

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE
10 AM–10:25 AM – FELLOWSHIP TIME – EXT.
10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

1 PM–2:30PM – BIBLE STUDY – LOUNGE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

6PM – TRUSTEE MTG. – LOUNGE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

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, NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS’ DAY

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE

10 AM–10:25 AM – FELLOWSHIP TIME – EXT.

10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Harvest Home – Harvest Home Sunday is November 24th. Harvest Home is a wonderful opportunity to share the abundance of which God has blessed us with those in our own congregation whose cupboards may be a little bare. Last year we distributed a record number of baskets and expect a high number of requests this year. With your continued support and the support of our local Wegmans, we expect another successful year! Attached is the list of items we are collecting to be included in the baskets. Please drop them off at church. Cash donations are also welcome.

If you know of a person or family in need of (or if you or your family have a need) please contact Pastor Chris to have them included on our list. The generosity of our congregation never ceases to amaze me! Thanks in advance for your participation.

RaiseRight (formerly ShopWithScrip) Gift Cards to Support RPUMC Missions – The holidays are fast approaching and gift cards are a great way to give friends, family, coworkers, teachers or anyone exactly what they want. The RaiseRight program donates a percentage of the value of the gift card to our church. You can find copies of the list in the back of the Sanctuary. Just select the retailers and the value of the gift cards you want and place your order directly with Kathy Rogers. The deadline to order gift cards will be 11/10/24, to be sure the gift cards can be received and distributed before Thanksgiving. Thank you and God Bless You for supporting RPUMC Missions! Kathy Rogers

All Saints’ Sunday – All Saints’ Day will be celebrated at RPUMC on Sunday, November 3rd with a Service of Remembrance. We want to honor everyone’s loved ones. Please reach out to the office to make sure your loved one’s name is on our list of those to be honored.

Book Club – Our October meeting was held on Friday, October 11 at 2 pm at the church. We discussed “The Family Game” by Catherine Steadman. We had a lively, very interesting discussion. Our November meeting will be on Friday, October 14th at 2 pm at the church. We will discuss “I Know Who You Are” by Alice Feeney. If anyone has trouble getting a copy please let me know. I have access to a copy. Our December meeting will be on Friday, December 12th at 2 pm at the church. We will discuss “One Summer” by David Baldacci. If anyone has trouble getting a copy please let me know. I hope to have access to a copy. Coming attractions include “Dreamland: A Novel” by Nicholas Sparks, “Hidden Pictures” by Jason Rekulak, “The Housemaid’s Secret” by Freida McFadden, “Must Love Flowers” by Debbie Macomber and several books by Ariel Lawson (“The Frozen River” and “Flight of Dreams”). Thanks, Paul

Bible Study by Rev. Tony Arrington – I am excited to introduce my first teaching opportunity and offering for RPUMC: “10 Prayer Secrets, Supernatural Power for Your Breakthrough” by Hakeem Collins. It doesn’t matter if you are a seasoned prayer warrior or a new comer to prayer, this book will propel your prayer life beyond your wildest expectations. Come and join in as the Lord opens our spirits and invites us to be

purpose driven with our prayers and powers us to see the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit working through us in miraculous ways! Classes will be held in the Lounge on Tuesdays from 1:00pm to 2:30pm starting on September 17th. A light lunch will be served. Please sign up and grab your book!

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 – 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.

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.

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!

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**HARVEST HOME
SHOPPING LIST**
Sunday, November 24th



HARVEST HOME SHOPPING LIST

Product	Amount per Family	Cash/Gift Card only	can/boxed
Apple juice	1 or 2		Yes
Canned Corn	2		Yes
Cranberry Sauce	2		Yes
Green Beans	2		Yes
Yams	2		Yes
Cheerios	1		Yes
Fresh Dinner Rolls	1		Yes
Grape Jelly	1		Yes
Instant Potatoes	2		Yes
Mac&Cheese	3		Yes
Spaghetti	2		Yes
Pasta Sauce	2		Yes
Apple Pie	1		Yes
Pumpkin Pie	1		Yes
Rice Krispies/Cheerios	1		Yes
Stuffing (Stove Top)	2		Yes
Turkey Gravy	2		Yes
Wonder Bread	1		Yes
Soup/Ramen Noodles	1 or 2		Yes
Creamy Peanut Butter	1		Yes
Sugar Free Powder Drink	1		Yes
These items will be purchased fresh. Please donate by Check or Cash.			
Butter	1	Yes	
Carrots (baby)	1	Yes	
Frozen Turkey	1	Yes	
Milk	1	Yes	
Orange Juice	1	Yes	
Cash gifts are always appreciated in any amount.			
By Check, please make your check payable to Richardson Park UMC and put Harvest Home on the "For" line.			
Harvest Home In-Gathering Will Be Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024			

Please share with Pastor Chris those whom you feel would benefit from the outreach.



Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

BISHOP, PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE,
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

REV. ERICA ROBINSON-JOHNSON *Chief Administrative Officer*

October 22, 2024 | This Election Season, the Spirit of the Lord is Upon Us

[Jesus] went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day, he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me to
proclaim good news to the poor.
he sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

-- Luke 4:16-21

A Message from Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

Beloved of God,

Grace and peace to you. As we prepare as a church and a nation for the pivotal election on Nov. 5, we stand on the edge of an opportunity. As I stated prior to the presidential election in 2020, our constitutional republic, supported by a democratic form of government, affords every eligible individual in the United States the right to vote. That right is central to our way of life. Our democracy is founded on the belief in a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Prior to 2021, many Americans had not witnessed first-hand violence or civil disobedience arising from an election cycle. Some did not think it was possible within our borders. It is lamentable, but that naïveté has been replaced with the lived experience that we are not immune from political unrest and that a peaceful transfer of power is not guaranteed.

Therefore, people of faith are called to lift their voices and bodies to pray, create spaces for free and civil discourse and continue to be stewards of justice.

Our Social Principles state, "Our involvement in political systems is rooted in the Gospel imperative to love our neighbors, to do justice, and to care for the vulnerable. As United Methodists, we acknowledge that love requires responsible political action and engagement aimed at the betterment of society and promotion of the common good." While partisanship is inappropriate within the faith community, our Social Principles encourage churches, "to equip their members to be effective advocates for justice in the wider world." We live beneath the promise and power of our discipleship when we harmonize Christianity with injustice.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to be good stewards of our liberties and our pain. Just as Christ stood and intentionally read from the prophet Isaiah in establishing his ministry and his public witness, he also cautioned his disciples that violence was never the answer. He admonished that violence will only beget more violence. It is antithetical to a cruciform life.

We exemplify responsible stewardship when we engage in healthy discourse, listen for understanding and resist the trap of certitude. We cannot allow our pain, or even our fear, to entice us to violence. As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, so aptly taught, we must find a way to peacefully coexist with mutual respect, or endure disastrous consequences as the fruit of our division and conflict. Those baptized in the waters of regeneration, transformation and love must always choose the former.

As leaders in the Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Area, we encourage our clergy and lay leaders to be actively engaged in our democratic process. This is not a time to shrink or regress; rather, this is a time to offer a prophetic and loving alternative to hateful and unjust rhetoric. We are called to be bold witnesses of God's grace, justice and righteousness. While doing so, we know we are called to a higher standard of engagement and interaction with our neighbors, even those with whom we may disagree.

We are to be visible sacraments in the world; the living, breathing, walking translation of God's Holy Word. This is paramount because only transformed lives, transform lives.

In this election season and beyond, may we stand in prayer with one another as we live our faith out loud, knowing that God is with us. The spirit of the Lord is upon us.

Blessings and Peace,

Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling

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