



The InLook

The United Methodist Church
of Red Bank

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Sunday, December 18, 2016



*The United Methodist Church of
Red Bank is open for ALL
to CONNECT with God and others,
to GROW in our faith,
and to SERVE in love.*



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

WORSHIP AT 5 PM OR 9 PM IN THE SANCTUARY



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

WORSHIP AT 9:30 AM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday school - 2-year olds through 6th grade during the 10:30 am worship service.
7th/8th grade confirmation class and high school Sunday school meets from 9:30-10:20 am
Adult Education – Sunday mornings at 9:30 am or Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Lounge
Bible Study - Thursdays at 11 am in room 107 – CANCELLED this week and next for the holidays.

DON'T FORGET!! – STEWARDSHIP 2017

The Finance Committee is pleased to report that our average pledged amount for 2017 is currently coming in slightly higher than last year! Please prayerfully consider your 2017 financial commitment to our church's ministry and take a few moments to return your pledge card. You can drop it in the offering plate or return it to Sheila in the church office. Your financial contribution is important to our sustained ministry and so deeply appreciated.

ADVENT OPTIONS

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? Give the gift of food, clean water or child care. **TODAY, December 18**, the Outreach Committee's **Advent Options** will be available in Fellowship Hall. Purchase gifts from Heifer International, Monmouth Day Care Center, or UMCOR's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) program. Help the world and bring a smile to friends and family.

ADVENT SMALL GROUP GATHERING



You are invited to participate in an Advent season small group gathering lead by Pastor Jess called **Praying in Color**. Join us on Thursday evening December 22 at 7 pm in the library, for a time to quiet your heart and mind, centering your thoughts and prayers on the true meaning of Christmas. We will work together to color 4 large (2 x 3 foot) posters to decorate the church for Christmas.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

Snowmen for Camden Neighborhood Center continues between both services through December 18th. Purchase a snowman for the children of Camden - all funds go directly to the Center to help them with their expenses for the children during the Christmas Session.

Beautiful Christmas cards and wine bags are available for purchase in Fellowship Hall on Sundays December 11 and 18. **Candy Sale:** will be available **TODAY ONLY** Sunday, December 18 after both services. If you purchased candy at the Bazaar, here is the time to get some refills, and if you missed the wonderful confectionaries, they make great stocking stuffers!

Hard to believe but **Saturday, January 7** between 10 am and noon in room 114, **UMW will hold its first General Meeting of 2017!** Come join the fun as we enjoy "The Games We Used to Play". Bring a game you would like to enjoy, snack and beverage will be provided. We also will install our officers. Hope to see you all – everyone is welcome to join us! A good time to clean out the "old game" closet.

HELPING HANDS

Need help? The **Men's Fellowship** offers help to those in need - a ride to the doctor, or the pharmacy, assistance with light jobs around the house, or simply an extra hand. Just call Helping Hands representatives Ken Glossbrenner, 732-915-7884, Jim Mellon, 732-647-5744, or any church staff member. We might not be able to do it all, but we will do everything we can to assist.

WELCOME VISITORS

Our church strives to carry out the Methodist spirit of "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" in everything we do. We hope you witness this as you worship with us today. As you visit with us please take a Visitor Bag located in the back, by the front doors of the Church. Also, please take time to meet with our Senior Pastor Jessica Naulty, and join us for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall directly after church. Thank you for visiting our church; we hope your visit was filled with the love of God and fellowship. Please come back soon!

Helpful information – please ask an usher for more information:

- Hearing assistance devices are available.
- Childcare is available in our nursery.
- Bathrooms are located just outside the Sanctuary and the Chapel.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK
DECEMBER 18-24, 2016**

Sunday, December 18

Worship Service

8:30 am Worship in the Chapel
10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 am Education Hour
11:30 am Coffee Hour (FH)
11:50 am Children's Choir

Monday, December 19

9 am-12 pm PaCE Group (L)
10:30-11:30 am AA "Here and Now" (114)

Tuesday, December 20

12-1 pm AA (B2, B3)
5-8 pm Meyers Counseling (UR)
6:30-7:30 pm AI-Anon (114) (FH)
7-10 pm Folk Dancers (FH)
7:30 pm Finance

Wednesday, December 21 – Learning Tree closed

1-2:30 pm AA Women (114, B4)
5 pm Wesley Singers
6 pm UMY
7pm Adult Ed (L)
8 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 22 – Learning Tree closed

12-1 pm AA Women (B2, B3)
6-8 pm IDRC (B2, B3)
6:30-8:30 pm Meyers Counseling (UR)
7-8 pm AA (B4)
7-9 pm NA (114)
7:30 pm "Praying in Color" (Lib)
8:30-9:30 pm AA Mixed (B5)

Friday, December 23 – Learning Tree closed

9 am-12 pm Meyers Counseling (L)
6:30-9:30 pm AA (114)

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

9:30-11 am OA (114)
5 pm Worship Service (S)
9 pm Worship Service (S)

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

9:30 am Worship Service (FH)

REMINDER - Please contact Sheila with your meeting and event dates. This includes all committees and fellowship groups. Notices for *The InLook* should be submitted by Tuesday. Please keep notices brief. Send to sleavitt@umcredbank.org.

REMINDER – *If you know someone is in the hospital or needs a pastoral care visit, please call the office and let us know. Thank you for helping us care for all our members!*

Our Staff

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GET INVOLVED

SERVE THE COMMUNITY:

Lunch Break - food pantry donations and regular opportunities to be involved with hands on serving.

The Backpack Crew - Food collection box and a list of needed items are near the church office.

Family Promise - program that helps homeless families by providing shelter, meals and assistance as they seek permanent housing.

ASSIST ON SUNDAYS:

We welcome those who would like to assist the worship team on Sundays by ushering, greeting, running our sound, and assisting the pastor during worship services.

Sponsor a Coffee Hour. Information about hosting is near the coffee in Fellowship Hall!

LEARN:

Join a Sunday School class available for all ages.

Adult Classes are also held on Wednesdays at 7pm

SUPPORT OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY:

Make a pledge to the church.

Purchase grocery cards and gift cards in the FH.

JOIN: Become a member of the congregation.

Visit us at www.umcredbank.org or find us on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UMCRedBank>.

WORSHIP NOTES

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit" begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve.

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

IN OUR PRAYERS

All those affected by natural and human-made disasters, economic conditions, famine, civil war and genocide, those serving our country, shut-ins, all who are sick in body and spirit, those struggling with illness and substance abuse. Pray for the UMC in Tanzania, Eudora Walker, Ted Ballin, Gary Ballin, Bob Rademaker, Richard Allen, for the health and well-being of family and good friends, Luane Cipullo, Nancy Divurgilio, Stephanie, John Murphy, Mary Etta Moffler, Lillian Poling, Margie Post, Donna Applegate, Tonie Malone, Phoebe Gartside, Lindsay Bready, Ben and Karlie Kisylia, Earl and Dorothy Harris, for those who have experienced loss of a loved one, and for strength and healing for all in the world who need it and for compassion and understanding in our relationships.

Name Tags

We ask **all members and regular visitors** to please **wear nametags on Sunday mornings**. Name tags are located in a rack at the rear entrance to Church and also in the Narthex. Leave them where it is most convenient for you. New name tags can be provided by David Henritzy or George Schildge. Thank you for your co-operation!