

From the Pastor's Desk

"The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted" (Matthew 23:11-12, NRSV)

One of the great pleasures of serving the community here at Richardson Park is how active we are, and all that you do for each other and our community. So, as we turn to the end of the calendar year with November and December, and we turn to the beginning of our Liturgical calendar with the season of Advent quickly approaching, I wanted to highlight a few of the many activities that will be taking place in November and December.

On November 15 I will be holding a New Member Class after worship. This is an opportunity for anyone who is not currently a member of Richardson Park and would like to learn more to join me for an hour in conversation. Please email me at pastorcasey@rpumcurch.org or call the church office at (302)654-0961 if you would like to attend. Of course we will be preparing the Harvest Home Baskets, please support with donations of food, money, and time. Starting on Sunday, November 29 and running through Sunday, December 20 (the 4 Sundays of Advent) I will be leading an Advent Bible Study based on the book "Voices of Advent" by Matthew Skinner. We will meet during the normal Adult Sunday School time at 9-10a. Please contact me or the church office for more information.

We are planning to do the Living Nativity again this year. It will be held the weekend before Christmas – either Saturday, December 19 or Sunday, December 20. We will let you know more in the coming weeks. Peniel UMC will be holding their Blue Christmas Service Sunday, December 20 at 5pm. Finally, we will have our Christmas Eve Service on Thursday, December 24 at 7pm.

November is also the time we look to the future, and recommit ourselves to walking the path of discipleship. Everything we have received is a gift from God, so it is only right that we give back to God a portion of what we have been given. I ask you to prayerfully consider increasing your giving in the coming year, in order that God's work may extend further than before for our brothers and sisters in Richardson Park and around the world.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Casey

P.S.- I would like to thank the congregation for the Pastor appreciation card and gift card. It is an honor to serve RPUMC.

Harvest Home 2026

Harvest Home Sunday will be November 22 in 2026. Please call the office with recommendations for people who should receive baskets. Names may also be given to Pastor Casey or Sandy Ide. The last day to add names to the basket list is November 16. Please drop off items you purchase from the list by Friday, November 20. Please drop them off in the church office or the financial office. Cash contributions are welcome.

2026
HARVEST HOME SHOPPING LIST

Product	Amount per Family	Cash/Gift Card only	Can/Boxed
Apple juice	1		Yes
Canned Corn	2		Yes
Cranberry Sauce	2		Yes
Green Beans	2		Yes
Yams	2		Yes
Cheerios	1		Yes
Fresh Dinner Rolls	1		Yes
Grape Jelly	1		Yes
Instant Potatoes	2		Yes
Mac & Cheese	3		Yes
Spaghetti	2		Yes
Pasta Sauce	2		Yes
Apple Pie	1		Yes
Pumpkin Pie	1		Yes
Rice Krispies	1		Yes
Stuffing (Stove Top)	2		Yes
Turkey Gravy	2		Yes
Loaf of Bread	1		Yes
Creamy Peanut Butter	1		Yes
Soup	2		Yes
Sugar Free Powder Drink	1		Yes
These items will be purchased fresh. Please donate by Check or Cash.			
Butter	1	Yes	
Carrots (baby)	1	Yes	
Frozen Turkey	1	Yes	
Milk	1	Yes	
Orange Juice	1	Yes	
Cash gifts are always appreciated in any amount.			
***By Check, please make your check payable to Richardson Park UMC and put Harvest Home on the "For" line.**			
Harvest Home In-Gathering Will Be Sunday, Nov. 22, 2026			



United Women in Faith

By Marlene Johnson

As I write this article for the "Messenger", I find it very hard to believe the calendar shows November! Our United Women in Faith are busy showing God's love in so many ways during this month of November.

We met as a group on October 11 following the worship. It was wonderful to see so many dedicated women around more than one table! In September Sheila joined our group. In October two more joined us after worship- Alicia and Erica. Not only did our three new members attend the meeting, they volunteered to participate in Laity Sunday!

On November 8 we will meet in the extension for our pledge ceremony. I will distribute index cards and each person will write the amount given during 2027 for our designated missions and what each one will do to show folks God's love- think about this worthwhile job you are given. We will also create something for the folks at the V.A. in Elsmere. Bring your creative minds with you!

I am always amazed with the participation in projects. The project I mention is the Reading List. So many of you have told me about the book just finished- Wonderful! You know a certificate will be awaiting you in December.

Now, my sisters in Faith:

1. Mark your calendars for November 8- our monthly meeting.

2. November 22 is Harvest Home Sunday. Check the shopping list in the back of the church and plan to help fill those baskets.

3. Invite a friend to church.

4. Read: Ephesians 6:15

Prayer for November:

Dear Lord, as I talk with family, friends and strangers, give me words that promote peace, understanding and goodwill. Amen

Blessings from Marlene

The Children's Corner

By Marlene Johnson

Our group of wonderful young learners of God has grown! That is so wonderful! I have a question for you- what did we learn about God in October? You know I will be asking you this question. All of you are great in remembering- so I think I will share with our readers what we learned.

During our time together in October, we visited the "Discovery Center" and found interesting items God has shared with us. We finished our study of creation as we learned about Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel. Look what happened when they did not listen to God! We know we must listen to our parents and other grown-ups who God has given to help us.

Ms. Ruth and I are so pleased that this group of great learners are able to sing and will sing! It's wonderful to hear their voices on Sunday mornings praising God.

We close each class with our pocket prayer and take them home to share with others.

In November, I wonder what adventures in the Bible we will have? Come and find out!

Blessings from Ms. Marlene



Book Club



By Paul Weaver

Our October meeting was held on Friday, October 16 at 2 pm at the church. We discussed "People We Meet on Vacation" by Emily Henry and had a great discussion.

Our November meeting will be held on Friday, November 13 at 2 pm at the church. We will discuss "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury.

Our December meeting will be held on Friday, December 11 at 2 pm at the church. We will discuss "In a Holidaze" by Christina Lauren.

While it's a ways out, I am thinking about doing "Winter Stroll" by Elin Hilderbrand in January.

Other coming attractions include "A Tree Grows In Brooklyn" by Betty Smith, "Theo of Golden" by Allen Levi and "The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali.

Thanks,

Paul

Free Lunch

by Joe Tucker

Free lunches are given out each week on Thursdays in Fellowship Hall from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to come for a lunch and a bag of blessings. Contributions to the bags of blessings are always appreciated. The items in the bags of blessings are bottles of water, packaged crackers, cookies, snack bars, pudding or fruit cups. Please contact Kathy Rogers if you would like to share your faith with the diners or Joe Tucker or Ed Ide if you would like to help with the meal. We'd like to thank all the faithful workers who assemble the bags of blessings, shop for food, help with the cooking, and those who assemble the meals and hand them out.

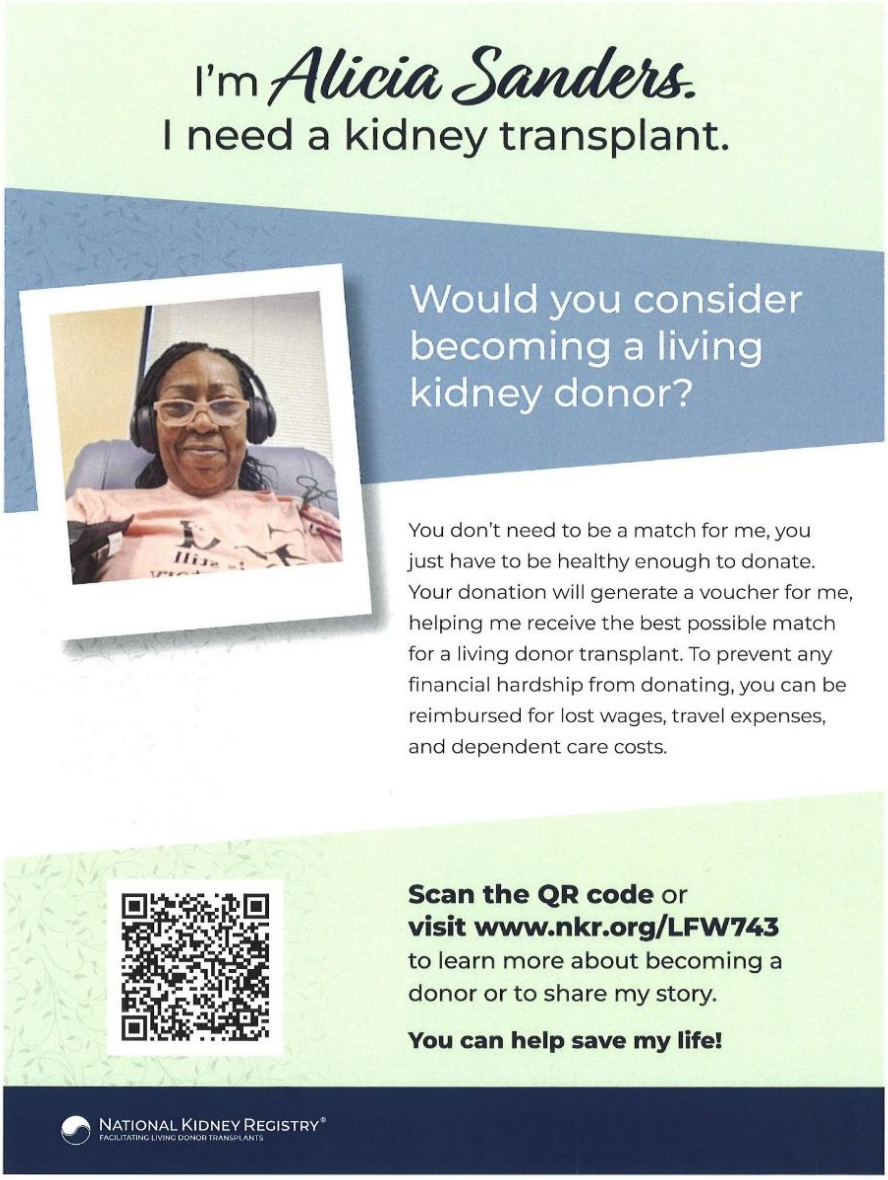
Altar Flowers and Containers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one, please notify the church office at least two weeks before the date. If you would like specific colors, include that information on your order form. Please designate if you would like to keep the flowers or would like them delivered to a shut-in. It would be lovely if you could deliver them. Shut-ns appreciate visits. We also need containers (large metal cans) to deliver the flowers in.

Memorial Tree

If you are interested in adding a loved one's name to the Memorial tree, forms are available in the office. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.





November Birthdays

November 1
Sandy Burkholder
Joseph Gallagher

November 2
Paul Ayala
Tracy Gamble

November 5
Frank Lindell
Christopher Owen
Lis-Ana Wegman

November 8
Brandon Gamble

November 10
Rob Swain

November 11
Bob Burkholder
Erin Cox

November 12
Mary White

November 13
Dennis Johnson
George Sease

November 14
Phyllis Bowman

November 18
Shawn Creese

November 20
Jim King

November 22
Debbie Davis

November 23
Hannah Phillippe
Janis Williams

November 25
Deborah Pruitt
Phyllis Thomas

November 28
Karen DiTullio- Ewell

November 29
Mallori Cochran
Laura Doughty
Kylie Parker

November 30
Sherlynn Aurelio

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THE SHOPPE AT RPUMC

on Thursdays 11 AM-2 PM

and select First Saturdays'

PRE-LOVED GOODS

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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



465 1/2 Anderson Dr. Wilmington, DE 19801

Join Scout Troop 339!

MONDAY NIGHTS AT 6:30
Contact troop339de@gmail.com

"Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

PSALMS 95:2



November 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9AM- Lounge- Adult Bible Study 10AM- EXT- Fellowship Time 10:30AM- Worship and Children's Church 11:30AM- Lounge- Small Group Meeting w/ Pastor Casey	2 6:30PM- FH- Scouts	3	4 6PM- Charge Conference- ***Simpson UMC***	5 9AM- EXT- BMG 11AM- 2PM- Shoppe Open 11:30AM- 12:30PM- FH- Free Lunch 1PM- 2:30PM- Lounge- Small Group Meeting w/ Pastor Casey	6	7 11AM- 2PM- Shoppe Open 
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22 9AM- Lounge- Adult Bible Study 10AM- EXT- Fellowship Time 10:30AM- Worship and Children's Church 11:30AM- FH- Harvest Home boxing	23 6:30PM- FH- Scouts	24	25	Thanksgiving 26 **CLOSED**  Happy Thanksgiving!	27 **CLOSED**	28
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The Messenger

November 2026

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Please leave a message on the answering machine, if no one answers.

The purpose of Richardson Park United Methodist Church is to help people experience the amazing love of God and develop a vital relationship with Jesus Christ.