

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF RED BANK

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE **(SEPTEMBER—JUNE)**

8:30 AM

Traditional service of worship in the Chapel. Communion is celebrated each week.

9:30 AM

- Confirmation – grades 7 and 8 (209)
- Senior High Sunday School (B4)
- Adult Sunday School (Lounge)
- Choir rehearsal (Choir Loft of Sanctuary)

10:30 AM

- Traditional service of worship in the Sanctuary. Vocal soloists, choirs, and musicians share their ministries at this time.
- Children's Sunday School

SUMMER SCHEDULE

9:30 AM

- Single service of worship in the Sanctuary. Communion is celebrated each week.
- Summer Sunday School

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

Candlelight Carols Service	7:00 PM	A Sunday evening of music to celebrate the Christmas season.
Christmas Eve	5:00 PM	A family-oriented worship experience in the Sanctuary, for children of all ages.
	9:00 PM	Traditional candlelight service in the Sanctuary with lessons and carols.
Ash Wednesday	7:00 PM	A Service of Ashes to focus on our own mortality, our confession of sin, and repentance before God.
Holy Week Worship	7:00 PM	On various days of Holy Week.
Easter	6:30 AM	Sunrise Service at Sea Bright beach.
	9:30 AM	Easter worship in the Sanctuary.

YOUTH CAN CONNECT, GROW, AND SERVE

Sunday Youth Ministries

Sunday School

Children of all ages are welcome in all worship services. Sunday School for children age 3 through 6th grade takes place during the 10:30 AM worship service. Children first attend the service with their families. After

"Children's Time" they leave for their Sunday School classrooms. Parents should pick up their children from their classroom at the end of the service.

Nursery Care 10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Infants and children up to 2 years old are welcome to attend the nursery room beginning at 10:30 AM. Older children will then join Sunday School starting about 10:45 AM when the children can go to their specified room.

7th and 8th Grade Sunday School & Confirmation Class

Sunday School for 7th and 8th graders meets from 9:30 - 10:20 AM in Rooms 107 and 108. The curriculum is geared toward preparation for confirmation at the end of 8th grade. Confirmation is a personal choice.

High School Sunday School

Sunday School for high school meets from 9:30 - 10:20 AM in the Youth Room in the basement. Students are expected to attend the 10:30 AM worship service afterward.

Summer Youth Ministries

Vacation Bible School

This week-long program takes place during the last week in June, running from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, Monday through Friday. A special program celebrating the week takes place Friday evening. VBS is intended for children 4 years old through 6th grade. Older youth serve as helpers in addition to adult volunteers.

Summer Sunday School

After the children's sermon at our 9:30 AM summer worship service, children in 4th grade and younger leave the Sanctuary to attend a Summer Sunday School program.

Wednesday Night Youth Ministries

Wednesday night is Youth Night. All groups meet at 6:00 PM for dinner (cooked by the parents) followed by a program including worship, service and fellowship. The youth are divided into 3 different groups based on age: Homework time runs from 8:00 PM to 8:30 PM for kids staying late. These programs run from September to early June.

The Mustard Seeds

The Mustard Seeds is a program for those in 3rd - 5th grade, and it ends at 8:00 PM.

Club 77

Club 77 is the Junior High School group for 6th-8th grade, and it ends at 8:00 PM.

God Squad

God Squad is the High School group for 9th - 12th grade, and it finishes at 8:30 PM.

ADULTS CAN CONNECT, GROW, AND SERVE

Young Adult Ministries

We invite all young adults ages 18-29 to meet Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 PM for coffee & conversation on topics that range from Finding Your Path, Financial Planning, Social Justice, Current Events, and everything in between. We are looking for impactful ways to connect, grow, and serve. We also have plans for service projects, trivia nights, bowling, and much more throughout the year.

Adult Education

Adult Bible Study

Meets every Sunday at 9:30 AM in the lounge and every Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00 PM in the lounge.

Bible Study

Meets every Thursday from 11:00 – 12:30 PM or 7:00 – 8:00 PM in room 108.

SMALL GROUPS CONNECT, GROW, AND SERVE

Women's Ministry - United Methodist Women

Is a community of Women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Fellowship Circles are small groups of members, which often meet monthly. Each group plans its own program which may include the use of UMW study books. The groups also take turns hosting the General Meetings by providing devotions, desserts, and beverages. There are currently two Fellowship Circles:

Mildred Ruth Circle meets the second Thursday at 12:30 PM in Room 114 (sometimes meets at the Atrium at Navesink Harbor.

Susanna Circle meets the first Tuesday at 6:30 PM, usually at a member's home

United Methodist Women Interest Groups

Book Club meets the fourth Tuesday at 7:15 PM in the Library

Craft Group meets the second & fourth Wednesdays from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM in room 107.

Created with a Prayer is a knitting group which joins for fellowship, conversation, prayer, and of course, knitting as they create prayer shawls, lap blankets, and baby caps for those in need of an extra prayer. They meet on the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 PM in room 211 and on the 3rd and 4th Saturdays at 10:00 AM in the lounge.

Outreach Mission Efforts

Our Outreach efforts currently include -

- Creation of Health and Hygiene kits for national and international disasters.
- Donate food items to The Backpack Crew, Crop Walk, and Lunch Break.
- Volunteer opportunities: **Family Promise** (helping displaced families) by making meals, chaperoning at the overnight shelters, driving guests to host sites, etc.; **Habitat for Humanity**; and **A Future with Hope**
- Collecting school supplies to give to 180 Turning Lives Around or (with helps abused family) or Lunch Break which assists disadvantage families in Red Bank.
- Donate furniture to Love, Inc., a local thrift furniture store.
- Provide meals to Volunteers in Mission (volunteers who come to NJ to help GNJAC's A Future with Hope (to rebuild homes damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Sandy).
- Financially support our missionaries in Tanzania and numerous local charities.

Men's Fellowship

Monthly men's fellowship gathers on the 1st Saturday of the month at 8:00 AM. Gatherings vary from fellowship time to service opportunities as they serve breakfast at Lunch Break or help fix up the church grounds. Men's Fellowship offers a "Helping Hands" service.

CONNECT, GROW, AND SERVE WITH MUSIC

Music Ministries

The Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM. The Sanctuary Choir sings at most of the 10:30 AM Sunday services from September through June. Membership is open to adults, ages 18 and up. The ability to read music is helpful but not strictly required.

Summer Choir

The Summer Choir practices 8:45 AM before the service. Summer Choir sings at services during the month of July, and special music programs with small ensembles or soloists generally perform during the month of August. New members are always welcome!

The Wesley Singers

The Wesley Singers is a group for youth in 6th - 12th grade. They rehearse on Wednesdays 5:00 to 6:00 PM. They sing at the 10:30 AM worship service periodically during the year, and for special events and holidays. Music reading ability is not required, just a desire to sing.

The Children's Choir

The Children's Choir is for children in elementary school. They rehearse weekly right after the 10:30 AM service and sing in church three or four times a year. Contact Ken Glossbrenner for details.

The Festival Players

The Festival Players are an ensemble open to brass, string, and woodwind musicians with at least two years experience on their instruments. Some music reading ability is required. Rehearsals will be in advance of performances, as needed.

The Hand Bell Ensemble

The Hand Bell Ensemble is open to interested adults and high school students. Some music reading ability is required. The ensemble performs several times throughout the year, and rehearsals are scheduled as needed.

WHAT CAN THE CHURCH EXPECT FROM YOU?

As members of the United Methodist Church we all affirm our baptismal covenant with these four vows:

1. to confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior;
2. to believe in the Christian faith as contained in the Old and New Testaments;
3. to promise to live a Christian life; and
4. to uphold the UMC with one's **prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**



We invite you to join us on the journey as we **CONNECT to God** and each other, **GROW in our faith**, and **SERVE in love**. Sometimes getting started can be intimidating, but we are here to help guide you as you begin (or continue) your journey of faith.

CONNECT WITH GOD AND EACH OTHER

In the midst of our hectic, often over - booked lives, church is a place to connect with God and tap back into the Spirit that refuels and refocuses us on what really matters in life – love! We gather as a church community, with others who are journeying through life’s struggles, to remember that we are not alone. We have been blessed with journey partners to lift us up on the hard days and celebrate with us on the good days!

GROW IN OUR FAITH

Growing in our faith includes being spiritually transformed: opening ourselves to being changed from the inside-out through the work of the Holy Spirit. This means that we have never “arrived,” but we are always on the journey to know and serve God better. We do this through Christian Education opportunities, worship, and opening ourselves to learning from others.

SERVE IN LOVE

Serving God is about making a difference: living out our faith daily in the world through our words and actions. There is a multitude of ways to do this through the church, through our Outreach committee, through the offering, through active participation in mission and service projects like The Backpack Crew, Lunch Break, Family Promise, or the Appalachia Service Project.

For more information about the church programs and history, visit our website at <http://www.umcredbank.org/> and be sure to friend us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UMCRedBank/>