



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



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.”

July 19, 2026

8th Sunday after Pentecost
ORDER OF WORSHIP
**Please rise in spirit or body*

PRELUDE "If We Only Have Love" *J. Briel* Janet Brush, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Rogers

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

God of grace and love, we rely on Your love extended to us in all ways and at all times, extravagantly and with generosity. We live day by day knowing that Your care and concern is poured out for us in Your provision for our needs and beyond our imagining. You entrust us with the gift of the good news of the Gospel and invite us to be partners in the sharing of the message of grace. Day by day, we realize the many gifts lavished upon us. We come to You to acknowledge and praise You for all Your goodness to us. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Today, we gather to join our voices with winds and sea, sunshine and rain, mountains and grassy plains to worship God, our Creator.

Many: We gather as children of God, stewards of God's creation.

One: We gather to join our hearts with creatures who creep and crawl, slither and squirm, swim and soar, to worship God, our Creator.

Many: We gather as children of God, stewards of God's creation.

One: We gather as witnesses of the harm that has been done to God's creation, to the groaning of the earth and all the earth's inhabitants who long for peace and flourishing.

Many: We gather as children of God, stewards of God's creation.

One: Come, let us worship God who strengthens and equips us, guiding us to live out our faith as good stewards of God's good creation.

Many: Come, let us worship God who inspires and empowers us to be stewards of hope and redemption in a wounded and hurting world! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH 127

**CALL FOR JOYS & CONCERNS
WITH PASTORAL PRAYER** Pastor Casey Houtz

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Janet Brush, Organist

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Pastor Casey Houtz

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 Mia Martin
*Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Kathy Rogers
New Testament Epistle: Romans 8:12-25 Pastor Casey Houtz

SERMON ***ADOPTED BY GOD*** Pastor Casey Houtz

HYMN

“Bless Be the Tie That Binds”

UMH 557

NICENE CREED

Pastor Casey Houtz

SPECIAL MUSIC

Kathy Rogers and Janet Brush

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Pastor Casey Houtz

RECEIVING OF TITHES & GIFTS***DOXOLOGY**

“All Things Come of Thee”

UMH 588

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

Kathy Rogers

Compassionate Creator, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed into us life and purpose. In these gifts we return, we offer more than resources; we offer our hope. Let these gifts, given in trust, be signs of our partnership in the renewal of all creation. Awaken in us a holy longing, as deep as the groaning of the earth itself, for justice, healing, and new life. May our giving participate in your redemption, until the world rejoices in freedom and glory as your children. We offer this with joy, in the name of Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH 384

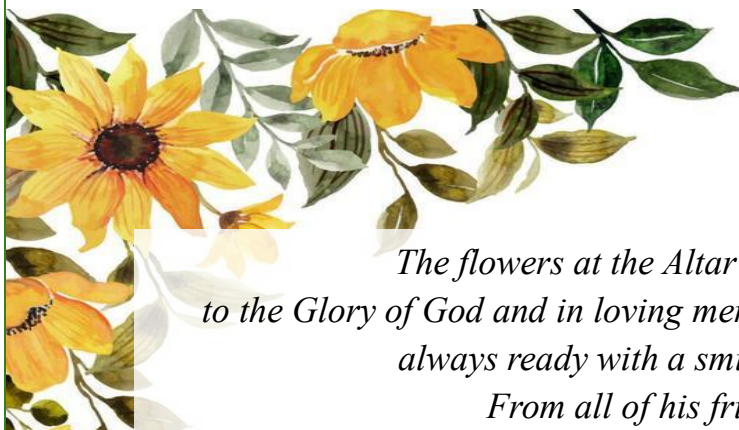
BENEDICTION

Pastor Casey Houtz

CONGREGATIONAL “AMEN” & RECESSIONAL**POSTLUDE**

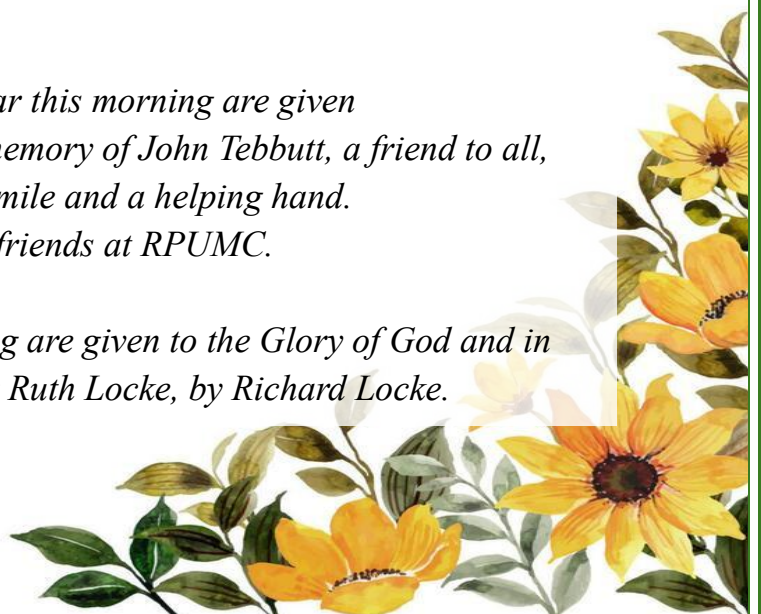
"Let Us Praise The Lord" (*Isaiah 12:2*)

Janet Brush, Organist



*The flowers at the Altar this morning are given
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John Tebbutt, a friend to all,
always ready with a smile and a helping hand.
From all of his friends at RPUMC.*

*The flowers at the cross this morning are given to the Glory of God and in
loving memory of my mother Ruth Locke, by Richard Locke.*



Prayer Requests



- Elizabeth C. Keeth, Pat Rodenhiser, Beth Kwaitowski, Brenda Williams, Susan and Ken Malone, Kathy A. Rogers, Mark Rogers, Houston A. Rogers, Grant Rogers, Troy Rogers, Gail Frazer, Robert Shaheen, Les Gommer, Audry and Brad, Bill Van Sant, Libby and Angelo Pacheco, travel mercies, DE State Police, PA State Police, first responders, people of Venezuela, Cora and Gentry, Madeline, Hannah and Ronnie, Uncle Cliff and Yvonne, newborns and children, Gaza and Ukraine, all veterans, Pastor Tony and Ann, American military, Welcome Pastor Casey, Fran Tebbutt, all homeless and hungry families everywhere, Morgan Richardson, Joann Armstrong, Robby's parents in North Carolina
- KC, Mia, Manda, Franny, Steph, Kortni, grandkids, John, Betsy, Sarah, Jim and family, Annette, Jr., Sharon
- Shirley Delpizzo and family, Steven, Tonja, Natalie, Hillary, Sharon, Amanda, Mozes
- Eric, Mac, Hayes Family, Mike, Daimon, Lang family, wisdom, Heather, Mike, Scott, Michael, Wayne, Gracie, Przywara Family
- Cassandra King, Rebecca King, James King, Mindy King, Stewart King, Liam King, Jack King
- Darryl and Jeanne Remedio, John and Donna Mahoney, Gary and Sue Pinkowski, Don and Crissy Montgomery, Gene and Tracy Filliben, Fran Tebbutt and family, Millie Bradshaw & family, Pastor Tony and Ann, Don Moyer, Sam Rosado, the Wolski family, our armed forces, all law enforcement, fire fighters and EMTs, the United States, Isreal, justice, liberty
- Joanne Cooper, Joey Anderson, Cheri Anderson, Patty Dominguez, Wayne Shannon and family, Fran
- Kim Posey, Rick Posey, Kyra Posey, Christina Donohue
- Haley DeJesus

SERVING TODAY:

WORSHIP LEADER: KATHY ROGERS AND MIA MARTIN

HEAD USHER: DAVE ROGERS

AUDIO/ VISUALS: DENNIS JOHNSON

MUSICIAN: JANET BRUSH

GREETER: MARIE WALKER

GRAPHICS: BRENDA TUCKER

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 7/12/26:

WORSHIP: 45



Birthdays This Week

Bruce Cook	July 19
Aidan Chilcutt	July 21
Dixie Sease	July 21
Lisa Williams	July 21
Daniel Gallagher	July 25

Happy Birthday!!



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement

Wilmington - VAMROC (460)
1601 Kirkwood Highway,
Wilmington, Delaware, 19805

June 29, 2026

In Reply Refer To: 460/135

Richardson Park United Methodist Church
11 N Maryland Ave
Wilmington, Delaware 19804

Dear: Richardson Park United Methodist Church,

On behalf of the Wilmington - VAMROC (460) patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of 36 handwritten cards and word search for the 4th of July for the Veterans. VA remains committed to honoring our Nation's Veterans by ensuring a safe environment to deliver exceptional health care.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide for our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events.

Thank you for your continued support and advocacy.

Sincerely,

James Coty
Chief Community Development & Civic Engagement

On the evening of July 4, Pecometh experienced what we believe was a microburst that caused significant damage across our campus. **Dozens of trees were uprooted, snapped, or severely damaged across nearly the entire property.** Countless large limbs came down, and several cabins sustained physical damage.

While we are incredibly grateful that no one was injured, we now have a great deal of cleanup and recovery work ahead of us.



How You Can Help

Volunteer: We are seeking volunteers **18 years of age and older** who are able to:

- Safely operate chainsaws
- Remove fallen limbs and trees
- Help clear debris from roads, trails, and other areas of camp

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [Rev. Rich Walton](#) to coordinate work teams and volunteer efforts.

Loan of Equipment: We are also looking to borrow equipment that will help speed up the cleanup effort, including:

- Commercial dump trailers
- Wood chippers
- Other heavy-duty equipment that may assist with debris removal

If you have equipment you would be willing to loan, please contact [Kevin Taylor](#).

Give: If you are unable to volunteer but would like to support the recovery effort, financial contributions can be made at the following link:

<https://form-renderer-app.donorperfect.io/give/pecometh-camp-and-retreat-ministries/2025-online-giving>

Despite the damage, we are thankful to report that **the ministry continues**. Campers arrived on Sunday as scheduled and are enjoying a wonderful week in areas of camp where damage was minimal. Their laughter, worship, and fellowship are a reminder that God's work continues even in the midst of unexpected challenges.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity, and your willingness to help Pecometh recover. Together, we will restore what was damaged and continue providing a place where lives are transformed through Christian camping and retreat ministry.



HOUSING
ALLIANCE
DELAWARE

Meeting for Any Clergy Members

JULY 21 | 10:00 AM

Join Us As We Prepare for
Faith and Housing Justice Week 2026:
November 15 - November 22

Let's gather via Zoom to share ideas,
answer questions, and plan for success.

To Register Please Contact:
Rabbi Sonya Starr - Policy Director
sonyastarr@housingalliancede.org



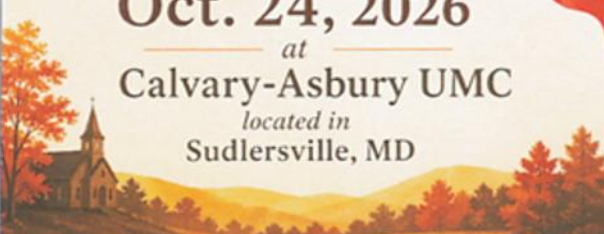
Save the Dates

UPPER SHORE LAY ACADEMY

FALL 2026

**Oct. 17 and
Oct. 24, 2026**

at
Calvary-Asbury UMC
located in
Sudlersville, MD





EARLY SPRING CLASSES

Feb. 26-Feb. 27, 2027

held at
Camp Pecometh
More information to follow.





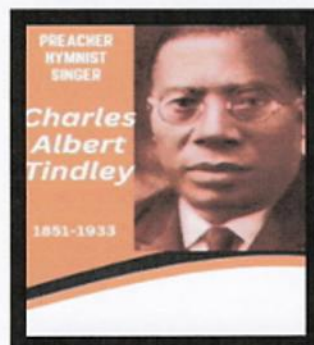
Contact Pastor Mary Ellen Harris, CLM
at 443-553-0420

or

Jennifer Christy, CLM
at 443-480-2377

A GOSPEL CELEBRATION:

**Charles Albert Tindley's
175th Birthday**



**Sunday, July 26, 2026
3:00 p.m.**

**Coleman Memorial United Methodist Church
465-1/2 Anderson Drive
Dunleith Estates
Wilmington, Delaware**

***Guest Preacher, Rev. Donald E. Dunnigan, Sr., Pastor
Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
Wilmington, Delaware***

Music: The HildaMan Chorale

Music Director, Celestine C.S. Lyght

Rev. Cornelius Berry, Pastor

**FREE WILL OFFERING
Dinner Served 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

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



465 1/2 Anderson Dr. Wilmington, DE 19801

COME JOIN US!!!



**AUGUST
10-13, 2026
6:00 - 8:00 P.M.**



**Peniel United
Methodist Church**

**115 E. Market St.,
Newport, Delaware**



**SPECIAL YOUTH CELEBRATION SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH!**

Please join us as the children share their bodybuilding songs and stories.



COME GROW STRONG IN FAITH & FUN!

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



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



COME ON OUT & SHOP AT **THE SHOPPE AT RPUMC**

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

PRE-LOVED GOODS

DISCOVER GREAT FINDS

