

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

*Written by Rev. J. Chris Pennington*

### **The Good News**

Reading a devotion recently I encountered an interesting and important assignment. I was challenged to write a proclamation of the good news of God's kingdom. So here's what I wrote:

Hey, Hey everyone!! Listen up!!

I just can't wait to tell you something. I have the best news. God loves you. Do you know what that means? It means that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. No matter what you're facing in this world, there is something super-terrific waiting for you. If you are in the midst of the toughest struggle of your life, it won't last. God's love for you, however, will never end. If you are in the midst of the most joyous time of your life, rejoice even more because this time will dim in comparison to what God has in mind for you. You see, this wonderful love that I'm talking about and this beautiful time will dim in comparison to what God has in mind for you. You see, this wonderful love that I'm talking about and this beautiful plan for you is found in the Kingdom of God and this Kingdom is available to everyone and anyone who will put their trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ.

Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? It's not, though. Jesus came into this world to save us from all of the messes in which we keep finding ourselves. Jesus is the ultimate "get out of jail free" card. He doesn't charge you anything to free you from your wrongdoings. He paid that bill already. The only thing He asks is that you devote your life to Him and believe in Him fully. If you'll ask Him into your life and give your heart over to Him, He'll fill you with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness & self-control. These are the wonderful fruits that God's Holy Spirit offers to His believers.

Imagine getting gifts like those without having to pay a cent! Come on, join me in following the one true Redeemer, the Prince of Peace, the Wonderful Counselor, the King of Kings, Jesus the Christ!

Are you able to share the Good News with a friend or even a stranger? Sure you are! For some, though, it may take some practice to get the words right. Not all of us can easily rattle off these words about our Lord. I would like to challenge each of you to try this assignment and write out your own proclamation. It will not only help you understand what you believe in but it will prepare you for the time when you run into somebody that desperately needs to hear those precious words. When you get it done, send me a copy at [pastorchris@rpumchurch.org](mailto:pastorchris@rpumchurch.org) I'd love to read yours.

Grace and Peace to you!

Pastor Chris

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United  
Women  
in Faith

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

I flipped the calendar page and discovered the month of October has arrived. All a person needs to do is look around and notice the wonderful autumn colors that God gives us to enjoy. Our United Women in Faith kick-off meeting was held on Sunday, September 10 following worship. It was a joy to see our dedicated group of women meeting together. I was really pleased when many of our group shared "how did you share God's light with folks during the summer months?" The responses were great- you know this means more questions for the coming months.

Our program for sharing children's books is doing so well thanks to your generous contributions. People should know about it. A picture was taken of our group and a short explanation was written. This was sent to the Response magazine. They received the article and someday we might appear in their "Bright spots" section.

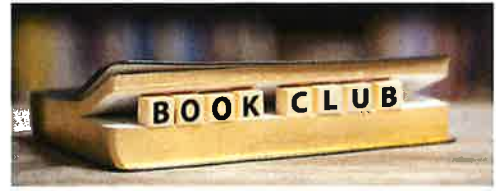
We have a few important dates to remember this month.

- 1.) October 8 is our monthly meeting following the worship.
- 2.) October 15 is Laity Sunday. I thank those of you for volunteering.
- 3.) Or "card basket" will return this month for the V.A. and shut-ins. Please do not sign your name-sign from friends at Richardson Park United Methodist Church.
- 4.) Read the Messenger for other exciting adventures in October.

Now, my sisters in faith:

- 1.) Read 2 Corinthians 13:11
- 2.) Have you encouraged someone?
- 3.) Enjoy the beautiful autumn God has given us.

Blessings from Marlene



## BOOK CLUB

BY PAUL WEAVER

Our September meeting was held on Friday, September 8 at 2 pm at the church. We discussed "The Librarian of Burned Books" by Brianna Labuskes.

Our October meeting will be on Friday, October 13th at 2 pm at the church. We will discuss "The Only Woman In The Room" by Marie Benedict.

In the coming months, we will be reading "The Longest Ride" by Nicholas Sparks, "Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive" by Stephanie Land, "The Spectacular" by Fiona Davis, "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.

This is the longest coming attraction list we have ever had and I love it! A number of our recent books have come from your suggestions, please keep those coming! Thanks, Paul



## THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

It's October! We must look for falling leaves, squirrels gathering nuts and cooler weather. I am so glad Ms. Ruth and I have a small group of wonderful children excited to learn about God.

We Started on September 10 at 10:30. We gather at the back of the sanctuary and go to our room as a group. During our time together we investigate the discovery center, sing 2-3 songs, gather in a circle to read the selection in the bible and talk. The time goes by very quickly!

Calling all 4 to 12 year old's!

Come learn about Joseph in the book of Genesis. What adventures will we uncover?

See you on Sunday!

Ms. Marlene



## TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JIM CHILCUTT

### Backing Up Data Directories

Probably the most common threat to personal data is ransomware. If you get infected by ransomware all the data and files on your computer will be encrypted and inaccessible. Unless you pay the ransom, your data is gone. Your best protection is to back up your important data.

All backups have one thing in common. An external storage medium is required. The type of medium is determined by the volume of data. External storage is getting cheaper all the time and most if not all can be connected by USB. Make sure the device supports USB 3.0 which is much faster.

Excellent choices for backup are:

- Apple time machine. Its included with Apple systems. 1 terra byte storage is recommended. It can do incremental backups and has a complete history of backups.
- Windows Backup now comes with Windows. The destination drive can be specified through windows settings. Just type "Backup destination" in the search box to find out how to set the backup destination.

For installed applications the only effective method of recovery is to reinstall the application. That means you must find out where the application stores user data and back it up separately. Make sure to keep track of all the installation media, serial numbers and updates.

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



## 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)



AL-ANON  
for families & friends of alcoholics

## 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

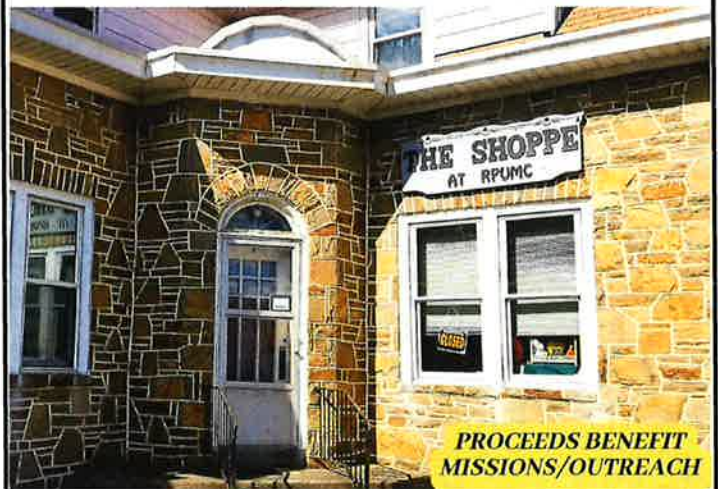
Please remember that if you would like to dedicate altar flowers "In Honor of" or "In Loving Memory of" a loved one, please submit your order and donation to the church office at least one week before.

Thank you.



## The Shoppe at RPUMC

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





# GO»»

EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP  
Join us for GO 2023 curating a Christian culture to fulfill the Great Commission through evangelism and discipleship.



"Our mandate is to make disciples of all the peoples of the world, and that won't happen unless we GO."



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CONFERENCE HOST  
Mt. Salem United Methodist Church

REV. DR. DONALD E. DUNNIGAN  
CONNECTIONS COORDINATOR  
Bishopal Church

REV. DR. TRACY MOONEY  
Abney United Methodist Church

BISHOP BILLY LANE  
Christian Growth Ministries

PASTOR SEAN LEE  
BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**SAT. OCTOBER 14 · 9AM-12NOON**

FREE Registration

**Mt. Salem in Rockford Park**  
2629 West 19th Street · Wilmington, Delaware 19806



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 **October 5** 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)

## Harriet Tubman Talks

in coordination with the Underground Railroad Coalition of Delaware

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023  
2PM

ST. DANIEL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
(ALONG THE HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD BYWAY)  
10 STEWART STREET  
PORT PENN, DELAWARE 19731



Featuring:  
"Ending Erasure at the John Dickinson Plantation"

Gloria Henry, Site Supervisor, John Dickinson Plantation, Dover, Delaware. Recent confirmation of the location and extent of the burial ground of the enslaved members of the Dickinson Plantation has opened wide-ranging opportunities to search for identities, engage with other Sites of Conscience, plan for public outreach, and revise the history that is told to the public at this State Museum.

### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 1st



## 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)



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### 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. GriefShare 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 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

#### Time

Meeting	Date	Time
Session 3 – The Journey of Grief – Part One	Thu, Oct 5, 2023	4:00pm-5:30pm
Session 4 – The Journey of Grief – Part Two	Thu, Oct 12, 2023	4:00pm-5:30pm
Session 5 – Grief and Your Relationships	Thu, Oct 19, 2023	4:00pm-5:30pm
Session 6 – Why?	Thu, Oct 26, 2023	4:00pm-5:30pm
Session 7 – Guilt and Anger	Thu, Nov 2, 2023	4:00pm-5:30pm
Session 8 – Complicating Factors	Thu, Nov 9, 2023	4:00pm-5:30pm
Session 9 – Stuck	Thu, Nov 16, 2023	4:00pm-5:30pm
Session 10 – Lessons of Grief – Part One	Thu, Nov 30, 2023	4:00pm-5:30pm
Session 11 – Lessons of Grief – Part Two	Thu, Dec 7, 2023	4:00pm-5:30pm
Session 12 – Heaven	Thu, Dec 14, 2023	4:00pm-5:30pm
Session 13 – What Do I Live for Now?	Thu, Dec 21, 2023	4:00pm-5:30pm

# FAMILY FUN DAY!

## UM Multi-Church Community Day

Saturday, October 7th, 2023

11am to 2 pm

at Brandywine Springs Park

Rudy Williams Pavilion

### Food! Fun! Giveaways!



## Save the Date - Oct. 7, 2023

### United Methodist Churches Community Day

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



To be held at  
**Brandywine Springs Park**  
3302 Faulkland Rd, Wilmington DE 19808  
Rudy Williams Pavilion  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**Blessing of the Animals 12:00 PM**



# 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  
 Tim Williamson October 3  
 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  
 Tony DiMauro October 10  
 Logan Phillips October 10  
 Kaia 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.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

October 1-Frank Pugh  
 At the Cross: Fran Tebbutt  
 October 8-Susan Watkins  
 October 15-Nancy Quillen  
 October 22-Kathy Rogers  
 October 29-Beth Robinson

**LAY READERS-To be announced**

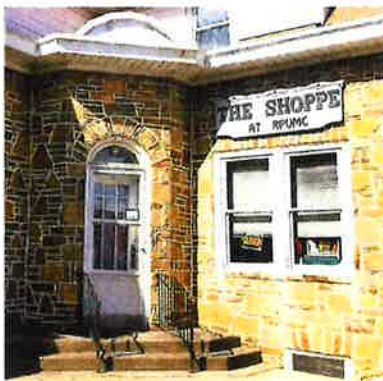
# OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30PM Scout Board Mtg. - Lounge	<b>5</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH 4-5:30PM - Grief Share -Aldersgate	<b>6</b>	<b>7 MULTI CHURCH FAMILY FUN DAY</b> 11AM-2PM Brandywine Springs Park - Rudy Williams Pavilion
<b>8 PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM UWIF Mtg. - Ext	<b>9 COLUMBUS DAY</b> 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH 4-5:30PM - Grief Share -Aldersgate	<b>13</b> 2PM Book Club - Lounge	<b>14</b>
<b>15 LAITY SUNDAY</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church 11:30AM - Trustee Mtg. - Lounge	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH 4-5:30PM - Grief Share -Aldersgate	<b>20 FH Reserved</b> 5-7PM Spaghetti Dinner  <b>Messenger Deadline Articles Due</b>	<b>21</b> 11AM Koinonia - Ext.
<b>22</b> 9AM Adult Sunday School 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30AM Worship & Children's Church	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH 4-5:30PM - Grief Share -Aldersgate	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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The Shoppe at RPUMC, Parsonage and Annex will be OPEN for shopping on Thursdays' from 11AM-2PM the month of October.

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2023-24

## Pen-Del Certified Lay Minister Registration Form

\*Refer to Current Discipline on CLM

**Please print clearly**

I am a Certified Lay Servant: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Todays \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*email (required)

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

I am Lay Supply/Currently serving a church: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ if yes Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Completed the book "Christian as Minister" & discussed with Pastor: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Circle your District \_\_\_\_\_ Delaware \_\_\_\_\_ Upper Shore \_\_\_\_\_ Lower Shore \_\_\_\_\_

SPRC Chair Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Signature (required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

DS Signature( required) \_\_\_\_\_ Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*email address you prefer to be reached on to receive email, documents and zoom conferencing if necessary.**

### **Required Attachments:**

Registration form with all required signatures

Copy of Pastors letter to District Superintendent (Optional)

Certified Lay Servant Certificate

(Please keep copies of everything you send)

Registration Fee \$35.00

**Class Fee per Module \$100.00 (Payable after each module)**

Four Modules must be taken in order or completion

Send this form with all required signatures, and \$35.00 registration fee to

Brenda Tildon, 133 Portside Court, Bear, DE 19701

302-836-8553 or 302-530-6422 tildonbrenda@aol.com

Checks should be made payable to Pen-Del Conference

**You will not be scheduled for class until registration form is received  
with all required information, signatures and attachments.**

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Class Oct 20-21, 2023, Nov 17-18, 2023, Dec 15-16, 2023, Jan 12-13, 2024**



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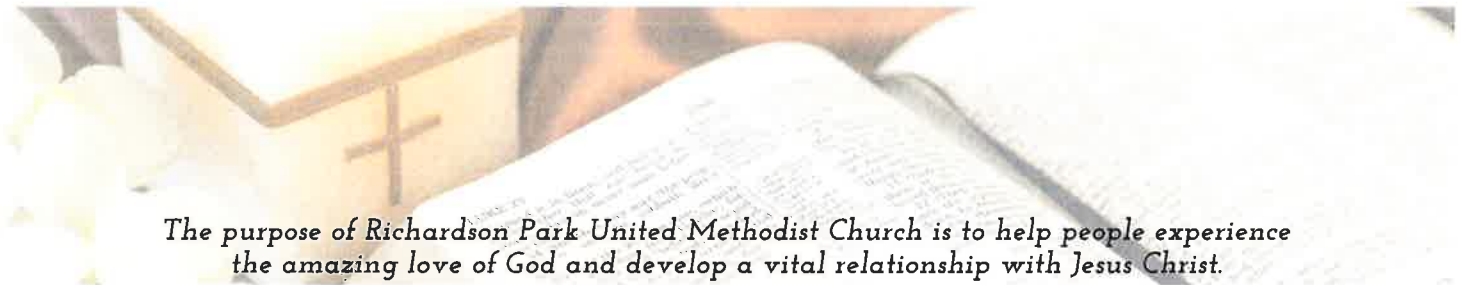
In-Person and **Live Streaming** Sunday Worship Services at the following sites:

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 & Children's Church.....10:30 A.M.



Please have articles and information for the November Messenger to the Church Office by Friday, October 20th. 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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