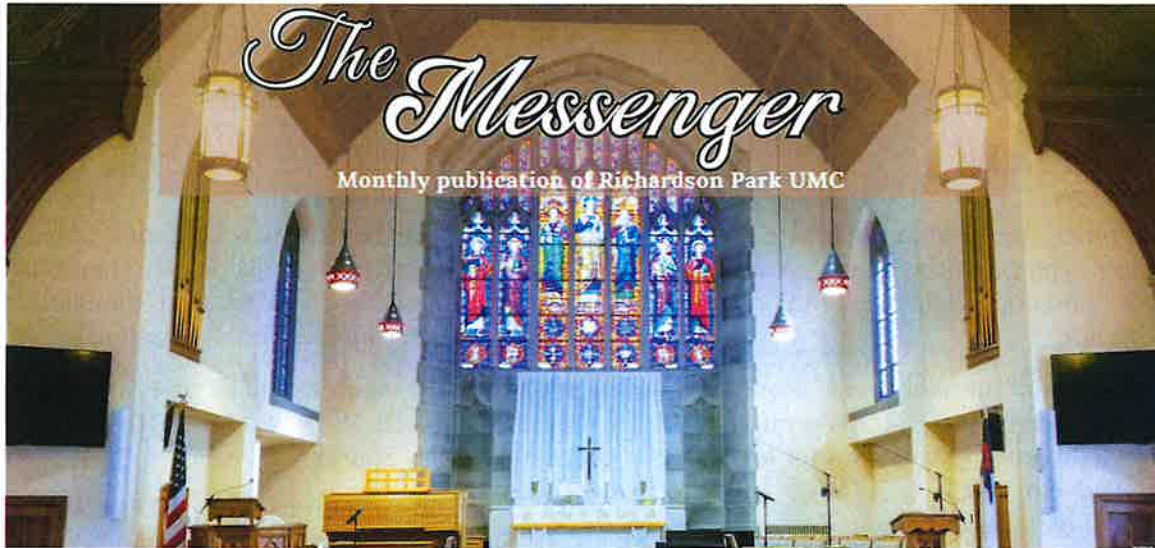


JULY 2025



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Written by Rev. Anthony A. Arrington

Beloved Saints,

As we step into the month of July, we do so with hearts full of thanksgiving and eyes lifted in expectation. Over the past few months, many among us have faced fierce trials—afflictions that sought to shake the very foundation of our faith. But thanks to God, who is faithful and just, the prayers of the righteous have prevailed. Though fasting, intercession, and unwavering belief, we have witnessed testimonies of healing, restoration, and divine breakthrough.

We believe the Spirit of the Lord is calling us—*summoning us*—to build His house not merely as a place of worship, but as a **Citadel of Prayer and Healing**. A stronghold where the hurting can find hope, where the afflicted are surrounded by faith, and where the power of God flows freely to renew both body and soul. This is not just for the church within—but for the community beyond our walls.

Let July be a season where we deepen our prayer lives, uphold one another in love, and make room for the miraculous. Let us boldly declare that our church is not only a sanctuary but a living testimony of the healing hand of God.

He still heals. He still delivers. And He still answers the cries of His people.

I know this to be true because the Lord has made me to be a witness, His healing power has brought me through, praise God. Amen.

Standing firm with you in prayer and purpose,
Rev. Anthony A. Arrington

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

A warm (it is summer) greeting to the group of wonderful women who go by the name - "United Women in Faith". I do hope you have been enjoying the month of June.

Although we are on our "summer break" from meetings, you have been busy! No, this group of dedicated women do not take the summer off. I will name only a few adventures:

1. Filling "bags of blessings"
2. Assisted at "free lunch"
3. Greeting
4. Preparing "coffee time" on Sunday mornings
5. Delivering flowers
6. Calling and visiting shut-ins
7. Donating children's books

And the list goes on and on! What a wonderful outpouring of God's Love!

Now, during the month of July:

1. Continue showing God's Love
2. Read Galatians 6:10
3. Pray: Dear Jesus, it amazes me how simple it is to share Your Love. Thank you for the opportunities all around me. Amen

Blessings for a beautiful July, Marlene

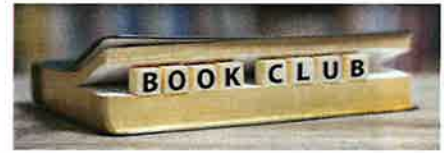


THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

BY MARLENE JOHNSON

It is the month of July—the seventh month of 2025! What adventures have you been having? Have you seen any butterflies or birds that are different colors? Write down the exciting adventures you have been enjoying. Hopefully, you will share them in September when we meet for Children's church in the fall. Enjoy the month of July!

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



BOOK CLUB

BY PAUL WEAVER

Our June meeting was held on Friday, June 13th at 2pm at the church. We discussed "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson and had a very interesting discussion.

Our July meeting will be on Friday, July 11th at 2pm at the church. We will discuss "Dreamland: A Novel" by Nicholas Sparks.

Coming attractions include "The Wedding Planner" by Danielle Steel, "The Housemaid's Secret" by Freida McFadden and several books by Ariel Lawhon ("The Frozen River" and "Flight of Dreams").

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 from Fellowship Hall. 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 130 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

LET'S MOVE FORWARD!

BY BRENDA TUCKER

Since Joe and I were not able to attend worship in person for several weeks, we watched the worship service online. What I notice is that the church looked pretty empty. At best I could see 8 to 10 people in the congregation. I know we all have our favorite places to sit in the sanctuary and some sit where their families sat all their lives BUT I am asking everyone to move up to a new favorite seat in the sanctuary. The first 10-11 rows show on the live stream. Get a new perspective on things. If you were looking for a church to attend, do you think you would choose one with only a few people in the congregation? Let's give it a try! Let's move forward!

Brenda Tucker, Chair of the Administrative Council



TECHNOLOGY TIPS

BY JIM CHILCUTT

Tech Tips to Simplify Your Digital Life!

1. Master Your Notifications

Are your phone and computer constantly buzzing, beeping, and demanding your attention? Notification overload is real and can significantly impact your focus.

- Take Control: Go into your device settings (both phone and computer) and review your notification preferences for each app.

2. The Power of a Strong Password Manager

In an age of data breaches and countless online accounts, remembering unique, complex passwords for everything is impossible (and insecure!).

- Invest in a Manager: A password manager (like LastPass, 1Password, Bitwarden, or NordPass) encrypts and stores all your login credentials securely. You only need to remember one master password.

3. Back Up! Back Up! Back Up!

This cannot be stressed enough. Losing important photos, documents, or work due to a device failure is a nightmare.

- Automate Cloud Backups: Most modern devices offer automatic cloud backup options for photos, contacts, and app data (iCloud, Google Photos, etc.). Make sure these are enabled.
- External Hard Drive: For larger files and comprehensive backups, invest in an external hard drive. Schedule regular backups of your system.

4. Update Your Software Regularly

Those "Update Available" notifications might seem annoying but are crucial for security and performance.

- Security Patches: Updates often include critical security patches that fix vulnerabilities hackers could exploit.
- Bug Fixes: They resolve glitches and improve the stability of your software and operating system.
- New Features: Updates can also introduce new functionalities and improvements to experience.
- Set it and Forget it: Where possible, enable automatic updates for your operating system, web browser, and frequently used applications.

By incorporating just a few of these tips into your routine, you can make your digital life more efficient, secure, and enjoyable. Happy tech-ing!

If there is a special topic you want to see just send a note to rpumc@rpumchurch.org.



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

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

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



ALTAR FLOWERS

July 6 - Phyllis Bowman

July 13 - Harold Ritter

July 20 - Jennifer Boyce

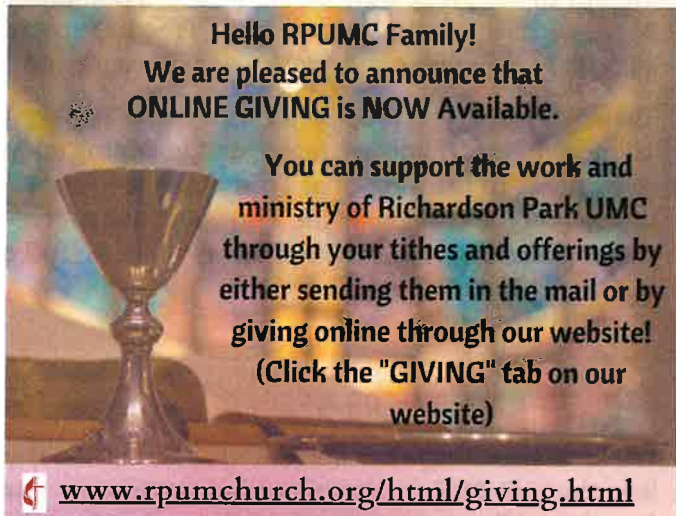
July 27 - OPEN

At the Cross: Koinonia Class



ONLINE GIVING - TITHES & OFFERINGS

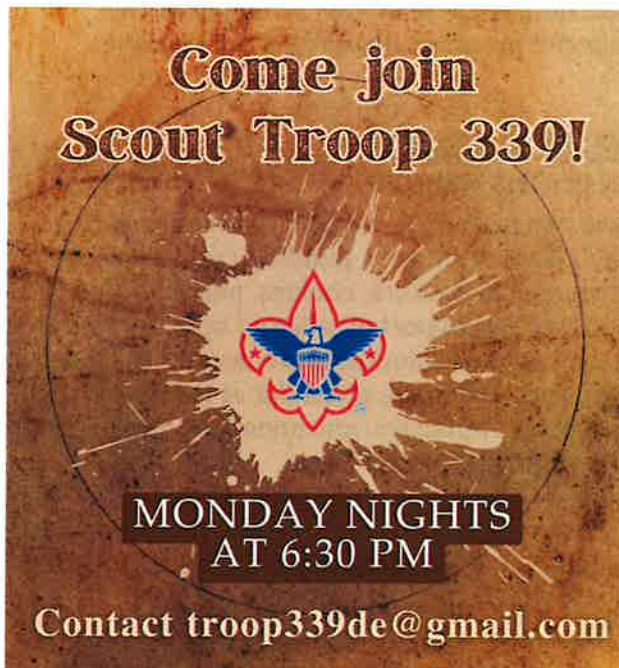
ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE



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)

www.rpumchurch.org/html/giving.html



**Come join
Scout Troop 339!**

**MONDAY NIGHTS
AT 6:30 PM**

Contact troop339de@gmail.com



Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17



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.

Recovery Bible Study

For people recovering from drug, alcohol and other addictions, the traditional church is not always the most comfortable place. But two United Methodist deaconesses are changing that with a new Life Recovery Bible Study.

On January 8, 2025, a new online group will begin that combines the best of 12-step recovery programs, the Bible, and the writing John Wesley, Methodism's founder, explained Deaconess Colleen Moskov of St. Mark's UMC in Easton.

The materials used in the group were created by Deaconess Kathy Loomis, who created curriculum for a similar Recovery Bible Study in Colorado. It is designed specifically for United Methodists in the Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Area to combine recovery and spirituality in meaningful and relevant ways.

The 75-minute bi-weekly sessions begin January 8th at 6:30 p.m. Those who wish to participate should contact Kathy Loomis, (kathy.loomis@belongchurch.org) who will send them details about the meeting a few days before the gathering. All are invited. For more information, contact Colleen Moskov at colleenmoskov@gmail.com.

It can be found on the website: <https://www.pen-del.org/newsdetail/recovery-bible-study-18748243>



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Single Parent Family Retreat - July 4-6, 2025

Cost: varies

Between work, caring for family, and trying to have a life, single parents have their hands full. Pecometh offers an opportunity for single parents and their kids to get away and spend some time together - and apart - at camp! Programming will provide parents with spiritual support, encouragement, and an opportunity to relax, while the kids are busy doing camp activities! The schedule also includes family and big-group activities, and a "Parents' Night Off" while the kids have a movie night. Accommodations provide the best of both worlds at Pecometh. Families sleep easy in hotel-style accommodations, while enjoying meals at our Camp Dining Hall and lots of fun camp activities.

Learn More and Register: <https://www.pecometh.org/single-parent-family>

Friends and Family Camp - July 25-27, 2025

Cost: varies

Have you ever wished that you could come to camp and have the same fun as the children? Have you longed to come to Camp Pecometh and experience the same fun you had as a child? Friends & Family Camp is the opportunity for everyone to experience the fun of camp in a weekend no matter how young or young-at-heart.

Enjoy time in the Chester River kayaking or splashing around on our Splashdown equipment. Relax with a smore by the campfire or work on that long awaited scrapbook. Choose to tent camp or stay in either our traditional cabins or hotel-style lodges. Experience the fun, fellowship, and festivities of a weekend at camp!

Learn More and Register: <https://pecometh.org/friends-family-camp/>

Pecometh Summer Camp Programs - June 22 - August 8, 2025

Cost: Varies by program

Registration for Pecometh's 2025 summer programs is open! Pecometh runs overnight summer camp programs between June 22 and August 8. There are programs for all ages between kindergarten and eleventh grade. Camp ministry is a great way to reach youth and inspire them to grow in their faith.

You can help Pecometh by identifying campers who would benefit from a week at camp! Pecometh never turns campers away due to finances, and has camperships to make camp affordable for every family. Pecometh also partners with organizations that serve at-risk youth to send them to camp for as little as fifty dollars through the Spain Grant program. If you know of any campers or organizations that would benefit from this program, please contact Director of Program Ministries Nathan Vaughn at nathan@pecometh.org.

Learn More and Register: <https://pecometh.org/summer-programs/>



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
Marbel Dunfee	July 28
Nicole 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.



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WESTERN SENIOR CENTER 11 BASSETT, NEW CASTLE

PENIEL UMC // 11:00AM
115 E MARKET ST NEWPORT

WILMINGTON UNITED LIONS CLUB // 11:00AM
CONSCIOUS CONNECTIONS 22 E 23 RD WILMINGTON

RICHARDSON PARK UMC // 11:00AM
11 N MARYLAND AVE WILMINGTON

TREE OF LIFE // 11:30AM
109 GLASGOW DR. NEWARK, DE 19702

UNION UMC // 10:00AM
345 SCHOOL BELL RD, BEAR, DE

BETHESDA UMC // 12:00PM
116 E. MAIN ST. MIDDLETOWN

DALE LEE HAVEN UMC // 12:00PM
143 E. LAKE ST. MIDDLETOWN

BUTTONWOOD UMC // 12:00PM
1700 WILMINGTON RD NEW CASTLE

ALDERSGATE UMC // 12:30PM
2313 CONCORD PIKE, WILMINGTON

SIMPSON UMC // 12:30PM
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LINDA'S ANGELS CHILD CARE // 1:00PM
6 PARKWAY CT NEW CASTLE

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY HOUSING // 2:00PM
613 N WASHINGTON, WILMINGTON

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Thank you all for your prayers for my sister and expressions of sympathy on her death. Also, thank you for your prayers, cards of encouragement, flowers and visits during Joe's illness. Please keep praying. He is not back to where he would like to be yet.
Brenda Tucker





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 6:30PM Scout Board Mtg. - Lounge	3 9AM BMG-EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM - Free Lunch-FH	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY BUILDING & CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	5 CLOSED First Saturdays' at The Shoppe & Annex at RPUMC
6 9AM Adult Sunday School-Lounge 10AM Fellowship Time-Ext. 10:30AM Worship Service	7	8	9	10 9AM BMG-EXT. 11AM-2PM -The Shoppe at RPUMC 11:30AM-12:30PM - Free Lunch-FH	11 2PM Book Club-Lounge	12
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Sunday School.....9:00 A.M.
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Worship Service.....10:30 A.M.



Please have articles and information for the August
Messenger to the Church Office by Monday, July 21st.
Remember to submit all announcements for the Sunday
Bulletin no later than Wednesday. Email to:
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Thank you! ~Jen



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