



**The United Methodist Church of Red Bank**  
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# **THE OUTLOOK**

**UMC Red Bank is a Church open to ALL to CONNECT with God  
and others, to GROW in our faith, and to SERVE in love.”**

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**November 2016**

**D**ear Church Family,

Believe it or not, November is already here – and so is our season of Thanksgiving – a time dedicated to offering thanks to God for all the blessings in our lives. It’s a time where we stop to reflect and be thankful for things we too often take for granted. Some families take time on Thanksgiving Day to go around and invite everyone to share one thing they are thankful for. Often, responses are focused on the loved ones in their lives, health, or an accomplishment or success they’re celebrating. While these external blessings are certainly things to give thanks for, I would like to invite us all to try something new this year. I challenge each one of us to give thanks for the way God is using US as individuals to make a difference in the world.

There might be some who think this is an exercise in pride, elevating our own self-worth, but I believe it is important to look for how God is using us. To look deeply within and around us to see where the gifts God made in us are being put to work. If anything, we tear ourselves down rather than celebrate God’s work in and through us.

Throughout the month of November, our worship series will be focusing on finding Ordinary Saints all around us –even in the mirror! From pastor and author Nadia Bolz-Weber, we are reminded to celebrate and be thankful for the way God uses us, even when we don’t realize it, or intend it. She writes,

*“My spirituality is most active in the moments when I realize God may have gotten something beautiful done through me despite the fact that I am [imperfect], and when I have to bear witness to another human being’s suffering despite my desire to be left alone, and when I am forgiven by someone even though I don’t deserve it and my forgiver does this because he too, is trapped by the gospel...and when I end up being changed by learning to love someone I’d never choose out of a catalog but whom God sends my way to teach me about God’s love.”*

As we think more about the way God makes ordinary saints out of us, let us offer a prayer of thanksgiving for God’s amazing work in and through each one of us.

May God’s blessing overflow in your life this Thanksgiving season!

Rev. Jessica B. Naulty

## Reconciling Committee

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Rev. Lois McCullen Parr, the Northern Regional Organizer from Reconciling Ministries Network will be with us on Saturday December 3 for Reconciling Training. Please join us to learn about intersectional justice, the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity, what it means to be transgender, and how to facilitate inclusiveness in organizations such as a church.

Saturday, December 3, 2016 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
Light breakfast and lunch will be served  
Suggested donation \$20  
RSVP to Bobbie McArdle  
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## Outreach Committee

....Kim Voorhies  
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Outreach Committee is collecting items to make Hygiene/Health Kits. We need the following items to complete 100 kits: finger nail clippers (not toe nail clippers), sturdy combs - (not pocket size), wash cloths, bath size soap bars - (not Ivory or Jergens), band-aids - standard size (each kit takes 6 band-aids), toothbrushes - (individually packaged). Please put your donation in the box by the Reception Office by the back door. Tentative assemble date is Sunday, December 4, 2016.

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## CROP Walk

...Janiz Schildge  
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Thanks to all who participated in our 36<sup>th</sup> annual CROP HUNGER WALK on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, on a gorgeous fall day. Thanks to those who helped at our church table in Fellowship Hall, and on the day of the walk where our water stop is always popular and was well staffed by UMC and friends. Pastor Jessica was part of a trio of women pastors from different denominations who shared a responsive blessing that we thought was just great! Dory, the blue fish, had a hot day out of water, but was there to greet and meet at the start line, and a big crowd of runners, walkers, and some stroller families headed out on the route through 3 towns. Three of our God Squad were Teen Leaders and you can follow the

Deanna/Molly Instagram team to see some 2016 Instagram photos. Club 77 won first prize for their excellent banner, and Bryan Reimertz won for his poster! Congratulations!! Mustard Seeds decorated Fellowship Hall with color and messages about hunger and how we can help. Our 2016 food collection came in at 13,000 pounds - well up from last year. UMC did a terrific job!

Check out our website, and Facebook! We welcome your donations until the end of December for this year, so feel free to make a contribution online or by check or coins. Some of you really filled coin jars and bottles and it was great to see those (and probably tough to count). Thanks to all who helped in any way.

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## God Squad

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The month of October has started getting busy for God Squad. We began the month of October getting ready for the CROP Walk. Many members of God Squad enjoyed a perfect day on the Walk. We had an enjoyable time bonding at Yestercades, where numerous rounds of Super Smash Bros and air hockey were hotly contested. God Squad built care packages to send to their beloved graduates from last year - and we can't wait to hear their stories when they return. Lastly in October, God Squad traveled to Sunrise, in Middletown, to paint pumpkins with some of our favorite residents to help brighten their Halloween.

Finally, God Squad is fervently preparing for **Trash & Treasure**. Please leave any donations for Trash & Treasure on the stage. **Please no books, clothing or shoes.** Clothing and shoes will be collected in January during the annual Clothing Drive. **Trash & Treasure will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-2 pm**, with the proceeds going directly to the funds needed to send the group on our summer mission trip. God Squad thanks you for your support!

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## The Learning Tree Preschool

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The month of November will be very busy for our children. They will be creating Thanksgiving projects and having feasts. We also tell everyone what we are most thankful for by writing it on leaf cutouts and displaying it in our entryway. I love reading what everyone is thankful for. We will leave extra leaves in the hallway, please join us by writing down what you are most thankful for! Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

*"All the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today!"*

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## The Library

...Peggy Wien  
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Two children's books have been donated to our Church Library recently. Helen Vetter has given us "The Good Little Bad Little Pig" by Margaret Wise Brown and "The Bear and the Piano" by David Litchfield.

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## Men's Fellowship

...Jim Mellon  
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### --- ATTENTION ALL MEN ---

Men's Fellowship will meet in **Room 114, at 8:00 am on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. All are welcome, so, come join us!

I'll have coffee (both regular & decaf), but bring your favorite drink and breakfast item and enough to share!

We will discuss cooking for Lunch Break on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and also plan to help-out around the church – there are always projects needing TLC. It is your ideas and talents that make this fellowship work.

I look forward to seeing each of you as we grow together in ways to serve and help each other. Contact Jim Mellon ([jim.mellon@verizon.net](mailto:jim.mellon@verizon.net) or cell 732-647-5744.

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## Children's Ministries

...Elaine Dawson  
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**SAVE THE DATE:** *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!* Join us for the **Crafts and Advent Workshop** on **December 4<sup>th</sup>** after church. The Elves are taking a break and coming to make us soup and fresh bread while we make Christmas crafts and enjoy advent opportunities. Call Elaine Dawson at church for more information - 732-747-0446, extension 11.

**The Young Adults** will be setting up and cleaning up for the organ celebration on November 6<sup>th</sup>. We pack backpacks every Wednesday for The Backpack Crew and we make dinners for the AIDS Center in Asbury. We decorated a trunk for Trunk or Treat.

**Our Sunday School** is in full swing during the 10:30 worship service. Our High School Sunday School class is studying famous women in the Bible. We are starting with Eve. What a good place to start! We meet in the Youth room at 9:30 am every Sunday.

We need help in the Toddler and K-3 Sunday School classes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. If you are not in God Squad for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday and/or Choir on the second Sunday, call Elaine Dawson at church at 732-747-0446, extension 11 to volunteer to aid in these classes. Thank you.

**We will be creating a Christmas Video** with the children to be shown at the 9:30 am **Christmas Day Worship Service in Fellowship Hall**. With parental permission, we hope to post it on FB and our Church website. The video will be recorded during Youth Group and Sunday School. Look for an E-mail from your group and class this month asking for permission to record your child. Not all children will make the final edit, but we will try to include as many as possible. Links to similar kinds of videos will soon be available for you to see on our website. Let us know if you DO NOT want your child on this video. Call Elaine Dawson at 732-747-0446, extension 11.

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## HUBOB

.....Marion Kleiner  
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**REMEMBER, IT'S ALWAYS TIME TO HUBOB**

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## Backpack Crew

.....Suzanne Dice  
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Our Boardwalk Race Against Hunger was a huge success with over 400 runners! Thank you to all of our participants.

We are now in full swing again! Current numbers we are feeding are 56 families in 7 local schools. These numbers continue to go up as the school year goes on. We will also be providing some of our families with Thanksgiving dinners! We appreciate our church family's ongoing support!

**Save the Date!!!** Our **Second Annual Gala** at the Oyster Point Hotel is **February 25, 2017!**

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## New Member Orientation and Reception

....Jim Mellon  
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On Sunday, November 6, after the 10:30 service, Pastor Jess will be hosting a **New Member Orientation** to address membership in this Church. Additionally, if you wish to learn more about the United Methodist Church, Pastor Jess is offering a **'Methodism 101' class on Sunday, November 13**, following the 10:30 service. Finally, we plan to **receive new members** into our Church congregation on **Sunday, Nov. 20**. For more information and to sign up, call the church office at 732-747-0446."

# Church Flowers

Dear Friends,

Please consider making a donation to purchase flowers. You may designate that you are placing flowers in memory, honor, celebration, or thanksgiving of an individual or organization. Floral arrangements are available for \$35 each, and you may subscribe for one or two arrangements as you see fit. Your name and the purpose of your donation will be listed in that Sunday's bulletin. You can also specify a specific Sunday (for an anniversary, birthday, or whatever) on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that we will purchase flowers only on Sundays that are subscribed; other Sundays provide the opportunity to show off our potted plants.

Orders should be submitted to Sheila in the church office at your convenience anytime during the year.

Please fill out the form below and return it with your check in the appropriate amount. Forms and checks may be placed in the offering plate or dropped in the mail slot in Sheila's office door.

I/We would like to give a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(at \$35 per arrangement)

In honor of:

In memory of:

In celebration of:

Given by:

Attached is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## United Methodist Women— UMW

.....Linda Babler  
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The **Craft Group** dates for November are **Tuesday, November 15 and Tuesday, November 29** (changed to third and fifth Tuesdays due to Election Day and Thanksgiving Week). Craft Group will meet in Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack for our short lunch break.

UMW General Meeting will **NOT be held in November**. Be sure to pick up a World Thank Box for your Thanksgiving Offering. Linda Babler will have them at the basket table in Fellowship Hall.

**A Day of Fun and Service** was held on October 15<sup>th</sup>. UMW ladies made up 48 meals for The Center in Asbury Park. We want to thank all the ladies that participated that morning. It means a lot to the clients of The Center.

**Craft Group** - The Craft Group dates for November are **Tuesday, November 15 and Tuesday, November 29** (changed to third and fifth Tuesdays due to Election Day and Thanksgiving Week). Craft Group will meet in Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack for our short lunch break.

**Book Club** - Meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:15 pm in the Library. Our book for November is: "Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family & Culture in Crisis" by J.D.Vance

**Christmas Bazaar** - Would you believe that November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner! There are many new items this year. The Christmas Bazaar will feature all kinds of **Christmas decorations, Christmas and other handmade items, crafts of all kinds**, and **we need your used jewelry for the Bazaar**. If you can help, begin now by making Christmas items. Donate some of your beautiful gently used Christmas items. If you can help at the bazaar, let Linda Babler know. Keep your eyes out for more information on the Bazaar as we move forward!

The **Christmas Bazaar on November 12<sup>th</sup>** is open to the general public between 10 am and 2 pm. Luncheon is between 11:30 am and 2 pm. On Sunday, the Bazaar is open from 9 am -12 pm, and is mainly for the congregation. The Luncheon Menu on Saturday is: your choice of Homemade Chicken Salad or Quinoa Salad along with Green Bean Salad, Ambrosia, or Cranberry Jello, and to round off the meal Apple Crisp with fresh whipped cream. The cost is adults \$10. A children's meal is available for \$5 – Hot dog, chips, apple or crisp and beverage.

We have 12 baskets this year up for auction. The baskets are on display right now. Come see the beautiful baskets. Join the fun and make a bid on a basket full of goodies.

**Donations for Bazaar are needed.** Please donate your Christmas items, new, lightly used and loved ones are all welcome. We also could use your gently used jewelry and any handmade items you would like to donate. Please leave them on the stage **clearly labeled for UMW Bazaar**.

**Susanna Circle** will be meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> in room 114 at 6:30 pm. We will be working on items for the Christmas Bazaar and inventorying the items we have collected for the bazaar. Everyone is welcome to attend; we would love to see you come out. Do watch *The Inlook* if this meeting changes location or time.

Susanna will also meet on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Library for their Annual Christmas time together. Everyone is welcome to join us bring a cookie or a small snack to share.

Camden Neighborhood Center: UMW will be collecting for Camden Neighborhood Center for the entire month of December. Purchase a snowman for the children – lets help make the children of Camden. Watch for more information as it becomes available. Please visit the table in fellowship hall after both services.

Campbell Soup Labels: Did you know that UMW collects Campbell Soup Labels and others labels. See the notice on the UMW main bulletin board in the hall as to which labels we collect. For the Campbell labels, we need the PC code with the picture of the little boy. We will take the entire label if you are unsure as to what we need. There is a shoe box in the receptionist office for the labels. We collect these all year, so please save them for us. They help the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky.

UMW has a Prayer Shawl ministry here at the church. They have changed their name to “Created with a Prayer”. If you can sew, knit or crochet you are needed. If you would like to be part of this ministry contact Linda Babler. If you need instructions, or yarn see Linda. We are hopeful that the next dedication of shawls will be during Advent. So, you have lots of time still to make a prayer shawl for someone in need. We will be meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the lounge. No meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> - too close to Thanksgiving!

**Reminder: UMW General Meeting for November will not be happening since we have our Bazaar on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Reminder: Mission Team Meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in room 107.**



**Please bother us!!**

Communication is crucial in letting us know when members of this congregation are hospitalized or ill. We would rather be told multiple times than to not know at all. So, let Pastor Naulty and Pastor Zito know, leave messages at church, or email us at [sleavitt@umcredbank.org](mailto:sleavitt@umcredbank.org). Remember that hospitals no longer contact clergy when members are hospitalized.

Please check *The InLook* or our website – [www.umcredbank.org](http://www.umcredbank.org) for an up-to-date church calendar.

## Church Family News

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Your Church Family would like to celebrate Birthdays, Weddings, Retirements, Anniversaries, Births and many more momentous occasions with you. You can submit your celebrations to Chelsea Foster at [cfooster\\_01@arcadia.edu](mailto:cfooster_01@arcadia.edu), or email to [sleavitt@umcredbank.org](mailto:sleavitt@umcredbank.org) or simply drop them in the office door mail slot.

### In Our Thoughts and 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 ill in body and spirit, those struggling with illness and substance abuse. For strength and healing for all in the world who need it and for compassion and understanding in our relationships.

