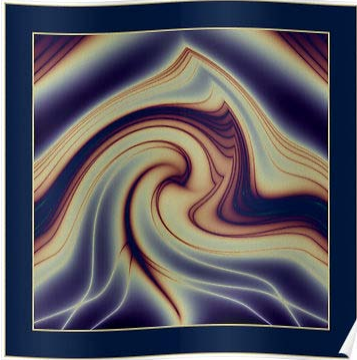


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A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains as it always has. The sun rises, the sun sets; it returns panting to the place

where it dawns. The wind blows to the south, goes around to the north; around and around blows the wind; the wind returns to its rounds again.

*- Ecclesiastes 1:4-6
(Common English Bible)*

One of my favorite Bob Dylan songs is “The Times They Are a-Changin’.” While it lacks the poetry of “Subterranean Homesick Blues,” (I mean really who can ever forget a line like “The pump don’t work ‘cause the vandals took the handles.” Ah . . . lyrical magic!) “The Times They Are a-Changin’” makes up for it with staying power. It’s a song as timeless as Scripture, and it captures the angst of the next generation as it rebels against the constraints of its parents’ generation. For those of us who

grew up with this song in the 60s and 70s, it has a very particular meaning. And for those of us who grew up in the 80s and 90s it has another meaning, that ultimately, I believe, was supplanted by Twisted Sister’s “We’re Not Gonna Take It.” As our friend the Teacher, who wrote Ecclesiastes, says one generation goes and another generation comes.

As the newest generation begins to move into adulthood, I wonder what changes they are going to see in their lifetime, and what their protest songs are going to sound like? (I hope it sounds more like “People Say” by Portugal the Man than “Last Friday Night” by Katy Perry. I’m starting to sound like my parents. Ugh.) What kind of leaders are these interesting times going to produce? Times are tough now, but what will they be like in 10 or 20 years?? I invite you to take a moment to pray for our youth and young adults. They aren’t the church of tomorrow—they are the church of today. What can we do to give them an opportunity to lead? How can we help empower the next generation to “take the wheel and lead us into the future?” “As the present now will later be past ... for the times they are a-changin’.”

Peace be with you all,

Pastor Tom

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Richardson Park UMC 10:30 AM



Calvary Presbyterian Church,
Peniel UMC, RPUMC and St.
James Episcopal Church will
hold a joint service on Sunday,

October 2, at 10:30 a.m. at RPUMC. A
community meal will be provided following the
service. **WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!**

SHORT-TERM DISCIPLESHIP EXPERIENCES

**Monday Evenings at 6 PM and Friday
Mornings at 10 AM**

Part of our walk of faith is a fervent and vital
relationship with the Word of God. As we
understand the Bible, we begin to understand
God's call on our lives. This fall, there will be
five different opportunities to build
community through Bible Study. These include
the following:

*We will be looking at six different five-six
week studies. They will include: The Five
Practices of Fruitful Congregations, Other
Religions, I and II Samuel, the Mystics, the
Gospel of Mark, and New Testament Letters.
The classes will be meeting weekly from
September through the end of May and will be
led by pastors from the various churches
involved, including RPUMC, St. James Episcopal
Church and Peniel UMC. Since both classes
will cover the same topics, you are welcome to
come to either one. Locations will rotate
among the various churches, and the current
location is Peniel UMC. Please join us as your*

*schedule permits; a new study starts every
six weeks.*

FAITHQUEST

**Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 PM
Church Lounge**

Beginning November 2, Pastor Tom will be
leading an 18-week study on leadership in the
church. FaithQuest is a Bible Study unlike any
other! It seeks to shift the paradigm of our
understanding of Jesus' ministry and God's
work in the world. Structured like a Disciple
Study, FaithQuest invites participants to
explore a call to leadership through Bible
study focused on the Gospel of Luke, the Acts
of the Apostles, the Epistle to the Ephesians,
and some of John Wesley's best sermons. **IF
YOU HAVE INTEREST IN APPLYING
BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES TO REAL-LIFE
SITUATIONS, THEN FAITHQUEST IS FOR
YOU!**

ECUMENICAL STUDY GROUP

Our church, along with several other churches
in our area, is seeking to increase our ability
to reach people in need in our community. A
study group has been organized to help us.
This group will be commissioned at our
Worship Service on Sunday, October 2. On
Sunday, October 9, you will receive a survey
which will help us focus on the most pressing
and important ministries we can provide.
Please complete the survey and return it to
the address provided on the survey. We are
pleased to be partners in ministry with the
churches in our area and ask for your prayers
in support of this ministry.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Karen Boyd	10/1
Brittany Brown	10/1
DeeDee Painter	10/3
Jane Thomas	10/3
Tim Williamson	10/3
Bob Evely	10/4
Edward Przywara	10/4
Brandon Henderson	10/5
Claire Austin	10/6
Alyssa Ayala	10/6
Roger Longest	10/6
Cheryl Chilcutt	10/7
Eve Thomas	10/7
Herb Atkinson	10/8
Angela Ott	10/8
Jessica Donnelly	10/9
Will Fader	10/9
Mary Hall	10/9
Carol Haynes	10/10
Kaia Phillips	10/10
Logan Phillips	10/10
Melissa Hughes	10/11
Winfield Lane	10/12
Sarah Pasmore	10/12
Dan Freebery	10/13
Emma Perugini	10/13
Jerry Toy	10/13
Jay Cummings	10/19
Patrick Donnelly	10/22
Esther McDowell	10/25
Paulette Cleaver-Lozzaro	10/26
Dianna Deaton	10/26
Eric Fleming	10/27
Tod Mitten	10/27
Scott Cloud	10/28

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

In October, Rebekah and Esther Circles will take care of the flowers in the church.

Circle Meetings

Esther Circle Sunday, October 30
11:30 a.m. – Church Lounge

Rebekah Circle Tuesday, October 4
7:00 p.m. – Church Lounge

Ruth Circle Wed., October 5
10:00 a.m. – Church Lounge

Unit Meeting Monday, October 10
1:30 PM – Church Lounge

UMW PENINSULA DELAWARE CONFERENCE
Saturday, October 15
8:30 AM Registration
9 AM – 12 PM Meeting
Simpson United Methodist Church

CROP WALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2 1 PM

The Crop Walk will begin at Peniel UMC.
Please see Bob Evely for details.



Daylight Saving Time Ends on
Sunday, November 6 at
2 AM.

Time to turn your clocks back
one hour!!!

NEWS FROM CAP

Just in case you find yourself at the grocery store and you're not sure what to buy – below is a list of items needed for our food closet:



FOOD FOR CAP

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

Cereal, oatmeal, boxed potatoes,
boxed sides, peanut butter,
jelly, peas, beans and
non-perishable items.

THRIFT STORE NEEDS..

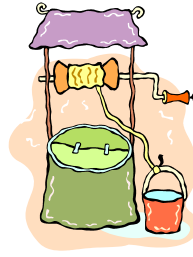
Clean and sized clothing,
detergent and bleach,
paper products, diapers,
sanitary items, and
aluminum cans to recycle.



WESLEY TOWER BANKS

September 2011 \$71.91

Thanks to everyone for remembering to bring your filled banks to church the first Sunday of each month. Our total to date for 2011 is \$783.84. Remember to pick up an empty bank as you leave the altar area on Communion Sunday. **AGAIN, THANKS FOR SAVING YOUR CHANGE.**



THE WELL

2 Kings 2:19-22
"Healing the Water"

Saturday, October 15
9 AM – 3:30 PM

St. Thomas More Academy
Magnolia, DE

THE WELL is a leadership training event that combines many of the best resources of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference. We invite your church to bring as many ministry leaders and potential leaders as you like to benefit from this gathering.

Each participant will choose either the FLEX TRACK or one of three SPECIALTY TRACKS. Participants in the FLEX TRACK may choose courses in any of 12 ministry areas. Those who choose a SPECIALTY TRACK will attend classes in their chosen ministry area throughout the day.

The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes registration, lunch and materials.

If you would like more information or are interested in this training event, see Pastor Tom or call the church office. The registration deadline is October 1.



TOO MANY CALENDARS?????

If you are receiving more 2012 calendars than you can possibly use, please leave your extra ones in the church office or give to Mary Alice Bair for the Prison Ministry. **Spiral calendars are unacceptable for security reasons.** Many thanks.

MISSION TREE



On Sundays in October, we will be hanging **Fall Leaves** on our Mission Tree. Hang a "fall leaf" on the tree in honor or memory of someone special to you. Minimum donation is \$1.00. Our tree is located in the Extension.

MISSION TO MISSOURI TRIP! February 19 – February 25, 2012

Come join us for this February excursion as we go to help rebuild the town of Joplin, MO after the destruction wrought by a tornado last spring. **SAVE THE DATES!** Planning begins this month and more information will be forthcoming. Look for announcements in our bulletin and during worship. This trip is being co-sponsored by RPUMC and Marshallton UMC. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tom.



CHANCEL BELL CHOIR

The Chancel Bell Choir will begin practice on Thursday, October 13 at 6:15 PM. Please note the time change. **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

CAP'S 2011 CHOCOLATE FEST Saturday, October 8 10:30 AM - 3 PM Minquas Fire Hall - Newport

Face painting, chocolate samples, lunch and merchandise will be available. We are looking for amateur bakers who would like to show off their talents, along with bakers to bake for our bake sale table. Vendor spaces are available starting at \$15.00 per table.

For more information or to see how you can help, contact Jaime Daly at 302-428-1247, extension 102.



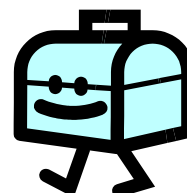
KIDS CAFÉ begins Thursday, October 6 3:30 - 6 PM

Kids Café is a structured after-school Christian ministry committed to providing homework assistance, educational enrichment and recreational activities for the children of our community in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Our goal is to enable each participant to enjoy recreation and special programming, along with the all-important homework tutoring component.

TUTORS AND KITCHEN HELP NEEDED!

If you have questions about this year's program, please call Marlene Johnson at 328-5806 or Janet Dickerson at 494-5247.



"FREE LUNCH THURSDAYS" **COMING TO RPUMC**

"Free Lunch Thursdays" will be coming to RPUMC beginning on October 20. Lunch will be served every Thursday from 11 AM to 1 PM in Fellowship Hall. This ministry is geared to feed both body and soul by providing nourishing lunches and an opportunity to share the love of Jesus. Please pray for this ministry as it comes to our church.

Mark Your Calendars

Monday, November 14 – 7 PM
RPUMC
2011 Charge Conference

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Sunday, November 20 – 4 PM
Joint Thanksgiving Service/Covered Dish
Calvary Presbyterian Church

“A BRIGHTER DAY” MINISTRY **Fourth Annual Coat Drive**

“A Brighter Day” Ministry is collecting gently used or new winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves and new socks for the homeless. Rebecca Shannon will pick up donations from the church the weeks of October 30 and November 6. A barrel is located inside the sanctuary where you can place your donations. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rebecca at 543-5612.



“Holiday Tasting Tea” **Saturday, October 22 1 PM**

The United Methodist Women are having another wonderful “Tasting Tea” on Saturday, October 22 at 1:00 p.m. There will be a tasty assortment of soups, appetizers, salads, casseroles and desserts. A cookbook, with all the recipes from the Tea, will be available for purchase at a very reasonable price. **Tell all your friends and mark your calendars now because you sure won't want to miss this event!** Tickets are \$10.00 and must be purchased by October 17. Contact Marlene Johnson at 328-5806.

KIDS' KORNER



Greetings from Room 3! We have been very busy during the month of September starting a study of the Old Testament. Throughout the month, we looked at the book of Genesis, focusing on the story of Creation. Through Bible readings, discussions, and even puppet shows, we learned how God created the world we know. Yes, it has been exciting down in Room 3. Come and join us in October as we continue our journey in the Old Testament!

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



NINTH ANNUAL ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 4 PM**

Under the direction of Ms. Bettie Smith, the Alumni Choir will hold their ninth annual concert. This year, the concert will be held at Richardson Park United Methodist Church. A hymn sing will be held at 3:45 PM and the concert will begin at 4:00 PM. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Pastor's Outreach Ministries at RPUMC.



SEMI-ANNUAL PIE SALE

Please place your orders by **Monday, October 24** for pick-up on **Friday, November 4**. An order form is included in this bulletin.

PIE SALE
Sponsored by the Mission Committee
Richardson Park United Methodist Church
Corner of Maryland and Matthes Avenues

PICK-UP DATE!!
Friday, November 4
2 PM - 5 PM

PIES - 10" DEEP DISH - \$12.00

Apple _____ Qty. \$ _____

Pumpkin _____ Qty. \$ _____

Pecan (\$14.00) _____ Qty. \$ _____

Total \$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

ALL ORDERS ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

Please submit your order by Monday,
October 24
by contacting:

Bob Evely at 528-0509
Betty Swain at 838-6044
Church Office at 654-0961



YOUTH NEWS



**11:30a in the Church Parking Lot
Sunday, October 16
Immediately following worship!**

Richardson Park Youth are having a carwash to raise funds for their trip to the Youth Rally in January. Help us with this worthy cause!

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 2 — Crop Walk, 1pm at Peniel UMC
- October 9 — No Youth Group
- October 16 — Car Wash, 11:30a (immediately following worship)
- October 23 — Trip to Cross Rhythm Church in Annapolis, 8am
- October 29 — Haunted House, 7pm at Peniel UMC
- October 30 — Youth Party, 6pm Fellowship Hall

COMMUNITY MEALS AND DISCUSSION

Join us for some worship, fellowship, food, and discussion with real people who are in ministry to our community. It's conversation that you won't want to miss!

SAVE THESE TUESDAYS:

October 11—6pm at St. James Episcopal Church

Constance Ruggieri discusses drug programs in Newport.

October 25—Noon at Richardson Park UMC

Joseph Quinn will share with us about the Elizabeth House Family Life Center.

November 22—6pm at St. James Episcopal Church

Carol Holt leads us in a conversation on mentoring prisoners who have been discharged from prison.



RICHARDSON PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Kids Café Mission Statement

Kids Café is a structured after-school Christian ministry committed to providing homework assistance, educational enrichment and recreational activities for the children of our community in kindergarten through 6th grade.

Kids Café is set to begin another exciting year at RPUMC on Thursday, October 6, 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and we would love for your children to participate.

Our goal is to enable each participant to enjoy recreation and special programming along with the all important homework tutoring component.

Please complete the registration and Medical Authorization forms and give them to Marlene Johnson or bring them to Kids Café on Thursday, October 6. If you have any questions about this year's program, please call Marlene Johnson at 328-5806 or Janet Dickerson at 494-5247.

KIDS CAFÉ

REGISTRATION FORM - 2011-2012

Student's Name: _____

Birth Date: ___/___/___ *Age:* _____ *Current Grade:* _____

What School Does the Student Attend? _____

Parent or Care Giver Name: _____

Address: _____

An emergency phone or cell phone number is an absolute must!

Home Phone: _____ *Work Phone:* _____ *Cell Phone:* _____

If your child will be unable to arrive at Kids Café by the 3:30 p.m. starting time due to school location or dismissal time, please advise the expected arrival time.

Time _____ *Parent/Guardian Signature* _____

All children must be picked up promptly at 6:00 p.m. We recommend you make every effort to pick up your child regardless of age. However, if you give permission for your child to walk home without adult supervision, please sign below to indicate that you accept responsibility for your child leaving on his/her own at the end of Kids Café.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please sign here if you will allow your child's photograph to be taken at Kids Café and be posted within the church building.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Kid's Café at Richardson Park United Methodist Church

11 N. Maryland Avenue

Wilmington, DE 19804

(302) 654-0961

Medical Authorization

Child's Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Person to Contact: _____ Phone: _____

I understand that in the event medical treatment is required for my child while attending Kids Café, I give permission to Pastor Tom Pasmore, Marlene Johnson and/or Janet Dickerson to secure the services of health care personnel to provide appropriate health care for my child, including anesthesia, until such time as I or the person listed above, as the emergency contact person, can be reached.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please list medical allergies, medications being taken, medical problems or other pertinent medical information _____

KIDS CAFÉ
Educational Progress Disclosure

October 2011

Dear School Principal and Classroom Teacher,

I give Marlene Johnson and/or Janet Dickerson, Kids Café representatives, permission to discuss my child's educational progress and possible instructional interventions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Child's Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2011</h1>						
2 Fellowship Hall Reserved 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Jt. Worship 1 PM CROP Walk	3 6 PM Discipleship Experience	4 7 PM Rebekah Circle 8 PM AA Meeting	5 10 AM Ruth Circle 7 PM Nominating Committee 7:30 PM NA Meeting	6 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 3:30 PM Kids Café 7 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	7 10 AM Discipleship Experience 11 AM Free Lunch Fridays 7 PM Koinonia Meeting	8 8:30 AM UMW Wilmington District Mtg. 10:30 AM CAP Chocolate Festival
9 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Fellowship Time 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Education Mtg. 11:30 AM Trustees Mtg.	10 1:30 PM UMW Unit Mtg. 6 PM Discipleship Experience	11 8 PM AA Meeting	12 7:30 PM NA Meeting	13 9 AM Ye Olde Shoppe 3:30 PM Kids Café 6:15 PM Chancel Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir 8:15 PM AA Meeting	14 10 AM Discipleship Experience 11 AM Free Lunch Fridays	15 8:30 AM UMW Annual Conference Mtg. 9 AM The Well Leadership Training
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READERS

October 2	Sandy Swain
October 9	Joe Tucker
October 16	Christopher Doughty
October 23	Kelly Gibbons
October 30	Jen Fitzgerald

ALTAR FLOWERS

October 2	Bob Ashton
October 9	Sandy Ide
October 16	Susan Watkins & Family
October 23	Dorothy Scarborough
At the Cross	Anna Mae Shewbrooks
October 30	Lee Powell

FLOWERS

For the month of October, Rebekah and Esther
Circles are responsible for the flowers.

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

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

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