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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



I will put my Spirit in you and will see to it that you follow my laws and keep all the commands I have given you. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors. You will be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:27-28 (GNT)

Well, summer has finally arrived, the rain notwithstanding, and I'm sure you all have gotten into your summer routines. This time of year is always one that brings some reflection for me as I ponder the meaning of life, the universe, and everything. It may seem strange to some of you for July to be a time of reflection instead of a time of fishing, swimming, boating, and other water related, vacation-esque activities. For me though, this month brings two very profound dates that have significant impact on my life. The first of these is July 1 which in addition to being Canada Day is the day that most all United Methodist pastors begin their new appointments. Thus, it marks the anniversary of my arrival here at Richardson Park. The second of these very important dates is July 2 which is my birthday. Between the two of them there are lots to look back on and lots to look forward to.

My reflection has led me to some striking and not so striking revelations as I have pondered the ministry and mission of RPUMC and my ever increasing age:

- 1. God is always with us.** It's amazing to me how fast I forget this little truth of life. God is with us everywhere. Jesus knows exactly what we are going through because Jesus faced it too. The Holy Spirit is continually moving around us and calling us into relationship. This idea is what keeps me going when I feel like my world is spinning out of control. When I stop and pray about it, I immediately know who is in control of my life.

2. **The church is here for all of us.** We are placed here on earth, formed in the image of God, and given responsibility for spreading the Good News. The church is our place community where we get to “practice” Christianity while taking it out into the world at the same time. Above all, church supports when we are out on a limb. It is the one place where (hopefully) grace trumps all else, and it’s the one organization that exists for the benefit of those are not members, yet.

3. **We are all the church.** It’s by giving the Good News away that we are rewarded for our effort and sacrifice. We are the ones that are making the Kingdom of Heaven a reality here in this place. It’s not about the programs or the facility. It’s about the fellowship and the fulfillment of God’s plan for us here on earth. We all participate in this glorious relationship that is church together through the good and the bad.

4. **God is always with us.** Need I say any more . . .

So I leave you this summer to ponder the same things that I have been pondering. We serve an awesome God who walks with us and calls us into relationship and community.

God bless you, your family, and your friends during these exciting days of summer!

Peace,
Pastor Tom



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.:** _____



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Joey Davis	7/1
Diane Maloney	7/2
Tom Pasmore	7/2
George Reinert	7/5
Joe Tucker	7/5
Robert Collins	7/6
Ali Knott	7/6
Eric Granby	7/7
Michael Haynes	7/7
Gail Eney	7/8
Gerald Nichols	7/8
Jennifer Atkinson	7/9
David McFarland	7/10
Joey Beane	7/11
Mark Panaccione	7/13
Jennifer Patterson	7/15
Jim Chilcutt	7/17
Ashley Arms	7/18
Marie Cloud	7/18
Nancy Perugini	7/18
Alysha Maybroda	7/19
Kathy Smallwood	7/21
Harold Follett	7/25
Daniel Gallagher	7/25
Elsie Bixler	7/26
Wyatt Rash	7/26
Michelle Anderson	7/27
RuthAnn Woodward	7/27
Mabel Dunfee	7/28
Nicole Cummings	7/30

If your name is missing from our birthday list, please call the office at 654-0961. We don't want to miss your special day!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Will you please notify the church office if you have a change of address. The Post Office charges us for returned mail. Thanks so much.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Shirl Snapp	8/1
Kathy Evelyn	8/3
Rachel Heckler	8/3
Lisa Maher	8/3
Scott Doughty	8/4
Jeanne Thomas	8/6
Jerry Arms	8/7
Jacalyn Foraker	8/8
Sharon Panaccione	8/8
Dorothy Burris	8/9
Thomas Logullo	8/9
Jennifer Pettyjohn	8/10
Kathryn Mitten	8/11
Stephen Moore	8/11
Ruth Taylor	8/11
Edward Locke	8/12
Donna Chambers	8/15
Carol Hopkins	8/15
Chad Hughes	8/15
Nicole Anderson	8/18
Sara Anderson	8/18
Sandy Ide	8/20
Suzy Price	8/20
David Collins	8/21
Sarena Yarrusso	8/21
Jacob Farley	8/22
Samantha Farley	8/22
Patti Green	8/24
Richard Hall	8/25
Sandy Swain	8/27
Jordon Howard	8/28
Jane McAllister	8/29
Carol Ewing	8/31
Abigail Price	8/31

MISSION TREE

On Sundays in July and August, we will be hanging **Stars** and **Seashells**, respectively, on our Mission Tree. Hang a star or seashell on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Marlene Johnson

GREETINGS!

Our "Bible Detectives" have been quite busy in Room 3 on Sunday mornings following "Time with Children". We have investigated Jesus' early years through Bible readings, role-play, discussions, and take-home booklets. The nursery readily joins in singing our opening songs as well as the closing segment. Wait until the end of August...a special song is being practiced! During July and August, "Bible Detectives" will continue their investigation into the life of Jesus. If you have not become a "Bible Detective," please join us as we continue our studies - I will be waiting for you to take on this mission.

Blessings from Ms. Marlene and helpers

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In July, Ruth Circle will take care of the flowers in the church and in August, Rebekah Circle will take care of the flowers.

Unit Meeting **Monday, August 31**
1:00 p.m. - Lounge

Circle Meetings

Ruth Circle Wed., September 2
10:00 a.m. – Church Lounge

Rebekah Circle Mon., September 14
7:00 p.m. – Church Lounge

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 30, 2009

10:00 AM



Peniel UMC and St. James Episcopal of Newport are planning to join us for an outdoor worship service and covered-dish picnic on August 30 (location to be announced later). Hot dogs, hamburgers, ice and paper products will be supplied by the churches. Please bring a covered dish, dessert or beverage to share. Hope to see you there!



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

June 2009

\$125.24

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date for 2009 is \$610.72. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.

PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS OFFERED

Did you always want to learn to play the piano? Or do you know of someone who is interested in learning? Private piano lessons are being offered at a reduced rate to anyone 6 years of age and older. A portion of this reduced rate will be donated to the church toward the purchase of a piano for the Sanctuary. See Terri Weaver for details or call her at 610-869-7704.

**WORSHIP SERVICE AND
COMMUNION**
SUNDAY, JULY 12

Communion will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, July 12 instead of Sunday, July 5. Please mark your calendar



CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELLS

The Chancel Choir will sing the Offertory on Sunday, July 5. Please join us for a rehearsal at 9:15 a.m.

Singers and Ringers wanted – no experience needed. Choir and Bell rehearsals will start on Thursday, September 10. Please join us!

Bells 6:30 p.m.
Choir 7:30 p.m.

Faithfully, Terri Weaver

FOOD FOR CAP



Don't forget to bring food for CAP the first Sunday of each month. They are in need of:

canned meats and stews,
peanut butter and jelly,
hot & cold cereals,
tuna, baked beans,
canned fruit.

ZINGO



TAPES

Those little slips of paper you get when purchasing an item at Zingo's are really adding up! At the end of May we received another check...this time for \$214.42...bringing our year-to-date total to \$640.21. Thanks to all for your continued support!

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Monday, July 20 - Pool Party at the Swain's house: 3:00pm - until????? Dinner provided. Just bring your suit. We'll send directions to the Swain's house closer to time. We need to know you are coming by Friday, July 17th.

Saturday, August 15 - Trip to the Pasmore's Beach House in Bethany Beach. Meet at the church at 8:00am. We will carpool down, so *please let me know you are going by Wednesday, August 12.* We will return to the church something around 7:00 that night.

Thursday, August 20 - Softball game and picnic at Banning Park. Meet at the softball fields at 11:00, and plan for pick-up at 1:00. Please pack your own picnic lunch and drink. No food/drink is being provided. If you need a ride please let us know **BEFORE THAT MORNING.** We can't help with pickup if you call that day.

God's Little Angels and the Youth Group are trying to plan a day to go the Veteran's Hospital for a service project as well, but we have not settled on a date for that yet. When we have a set plan I will send out another email with that information.

Peace,
Mrs. Beth & Mr. Ryan

MUSIC NOTES

Terri Weaver, Director



One of my favorite hymns is “It is Well With My Soul”. The melody was written by Philip Bliss and words by Horatio Spafford. The story behind this hymn is a very interesting tale I’d like to share with you.

Horatio was an attorney in Chicago during the great fires that consumed the city in 1871. He lost a fortune due to heavy investments in real estate. His only son, who was four, died of scarlet fever the same year. He poured himself into helping rebuild the city and helping 100,000 who were left homeless.

In 1873, he decided to take his wife and four daughters to Europe on a vacation and an evangelist meeting in England. An urgent matter detained Horatio, but he decided to send his wife and four daughters on the *Ville du Havre*, a luxurious French liner.

During the late hours of November 22, 1873 as the ocean liner glided over smooth seas, passengers were tossed from their bunks. The ship collided with an iron sailing vessel and was taking on water. With screams and prayers, passengers submerged into icy waters. In two hours the *Ville du Havre* vanished into the black waters with 226 fatalities including Horatio’s four daughters. Mrs. Spafford was found clinging to wreckage nearly unconscious. When the 47 survivors landed in Cardiff, Wales she cabled her husband: “Saved Alone.”

He immediately booked passage to join his wife. On a cold December night, the captain called him and said “I believe we are passing over the place where the *Ville du Havre* went down.” Spafford went to his cabin and could not sleep. He said to himself, “It is well; the will of God be done.” He later wrote the hymn based upon those words.

The melody for “It is Well with My Soul” was originally titled **Ville du Havre**, and written by Philip Bliss. In 1876 he and his wife boarded a train to Ohio to sing at a Tabernacle. As the train crossed a ravine, the trestle bridge collapsed. The engine reached solid ground but the passenger cars plunged down the ravine. Bliss was tossed from the car, but his wife was still inside under the twisted metal. The other survivors urged him not to try to go into the flaming wreckage. He was quoted as saying “If I cannot save her, I will perish with her.” Both Philip and his wife died in December 1876.

These tragedies relating to one hymn can help show us how to pray in song and steady us when we are weary. Perhaps the text of this hymn will help you!

Praise be to God!

Faithfully,
Terri Weaver

"The Trustees' Times"



Rob Anderson, Chair

Members of the Congregation While this year seems to have been relatively quiet to this point as far as major problems or issues go, I assure you the members of the Trustees have been reviewing and addressing some critical issues in order to stay within or below our anticipated budget. One of our focuses has been to review contracts for the various services rendered to our church to see if we could enhance the services while trying to save money. We performed our annual review of the insurance policy and deleted some non-critical or redundant items. To keep some of the energy bills on a more even keel throughout the year, we are now on a budget plan with Delmarva Power, and of course we continue with our Green Day which was enacted by last year's Trustees. We have switched the size of our trash dumpster to a larger unit, which decreases the amount of our pick-ups from a weekly to bi-weekly basis. This will save approximately 25% off of our trash bill due to decreased fuel and environmental charges and was championed by Kathy Russell.

We recently reviewed our cleaning services contract and had three competitive bids; the decision was made to continue with our current contractor based on price and service. We are in the process of signing a service contract for annual cleaning and maintenance on our air-conditioning and boiler systems which we hope will prolong their life cycles. The Trustees are also about to engage the services of a roofing contractor to do some much needed roof repairs. The flat roof over the landing room has been leaking for some time. It needs to be taken off and a new rubber roof installed. The upper roof parapet walls need to be resealed because it appears to be leaking down and through the center of the roof.

Right now, on paper, with the cost of the roof repairs and air conditioning maintenance contract, the Trustees are still able to be within our proposed budget. While this is and sounds like good news, we as a church still need to secure the actual dollars to make this and other upcoming necessities happen. I am hoping that you will somehow be able to make a special contribution to our cause. In the upcoming weeks, if you are so able, please make out a check to RPUMC and note roof repairs on the memo line. Any amount you contribute to this cause is greatly appreciated and will continue to allow us all to enjoy this facility.

Sincerely,
Rob Anderson
Trustee Chair

2009 RPUMC Board of Trustees

Rob Anderson
Herb Atkinson
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Missions Minute

Have you ever considered being a missionary? Christianity was founded on the principle that the Good News is so very good that we need to take it out into the entire world. Mission trips, like the youth are taking to Maine, are opportunities for us to step outside of the world that we are used to and walk in others shoes for a little while. Why not try being a short-term missionary? You could be the one to bring hope to others in need and experience Christ's presence in your own life in a special way.

Teams open for you to join:

LOS CHILES, COSTA RICA: July 16-August 1, 2009

The church, education building and parsonage have been constructed in this community 2 km from the Nicaraguan frontier. Projects include providing roofs, floors and wells to the homes of the church's children, as well as VBS. Pictures are available at www.kiumc.org. Up to 12 spaces available. Contact: Gil Hoffman gilhoffn@friend.ly.net 410-758-3519

SUN VALLEY, AZ October 3-10 2009.

Work to repair a school for Navajo Native Americans near Holbrook, AZ at Sun Valley Indian School. Cost: approximately \$700.

RED BIRD MISSION, KENTUCKY: Sept 26-Oct 3, 2009 OR Oct 3-Oct 10, 2009

Various churches are returning to Red Bird this fall to do home repair work and they have a limited number of spaces available. Cost is \$255 plus travel expenses. If your church supports a Red Bird missionary, this is a great opportunity to see where they work. You can learn about Red Bird Mission by visiting www.rbmission.org.

PERU: September 23-October 7, 2009

Travel with folks from Western PA Conference to Bethesda Ministries in Legua, Catacaos. Jonathan Edwards, a Missionary who has been living there for 8 years, will be hosting. It will be springtime so the temperature will be in the 80's during the day and the 60's in the evening. The project will consist of some small construction projects and working with children. Looking for people who love children and may have some skills in the areas of making crafts, puppetry, drama and music. The trip will also include two days on the coast enjoying the seaside. There will be opportunities to visit schools in the city and country as well as several churches.

MISSISSIPPI: November 9-15, 2009

Come be a part of continued rebuilding after hurricanes. Mississippi is still in need of our assistance and whoever volunteers will be greatly blessed. Up to 10 people will travel to Gulf Port, Mississippi. Sponsored by Kent Island UMC; tool trailer provided by the church. First meeting will be September 2009.

If you have any interest in these opportunities, please talk with Pastor Tom or our Missions Chair Bob Evely and they will help connect you to the team leaders for these trips. Otherwise, if you are interested in developing a trip here at RPUMC, please let Pastor Tom know. The Missions Team is always looking for new ways to make a difference in the world.

News from Richardson Park Community Action Program:

Summer is upon us here at RP CAP! We are happy for the rain, even when it's excessive and we are happy for the sunshine, anytime it shines through. We are especially happy for all the ongoing beneficial programs CAP is able to offer our communities.

Our wonderful group of volunteers are busy as ever in helping CAP to fulfill its mission. They are keeping the Thrift Shop tidy and stocked and are currently holding a "Summer Clothing Sale." They are efficiently organizing and packaging Food Closet orders for our many clients. Our Clothes Closet and Baby Closet are providing relief to those who come to CAP for such assistance. Our Emergency Funding program is reaching as many people as possible each month. CAP is grateful to everyone for all the many and different donations it receives. CAP is grateful to its dedicated volunteers who sort everything and then organize everything to fit properly into CAP's ongoing programs.

We invite you to stop in and say hello anytime during our hours of operation (M & T = 10 til 3 and Th = 12 til 6 and Fri = 10 til 2). We also invite you to think of us when you clean out your drawers, closets, attics, and garages. (We are always in need of baby items.) Last but not least, we invite you to join us and become an RP CAP volunteer!

To learn more about CAP, plan on coming to our Sept 15, 2009 (Tuesday) Annual Open Meeting of CAP Board members! 7:00 pm, Calvary Presbyterian Church.

Anne Rostick, Acting Executive Director

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Everyone is invited to CAP's Annual Meeting, which will be held on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Calvary Presbyterian Church. At this meeting, electors will choose people to serve on CAP's Board of Directors. Electors are people who live in CAP's service area, plus other people, regardless of where they live, who work in furtherance of CAP's programs.

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READERS

July 5	Sheldon Edwards
July 12	Carol Cathell
July 19	Pat Cummings
July 26	Rebecca Shannon
August 2	Lee Powell
August 9	Tammy Brindle
August 16	Rob Anderson
August 23	Sandy Swain
August 30	Yvonne Mitten

FLOWERS

For the month of July, Ruth Circle is responsible for the flowers and for the month of August, Rebekah Circle is responsible.

Please submit your articles for the September Messenger to the Church Office by Monday, August 10. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS

July 5	Ruth Gibney
July 12	Harold and Shirly Ritter
July 19	Phyllis Bowman
At the Cross	Shirley Roberts
July 26	Lee Powell
August 23	Richard and Mary Sutor
August 9	Jay and Pat Cummings
At the Cross	Joyce Mill
At the Lectern	Cliff and Muriel Campbell
August 16	Joan Stadelman
August 23	Lynn Lafferty
August 30	Janet Dickerson

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.