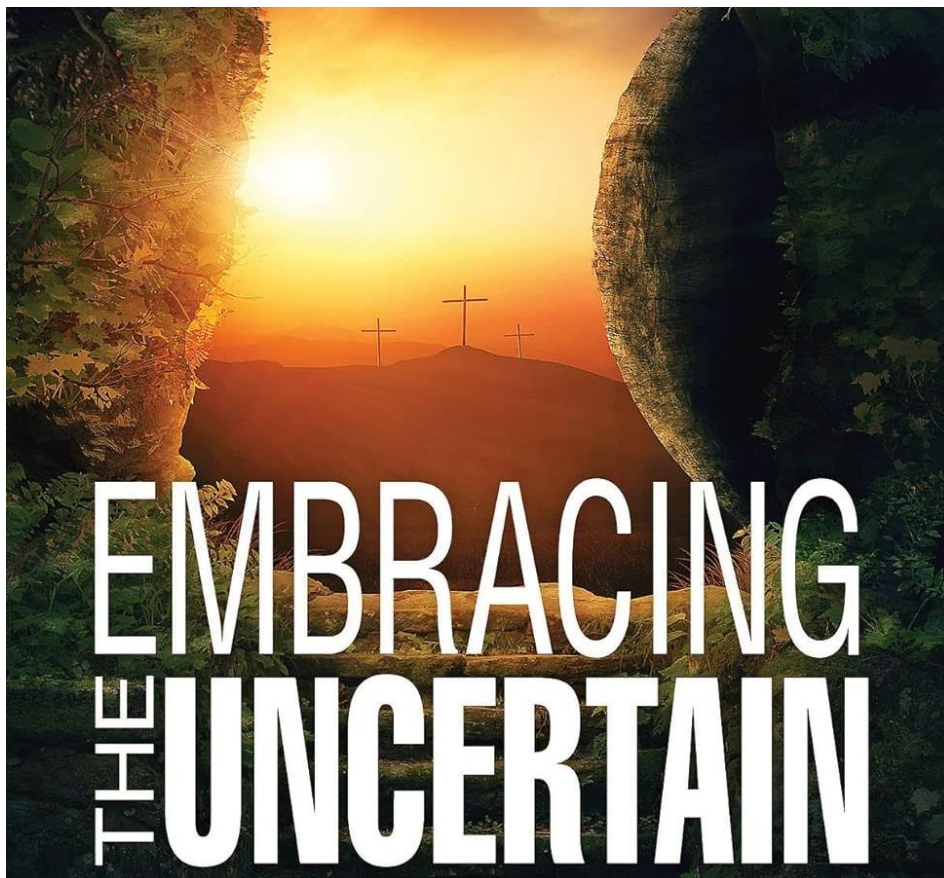




**Richardson Park United Methodist Church**  
*Celebrating Over 100 Years of Ministry*

*The mission of Richardson Park United Methodist Church is to help people experience the amazing love of God and develop a vital relationship with Jesus Christ*

And He said to them,  
“Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”  
*Mark 16:15 NRSV*



*Welcome to RPUMC Worship Service*

*March 10, 2024*

# Richardson Park United Methodist Church

*Fourth Sunday in Lent and UMCOR Sunday*

## ENTRANCE

**PRELUDE** "I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary" William J. Gaither

"Welcome to RPUMC! We greet you with the love and peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.  
We are a church committed to God's mission and purpose for the world.  
We pray you are blessed in worship with us this morning."

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give thanks to God!

**People: Proclaim God's goodness throughout all the world.**

Leader: Let all of us, gathered here, celebrate God's absolute love.

**People: Let us offer our lives in service to others.**

Leader: Thanks be to God for the blessings which have been poured on us.

**People: Lord, enable us to use our gifts to serve you in your world. AMEN.**

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Stand Up and Bless the Lord" UMH 662

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

**God of mercy and patience, be with us this day as we celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing. Help us to remember that the gifts we give, go to help many people in need. Remind us again that our lives are meant to be gifts to others, for healing, hope, comfort, peace and love. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the details of living and when we become so overwhelmed by our current economic woes that we neglect to help others. Enlighten us again with your spirit and your words of healing love. Caring and sharing are the hallmarks of discipleship with Jesus Christ. Heal and forgive us. Give us hearts for joyful caring and sharing; for it is in Jesus' name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Let God's love and mercy wash over you as the spring rains wash over the earth, bringing promise of new life and hope. Be at peace. **AMEN.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** *Take this time to share your petitions with the community of faith that we may pray with and for one another by faith. (James 5:16 reference)*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

### **RECEPTIONS OF TITHES & GIFTS**

**\*DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

- \*SONG OF PREPARATION** “He Touched Me” UMH 367  
**\*GOSPEL LESSON** John 11:1-6, 17, 38-44  
**SERMON** “Lazarus and the Uncertainty of Mortality” Rev. Chris Pennington  
**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** “Blessed Assurance” UMH 369

## THANKSGIVING

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

### **\*THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

- \*CLOSING HYMN** “To God Be the Glory” UMH 98  
**\*BENEDICTION**  
**\*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN**  
**POSTLUDE** “Postlude in C Major” Charles F. Gounod

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*The flowers at the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Michael Hall his 1<sup>st</sup> year in Heaven – Greatly loved & deeply missed, by Karlyn Hall, Fran & John Tebbutt.*

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## THIS WEEK

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 10 – UMCOR SUNDAY**

#### **FH RESERVED, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE

10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

11:45 AM – PACK EASTER GOODIE BAGS – FH

**MONDAY, MARCH 11 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

11 AM – LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – LOUNGE

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED**

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 14**

9 AM – BMG – EXT.

11 AM-2 PM – THE SHOPPE & ANNEX at RPUMC

**OPEN** for shopping *Proceeds Benefit Missions/Outreach*

11:30 AM-12:30 PM – FREE LUNCH – FH

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

11 AM – KOINONIA MTG. – EXT.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17 – ST. PATRICKS’ DAY**

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE

10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

11:30 AM – TRUSTEE MTG. – EXT.

11:45 AM – PARSONAGE YARD CLEAN-UP DAY

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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Altar Easter Flowers – If you would like to place a lily on the altar for Easter, please fill out the Easter Lilies Form and return the form **no later than Sunday, March 17th**. The cost for each plant will be \$9.00. Make your check payable to : Richardson Park UMC and include “Easter Lilies” in the memo line.

Book Club – Our February meeting was held on Friday, February 9th at 1 pm at the church. We discussed “The Neighbor’s Secret” by L. Alison Heller. Our March meeting will be held on Friday, March 8th at 2 pm at the church. We will discuss “Seventy Times Seven” by Alex Mar. We received our books from New Castle Reads, “The Violin Conspiracy” by Brendan Slocomb. This is the book we will discuss at our April meeting on Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the church. We will attend the event with the author on April 30, 2024, 7 pm at the Chase Center. We will meet for dinner before the event. Coming attractions include “I Know Who You Are” by Barbara Rae-Venter, “The Senator’s Wife”, by Liv Constantine, and “The Guest List” by Lucy Foley. 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

Easter EGGStravaganza – Join in the eggcitement at our Easter EGGStravaganza with an afternoon of community family fun! On Saturday, March 23rd beginning at 1 pm to 4 pm at RPUMC you are invited to come on out for a hoppin’ good time with the Easter Bunny for egg hunting, bounce house, food and more! So, don’t forget your camera! Rain date scheduled for Sunday, March 24th at the same time.

Easter goodie bags – After service this morning we will meet in Fellowship Hall to pack the goodie bags for the EGGStravaganza. Please join us for a fun filled quick activity.

Fellowship Time – Sunday Social has resumed and meets from 10 am until 10:25 am in the Extension before morning worship. Join us for fellowship. We will have snacks, coffee and tea to enjoy. Donations of prewrapped snacks, if you are able to contribute, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Dottie & Rose

Flower Containers – 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, Marlene

Free Lunch – Free Lunch program is continuing every Thursday 11:30 am-12:30 pm. We prepare a hot lunch in a take-out container at the main door of the church. Each person also receives a ‘bag of blessings’. Our group of dedicated volunteers work on Wednesday mornings preparing food and the ‘bags of blessings’ to hand out. We are averaging about 100 meals a week now. Contributions of items are always accepted. Some church members pick up meals and deliver them to family and elderly neighbors. Thank you for your contributions.

Free Bread – Peniel UMC has free loaves of bread available every Thursday 9am to 12:30pm, Friday 9am to 12:30pm and on Sundays from 11:15am to 12:30pm. Feel free to stop in to get a loaf or two. Come to the fellowship hall entrance located under the canopy on the parking lot side of the church.

Lenten Bible Study – Please join Rev. Tony Arrington and Pastor Chris for a Lenten Bible Study, *Embracing The Uncertain by Magrey R. deVega*, on Tuesdays, beginning February 20th at **11 am** in the Lounge at RPUMC. To sign up, please give the Church Office a call (302-654-0961) or send an email to [rpumc@rpumchurch.org](mailto:rpumc@rpumchurch.org)

Yard clean up – Next Sunday, March 17th after Sunday worship we will have a clean-up day for the Parsonage yard in preparation for Easter EGGStravaganza. Please consider joining in as we are in need volunteers to help with this project.

The Shoppe – is **Open** for shopping on Thursdays from 11 am until 2 pm. Stop on by The Shoppe & Annex, grab a deal or two and be sure to tell your family and friends! Thank you everyone for your support! *Proceeds Benefit Mission/Outreach* All welcome! Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, March 16, 2024. I pray you and others can join us. Pastor Greg Vickers

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# MEN'S

## Fellowship Breakfast

A Place for Community Members and Church Members to come together to make a Difference

March 16, 2024 @ 8 a.m.

PENIEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
115 E. Market St., Newport, DE 19804

RSVP by March 11th  
302-994-9519

(Pastor Greg Vickers)



# Easter

## EGGS TRAVAGANZA

Saturday, March 23

Join us for an afternoon of community family fun!

This free event will run from 1-4 pm  
at Richardson Park UMC

Children will have a hoppin' good time  
with the Easter bunny for egg hunting,  
bounce house, food and more!

11 N Maryland Ave., Wilmington, DE 19804

All are Welcome!

Rain date March 24  
Same time



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Barbara Sayles, JoAnn and Sam Guidry, Charlene Workman, Jerry and Mike Paoli and families, Colleen, Randy, Olivia and Gillian Ide, Gregg, Joy and Abbi Ide, Shirley Davis, Beca Baird, James Baird, Kim, John, Nick and John III Sagrati, Tyler and Becky Heatwole and Niko, Dave and Allie Jones, Al, Liz Heatwole, John and Lauren Sagrati, homeless animals, Amy Gould and family, Sister Morgan, Connie Pondok, Sean Short, Kim and baby Dakota, Jessica Etter and family, Felicia Etter and family, Julia Lynch, Crozier family, Dianna Deaton and family, Cherie Krebs, Shirley Delpizzo, Steven, Tonja, Natalie, Hillary, Sharon, Amanda, Mozes, Sisk family, Cathell family, Norvell family, Kathy A. Rogers, Dave Swain, Harold Ritter, Jim Durkee, all people in nursing homes and hospitals and staff, law enforcement, newborns and children, highway safety, travel mercies, Ed Ide, doctors and nurses, people of Ukraine and Gaza, Brenda and Dan Dan, Ronnie and Hannah, people of Kansas City, NYPD and NYFD, Philadelphia Police, Wilmington Police Department, all veterans, Elizabeth C. Keeth, Pat Rodenhiser, Beth K., Brenda Williams, Susan and Ken Malone, Houston A. Rogers, Troy Rogers, Grant Rogers, Theresa Gommer and family, Jim King, Tim, Trish, Pastor Chris, Pastor Tony, Tony and Glenda Donnelly, Haley DeJesus, Alizé DeJesus, Efrain DeJesus Sr., Efrain DeJesus Jr., Madeline Torres, David Torres, Eno Torres, Josh DeJesus, Justin DeJesus, John DeJesus, Cassandra King, Rebecca King, James King, Richie King, Mindy King, Tundra King, Reggie King, the Buckley family, Steve Beaver, military families, homeless and hungry families, teachers and students, our armed forces, the United States, Israel, justice, liberty, World Peace, Janet Dickerson, all clergy everywhere, Joe and Brenda Tucker, Terri Williams and family, Cheryl and Jim Chilcutt and family, all elderly and the homebound, children of our church, our prayers

<u>SERVING TODAY</u>	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	3/3/24	60
WORSHIP LEADER: PAUL WEAVER	LIVE ENGAGEMENT- WORSHIP		7
GREETER: MARIE WALKER	SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN		2
MUSICIAN: JANET BRUSH, ORGANIST			

*About RPUM Church*

The first services were held under a large tree in 1907 at the corner of Belmont Avenue and DuPont Road. The first church building was completed in 1908 at Glenrich Avenue and Eureka Street. The church relocated to its current location in 1926, and the present sanctuary was built in 1950. Richardson Park United Methodist Church has had a long and distinguished ministry in the community dedicated to producing fruit that is pleasing to the Lord. This tradition continues today.

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