THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 – NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

SUNDAY

FH RESERVED

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE 10 AM–10:25 AM – FELLOWSHIP TIME – EXT. 10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11:30 AM – UWIF MTG. – EXT.

MONDAY, APRIL 15 – FH RESERVED

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 – FH RESERVED

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 – FH RESERVED

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

9 AM - BMG - EXT.

11 AM-2 PM – THE SHOPPE & ANNEX at RPUMC

OPEN for shopping Proceeds Benefit Missions/Outreach

11:30 AM-12:30 PM - FREE LUNCH - FH

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

11 AM – KOINONIA MTG. – EXT.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE 10 AM–10:25 AM – FELLOWSHIP TIME – EXT. 10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11:30 AM – TRUSTEE MTG. – LOUNGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

<u>Altar Flower opening</u> – Altar flowers are available on Sunday, April 28th. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office. The cost for two vases is \$30.00. Thank you.

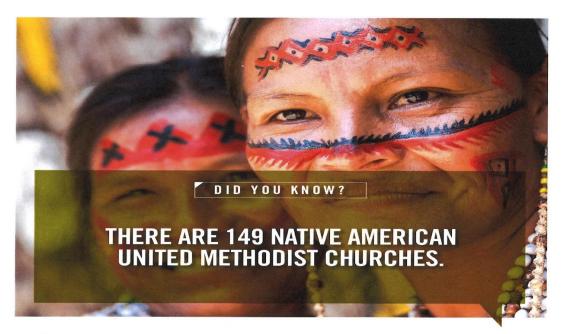
Book Club — Our March meeting was held on Friday, March 8th at 2 pm at the church. We discussed "Seventy Times Seven" by Alex Mar. We had a lively, very interesting discussion on mercy, forgiveness and capital punishment. We received our books from New Castle Reads, "The Violin Conspiracy" by Brendan Slocumb. This is the book we will discuss at our April meeting on Friday, April 12th at 2 pm at the Church. We will attend the event with the author on April 30, 2024 at 7 pm at the Chase Center. We will meet for dinner at Iron Hill before the event. Coming attractions include "I Know Who You Are" by Barbara Rae-Venter, "The Senator's Wife", by Liv Constantine, and "The Guest List" by Lucy Foley. And if you would like to join us and have a book to share with the club, please let me know. A number of our recent books have come from your suggestions, please keep those coming! Thanks, Paul

<u>Fellowship Time</u> – Sunday Social has resumed and meets from 10 am until 10:25 am in the Extension before morning worship. Join us for fellowship. We will have snacks, coffee and tea to enjoy. Donations of prewrapped snacks, if you are able to contribute, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Dottie & Rose <u>Flower Containers</u> – We love delivering altar flowers to shut-ins and they love the visit <u>BUT</u> we are in need of containers. I have found the 1 lb. metal coffee cans do work very well. Please donate these so we can continue this wonderful program. Blessings, Marlene

<u>Free Lunch</u> – Free Lunch program is continuing every Thursday 11:30 am-12:30 pm. We prepare a hot lunch in a take-out container at the main door of the church. Each person also receives a 'bag of blessings'. Our group of dedicated volunteers work on Wednesday mornings preparing food and the 'bags of blessings' to hand out. We are averaging about 100 meals a week now. Contributions of items are always accepted. Some church members pick up meals and deliver them to family and elderly neighbors. Thank you for your contributions.

<u>Free Bread</u> – Peniel UMC has free loaves of bread available every Thursday 9am to 12:30pm, Friday 9am to 12:30pm and on Sundays from 11:15am to 12:30pm. Feel free to stop in to get a loaf or two. Come to the fellowship hall entrance located under the canopy on the parking lot side of the church.

<u>The Shoppe</u> – is **Open** for shopping on Thursdays from 11 am until 2 pm. Stop on by The Shoppe & Annex, grab a deal or two and be sure to tell your family and friends! Thank you everyone for your support! *Proceeds Benefit Mission/Outreach*





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April 15, 2024

Dear Pastors, Church Offices and Lay Leaders of the Delaware District Churches,

On behalf of the Delaware District Superintendency Committee and the Delaware District Board of Laity, I write to invite you and the members of your churches to take part in a celebration for Rev. Joseph Archie on **Wednesday**, **May 22nd**, **12:00 – 2:00 pm** at the Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department, 2 N. Main St., Magnolia, DE 19932.

We would like to have a fun, relaxing time together at the end of his tenure as District Superintendent. We will provide cold cut trays, drinks and cake for you to enjoy. Please feel free to stop by during this time to show your appreciation to Joe for all he has done for the District. **This is a surprise – so mum's the word!**

During the celebration, we would like to shower him with expressions of our gratitude for his service to us and wish him well on the next phase of his ministry. If you and your Church would like to give him a card and 'love offering', please send them to the District Office (900 N. Washington St., Wilmington, DE 19801), addressed to him by **Monday**, **May 13**th. Andrea Lenker, his assistant, will collect them, but will not open them. They will be presented to him at the celebration event.

If possible, we are asking that you get a count of the number of people from your church who will be stopping by so that we have the proper amount of food and beverages. Please email or call this information to Andrea, in the District Office by **Monday, May 13th**.

We hope you will make every effort to stop by this celebration. Joe has served us well these past eight years and this will be a great opportunity to shower him with love and thanks! If you have any questions or need any further information, do not hesitate to contact Andrea in the District Office or Yvonne Jackson at von2d@aol.com or 302-377-1118.

Grace & Peace,

Rev. Vern Bryant

Rev. Dr. Vernon Bryant Chairperson, Delaware District Superintendency Committee