

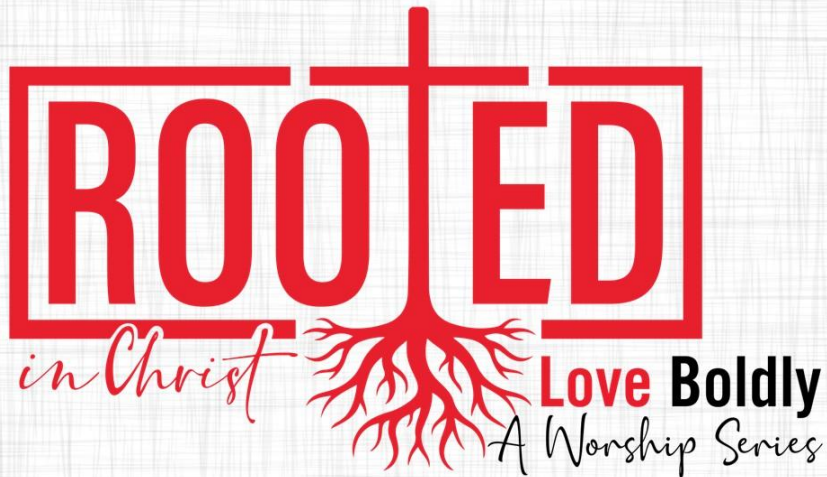


Richardson Park United Methodist Church

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 30, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Please rise in spirit or body*

PRELUDE "How Great Is Your Love"/"I Don't Know How To Love Him" *Wickham/Webber*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

God of might, you call us to be strong and to firmly choose to walk alongside you. Clothe us with your armor as we gather, that we may stand against all that opposes your will. Shower us with truth, righteousness, and peace, and strengthen us in faith and prayer. Empower us to embody Christ's love as we serve the world with courage and grace. 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 summoned to remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.

Many: We gather as one body, ready to worship, and to serve.

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**

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451

CALL FOR JOYS & CONCERNS WITH PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

SPECIAL MUSIC SELECTION

"Share His Love"

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 6:10-20

SERMON

Embody Christ in the World

HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH 431

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

RECEIVING OF TITHES & GIFTS

***DOXOLOGY**

“All Things Come of Thee”

UMH 588

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

Holy God, you call ordinary people from unexpected places and send them into hard and holy work. As you met Moses in the fire that did not consume, and as you met Peter on the road of costly discipleship, meet us now in these gifts we bring. Shape us by your presence, not by fear; by service, not by power; by love that risks itself for the sake of others. Receive our offering as a sign that we trust your “I AM” to go with us and that we are willing to follow Christ, even when the way is demanding. Use what we give to bring freedom, healing and hope to your world. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

UMH 378

BENEDICTION**CONGREGATIONAL “AMEN” & RECESSIONAL****POSTLUDE**"Loving God, Loving Each Other" *W. Gaither*

The flowers at the cross this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Cody Ty Dellinger by his grandparents George and Ginger Pettyjohn.

The flowers at the Altar this morning are a gracious gift from Cedars UMC, established in 1908, as they close their doors for the last time. God bless those faithful members, and we wish them well in their continuing faith journey.





- Elizabeth C. Keeth, Pat Rodenhiser, Beth Kwaitowski, Brenda Williams, Susan and Ken Malone, Houston A. Rogers, Kathy A. Rogers, Mark Rogers, Grant Rogers, Troy 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, Gaza and Ukraine, travel mercies, people of Colombia and Venezuela, people effected by flooding, extreme heat and wildfires, Robbie Smith's parents in North Carolina, all homeless and hungry families everywhere, Madeline, Hannah and Ronnie, Morgan Richardson, students and teachers, first responders, law enforcement, DE State Police, PA State Police, military families
- KC, Mia, Manda, Franny, grandkids, Steph, Kortni, Annette, Jr., Aunt Frannie, Sharon, Aunt Becky, Joey
- Shirley Delpizzo and family, Steven, Tonja, Natalie, Hillary, Sharon, Amanda, Mozes
- Mindy King, Cassandra King, Rebecca King, James King, Andy King, Annabelle King, Carmel King, Cooper Holder, Bob Leiby, Fred Wright
- 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, Don Moyer and family, Pastor Tony and Anne, Sam Rosado, our armed forces, all law enforcement, fire fighters and EMTs, the United States, Isreal, justice, liberty
- Paulette Lazzaro
- Eric, Mac, Przywara Family, Hayes Family, Mike, Daimon, Scott, Michael, Heather, Gracie, Devon, patience, our country, Wayne
- Haley DeJesus, Madeline Torres, Efrain DeJesus, Jaime Cruz
- Franklin West, Nancy Saunders (in hospice), Jordan and Carolyn Bungy

SERVING TODAY:

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 8/23/26:
WORSHIP: 44

Richardson Park United Methodist Church

11 N. Maryland Ave.

Wilmington, DE 19804

302-654-0961

Pastor: pastorcasey@rpumchurch.org

Church Office: rpumc@rpumchurch.org

<https://www.facebook.com/rpumchurch>

The background of the entire image is a dense, overlapping cluster of colorful balloons. The colors include bright yellow, orange, red, pink, purple, blue, and green. The balloons are rendered with soft shadows and highlights, giving them a three-dimensional appearance.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

August 31

Carol Ewing

Abigail Price

September 1

James Durkee

September 2

Tyler Hughart

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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BACK TO 1886

★ A STEP BACK IN TIME! ★

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★ NOON - 3:00 PM ★

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

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so that there is
enough food.



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♥ *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



EQUIPPING FAITHFUL LEADERS

Strengthening the Methodist Church of Nicaragua

OCTOBER 2026 PASTORAL TEACHING MISSION

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Rev. Jonathan Barrera



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Where: St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Address: 1700 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE
When: September 9, 2026
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
RSVP: Liz Garwood - (302) 593-4262
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57TH ANNUAL MEETING

THEME:

"Our Time Under God Is Now to Inspire, Influence, and Impact"

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 26:3 (NRSVUE)

"Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace, in peace because they trust in you."



**October 15, 2026 –
October 17, 2026**
Thursday–Saturday



Host: Simpson United Methodist Church
907 Centerville Rd, Wilmington,
Delaware 19804
Pastor: Rev. Pearl Scott Johnson



REGISTRATION DEADLINE

September 28, 2026
In Person \$250 per person
Virtual \$150 per person



REGISTRATION LINK

<https://tinyurl.com/3zphk87t>
Register for in-person or
virtual attendance,
or just the Unity Dinner



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Sonesta Select Newark- Christiana Mall
275 Christiana Mall, Newark, DE 19702
302-456-3800
Reserve by: September 28, 2026



Use the registration link to purchase Friday Unity Dinner
and Celebration Tickets: \$65



MEET OUR SPEAKERS



Reverend Ashley Jones
Speaker for Thursday
Evening Worship
Faith Community UM Church
Mt. Pleasant UM Church
East New Market, Maryland



Reverend Dr. Ronald Bell Jr.
Workshop Presenter /
Pastor of Asbury UMC
Washington, D.C. Healing and
Resilience Ministries



Rev. Janice Herman
Workshop presenter-
Pastor of Friendship and
Harmony UMC,
Millsboro, Delaware
Leading while Bleeding



Reverend Joseph Archie
Director of Vitality Ministry -
Event Bible Study Leader



Rev. Darius Brown
Speaker for Friday Unity Dinner
Mt. Salem UM Church
St. Daniels UM Church
Wilmington, Delaware



Questions? Please contact
Rev. Eric W. Carr Jr., Coordinator
Colleen F. Cates, Vice Coordinator



NEJ Email:
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Pecometh Volunteer Day - October 17, 2026

Cost: Free!

It's a lot of work getting Pecometh ready for fall! Volunteer Day is a chance for adults, youth, and kids to come help - all while spending a day of fellowship and enjoying the autumn weather. In the middle of the day, we'll all take a break from the hard work and enjoy a lunch provided by Pecometh. [Learn More and Register.](#)

Ignite Fall Bonfire - October 18, 2026

Cost: Free!

Pen-Del Young People's Ministries and Pecometh are partnering to host a FREE fall event for young people of all ages! This event is open to churches, organizations, and families regardless of denomination. This year's event will include an update about the 2027 IGNITE Conference in Ocean City. [Learn More and Register.](#)

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Coleman Memorial UMC Food Pantry

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- PANTRY HOURS -

11am-2pm

Every 2nd and 4th Saturday

11:30am-12pm

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

3pm-5pm

Every Thursday



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