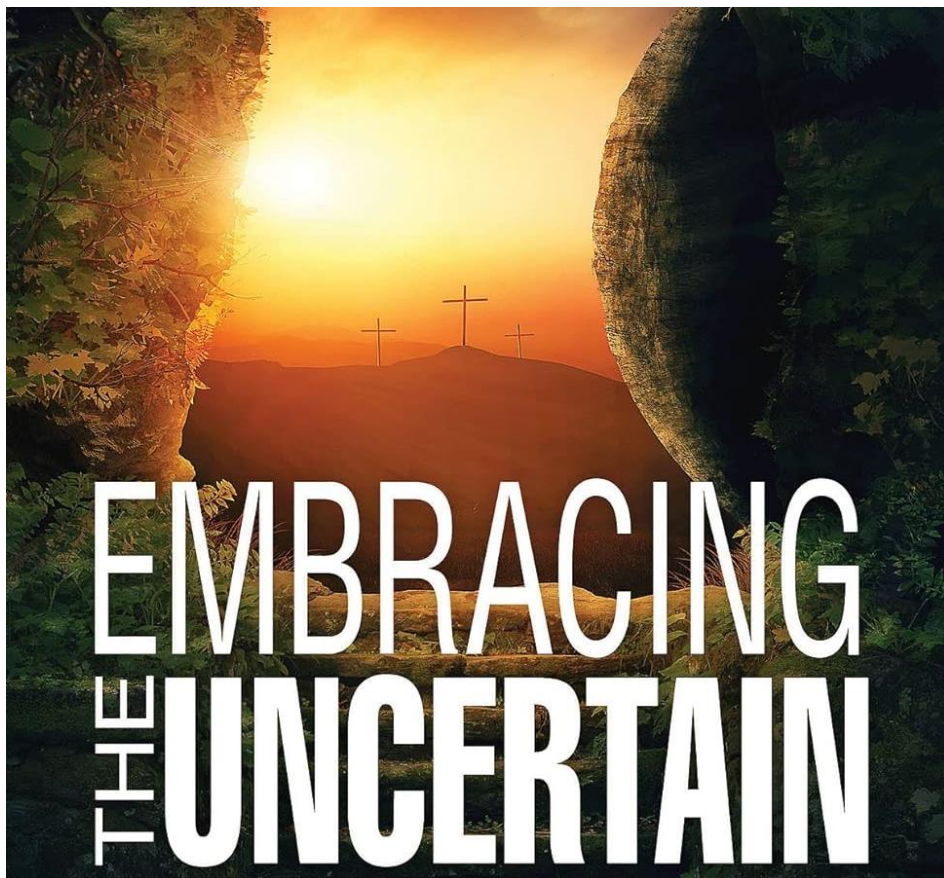




Richardson Park United Methodist Church
Celebrating Over 100 Years of Ministry

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 3, 2024

Richardson Park United Methodist Church

Third Sunday in Lent – Communion

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE “God’s Amazing Grace” Charles F. Gounod

“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: Lord, come to us today and heal our wounds.

People: Be in our hearts and our spirits, we pray.

Leader: Give us courage to put aside the worry and anxiety in our hearts.

People: Heal our spirits and help us to follow you. AMEN.

***OPENING PRAYER**

***OPENING HYMN** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” UMH 139

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Patient Lord, we have cluttered the “temples” of our lives with so much unnecessary things that they have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. We have been keenly aware of our economic situation and have spent much time and energy worrying about these things. Forgive us when we have been so preoccupied with these things that we have not listened to your words and followed your ways. Clear away our fears and frustrations. Give us clean hearts and spirits. Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformational love. These things we offer in the name of Jesus, the Christ. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rejoice! You are forgiven. Let the clutter of your life fall away and be replaced by the love of God in Christ Jesus. **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** “Seek Ye First” UMH 405
***GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 12:15-22
SERMON “The Crowd and the Uncertainty of Worry” Rev. Chris Pennington
***HYMN OF RESPONSE** “It Is Well with My Soul” UMH 377

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

HOLY COMMUNION UMH 15-16

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Sung in 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** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” UMH 117
***BENEDICTION**
***CONGREGATIONAL AMEN**
POSTLUDE “The God of Jerusalem” Deuteronomy 33:26-27

The flowers at the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Nan Andrews by Tony and Glenda Donnelly and family.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 – FH RESERVED

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE
10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH
11:45 AM – MISSIONS HYGIENE KIT ASSEMBLY
PROJECT– FH

MONDAY, MARCH 4 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

11 AM – LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – LOUNGE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

6:30 PM – SCOUTS BOARD MTG. – LOUNGE

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

9 AM – BMG – EXT.
11AM-2PM – THE SHOPPE & ANNEX at RPUMC
OPEN for shopping *Proceeds Benefit Missions/Outreach*
11:30 AM-12:30 PM – FREE LUNCH – FH

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

2 PM – BOOK CLUB – LOUNGE

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 – UMCOR SUNDAY

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE
10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH
11:30 AM – UWIF MTG. – EXT.
11:45 AM – PACK EASTER GOODIE BAGS – FH

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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 12th 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 – Next Sunday, March 10th we plan to pack the goodie bags for the EGGStravaganza after church service in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for a fun filled quick activity.

Fellowship Time – Sunday Social has resumed this week and will meet 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, Linda and Dottie

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.

Hygiene Kit Assembly Mission Project – The Koinonia Fellowship Missions Team will be hosting a mission project on today, directly after worship service. The project involves the preparation of 150 Hygiene Kits. An assembly line will be set up in the Fellowship Hall so that it will be a quick and easy process and all who would like to participate, adults and children, are welcome to join in! Please consider contribution your time to this project, either for the setup on Saturday 3/2 at 10 am, or the assembly on Sunday 3/3 at 11:45 am, as this is an exciting way to be in service to others and live into the teaching of Jesus. Monetary donations are also graciously accepted.

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

Yard clean up – On Sunday, March 17th after Sunday worship service we will have a cleanup 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*

MEN'S

Fellowship Breakfast

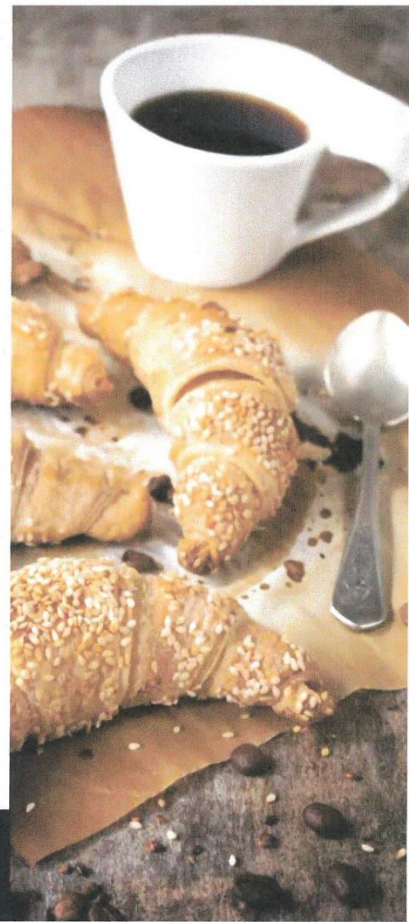
**A Place for Community
Members and Church
Members to come together
to make a Difference**

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)**

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PRAYERREQUEST

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, Cassandra King, Rebecca King, James King, Ginger King, Tundra King, Eric, Wayne, Denise and Sherri, Hayes family, Przywara family, patience, Mike, Michael, Heather, Daimon, Devon, Kate, Elizabeth C. Keeth, Pat Rodenhiser, Beth K., Brenda Williams, Susan and Ken Malone, Houston A. Rogers, Grant Rogers, Troy Rogers, Theresa Gommer and family, military families, first responders, homeless and hungry families everywhere, Ronnie and Hannah, Brenda and Dan Dan, Jane and Walter Campbell, Jane and Gary Campbell, Ukraine/Gaza people, working people and retirees, teachers and students, people of Kansas City, highway safety, travel mercies, all veterans, Wilmington Police Department, Philadelphia Police Department, NYPD and NYFD, Delaware State Police, Jim Durkee, Harold Rotter, Dave Swain, Kathy Rogers, all people in hospitals and nursing homes, law enforcement, newborns and children, highway safety, travel mercies, doctors and nurses, our armed forces, the United States, Israel, justice, liberty, all people suffering, World Peace, Janet Dickerson, Ed and Sandy Ide and family, all clergy everywhere, our Pastor Chris Pennington and family, Pastor Carolyn Williams and family, Joe and Brenda Tucker, Terri Williams and family, Cheryl and Jim Chilcutt and family, Jennifer, all elderly and the homebound, children of our church, our prayers

SERVING TODAY

WORSHIP LEADER:

MUSICIAN: JANET BRUSH, ORGANIST

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

LIVE ENGAGEMENT- WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

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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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