

JULY 2024



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Written by Rev. Chris Pennington

Where Do You Find Your Freedom?

John 8:31-32 Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciple; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

What is it that makes you feel free? Think of the times in your life when you have felt the most free. Was it in your youth when you had not a care in the world? I remember, with great fondness, the carefree moments together with friends as we chatted or spent time at the beach. I recall one evening sitting on the hood of my car watching an eclipse of the moon with my best friend. We hardly spoke a word as we watched this wonder in the heavens. We were free as birds. Is it in your retirement? Perhaps now that you've spent your life in the workplace preparing for a time when you would no longer need to work that you find that freedom. As my children continue to progress in their lives, I see the need to begin to free up the strings that hold them so closely to me. It causes my mental clock to seem to move more swiftly. Is your freedom found as you consider what some of you and many others have done to secure it? Our national freedom has been fought for and guarded by the bravest men and women on the planet. Our freedom is not free or cheap but dearly expensive. It has cost the lives of those who sacrificed themselves for something larger than any one of them.

This month, as a nation, we'll pause to remember and celebrate our independence. We'll have many family gatherings and probably see and hear many forms of those celebrations. It's good and right that we should take the time to recognize such an important date in our history but let's not forget another freedom afforded us. The freedom of life that Christ gives us. Keep in mind the whole reason the original settlers came to America was for religious freedom. Without Christ, that reason would not have existed.

So, in the midst of all the hoopla of the 4th of July, don't forget to honor the perfecter and author of our ultimate freedom, Jesus Christ. He is the way, the truth and the life and in Him you will always be free!

God bless you and God bless the United States of America!

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

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

The hot weather is here- I hope you are staying cool. Although we are not meeting in the summer months, I wanted to recognize the work my "sisters" in faith continue to do.

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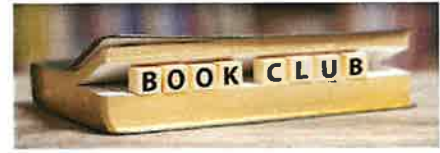
1. Assemble bags of blessings to give at free lunch on Thursdays
2. Assist at free lunch on Thursdays
3. Visit, call or send cards to our shut-ins
4. Donate children's books which are distributed and very much appreciated
5. Help at the "Shopee"
6. And many other ways.

These women are dedicated by these actions to show God's Love! Five "sisters" attended a tea sponsored by "Abiding in Christ's Love Ministries". This was held on June 15th in our Fellowship Hall. These wonderful ladies rent the extension on Sunday afternoons for their worship service. What a wonderful way to share God's love.

In closing, continue sharing God's Love with the folks you encounter.

Read: Jeremiah 29:11

Blessings from Marlene



BOOK CLUB

BY PAUL WEAVER

Our June meeting was held on Friday, June 14th at 1pm at the church. We discussed "The Senator's Wife", by Liv Constantine. We had a lively, very interesting discussion.

Our July meeting will be on Friday, July 12th at 2pm at the church. We will discuss "Symphony of Secrets", by Brendan Slocumb.

Coming attractions include "I Know Who You Are" by Barbara Rae-Venter, "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

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

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



TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JIM CHILCUTT

What is the cloud?

We are referring to the computer cloud, not the white fluffy things you see out the window.

History

As the use of computers has evolved so has the need for more and more data storage capacity. In the beginning, around 1980 or so, personal computers had their own built-in-storage. This storage was very small by today's standards and over time kept growing and growing. At the same time, the need to share information became more important, giving birth to networks and servers. Servers are just oversized personal computers with lots of compute capacity and a lot of disk storage. Pretty soon companies were paying a lot of money for floor space to hold all the servers plus the staff needed to maintain the machines, back up the data and deal with all the administrative issues of managing large volumes of data.

Calling something old by something new

This is where some creative people produced a clever marketing scheme. They said to the industry that they can build big server farms and rent disk capacity. This disk capacity would be accessed over a network and all the overhead (computers, disk drives, power, staffing, etc.) would be provided by the vendor. Now in the early days of rented disk space business managers had major concerns about using someone else's computers so implementation of this model was slow. The vendors renting disk services produced a new concept and they called the product the "cloud" which is a blanket term covering all the issues. In this way all the concerns of businesses were addressed by saying everything is handled by the "cloud".

In Conclusion

Some vendors are implementing "cloud" storage and calling it backup storage. But is it really? Traditionally backups were a copy of live data. Backups were emergency storage to allow easy recovery of live data. Does moving your data to cloud storage make it a reliable backup when you still have a single copy?

If you have any questions or suggestions send an email to 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



THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

We don't meet in the summer months, but I am thinking about each of you! Hopefully, you are staying cool and having fun! I do have a question . . . are you showing God's Love by helping at home or sharing with friends? I will be asking these questions when we meet in September. Now, take care, drink lots of water and have fun. Enjoy the month of July!

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



ALTAR FLOWERS

July 7-Phyllis Bowman

At the Cross: Mary Alice Bair

July 14-Harold Ritter

July 21-Julia Lynch

July 28-Koinonia Class



ONLINE GIVING - TITHES & OFFERINGS

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE

Hello RPUMC Family!
We are pleased to announce that
ONLINE GIVING is NOW Available.

You can support the work and
ministry of Richardson Park UMC
through your tithes and offerings by
either sending them in the mail or by
giving online through our website!
(Click the "GIVING" tab on our
website)

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Soup Kitchen



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12:30pm**
**Friday 9:00am -
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**Sunday 11:15 am -
12:30 pm**

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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.



Women's 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.

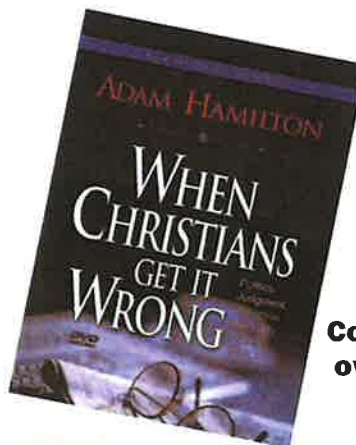
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relative and friends of alcoholics who share experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. If you have any questions please call 302-731-9495, Ext. 10.

<https://shorturl.at/26k8T>

A Summer Evening Book Study

June 26-Aug 7

For ages 13 to 113



Cost: FREE if you bring your own book. \$10 if you buy a book from us.

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

**Join us as often as you can
for an evening of dinner
and discussion**

Newark UMC

62 East Delaware Ave, Newark, DE 19711



Summer Camp - June 17 thru August 23, 2024
<https://www.pecometh.org/summer-camp>



Single Parent Family Retreat - July 5-7, 2024
<https://www.pecometh.org/single-parent-family>



Pool Party - Saturday, June 22, 2024
<https://www.pecometh.org/summer-kick-off>



Friends and Family Camp - July 26-28, 2024
<https://www.pecometh.org/friends-and-family-cam>

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**Food, Drinks, Christmas Items,
 & More** Please contact the church office for
 more info @ 302-994-9519



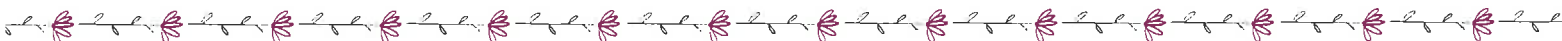
JULY BIRTHDAYS

Joey Davis	July 1
Diane Maloney	July 2
Tom Pasmore	July 2
Joe Tucker	July 5
Robert Collins	July 6
Eric Granby	July 7
Gail Eney	July 8
David McFarland	July 10
Joey Beane	July 11
Mark Panaccione	July 13
Jennifer Patterson	July 15
Christopher Swarter	July 16
Jim Chilcutt	July 17
William Martin	July 17



Nancy Perugini	July 18
Bruce Cooke	July 19
Aidan Chilcutt	July 21
Dixie Sease	July 21
Lisa Williams	July 21
Daniel Gallagher	July 25
Julia Lynch	July 26
Wyatt Rash	July 26
Michelle Anderson	July 27
Mabel Dunfee	July 28
Nichole Cummings	July 30
Glenda Donnelly	July 30
Teri Williams	July 31

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



I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts and well wishes I received from everyone in the District, as my role of your District Superintendent is ending.

It has been a pleasure working together and I pray for continued blessings and peace to you!



Shalom,
Rev. Joe Archie



We would like to welcome Rev. Dr. Tom Pasmore as the new Delaware District Superintendent. He will begin in his role as our DS on Monday, July 1st.

Prior to the superintendency Tom served as the lead pastor at Asbury in Salisbury, MD. In prior appointments he has served Avenue in Milford, DE, Richardson Park in Wilmington, DE, and Hope (which was merged with Magnolia to form Orchard) in Dover, DE. His call has been to lead local churches to embrace community based ministries and live the Gospel out in the world. He is passionate about learning and leadership, and hopes to continue to expand these gifts across the Delaware District.

Before receiving his call to vocational ministry, Tom worked for DuPont in both Camden, SC and Seaford, DE.

In addition to work on the District, Tom has been happily married to Sarah Pasmore for over twenty-three years. Together we have four beautiful children and two amazing grandchildren, Katie and her daughters Ainsley and Veya, Bethany, Donald, and Samuel.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 6:30PM Scouts Board Mtg. - Lounge	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY BUILDING & CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	5	6
7 9AM Adult Sunday School 10AM Fellowship Time 10:30AM Worship Service	8	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 9AM Adult Sunday School 10AM Fellowship Time 10:30AM Worship Service	15	16	17	18 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH	19  Messenger Deadline Articles Due	20 11AM Koinonia Mtg. - Ext.
21 9AM Adult Sunday School 10AM Fellowship Time 10:30AM Worship Service 11:30AM Trustee Mtg. -Lounge	22	23	24	25 9AM BMG - EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM -Free Lunch - FH	26	27
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THE SHOPPE AT RPUMC**

**on Thursdays 11 AM-2 PM
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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

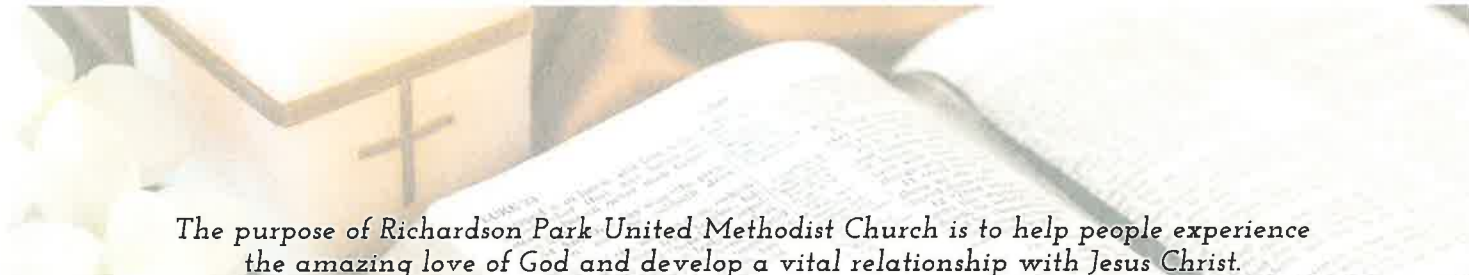
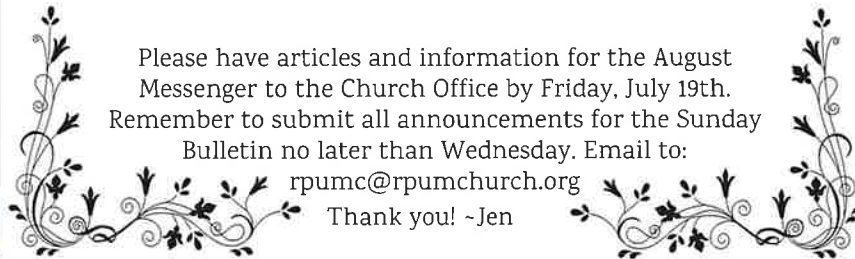
Sunday School.....9:00 A.M.
Fellowship Time.....10:00 A.M.
Worship Service.....10:30 A.M.



The United States Post Office will be raising the price of a first class stamp to 73¢ on July 14th. Stock up now on your postage stamps before the increase. The last increase was just in January.



Please have articles and information for the August Messenger to the Church Office by Friday, July 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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