



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



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.”

July 12, 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost
ORDER OF WORSHIP
**Please rise in spirit or body*

PRELUDE “My Life Is In You, Lord” *D. Gardner* Janet Brush, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Paul Weaver

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Loving God, you created life in us and all around us. Open us to receive your gifts of your world and your word that we may be just hearers of the word, but doers as well. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We gather today in the midst of busy lives and hectic schedules that mirror the chaotic pace of the world around us.

Many: We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

One: We gather as people inundated with constant information, fast-moving news cycles, and ever-present alerts vying for our attention.

Many: We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

One: We gather as people seeking to anchor ourselves in the faith as the world around us is blown to and fro by waves of fear, scarcity, and reactivity.

Many: We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

One: Beloved, come. Come to find rest, grounding, and guidance in the Spirit who dwells in you.

Many: We come to set our minds on the Spirit who guides us and draws us together toward life, peace, and flourishing. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” UMH 158

**CALL FOR JOYS & CONCERNS
WITH PASTORAL PRAYER** Pastor Casey Houtz

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Janet Brush, Organist

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Pastor Casey Houtz

SCRIPTURE READINGS	Hebrew Bible: Psalm 119:105-112	Paul Weaver
	*Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Paul Weaver
	New Testament Epistle: Romans 8:1-11	Pastor Casey Houtz

SERMON ***PARALLEL TO SHORE*** Pastor Casey Houtz

HYMN “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” UMH 420

APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Casey Houtz

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Casey Houtz

RECEIVING OF TITHES & GIFTS***DOXOLOGY**

"All Things Come of Thee"

UMH 588

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

Living God, you meet us this day with grace that frees and a Spirit that gives life. You tell us there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and we cling to that good news with grateful hearts. As we bring these gifts, we set our minds on you- not on fear or self-interest, but on the life and peace you promise. Shape us by your Spirit to live generously, to seek the good of our neighbors, and to share in your work of healing and reconciliation. Receive these offerings as signs of our attention being fixed on Christ and our lives opened to your renewing power. We give thanks; we give ourselves, and we trust your Spirit to lead us into abundant life. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Hymn of Promise"

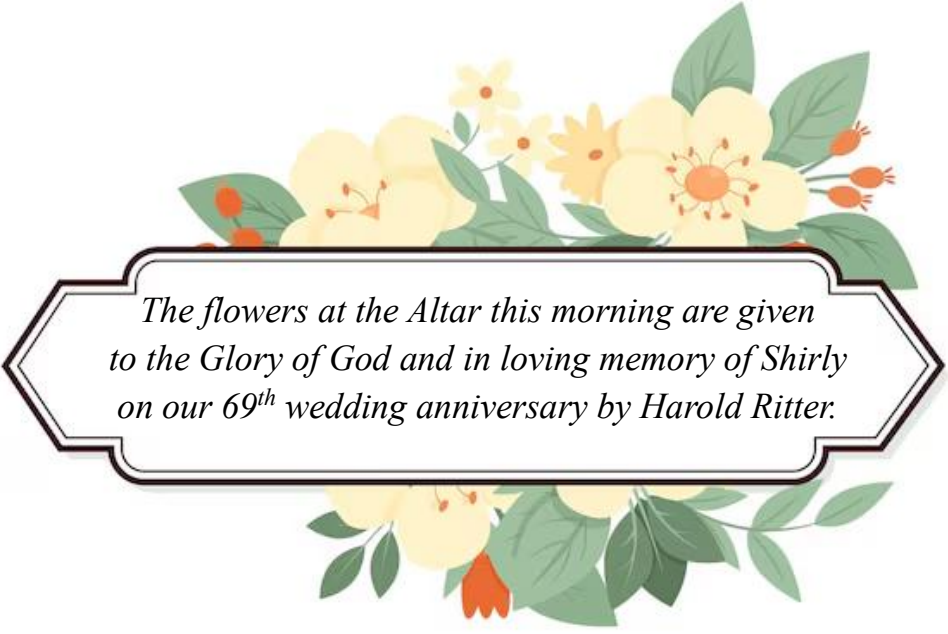
UMH 707

BENEDICTION

Pastor Casey Houtz

CONGREGATIONAL "AMEN" & RECESSIONAL**POSTLUDE**"All Hail King Jesus" *D. Moody*

Janet Brush, Organist



*The flowers at the Altar this morning are given
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Shirly
on our 69th wedding anniversary by Harold Ritter.*

Prayer Requests



- Elizabeth C. Keeth, Pat Rodenhiser, Beth Kwaitowski, Brenda Williams, Susan and Ken Malone, Kathy A. Rogers, Mark Rogers, Houston A. Rogers, Troy Rogers, Grant Rogers, Joann Armstrong, Gail Frazer, Robert Shaheen, Les Gommer, Brad and Audry, Bill Van Sant, Cora and Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Pacheco, travel mercies, DE State Police, PA State Police, Madeline, Hannah and Ronnie, Uncle Cliff and Yvonne, Gaza and Ukraine, people of Venezuela, newborns and children, all veterans, Pastor Tony and Ann, all homeless and hungry families everywhere, Morgan Richardson, peace on earth, all first responders everywhere, American military, Welcome Pastor Casey and family
- KC, Mia, Manda, Franny, Steph, Kortni, grandkids, Aunt Frannie, Aunt Becky, Sarah, Betsy, John, Jim, Carol, Chuck
- Shirley Delpizzo and family, Steven, Tonja, Natalie, Hillary, Sharon, Amanda, Mozes
- Eric, Mac, Daimon, Hayes Family, Przywara Family, Michael, Scott, Devon, Heather, Gracie, Mike, patience, our country
- Liam King, Mindy King, James King, Cassandra King, Rebecca King, Linda Peterson, Rusty Peterson, Donald Trump, fire victims, Jack 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, Don Moyer, Sam Rosado, Pastor Tony and Ann, our armed forces, all law enforcement, fire fighters and EMTs, the United States, Isreal, justice, liberty, Pastor Casey and family, RPUMC and family
- Joey Anderson, Anita Anderson, Cheri Anderson, Wayne Shannon and family

SERVING TODAY:

WORSHIP LEADER: PAUL WEAVER

MUSICIAN: JANET BRUSH

HEAD USHER: DAVE ROGERS

GREETER: MARIE WALKER

AUDIO/ VISUALS: DENNIS JOHNSON

GRAPHICS: BRENDA TUCKER

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 7/5/26:

WORSHIP: 44



This Week's Birthdays

July 13	Mark Panaccione
July 15	Jennifer Patterson
July 16	Christopher Swarter
July 17	Jim Chilcutt
July 17	William Martin
July 18	Nancy Perugini

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

On the evening of July 4, Pecometh experienced what we believe was a microburst that caused significant damage across our campus. **Dozens of trees were uprooted, snapped, or severely damaged across nearly the entire property.** Countless large limbs came down, and several cabins sustained physical damage.

While we are incredibly grateful that no one was injured, we now have a great deal of cleanup and recovery work ahead of us.



How You Can Help

Volunteer: We are seeking volunteers **18 years of age and older** who are able to:

- Safely operate chainsaws
- Remove fallen limbs and trees
- Help clear debris from roads, trails, and other areas of camp

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [Rev. Rich Walton](#) to coordinate work teams and volunteer efforts.

Loan of Equipment: We are also looking to borrow equipment that will help speed up the cleanup effort, including:

- Commercial dump trailers
- Wood chippers
- Other heavy-duty equipment that may assist with debris removal

If you have equipment you would be willing to loan, please contact [Kevin Taylor](#).

Give: If you are unable to volunteer but would like to support the recovery effort, financial contributions can be made at the following link:

<https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/pecometh-camp-and-retreat-ministries/2025-online-giving>

Despite the damage, we are thankful to report that **the ministry continues.** Campers arrived on Sunday as scheduled and are enjoying a wonderful week in areas of camp where damage was minimal. Their laughter, worship, and fellowship are a reminder that God's work continues even in the midst of unexpected challenges.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your willingness to help Pecometh recover. Together, we will restore what was damaged and continue providing a place where lives are transformed through Christian camping and retreat ministry.

Grace and Peace,
Augie Lankford
Executive Director
Pecometh Camp & Retreat Ministries

DELAWARE HOUSES OF WORSHIP SAFETY SEMINAR

EMPOWERING FAITH LEADERS TO PROTECT, PREPARE, AND RESPOND



Date/Time & Location (Choose One Option)

July 15, 2026, 0900-1200

Troop 7 Community Room

19444 Mulberry Knoll Rd, Lewes, DE 19958

July 17, 2026, 0900-1200

Troop 2 Community Room

100 Cpl/1 Stephen J. Ballard Way, Newark, DE 19702

July 20, 2026, 0900-1200

State Bureau of Identification

600 S. Bay Road, Suite E, Dover, DE 19901

Topics Include

Delaware Information & Analysis Center Overview

Physical Security Assessments

Comprehensive Risk Management for Houses of Worship

- If you have completed a DIAC or self physical security assessment, bring it with you; but not required.

Nonprofit Security Grant Program

De-escalation Training

Who Should Attend

Faith leaders, Safety Coordinators, Facility Managers, and Security Volunteers

Why Attend?

Faith communities are uniquely vulnerable to targeted violence, cyber threats, and emergencies. This seminar is a proactive step to build resilience, protect sacred spaces, and foster stronger community partnerships.

Contact us for more information

DIAC@DELAWARE.GOV

RSVP REQUIRED

Register at the below link:

<https://dediac.org/HOWSeminar>



**PREPAREDNESS IS NOT FEAR
IT'S FAITH IN ACTION**



HOUSING
ALLIANCE
DELAWARE

Meeting for Any Clergy Members

JULY 21 | 10:00 AM

Join Us As We Prepare for
Faith and Housing Justice Week 2026:
November 15 - November 22

Let's gather via Zoom to share ideas,
answer questions, and plan for success.

**To Register Please Contact:
Rabbi Sonya Starr - Policy Director
sonyastarr@housingalliancede.org**



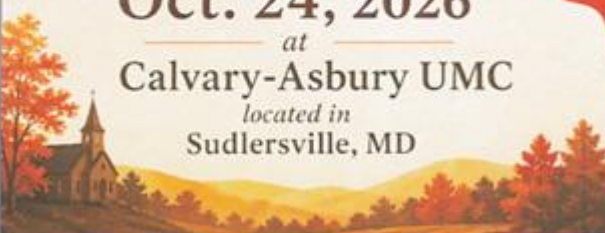
Save the Dates

UPPER SHORE LAY ACADEMY

FALL 2026

Oct. 17 and
Oct. 24, 2026

at
Calvary-Asbury UMC
located in
Sudlersville, MD



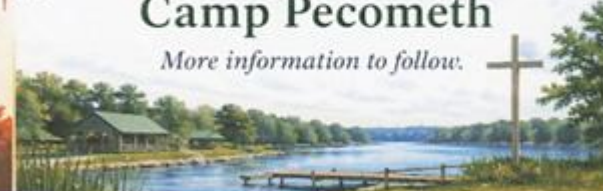


EARLY SPRING CLASSES

Feb. 26–Feb. 27, 2027

held at
Camp Pecometh

More information to follow.





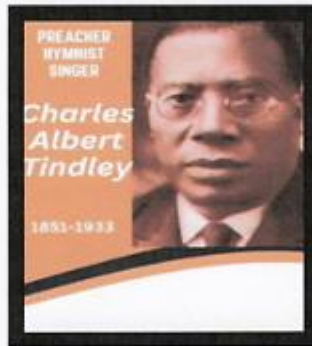
Contact Pastor Mary Ellen Harris, CLM
at 443-553-0420

or

Jennifer Christy, CLM
at 443-480-2377

A GOSPEL CELEBRATION:

**Charles Albert Tindley's
175th Birthday**



**Sunday, July 26, 2026
3:00 p.m.**

**Coleman Memorial United Methodist Church
465-1/2 Anderson Drive
Dunleith Estates
Wilmington, Delaware**

***Guest Preacher, Rev. Donald E. Dunnigan, Sr., Pastor
Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Wilmington, Delaware***

Music: The HildaMan Chorale

Music Director, Celestine C.S. Lyght

Rev. Cornelius Berry, Pastor

**FREE WILL OFFERING
Dinner Served 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

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



SCAN QR CODE FOR
MORE INFORMATION



465 1/2 Anderson Dr. Wilmington, DE 19801

Join Scout Troop 339!



MONDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30

Contact troop339de@gmail.com

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! Just click the "GIVING" tab on our website or visit www.rpumchurch.org/html/giving.html



COME ON OUT & SHOP AT **THE SHOPPE AT RPUMC**

on Thursdays 11 AM-2 PM
and select First Saturdays'

PRE-LOVED GOODS

DISCOVER GREAT FINDS

