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Put Some Spirit



In Your Summer!

Summer Worship: June - August
Morning Worship & Children's Sunday School - 10:00 AM
Adult Sunday School - 9:00 AM

FAREWELL BILL & PATTI GREEN

With spring, comes new life and rebirth. Throughout June, we too will undergo new life and rebirth as we prepare to embrace our new pastor, Tom Pasmore, and his family. Planning for a new pastor also means that we must prepare to wish our good friends, Pastor Bill and Patti Green, farewell as they officially begin serving at Christ United Methodist Church in Salisbury, MD on July 1.

Bill and Patti have touched so many lives over the past 8 years while at RPUMC with such celebrations as: our 100th Anniversary, the Wesley Tower Project, welcoming new members, weddings, baptisms, confirmation classes, Kids Café, VBS, delicious meals, communion, and renewed spirits. For many who have experienced illness or the loss of a loved one or friend, we have been blessed with Bill's wonderful ability to bring comfort and know just the right words to say.

Another of Pastor Bill's many strengths is relating current events and issues to the scriptures. His messages have inspired us, making us laugh as he shared his childhood stories; his love of baseball, God, and country; and, of course, fast little cars such as the Mazda Miata (ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM!).

Pastor Bill and Patti, we wish you a joyous transition into your new church community and thank you for touching our lives in so many ways. We all will miss you. God bless you both.

Peace and love in Christ,
Sherlynn Aurelio
Chairperson - SPRC

PASTOR JENNIFER KERBY **ORDINATION**

With great joy and thanksgiving, I am pleased to share that the Board of Ordained Ministry has recommended me for ordination as an Elder at this year's Annual Conference. The ordination will take place at the Saturday evening worship service on June 14. Words cannot begin to express my deep gratitude to my "first" church family at Richardson Park. You welcomed me and nurtured me; you supported me and allowed me to practice this vocation with you and on you. Thank you so very much. I know that your new pastor will be embraced with the same care and love with which you embraced me. May God bless you and keep you through all your days and in all your ways.

Your sister in Christ,
Jennifer Kerby

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In June, Rebekah Circle will take care of the flowers in the church.

Circle Meeting

Ruth Circle Wed., June 4, 11:00 a.m.
Salad Covered Dish
Extension

MISSION TREE



On Sundays in June, we are hanging “Sailboats” on our Mission Tree. Hang a “Sailboat” on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

May 2008

\$113.58

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date for 2008 is \$591.93. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on the first Sunday of each month. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.



ZINGO TAPES

That little slip of paper you get when you stop to purchase a newspaper or pick up some groceries at Zingo's might not seem like much to you, but put them together with those of your church family and community friends and they really add up! Since January, the Zingo register receipt program has donated \$376.03 to the General Fund of RPUMC. Thank you for your continued support.



CHANCEL CHOIR

Summer Schedule

The Chancel Choir will sing the first Sunday in July and August. Practice will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 29 and Sunday, August 3.

“GOD’S LITTLE ANGELS”

We hope that everyone will enjoy the Wesley Tower Garden we planted several weeks ago. The rainbow of colors will be with us all summer thanks to your contributions of flowers and donations. We received \$151.96. Thanks to everyone for helping us share one of God’s beautiful creations.



Congratulations to the Tadpoles!



Our volleyball season has come to an end, but not before a very exciting finish. The Tadpoles, led by Angela Ott, made it to the semi-finals this year. This is a first! Neither the Frogs nor the Tadpoles had made it this deep into the play-offs since the teams were formed. It was great to watch the Tadpoles put forth such a team effort in their win leading up to the semi's. The final game was a seesaw battle that ended in a 2 point victory. Team members included Angela, Alicia, and Steve Ott, Chris Cochran, Brandon Jester, and Rob Sebastian.

KIDS KORNER

It's hard to believe – Summer Sunday school is here!! Starting Sunday, June 1, everyone will meet at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Following "Time with Children," I will lead the children down to Classroom 3. What Bible adventures we will have this summer as the B.I.G. Club (Believers in God)!

During June we will study:

June 1: Psalm 118:24

June 8: Psalm 31:14, 15

June 15: Jeremiah 33:3

June 22: Jeremiah 29:11

June 29: 1 Corinthians 7:7

On June 15, the B.I.G. Club plans to sing a special selection in honor of "Father's Day." Please plan to attend the 10:00 a.m. worship service!

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



HELP NEEDED

Help is needed for the Strawberry Festival which will be held on Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Peniel UMC. Please contact Sandy Ide at 798-8664 if you can help in any of the following areas:

**Kitchen
Flea Market
Strawberry Picking
Baked Table
Donate Plants
Donate Baked Goods
Donate Flea Market Items**

FOOD FOR CAP

CAP is in need of the following items for their food pantry:

*Cereal, Canned Soups,
Canned Fruit
Canned Tuna and Spam*

Don't forget to bring food for CAP the first Sunday of each month.

Plastic bags needed: If you have those plastic bags from the grocery stores, please bring your used ones to CAP. We always welcome more of them - we use them for food orders and for items sold in the thrift shop.

VBS DECORATIONS NEEDED

Our wish list for this year's VBS program are:
beach chairs, beach umbrellas, beach towels, coolers, buckets/shovels/rakes, kites, life preserver rings, boogie boards, surf boards, and anything else you may have for a beach party.

If you are willing to lend any of these items, please drop them off in Fellowship Hall between June 16 and June 18. Please put your name on anything you would like returned. Thanks for your help.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Tucker or Sherlynn Aurelio.



KIDS CAFÉ

Our Kids Café Superstars met for their final session of this school year on Thursday, May 15, 2008. They played games, designed crafts, visited our "Creative Lab" for some special projects and participated in a wonderful celebration of their achievements. With the guidance of our dedicated staff of tutors, the children have enjoyed a year of fun and fellowship while mastering word puzzles, solving a multitude of math problems, improving their reading skills and truly blossoming as children of God. Many thanks to Terri Weaver for teaching us a benediction song, complete with hand movements, and to Sandy Swain for creating our delightful Kids Café T-shirts. A special thank you goes to our Kitchen Crew for providing delicious and nutritious dinners to all participants this year, but especially for our finale dinner...yummy pizza and a "create-your-own" ice cream sundae!!!

Blessings,

Ms. Marlene and Ms. Janet

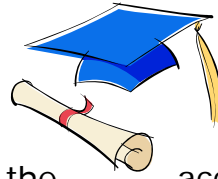


The Youth Group appreciates all the support you have given us through the year, and we

are especially grateful for your help with our mission projects. We were able to make a big difference in the lives of God's creatures through Faithful Friends and look forward to making a difference in the lives of many people during our trip to Maine this summer. None of this would be possible without the support you have given us.

CONGRATULATIONS

GRADUATES!



On Sunday, June 8, during worship, we will celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates of 2008.

NICOLE ELIZABETH CUMMINGS

received her High School Diploma from Middletown High School. She plans to attend The Art Institute of Philadelphia for Fashion Design. Her parents are Mark and Sue Cummings and her grandparents are Jay and Pat Cummings.

KATHY GIBBONS received her High School Diploma from McKean High School. She will be part of the SEED program sponsored by the University of Delaware and began classes at DelTech the end of May as part of that program. Her father is Joseph Gibbons.

RACHEL ELIZABETH RITTER will receive her High School Diploma from West Springfield High School in Fairfax, VA on June 16. In the fall, she will attend the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Her parents are Jim and Jo Ritter and her grandparents are Harold and Shirly Ritter.

KATHRYN FREELOVE RUSSELL is graduating from DelTech this year. Her mother is Kathy A. Russell.

BEST WISHES TO ALL OF YOU!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Bette Farra	6/3
Brisa Peterson	6/5
Julia Maybroda	6/11
Billy Sorensen	6/11
Trish Williamson	6/11
Miles Keogh	6/12
Ruthann Will	6/13
Chase Stout	6/15
Jeannine White	6/18
Kayla Brown	6/19
Rob Anderson	6/21
Keith Coleman	6/22
Alicia Ott	6/23
David Pruitt	6/23
Earle Snapp	6/23
Carolyn Swain	6/23
Charlene Workman	6/23
Kaitlyn Adams	6/24
Franz Kappel	6/25
Jarrett Miles	6/26
Ida Burgos	6/29
William Cathell	6/29
Brian Maher	6/29

DOSEN'T THIS LOOK LIKE FUN!

Eve Thomas and eight of her great grandchildren gather with friends at *Avalanche Ranch*, last year's spectacular Vacation Bible School.

In 2008, we're on our way to a Beach Party!

You won't want to miss a single exciting minute!

Turn the page for all the wonderful details!

NOTE: If your name is not listed on our birthday calendar, please call the church office at 654-0961. Thank you.

OUTDOOR YARD SALE
Saturday, June 14
8 AM - 2 PM
FURNITURE AND SEASONAL ITEMS

Join our Vacation Bible School's Beach Party!!!

This year we will
Surf Through the Scriptures



Sunday June 22 - Thursday June 26

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Richardson Park Church

Ages: 3 years through 6th grade

Everyone Welcome - No Charge

Each night, our young surfers will enjoy dinner at the Boardwalk Café and participate in fun activities at the Surfin' Scripture Theater, Beachcomber Craft Shack, Surf n' Sand Science Lab, Rockin' Sound Wave, and Beach Party Games. We'll end each night with Reflections where we'll review the daily Beach Be-Attitude and Scripture lesson.

So mark your calendar for this



summer's biggest Beach Party!

Co-sponsored by Peniel and Richardson Park UMC

For more information call the church office or see Sherlynn Aurelio or Marlene Johnson, Co-chairs.

If you have beach artifacts that we could borrow, call Brenda Tucker, our VBS Decorator, at 731-4110. Volunteers always are welcome to assist our leaders at each station. Please call the church office at 654-0961 and leave your name if you'd like to join in on the fun. Also, students having completed 7th through 12th grades are encouraged to give us a hand but need to register using the form included in this newsletter.

SURF ON OVER TO THE
RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

NAME: _____ HELPER:

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: (____) _____ AGE: _____

LAST SCHOOL GRADE COMPLETED: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CONTACT: _____

MOTHER (HOME AND CELL #): _____

FATHER (HOME AND CELL #): _____

OTHER: _____

ALLERGIES OR OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS: _____

HOME CHURCH: _____

NAME OF ONE SPECIAL FRIEND YOUR CHILD MIGHT LIKE TO BE WITH DURING VBS:



SUNDAY, JUNE 22 – THURSDAY, JUNE 26

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

AGES 3 THRU GRADE 6

NOTE: HELPERS (7TH-12TH GRADES) MUST PRE-REGISTER

VBS CO-SPONSORED BY PENIEL AND RICHARDSON PARK UMCs

MUSIC NOTES

Terri Weaver, Director



Summer Schedule

The summer schedule for worship service at 10:00 a.m. will start on June 1 through August 31. Is anyone interested in sharing their musical gifts during those weeks? There is a brief planning meeting right after church on Sunday, June 1. Sign up early to select your dates to share your gift with the congregation. The choir will sing on July 6 and August 3 as a "pick-up choir." Come at 9:30 a.m. on 6/29 and 8/3 to practice the Offertory for the day and sing with the choir. It's a great opportunity to try out your vocal chords and see what a church choir is all about.

International Year of the Organ – October 19, 2008

2008-09 has been designated by the American Guild of Organists (AGO) as the **International Year of the Organ**. This year will be kicked off with events at the national AGO convention in Minneapolis in June 2008 and will conclude with the regional conventions in summer 2009. **RPUMC** will be hosting an event on October 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. with concert artist, Dr. Gordon Turk. (Aldersgate UMC will host a concert at 4:00 p.m. with another artist.) More information will follow.

Upcoming "Dates to Remember" for Music

6/1	Sunday	10:00 a.m. summer service hours begin Special Music Planning Meeting -- select a date to sing or play in church
6/5	Thursday	Chancel Choir and Chancel Bells covered-dish dinner
6/15	Sunday	Father's Day, featuring an offertory by "The Men" of the choir
6/29	Sunday	9:30 a.m. rehearsal for 7/6 service (Pastor Tom Pasmore's first Sunday)
7/6	Sunday	9:30 a.m. review of Offertory choir piece
8/3	Sunday	9:30 a.m. pickup choir rehearsal for Offertory
8/31	Sunday	10:00 a.m. summer service hours end
9/4	Thursday	Chancel Bells and Chancel Choir regular rehearsals resume
10/19	Sunday	International Year of the Organ Concert, featuring Dr. Gordon Turk Concert starts at 7:00 p.m.



MUSIC NOTES

"FAVORITE HYMNS AND SONGS"

PLEASE LIST YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS BELOW AND WE WILL SING THEM OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS.

HYMN TITLE

RETURN TO: Terri Weaver, the Church Office, or place in the offering plate.

Your Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

ORGAN SPECTACULAR!
WORLD'S LARGEST ORGAN CONCERT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008

Organ Spectacular! — World's Largest Organ Concert is part of a year-long International Celebration of the organ to be held in 2008-09. This particular program, along with other events of the Celebration year, is designed to entertain, inform, and engage new audiences for organ music, while giving seasoned listeners a fresh perspective on the organ's expansive repertoire. Organ Spectacular! will include more than 200 family-oriented concerts involving more than 2000 performers in this country and abroad. It will bring organ music to a new audience of listeners, generating new friends, and reinvigorating existing audiences for the King of Instruments.

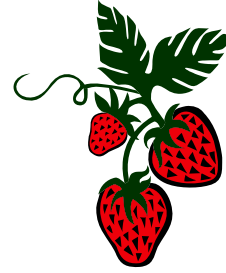
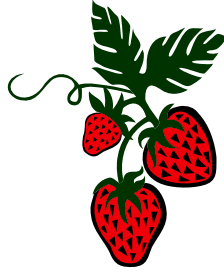
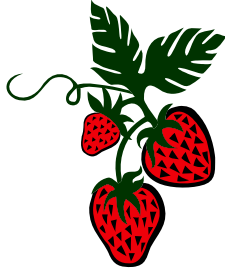
Included on this program in many venues will be the winning composition in a competition organized for this event. Another work, by Stephen Paulus, has been commissioned for this concert.

Organ Spectacular! is a follow-up to the 2000 World's Largest Organ Recital, the most successful community outreach effort in the history of the Guild. The goal for this up-coming event is to increase public awareness of the organ, the instruments, and the music. Admission charges will be set by each chapter.

Organ Spectacular! will feature the organ in its historic and evolving roles as a solo instrument, as an accompanying instrument, and as an ensemble instrument. AGO chapters are encouraged to develop collaborative programming with local arts and cultural organizations. This could include adult and children's choirs, instrumentalists, orchestras, and even marching bands. "Informances," multimedia, and audiovisual technology that can be integrated into the concert to put the organ "on stage" are encouraged.

The AGO website, www.agohq.org/os will provide promotional material, art work, and suggested repertoire which local chapters will be able to use. Chapters will benefit from a national wave of publicity surrounding the October 19 event.

For further information, please contact AGO National Headquarters, 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 1260, New York, NY 10115. TEL 212-870-2310. FAX 212-8702163. E-MAIL os@agohq.org. Please visit our WEB SITE at www.agohq.org/os.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 7, 2008

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Rain or Shine

Peniel United Methodist Church in downtown Newport

It's the perfect time to celebrate this delicious symbol of early summer.

Every year, enthusiastic festival-goers enjoy farm fresh berries, browsing through flea market stalls packed with local crafts and treasures and feasting on tasty food and home baked goods.

It's a great day out for the whole family with plenty of kid-friendly fare and fun activities.

**The Strawberry Festival benefits the
Richardson Park Community Action Program (CAP)**

Flea market tables are available for rent. To book a table, contact CAP at 302-428-1494.

THANK YOU RPUMC

We would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$100 from your recent mother's day service. Your ongoing support of CAP is very much appreciated.

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Bill Green, Pastor



FLOWERS

For the month of June, Rebekah Circle
is responsible for the flowers.

ALTAR FLOWERS

June 1	Tod and Yvonne Mitten
At the Cross	Ginger Pettyjohn
June 8	Winfield Lane
June 15	Richard and Alvretta Crozier
At the Cross	Bob and Joyce Collins
At the Lectern	Ruth Gibney
June 22	Rob and Michelle Anderson
At the Cross	Carol Cathell
June 29	United Methodist Women

Please submit your articles for the
July/August Messenger to the Church
Office by Monday, June 9. Thank you.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING FOOD FOR
CAP THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH
MONTH.**

*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.*