

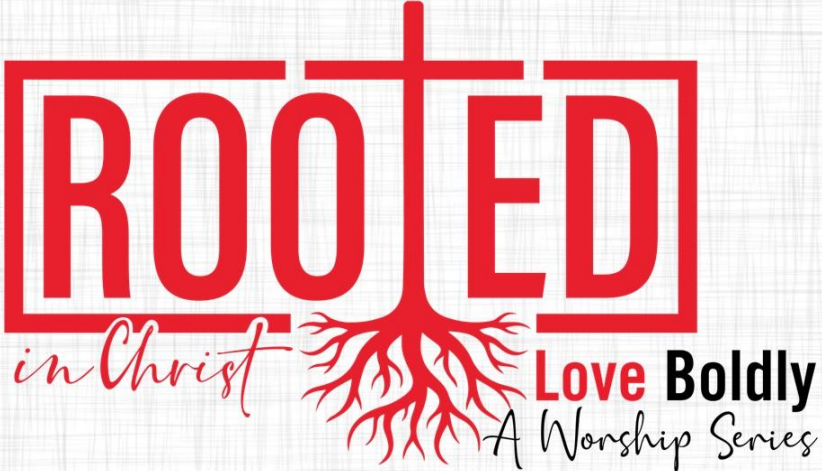


Richardson Park United Methodist Church

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



ROOTED
in Christ **Love Boldly**
A Worship Series
Grounded in our Baptismal Vows



Casey Houtz, Pastor

Welcome to RPUMC Worship Service

“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.”

August 23, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost
ORDER OF WORSHIP
**Please rise in spirit or body*

PRELUDE

"I Love Him Too Much" *L. Wolfe*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy and gracious God, you call us to live as children of light. Lead us in all that is good and right and true, and guide our steps in your wisdom. Fill us with your Spirit as we gather, teaching us to give thanks in all things. Shape our lives to love boldly. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Siblings in Christ, through the waters of baptism we are claimed, washed clean, and called.

Many: We come to remember who we are and whose we are.

One: We are emboldened to care for one another in the Church so that each of us may come to accept God's grace for ourselves and profess it openly.

Many: We open our hearts to one another in hope.

One: Let us worship the God who claims us, redeems us, and sends us forth in love.

Many: With joy and thanksgiving, we worship God!

***OPENING HYMN**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

UMH 206

CALL FOR JOYS & CONCERNS WITH PASTORAL PRAYER

One:... Lord help us.

Many: We trust in you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 5:6-21

SERMON

Nurture One Another in Love

HYMN

"Spirit Song"

UMH 347

APOSTLES' CREED

INVITATION TO OFFERING

RECEIVING OF TITHES & GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

Faithful God, you reveal true power not through fear or force, but through love that gives life and builds community. You call us to know who we are because we know whose we are — your people, shaped by Christ and sent for the sake of the world. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your way of life over the ways of death, of courage over control, of welcome over exclusion. Use what we offer to strengthen your church as a living witness to your grace, that through our sharing and our serving, others may discover the identity of Christ and the hope found in him. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

UMH 560

BENEDICTION**CONGREGATIONAL “AMEN” & RECESSIONAL****POSTLUDE**"Awesome God" *R. Mullins*

*The flowers at the
Altar this morning
are given to the
Glory of God and in
loving memory of
Joan Stadelman and
Bob Evely
by Richard Locke.*

Prayer Requests



- Elizabeth C. Keeth, Pat Rodenhiser, Beth Kwaitowski, Brenda Williams, Susan and Ken Malone, Houston A. Rogers, Kathy A. Rogers, Mark Rogers, Grant Rogers, Troy Rogers, Keith Rogers, Joann Armstrong, Yvonne and Uncle Cliff, Audrey, Brad and Luna, Libby and Angelo Pacheco, Bill Van Sant, Les Gommer, Cora, Gentry, Mackensie and Craig, Gaza and Ukraine, travel mercies, people of Colombia and Venezuela, Mid-west flooding, Western fires, Robbie Smith's parents in North Carolina, all homeless and hungry families everywhere, Madeline, Hannah and Ronnie, Morgan Richardson, DE State Police, PA State Police, students and teachers, working folk
- KC, Mia, Manda, Steph, Kortni, Franny, grandkids
- Shirley Delpizzo and family, Steven, Tonja, Natalie, Hillary, Sharon, Amanda, Mozes
- Andy King, Annabelle King, Mindy King, Jack King, Cassandra King, Rebecca King, James King, Louisa Smith, Sonja Ryan, Carmel King
- Darryl and Jeanne Remedio, John and Donna Mahoney, Gary and Sue Pinkowski, Don and Crissy Montgomery, Gene and Tracy Filliben, Millie Bradshaw & family, the Wolski family, Pastor Tony and Anne, Don Moyer and family, Sam Rosado, our armed forces, all law enforcement, fire fighters and EMTs, the United States, Isreal, justice, liberty
- Paulette Lazzaro
- Eric, Wayne, Max, Hayes Family, Daimon, Przywara Family, Michael, Scott, Mike, Heather, Gracie, Devon, patience

SERVING TODAY:

WORSHIP LEADER: ED IDE

MUSICIAN: JANET BRUSH

HEAD USHER: DAVE ROGERS

GREETER: MARIE WALKER

AUDIO/ VISUALS: DENNIS JOHNSON, BRENDA TUCKER,
and JANET DICKERSON

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 8/16/26:

WORSHIP: 27

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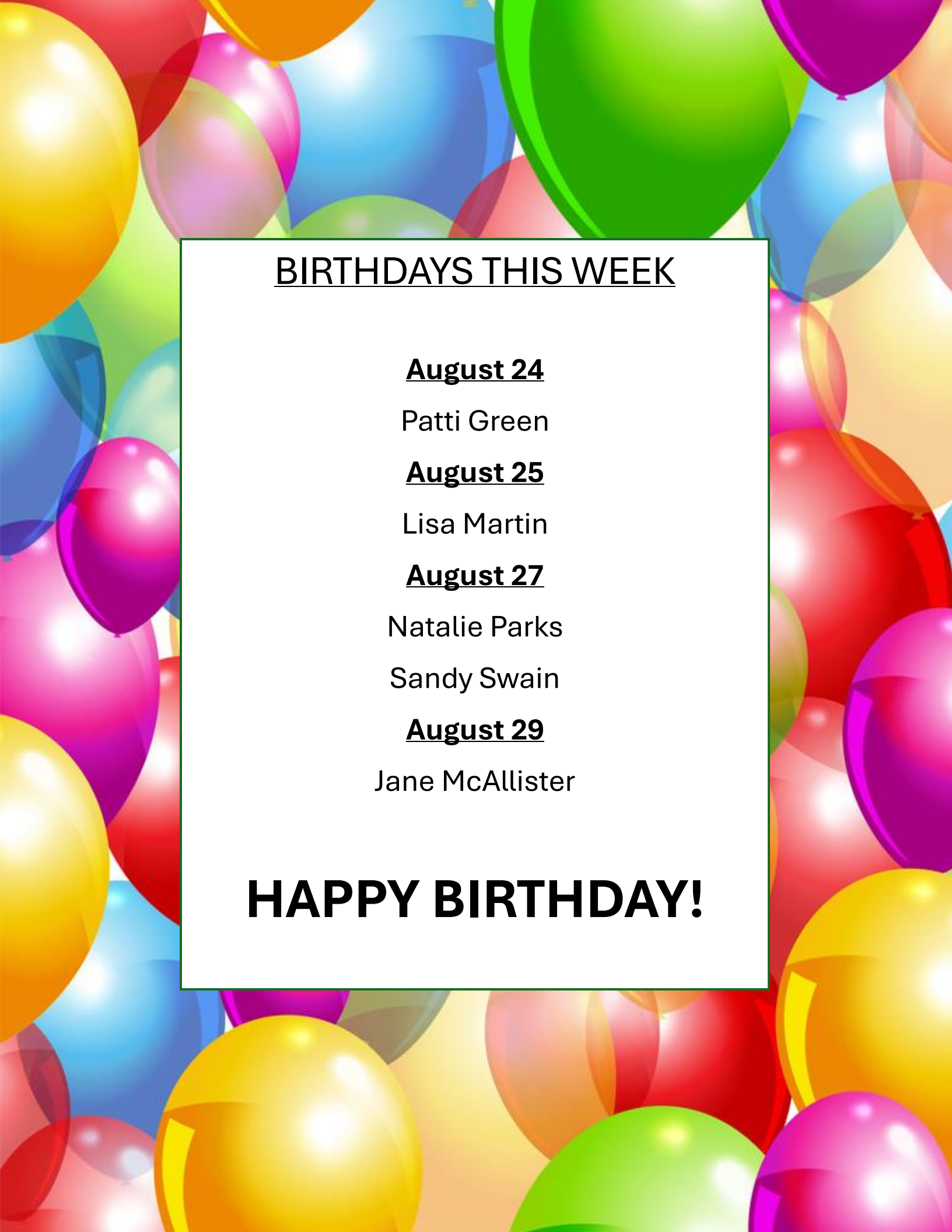
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<https://www.facebook.com/rpumchurch>

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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

August 24

Patti Green

August 25

Lisa Martin

August 27

Natalie Parks

Sandy Swain

August 29

Jane McAllister

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

SUNDAY
AUG 23
6PM

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★ CELEBRATING **140** YEARS ★

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BACK TO 1886

★ A STEP BACK IN TIME! ★

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

★ NOON - 3:00 PM ★

AT CAROUSEL PARK

WATCH OUT
BRIDGETON,
HERE COMES
MARSHALLTON
1886!

CATERED BY
MISSION BBQ
The American Way.

★ FREE & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! ★

★ FREE MISSION BBQ MEAL! COME EARLY!

When the food is gone, it is gone!

★ FREE HORSE RIDES ★ FREE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

★ FREE ICE CREAM ★ PRIZE FOR BEST 1886

★ FREE FACE PAINTING ★ OR COWBOY DRESSED PERSON

★ OLD WEST GAMES & MORE!

★ TWO
★ GREAT EVENTS,
★ TWO BIG
★ REASONS TO
★ COME HOME!

★ **RSVP** ★
IN ADVANCE
so that there is
enough food.



ALL EVENTS ARE

FREE!

DRESS LIKE IT'S 1886 OR COWBOY STYLE!

Back to Church Sunday

FAITH. FOOD. FAMILY. FOREVER.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

FOLLOWED BY AN

EXTENSIVE FREE BRUNCH

All Are Invited!

Come Home. Reconnect. Be Inspired.

FREE FOOD. WARM FELLOWSHIP.
JOYFUL HEARTS. STRONGER TOGETHER.
LET'S CELEBRATE OUR FAITH & FUTURE!



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♥ *All Are Welcome!* ★

Hope 4 The Homeless 5K Supporting Sojourners' Place

THE 2026 HOPE 4 THE HOMELESS 5K WALK/RUN

Sat September 26, 2026
Wilmington, DE 19806 US [Directions](#)



Hope 4 the Homeless 5K

\$25

(\$0: Ages 0 - 4)

(\$15: Ages 5 - 12)

10:00AM EDT - 12:00PM EDT

Price increases after September 5,
2026 at 11:59pm EDT

Place

Lookout Drive
Rockford Park
Wilmington, DE US 19806

Description

When you lace up for the Hope 4 the Homeless 5K, you're doing more than logging miles — you're helping change lives. Every dollar raised supports **Sojourners' Place**, a Wilmington shelter that goes beyond a bed for the night. They walk alongside individuals struggling with addiction and homelessness, providing the housing stability, recovery support, and life skills needed to truly rebuild. It's not a quick fix — it's a real journey, and your steps help fund every mile of it. Join us for the Hope 4 the Homeless 5K on September 26th!

Sign up at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/HopeHomelessness5K>



Lay Academies across the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Announce 2026-2027 Dates

August 4, 2026



United Methodists in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference are encouraged to save the dates for Lay Academy opportunities in the Lower Shore, Delaware District, and Upper Shore regions during the 2026-2027 program year.

Lay Academy, a ministry of The United Methodist Church, equips laity for leadership, discipleship, and service in the church and community. Through diverse courses, participants can deepen their understanding of Scripture, theology, Methodist history and doctrine, spiritual formation, leadership, and ministry skills. Classes are open to anyone seeking to grow in faith, serve others, and respond to God's call in meaningful ways.

Lay Academy offers a welcoming environment for learning, fellowship, and discipleship, whether participants seek personal spiritual growth, leadership development, or certification as lay servant, lay speaker, or lay minister. Courses are led by experienced clergy and laity who provide practical insights and guidance for ministry today.

The following Lay Academy sessions are scheduled for the 2026-2027 academic year. Each academy will announce additional details on courses, schedules, and registration as they become available.

Delaware District Lay Academy Dates for 2026-2027

The Delaware District Lay Academy will offer two educational and leadership development sessions for clergy and laity during the 2026-2027 program year. Courses are designed to help one in ministry and service, providing a welcoming environment for those seeking to strengthen their faith, leadership skills, and understanding of the church's mission. Sessions will be held in Smyrna and Dover.

Fall 2026 Session: October 9-10, 2026

Location: Asbury United Methodist Church, 20 W. Mount Vernon Street, Smyrna, DE

Spring 2027 Session: March 12-13, 2027

Location: Wyoming United Methodist Church, 216 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover, DE

Participants are encouraged to save these dates and watch for future announcements about course offerings, schedules, and registration. For additional information, please contact Larry Josefowski.

Contact Information: DelawareDistrictLaity@gmail.com

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and select First Saturdays'

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Coleman Memorial UMC Food Pantry

TRANSFORMING OUR COMMUNITY

- PANTRY HOURS -

11am-2pm

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday

11:30am-12pm

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

3pm-5pm

Every Thursday



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