THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 28

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE 10 AM–10:25 AM – FELLOWSHIP TIME – EXT. 10:30 AM – WORSHIP SERVICE MONDAY, JULY 29 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED TUESDAY, JULY 30 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED WEDNESDAY, JULY 31 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

9 AM - BMG - EXT.

11AM-2PM – THE SHOPPE & ANNEX at RPUMC **Open** for shopping *Proceeds Benefit Missions/Outreach* 11:30-12:30PM – FREE LUNCH MINISTRY – FH **FRIDAY, AUGUST 2** – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED **SATURDAY, AUGUST 3** – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED **SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

<u>Altar flowers</u> – Altar flowers are available on Sunday, August 25th. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office. The cost for flowers is \$30.00.

<u>Rally Day Meeting-August 4th</u> – There will be a meeting after Worship service in the Lounge on Sunday, August 4th for the upcoming Rally Day event, to discuss the church picnic and planning. Also, please note this month's Trustee meeting will be postponed until August.

<u>Book Club</u> – Our July meeting was held on Friday, July 12th at 2 pm at the church. We discussed "Symphony of Secrets" by Brendan Slocumb. We had a lively, very interesting discussion. Our August meeting will be on Friday, August 9th at 2 pm at the church. We will discuss "The Guest List", by Lucy Foley. If anyone has trouble getting a copy please let me know. I have access to 2 copies. Coming attractions include "I Know Who You Are" by Barbara Rae-Venter, "Hidden Pictures", by Jason Rekulak, "The Housemaid's Secret" by Freida McFadden and several books by Ariel Lawson "("The Frozen River" and "Flight of Dreams"). Thanks, Paul

<u>Fellowship Time</u> – 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 <u>Flower Containers</u> – We love delivering altar flowers to shut-ins and they love the visit <u>BUT</u> 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

<u>Free Lunch</u> — The Free Lunch Ministry program is continuing every Thursday from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. We prepare a hot lunch in a take-out container. 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. Thanks for your contributions.

<u>Free Bread</u> – 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.

<u>The Shoppe</u> – 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*

Friends, I am so excited to be joining the Delaware District

family again. Those of you I have met have graciously welcomed me and my family back. Thanks for making us feel at home. It's one of my favorite things about the Peninsula-Delaware Conference. We are really a family.



It's my hope that we can capitalize on the energy and enthusiasm from Annual

Conference to begin working with God on building the Kingdom here in this place. Our world is hurting and there are people who need to know that God loves them. I am praying that God helps us find receptive hearts and gives us the wisdom to tell our own stories well.

I look forward to doing this work together. It is my privilege to help us all move into the new realities of our post-pandemic world. I will be praying for you and I hope that God continues to reveal our next steps to reach our communities in our context.

Grace and Peace,
Tom