty diet that will lead to the evil wolf inside you being diminished and eventually eliminated. I hope each of you enjoys a happy Thanksgiving and can look upon this season with thanks for all that Jesus Christ is and does for you, us and the world..

Grace and Peace to you!  
Pastor Chris



United  
Women  
in Faith

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

When I think of November, I immediately think of Thanksgiving. Why, you might wonder? My answer is blessings I receive. Now, stop and think of a blessing you received today. I can name many - being part of a wonderful group of women in our United Women in Faith is a definite blessing! These special women spread blessings to folks without trying! How fortunate am I to be a member!

During the Laity service on October 15, it was my honor to recognize one of our wonderful women of RPUMC - Ginger Pettyjohn! She shares much of her time quietly around the church. What a wonderful blessing to have her working with us.

I want to thank all of you for contributing to our "children's book program" - That's right, another blessing!

Special dates to remember:

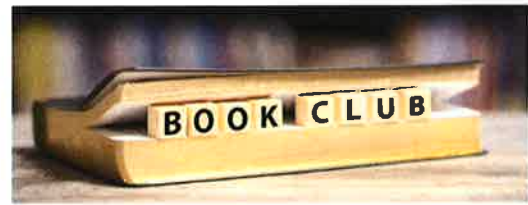
1. Our monthly meeting is November 12. It is held following the worship service. Come and join us in the extension- only 30-35 minutes and I can guarantee you will be blessed by sharing time with this group!
1. Our "card basket" will leave the sanctuary on November 12. Please bring "thinking of you" cards for our shut-ins at the V.A. and nursing facilities-thank you!
1. Read the Messenger for other ways to share God's blessings.

Now, my sisters in faith:

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18
2. Share a blessing or two at our November meeting.

A prayer: Thank you, Father, for the blessings I see and don't see. Amen.

Blessings from Marlene



## BOOK CLUB

BY PAUL WEAVER

Our October meeting was held on Friday, October 13 at 2 pm at the church. We discussed "The Only Woman In The Room" by Marie Benedict.

Our November meeting will be on Friday, November 10th at 2 pm at the church. We will discuss "Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive" by Stephanie Land.

In December, we will be reading "The Longest Ride" by Nicholas Sparks and January looks like it will be "The Spectacular" by Fiona Davis. Other coming attractions include "I Know Who You Are" by Barbara Rae-Venter, "The Senator's Wife", by Liv Constantine and "The Neighbor's Secret" by L. Alison Heller. And if you would like to join us and have a book to share with the club, please let me know. A number of our recent books have come from your suggestions, please keep those coming! Thanks, Paul







## TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JIM CHILCUTT

### To Sync Or Not To Sync

Many applications today offer the ability to sync your data among all your devices. This includes mobile devices, laptops, or any other device which connects to the internet. On the surface this seems like a good idea. It's like having a personal cloud drive following you around.

As with any good thing there are hidden issues. For example, if syncing browsers (Edge, Chrome, Safari, etc.) then your favorites will be copied to all devices which have that browser installed and synced. It will make favorites the same on both systems. It may copy some favorites, or it may delete some.

Taking the process one step further, Microsoft has added a feature called OneDrive. You log in using a personal Microsoft account and OneDrive then acts like a backup for recently edited files. The accounts are free, and anyone can set one up.

Care must be exercised when using someone else's computer (like a work computer). Once you log into your Microsoft account the computers will sync. What was on the work computer is now on yours and what was on your computer is on the work computer.

The moral of the story is to be very careful when syncing files to multiple computers. You could end up with personal or proprietary data in the wrong places.

If you have any questions or suggestions send an email to [rpumc@pumchurch.org](mailto:rpumc@pumchurch.org) or call the church office.

## Harvest Home In-Gathering

November 19th



## 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 at (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



## 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)



## 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.



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





## November 1st is All Saints' Day

We will celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 5th 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.



# 2023

## NOVEMBER NOEL



Friday, Nov. 10 11:00 – 7:00  
Saturday, Nov. 11 8:00 – 2:00

- Ornaments!
- Wooden Items!
- Jewelry!
- Basket Sale!
- Baked Goods!

Kitchen Open

Homemade Soups, Sandwiches and Snacks!

Breakfast with Santa – Saturday 8am

Christmas Shoppe!

Quilted Items!

Gifts!

Children's Corner

Outside Vendors as well



St. Mark's U.M. Church  
1700 Limestone Road  
Rts. 7 & 4  
Stanton, DE  
302-994-0400

CALLING ALL VENDORS

Reserve your space now!

\$50/space no electric

First Come, First Serve



Bishop LaTrelle Easterling continues her podcast.



### Thursdays at the Table

Asking good questions, engaging in deep conversation and telling the whole truth can change the world. In her 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 **November 2** for the next podcast.

You can join at 8 a.m. or listen any time on: Spotify, Apple Podcasts or at [pdcbbc.org/thursdays-at-the-table.html](http://pdcbbc.org/thursdays-at-the-table.html)

## November 26th

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 QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA

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The people of The United Methodist Church™

# MISSIONS

## SELLING GLSCRIP GIFT CARDS TO SUPPORT RPUMC MISSIONS

BY KATHY ROGERS

The holidays are fast approaching and gift cards are a great way to give friends, family, coworkers, teachers or anyone exactly what they want by allowing them to choose for themselves. The GLScrip program has over 600 retailers to choose from and each retailer donates a percentage of the value of the gift card to our church. You can find and download the current retailers list online using <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com> or copies of the list will be provided at church beginning 10/15/23. You just select the retailers and the value of the gift cards you want and place your order directly with Kathy Rogers by emailing [rpumc@rpumchurch.org](mailto:rpumc@rpumchurch.org). An order for November will be placed on 11/4/23 so that the gift cards can be received and distributed before Thanksgiving.

This is an opportunity to get a jump on your Christmas shopping and support RPUMC Missions! Thank You and God Bless You!!

Kathy Rogers, RPUMC Lay Leader and Missions Team Chairperson



## THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

What a wonderful month- November!

Ms. Ruth and I are very blessed with our small group of children who attend each week to learn about God.

We gather at the back of the sanctuary and then proceed to our classroom. We never know what will be at our "Discovery Center" - you must come to find out! What adventures has Joseph had? You must come to find out!

Our first song of the day is "this is the day" - what great voices the children have - yes, they do sing! Last month we sang about Noah and discovered the "Ark" was made of hickory wood! Guess what was on the Discovery Center that week - hickory nuts. It is always an adventure - join us!

If you are 4-12 years old, come join us on Sunday mornings!

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



## Flower Containers Needed

We love delivering altar flowers to shut-ins and they love the visit **BUT** we are in need of containers. I have found the 1 lb. metal coffee cans do work very well. Please donate these so we can continue this wonderful program. Blessings from Marlene



## GRIEF SHARE 2023

GriefShare a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Groups meet to help you face challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. (Griefshare.org) GriefShare meets once a week on Thursdays from 4:00pm-5:30pm.

To join the group contact: John Jennelly, Coordinator (302) 383-4704 or register online. Online registration go to: [Griefshare.org](http://Griefshare.org) enter zip code 19804. Click on Aldersgate United Methodist Church GriefShare and follow prompts. You are encouraged to join on any week. Sessions are self-contained.

### Meeting

### Date

Session 7 – Guilt and Anger	Thu, Nov 2, 2023
Session 8 – Complicating Factors	Thu, Nov 9, 2023
Session 9 – Stuck	Thu, Nov 16, 2023
Session 10 – Lessons of Grief – Part One	Thu, Nov 30, 2023
Session 11 – Lessons of Grief – Part Two	Thu, Dec 7, 2023
Session 12 – Heaven	Thu, Dec 14, 2023
Session 13 – What Do I Live for Now?	Thu, Dec 21, 2023



# 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  
 Debbie Davis November 22  
 Hannah Phillippe November 23  
 Janis Williams November 23  
 Deborah Pruitt November 25  
 Phyllis Thomas November 25  
 Sammy 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.



A note of thanks to my friends at Richardson Park United Methodist Church,

I have enjoyed the cards of encouragement as well as the visits and flowers. Thanks to family I have been able to attend some church services. Nothing compares to live worship and smiling faces. Living with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) is difficult. However, I have excellent support and care provided by my children and grandchildren, even great grandchildren. Unlike cancer and diabetes there is no cure for ALS. No magic pill make it all go away. I no longer can talk, swallow liquids or chew foods. Thanks to the girls I still enjoy delicious, nutritious meals. My last visit at University of Penn I had gained 3 lbs. This was amazing to the doctors as the norm is to lose weight. I want to encourage you to keep up your ministry of caring for shut-ins and people who need a little bit of cheer. It means so much. Thank you again.

Your friend thru Christ, the Great Physician,  
 Betty Swain



## ALTAR FLOWERS

November 5-Roger Longest  
 November 12-Kristi Doughty  
 November 19-Open  
 November 26-Open

LAY READERS-To be announced

# NOVEMBER 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1 ALL SAINTS' DAY</b> 6:30PM Scout Board Mtg. - Lounge	<b>2</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH 4-5:30PM - Grief Share -Aldersgate	<b>3</b>	<b>4 FH RESERVED</b> 11AM-2PM <b>OPEN</b> First Saturdays' - The Shoppe at RPUMC
<b>5 ALL SAINTS' DAYLIGHT SAVING FH RESERVED</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church	<b>6</b>	<b>7 ELECTION DAY</b> 	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH 4-5:30PM - Grief Share -Aldersgate	<b>10</b> 2PM Book Club - Lounge	<b>11 VETERANS DAY</b> 
<b>12</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM UWif Mtg. - Ext	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH 4-5:30PM - Grief Share -Aldersgate	<b>17</b>  <b>Messenger Deadline Articles Due</b>	<b>18 FH RESERVED</b> 11AM Koinonia - Covered Dish - Ext.
<b>19 FH RESERVED HARVEST GATHERING</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM - Harvest In-Gathering - FH	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23 THANKSGIVING DAY</b> <b>Church Office &amp; Building Closed</b> 	<b>24</b> <b>Church Office &amp; Building Closed</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 UM STUDENT DAY</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH 4-5:30PM - Grief Share -Aldersgate		

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

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







## 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 3rd. 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 \_\_\_\_\_



*The Messenger*



November 2023

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Administrative Assistant: Jennifer Boyce



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 & Children’s Church.....10:30 A.M.



The Church Office & building  
will be closed on  
Thursday, November 23 and  
Friday, November 24



Please have articles and information for the December Messenger to the Church Office by Friday, November 17th. 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

*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.*