

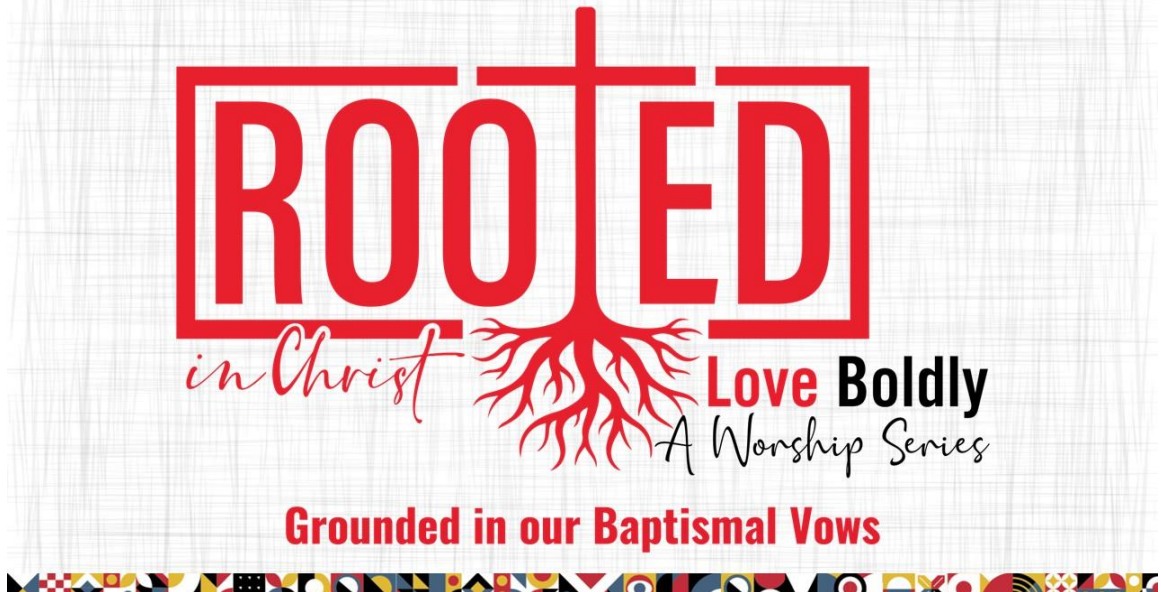


Richardson Park United Methodist Church

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



ROOTED
in Christ **Love Boldly**
A Worship Series
Grounded in our Baptismal Vows



Casey Houtz, Pastor

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.”

August 16, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost
ORDER OF WORSHIP
**Please rise in spirit or body*

PRELUDE "What the World Needs Now is Love, Sweet Love" *B. Bacharach*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

God of transformation, you call us to live no longer as the world lives, but to be made new in Christ. Clothe us with our new selves. Remind us that our old ways did not serve and will not serve us. Turn us from anger, falsehood, and harmful words, and shape us into people of kindness and grace. Teach us to walk in love as your faithful people. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Siblings in Christ, through the waters of baptism we are claimed, washed clean, and called.

Many: We come to remember who we are and whose we are.

One: We are encouraged to confess Jesus Christ as our Savior and promise to serve him.

Many: We open our hearts to Christ, trusting in his unfailing love.

One: Let us worship the God who claims us, redeems us, and sends us forth in love.

Many: With joy and thanksgiving, we worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** "Where Charity and Love Prevail" UMH 549

BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

CALL FOR JOYS & CONCERNS WITH PASTORAL PRAYER

One: ...Lord help us.

Many: We trust in you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

SPECIAL MUSICAL OFFERING "Sanctuary" Ed Ide and Paul Weaver

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ephesians 4:17-32

SERMON *Be Accountable to Christ*

HYMN "All Creatures of Our God and King" UMH 62

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INVITATION TO OFFERING

RECEIVING OF TITHES & GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

“All Things Come of Thee”

UMH 588

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious God, you pour your blessing upon your people like dew upon the earth and oil upon the head, flowing beyond all boundaries we would draw. We thank you for the gift of unity — good and pleasant, beautiful and life-giving — meant not only for us, but for the healing of the world. Receive these offerings as signs of our desire to live together in your love, to practice radical welcome, and to share your abundance with all your children. Let what we give today flow outward in compassion and service, that our life together may reflect your kin-dom of peace, justice, and joy. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“I Will Trust in the Lord Till I Die”

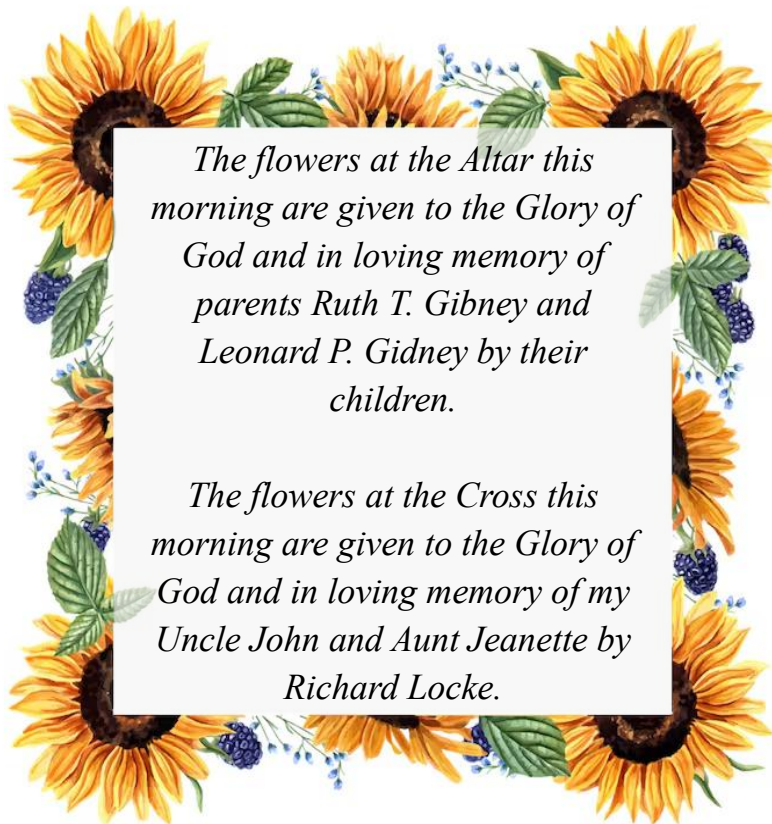
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BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL “AMEN” & RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE

"Love Lifted Me" *H. Smith*



The flowers at the Altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of parents Ruth T. Gibney and Leonard P. Gidney by their children.

The flowers at the Cross this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my Uncle John and Aunt Jeanette by Richard Locke.

Prayer Requests



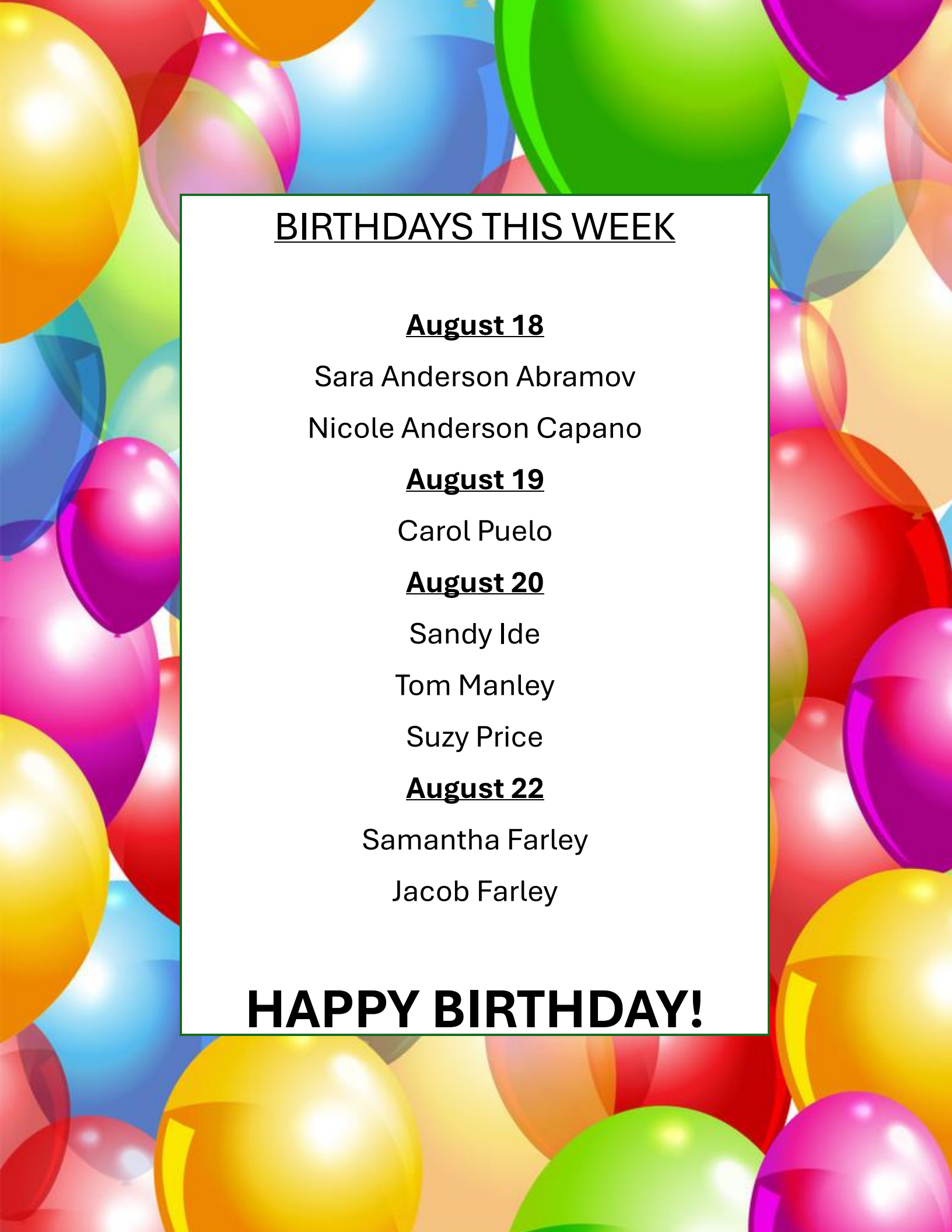
- Elizabeth C. Keeth, Pat Rodenhiser, Beth Kwaitowski, Brenda Williams, Susan and Ken Malone, Houston A. Rogers, Kathy A. Rogers, Mark Rogers, Troy Rogers, Grant Rogers, Keith Rogers, Joann Armstrong, Yvonne and Uncle Cliff Russell, Audrey, Brad and Luna, Libby and Angelo Pacheco, Bill Van Sant, Les Gommer, Cora, Gentry, Mackensie and Craig, all effected by floods, wild fires and violence, Gaza and Ukraine, travel mercies, Robbie Smith's parents in North Carolina, all homeless and hungry families everywhere, Hannah, Madeline and Ronnie, Morgan Richardson, Pastor Casey and family, Camp Pecometh, first responders, DE State Police, PA State Police, people of Venezuela, highway safety
- KC, Mia, Manda, Steph, Kortni, Franny, grandkids, Aunt Frannie, Aunt Becky, Jr., Sharon, Annette
- Shirley Delpizzo and family, Steven, Tonja, Natalie, Hillary, Sharon, Amanda, Mozes
- Cassandra King, Rebecca King, James King, Annabelle King, Mindy King, Jack King, Andy King, Liam King, Stewart 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, Pastor Tony and Anne, Don Moyer, Sam Rosado, our armed forces, all law enforcement, fire fighters and EMTs, the United States, Isreal, justice, liberty
- Joey Anderson, Cheri Anderson, Steve Burg, Torry Walklett, Patty Dominguez, Chuck Balback
- Madeline Torres, Haley DeJesus, Efrain DeJesus
- Eric, Max, Find what is lost, Daimon, Gracie, Przywara Family, Hayes Family, Michael, Scott, Heather, Gracie, Mike, wisdom and patience, Wayne
- I pray you watch over Iva and her family. Also mine. We need to be at whole. Lord please help me find my way!! – Izhea Green
- I ask that you all watch over my future with grace, hope, guidance, peace and understanding.
-Izhea Green

SERVING TODAY:

WORSHIP LEADER: PAUL WEAVER MUSICIAN: JANET BRUSH
HEAD USHER: DAVE ROGERS GREETER: MARIE WALKER
AUDIO/ VISUALS: DENNIS JOHNSON, BRENDA TUCKER,
and JANET DICKERSON

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 8/9/26:

WORSHIP: 37

The background of the entire image is a dense collection of colorful balloons in shades of yellow, orange, red, pink, purple, blue, and green. They are arranged in a way that creates a festive and celebratory atmosphere.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

August 18

Sara Anderson Abramov

Nicole Anderson Capano

August 19

Carol Puelo

August 20

Sandy Ide

Tom Manley

Suzy Price

August 22

Samantha Farley

Jacob Farley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



July 23, 2026

Richardson Park UMC
11 N Maryland Ave.
Wilmington, DE 19804

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your congregation's generous gift of \$10,000.00 to Pecometh Camp & Retreat Ministries. Your support comes at a time when it is needed most, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership in helping restore our grounds and facilities.

Following the July 4 microburst, our grounds sustained significant damage, including countless fallen trees, damaged cabins, and impacted buildings. While we are thankful that no one was injured and that camp has continued, the cleanup and recovery efforts are just beginning.

Your gift will help provide the resources needed for debris removal, equipment rentals, repairs, and other unexpected expenses as we work to restore Pecometh. Every contribution, no matter the size, is helping us take another step toward recovery while ensuring our ministry continues to serve campers, retreat guests, and families.

We are grateful for your generosity and your belief in the mission of Pecometh. Thank you for standing with us during this time and helping preserve this special place where lives are transformed through Christian hospitality and programming.

With your support, we look forward to restoring what was damaged and continuing our ministry for generations to come.

Yours in Christ,

Augie Lankford
Executive Director

Thank you!

Phil Rekitzke
Director of Development

www.pecometh.org | 410.556.6900
401 Jack Elliott Way | Centreville, MD 21617

RPUMC 2026 “Back To School”

Supplies Donations Request

As the summer comes to a close and preparations begin for children of all ages to go back to school, we are asking for school supplies donations; one is for much needed items for use in classrooms and one is for supplies for children in our community and at Richardson Park Elementary School.



The ***top three most needed items** for the classrooms include:

1. Tissues
2. Disinfecting Wipes (i.e., Clorox or Lysol wipes in canisters)
3. Glue Sticks

RPUMC Missions will provide the bookbags, but the ***top four basic items needed** to go inside include:

1. Loose Leaf Paper Packs
2. Single Subject Spiral Notebooks
3. #2 Pencils
4. Pencil Sharpeners

***These items are needed by Thursday, August 16th.**

We are asking for donations of any of these items and all donations are greatly appreciated! All these items can be found in Dollar Stores, Walmart, Staples or Grocery Stores. If you would rather give a monetary donation, we'll gratefully do the shopping!

Bookbags with basic school supplies will be offered to the children in our community through our Friends In Need Ministry.

Pastor Casey Houtz will pray over the items as well as for the children, teachers, administrators and the educational programs for this school year.

The items for school classrooms will be delivered to Richardson Park and Richey Elementary School and bookbags may be requested at the Olde Shoppe on Thursdays or picked up on request by contacting the church office.

Please pray for the safety, health and education of our children and thank you in advance for your school supplies donations and support for the children in our area!



BRANDYWINE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

The **JESUS** Connection

	Monday, August 17, 2026	Vacation Bible School
	Tuesday, August 18, 2026	Vacation Bible School
	Wednesday, August 19, 2026	Vacation Bible School
	Thursday, August 20, 2026	Vacation Bible School
	Friday, August 21, 2026	Vacation Bible School Graduation

5:30PM – 7:00PM

Brandywine Community Church

2200 North Market Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19802

CONNECTING KIDS TO JESUS. CONNECTING HEARTS TO HOPE.

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." – JOHN 14:6

Join the UMM for a
GREAT NIGHT
of Baseball

WILMINGTON
Blue Rocks

VS.

FREDERICK
Keys

★ **FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026** ★

★ **6:35 PM** ★

Frawley Stadium

— WILMINGTON, DELAWARE —

★ TICKETS ★
\$13.00

Fireworks
AFTER THE GAME! ★



For Tickets & Info:

JOHN RIDGEWAY
(630) 697-9283



LANELL BENSON
(302) 932-6424



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**SUNDAY
AUG
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6PM**

ROB MCFARLAND

**PENDEL ANNUAL
CONFERENCE
WORSHIP TEAM**

**WORSHIP
NIGHT**

@Red Lion Church

1545 CHURCH ROAD // BEAR, DELAWARE 19701

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★ CELEBRATING **140** YEARS ★

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BACK TO 1886

★ A STEP BACK IN TIME! ★

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

★ NOON - 3:00 PM ★

AT CAROUSEL PARK

WATCH OUT
BRIDGETON,
HERE COMES
MARSHALLTON
1886!

CATERED BY
MISSION BBQ
The American Way.



★ FREE & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! ★

★ FREE MISSION BBQ MEAL! COME EARLY!

When the food is gone, it is gone!

★ FREE HORSE RIDES ★ FREE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

★ FREE ICE CREAM ★ PRIZE FOR BEST 1886

★ FREE FACE PAINTING ★ OR COWBOY DRESSED PERSON

★ OLD WEST GAMES & MORE!

★ TWO
★ GREAT EVENTS,
★ TWO BIG
★ REASONS TO
★ COME HOME! ★

★ **RSVP** ★
★ IN ADVANCE ★
so that there is
enough food.



ALL EVENTS ARE

FREE!

DRESS LIKE IT'S 1886 OR COWBOY STYLE!

Back to Church Sunday

FAITH. FOOD. FAMILY. FOREVER.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

FOLLOWED BY AN

EXTENSIVE FREE BRUNCH

All Are Invited!

Come Home. Reconnect. Be Inspired.

FREE FOOD. WARM FELLOWSHIP.
JOYFUL HEARTS. STRONGER TOGETHER.
LET'S CELEBRATE OUR FAITH & FUTURE!



MARSHALLTON UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
1105 STANTON ROAD
WILMINGTON, DE 19808

♥ *All Are Welcome!* ★

Hope 4 The Homeless 5K Supporting Sojourners' Place

THE 2026 HOPE 4 THE HOMELESS 5K WALK/RUN

Sat September 26, 2026
Wilmington, DE 19806 US [Directions](#)



Hope 4 the Homeless 5K

\$25

(\$0: Ages 0 - 4)

(\$15: Ages 5 - 12)

10:00AM EDT - 12:00PM EDT

Price increases after September 5,
2026 at 11:59pm EDT

Place

Lookout Drive
Rockford Park
Wilmington, DE US 19806

Description

When you lace up for the Hope 4 the Homeless 5K, you're doing more than logging miles — you're helping change lives. Every dollar raised supports **Sojourners' Place**, a Wilmington shelter that goes beyond a bed for the night. They walk alongside individuals struggling with addiction and homelessness, providing the housing stability, recovery support, and life skills needed to truly rebuild. It's not a quick fix — it's a real journey, and your steps help fund every mile of it. Join us for the Hope 4 the Homeless 5K on September 26th!

Sign up at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/HopeHomelessness5K>



Lay Academies across the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Announce 2026-2027 Dates

August 4, 2026



United Methodists in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference are encouraged to save the dates for Lay Academy opportunities in the Lower Shore, Delaware District, and Upper Shore regions during the 2026-2027 program year.

Lay Academy, a ministry of The United Methodist Church, equips laity for leadership, discipleship, and service in the church and community. Through diverse courses, participants can deepen their understanding of Scripture, theology, Methodist history and doctrine, spiritual formation, leadership, and ministry skills. Classes are open to anyone seeking to grow in faith, serve others, and respond to God's call in meaningful ways.

Lay Academy offers a welcoming environment for learning, fellowship, and discipleship, whether participants seek personal spiritual growth, leadership development, or certification as lay servant, lay speaker, or lay minister. Courses are led by experienced clergy and laity who provide practical insights and guidance for ministry today.

The following Lay Academy sessions are scheduled for the 2026-2027 academic year. Each academy will announce additional details on courses, schedules, and registration as they become available.

Delaware District Lay Academy Dates for 2026-2027

The Delaware District Lay Academy will offer two educational and leadership development sessions for clergy and laity during the 2026-2027 program year. Courses are designed to help one in ministry and service, providing a welcoming environment for those seeking to strengthen their faith, leadership skills, and understanding of the church's mission. Sessions will be held in Smyrna and Dover.

Fall 2026 Session: October 9-10, 2026

Location: Asbury United Methodist Church, 20 W. Mount Vernon Street, Smyrna, DE

Spring 2027 Session: March 12-13, 2027

Location: Wyoming United Methodist Church, 216 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover, DE

Participants are encouraged to save these dates and watch for future announcements about course offerings, schedules, and registration. For additional information, please contact Larry Josefowski.

Contact Information: DelawareDistrictLaity@gmail.com

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THE SHOPPE AT RPUMC

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

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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



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



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