



The InLook

The United Methodist Church
of Red Bank

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Sunday, December 4, 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.*

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

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.

LUNCH TODAY!!

Stay for a **soup lunch** in Fellowship Hall and join in the fun of **making Christmas crafts - for all ages!** Stop by the Health Kit table to help assemble some kits.

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Join us **Sunday, December 11th at 7 pm** for a spirit-filled evening to center your heart on the season with the glorious music of Christmas!

ADVENT OPTIONS

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? Give the gift of food, clean water or child care. On **December 11 and 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.

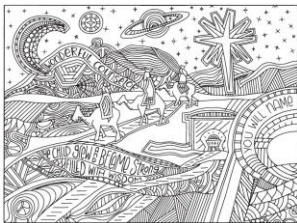
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

Snowmen for Camden Neighborhood Center will begin on November 27th between both services through December 16th. 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.

Susanna will be hosting their Christmas Gathering on December 7th in the Library at 6:30 pm, bring a cookie or a small snack to share. Everyone is welcome to attend. The more the merrier.

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.



ADVENT SMALL GROUP GATHERING

You are invited to participate in an Advent season small group gathering lead by astor Jess called **Praying in Color**. Join us on Thursday evenings in December at 7 pm in room 107 (Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22), 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 (3X4 foot) posters to decorate the church for Christmas. We will work together to color 4 large (3X4 foot) posters to decorate the church for Christmas.

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 4-10, 2016

Sunday, December 4

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
12 pm "Christmas Crafts" (FH)
2-4 pm Heimann Recital (C)

Monday, December 5

10:30-11:30 am AA "Here and Now" (114)
7:30 pm SPRC (L)
8-10 pm Roundtable (B2, B3)

Tuesday, December 6

12-1 pm AA (B2, B3)
5-8 pm Meyers Counseling (UR)
6:30-7:30 pm Al-Anon (114)
6:30 pm Susanna Circle Christmas Party (Lib)
7-10 pm Folk Dancers (FH)
7:30 pm Worship Dream Team (107)

Wednesday, December 7

9:30-10:30 am LT Board (114)
1-2:30 pm AA Women (114, B4)
5 pm Wesley Singers
6 pm UMY
7 pm Adult Ed (L)
8 pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, December 8

11 am Bible Study (208)
12-1 pm AA Women (B2, B3)
12:30 pm Mildred Ruth @Atrium
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" (107)
8:30-9:30 pm AA Mixed (B5)

Friday, December 9

9 am-12 pm Meyers Counseling (L)
6:30-9:30 pm AA (114)
8-10 pm NJ Chamber Singers (S)

Saturday, December 10

9:30-11 am OA (L)
10 am Church Holiday Decorating
11 am-1 pm "Lunch with Santa" (FH, 114)
1:30 pm Memorial Service - Barclay Fox (C)

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, Standing Rock, Peg, Patrick, the Cuban people, Bob Rademaker, Althea Pleasants, Terri, Eudora Walker, John Murphy, MaryEtta Moffler, Lillian Poling, Margie Post, Tonie Malone, Phoebe Gartside, Lindsay Bready, Ben and Karlie Kisylia, Earl and Dorothy Harris, Kathy Hackler, Alice Aszman, Barbara Smith, Tom Sutton, 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!