



The United Methodist Church of Red Bank
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THE OUTLOOK

“A Church with open doors, empowered by God’s love to be a Christ-like community, reaching out in ministry and service.”

April 2016

Dear Church Family,

What a joy and privilege it was to journey with you all this Lent, Holy Week, and Easter! At each of our worship services and through our meetings, gatherings, and Bible studies, I have been blessed and challenged in my faith walk, encouraged to go deeper and to rely always on God’s abiding presence within and among us. Thank you for being a part of this amazing church!

As we move through the month of April and the season of Eastertide, we will be looking more closely at our future together, where God is leading us, and who we are called to be together. Our Church Council, made up of the various committee chairs and ministry representatives, has been laying the foundations for this future planning through a visioning and goal setting process. One of the fruits of our work is a new mission statement, recently adopted by the council. We believe this statement encompasses not only our values, but also our hopes for our future ministry together.

We, the United Methodist Church of Red Bank, are open for ALL to CONNECT with God and others, to GROW in our faith, and to SERVE in love.

CONNECT, GROW, and SERVE are three words that capture the goals we have for our ministry together. Throughout the month of April and beyond, we invite you to journey with us as we dig deep within our identity and faith to discover the blessings that come through these three action words. We hear in Habakkuk 2:2-3, “and then God answered: ‘Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on time.’” In this spirit, it is our hope that we will all become very familiar with these words and this mission statement. CONNECT with God and others, GROW in our faith, and SERVE in love. May God bless us as we anticipate together “what’s coming!”

Blessings for the journey,



Rev. Jessica B. Naulty

Vacation Bible School

.....Elaine Dawson

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Save the dates **June 27-July 1** for our very own **Connect, Serve, and Grow** VBS.



PLEASE NOTE: Registration begins on May 15th and will close as soon as we are full.

We'll meet Corny and Carrotta at the opening of registration on May 15th during the 10:30 worship service. They will teach us how fruits and vegetables Connect with the soil, Grow tall, and then Serve many hungry people. We'll learn about people in the Bible who learned the same lessons: Connecting, Growing, and Serving God.

Join us if you will be 4 years old through 6th grade June 27—July 1st from 9 AM—12:30 PM.

We'll have recreation, Bible stories, arts and crafts, science experiments, lots of singing, and a healthy snack. The children will travel from station to station with their leaders and explore a deeper and loving relationship with the earth and with God. Our **closing ceremony will be Friday night, July 1st at 6:30 PM.**

Our mission this year will be The Backpack Crew. We will collect foods for them to help feed hungry children throughout our area on weekends.

Please see Elaine Dawson if you'd like to volunteer to work at this year's VBS. Leadership positions also fill quickly, so **please sign up by May 15th**. Join us on this adventure and what will be the best week of the summer! Call **Elaine Dawson** at 732-747-0446, ext 11, or e-mail her at ed45yrs@aol.com.

HUBOB

.....Marion Kleiner

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Great News from HUBOB!!

We have plans to hold the next **Elegant Dinner on Saturday, May 7, 2016**. Pull out your calendar, smartphone, or just a scrap of paper, and write this down!! We will be presenting "**Captain's Dinner aboard RMS Titanic**" by adapting parts of their menu for your pleasure. We promise not to include every item they prepared on "The Ship of Dreams," but you will surely enjoy our offerings.

So stop by at the HUBOB table in Fellowship Hall to make your reservation....and bring a friend! (Costumes encouraged!)

Did you know.....? When you stop by at the HUBOB table in Fellowship Hall, you can purchase Foodtown cards in the familiar \$25 as well as \$100 denominations. Several people asked for larger amount cards to reduce the volume in a purse or pocket. When we place the next order with ShopRite, we will make the same arrangements. Hope this makes things easier for our faithful customers.

REMEMBER: IT'S ALWAYS TIME TO HUBOB!
(Help Us Balance Our Budget)

Men's Fellowship

.....Jim Mellon

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On Saturday, April 2nd, we are (once again) providing a hot breakfast for Lunch Break (in lieu of our normal meeting)! While **Graham Blundell** is leading this effort, we need your help! Please call Graham at 908-489-2119 if you can offer your presence and assistance as well to clarify your work assignment and time frame required.

Green Fair:
Sunday, April 17th!

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Attention Sunday School and Youth Group: Poster Contest "It's So Easy Being Green!"
The theme for art: showing how you are being green. Deadline April 13th. This is a wonderful spring vacation project as new plants are shooting up, trees are leafing out, and birds are building nests all around. You can use any media—crayons, markers, pen and ink, water color, pencil. You can get poster board at church on Sunday and work on your design over spring vacation. We have asked two artists to judge them—**Chelsea Foster** and **Toni Ferrone**, and we will display them at Green Fair!

There are many things to do that day, starting with a 9 AM breakfast and a program with Dr. Judy Kramer of the Climate Reality Project, sharing her Glimpse of Our World and her passion for caring what happens to our world—especially right here on the Jersey Shore!!! Come share in the conversation until the 2nd service, and afterwards tour the solar panels on the roof, or check out the electric cars outside, or try some green smoothies. Be sure to get your milkweed seeds to plant for the Monarch butterflies. You really *can* make a difference by little acts of kindness to all God's creatures.

WE NEED a volunteer to help with a "*Follow the Waste Path*" display to show what happens to our trash and how we can make less of it—REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE, and more....Contact Janie Schildge if you would like to help. (We have information from County Recycling Center)

We are looking for *school projects* you have completed on the Environment: clean energy, water, plastics, or related projects. Would you like to display at our Green Fair? We will provide you space. Contact Janie Schildge.

Outreach

.....**Barb Valenti**
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Change the World Day

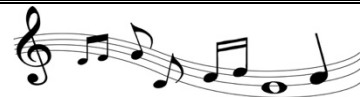
Join us on **Saturday, May 14**, to **make the world a better place** by helping others and cleaning up. We have four projects and really encourage all church members (all ages) to help out! A Sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall with all the details or call **Barb Valenti** to help.

Projects currently are Habitat for Humanity Rebuild a house (mostly a result of Storm Sandy), A Future with Hope Volunteer in a Mission Site in Highlands, A UMC Red Bank church clean up, and Lunch Break help with Fund Raiser.

MEET UP

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We have joined MEET UP (www.meetup.com), a site that holds all the church's open scheduled events on a profile page, so interested friends or new-comers can search for an event and be led to us. Now the Church has an additional way of getting our information out to others. Find "United Methodist Church of Red Bank" on MEET UP to start seeing events. Contact **Bobbie McArdle** if you have an event to post.



Save Sunday, June 26, 3:00 PM, for a concert of Americana choral music sung by the RBUMC Sanctuary Choir and the Ravine Crossing Chamber Choir.

United Methodist Women— UMW

.....Linda Babler

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Mission projects every month—come join us!

Camden “Leaf of Hope” Campaign

Beginning on April 3rd, a member of UMW will be in Fellowship Hall to receive your gift for the Leaf of Hope for Camden. Make a donation sometime in April and put your Leaf of Hope on the bulletin board.

Mildred Morris Circle

We'll next meet Thursday, April 14 at 12:30 PM in room 114 to continue our study on The Bible and Women. Our next chapter is “Recasting the Negativity.”

Book Club

Meets every 4th Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be April 26th at 7:15 PM in the Library to discuss *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume.

Back by Popular Demand...

Women’s Spiritual Day Apart

Women’s Retreat

Saturday, April 30th from 9 AM—3 PM.

A day out at our church, breakfast and lunch provided, cost \$5.00. Registration forms will soon be available. Baby sitting is available upon request. **The Reverend Jessica Naulty** will facilitate for the day. The theme is “Embodiment.” Mark your calendar; more details to follow.

District UMW Neighborhood Tea

Sponsored by the Northern Shore District UMW, the tea will be held on May 1st at Oceanport UMC, Oceanport, NJ at 3 PM. Our Speaker will be from Camden Neighborhood Center. An offering will be taken to help the Camden Neighborhood Center. If you would like to attend, see **Linda Babler***. We would like to car pool if possible.

Craft Group

We generally meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 11 AM in Fellowship Hall; this month is different. On April 12th (which is a Tuesday) and Wednesday April 27th, bring your lunch and come join the fellowship. The profit from the handmade cards helps UMW meet its national pledge and community commitments.



RBUMC garden

UMW will sponsor the garden again this year. We hope to lease two 20' X 20' plots from Fair Haven. We will be growing common vegetables, half the produce to be distributed on Sundays to the congregation, with the other half going over to Lunch Break on Monday. Look for Sign-up tables in Fellowship Hall or contact **Cyndi Skove** (cyndiskove@comcast.net or 732-571-1019) directly. We will plant, water, weed, and pick the produce. We hope to begin the process prior to May 1st. Please join us in being green, have your family sign up to work the congregation’s garden. Everyone is welcome to participate. Watch for more information as planting time gets closer and closer

UMW Red Bank Unit 2016 Emphasis

We are looking for some volunteers to help with this endeavor for the upcoming months of June, August, October, and December. Lunch Break tells us it’s so helpful. Volunteer for April 2nd; we need 4/5 people.

UMW provides the food and the volunteers to serve on the first Saturday of the months listed above. Any leftover food stays with Lunch Break to help with providing breakfast on the following Monday. If you can help, see **Linda Babler*** or **Graham Blundell** (908-489-2119 or graham.blundell@gmail.com). Thanks.

UMW.....continued

Created with a Prayer

Red Bank UMW supports a prayer shawl ministry, which meets this month on April 12th at 6:30 in room 211 and on April 16th and 23rd at 10 AM in the Lounge. Come join us—the next dedication of prayer shawls will be in May. So there is lots of time still to finish a prayer shawl. We have expanded our reach in the community through preemie and chemo caps, as well as lap blankets for a local hospital. We also knit or crochet baby blankets for upcoming baptisms.

50 Meals for The Center

UMW will be preparing about 50 April meals for **The Center** in Asbury Park on April 9th. The Center provides help with easy nutritious meals for HIV/Aids clients. If you would like join us in this endeavor, please contact **Linda Babler***.

Following the meal prep, the **Susanna Circle** will work on ideas and start our prep work for the UMW Bazaar. It may seem early, but we need an early start to get ready. Everyone is welcome to come. Cooking starts at 10 in the kitchen. Bring your lunch, and then go on to crafts for the Bazaar..

Reminder: Mission Team Meeting on April 25th, 1 pm in room 107.

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 **sleavitt@umcredbank.org** or simply drop them in the office door mail slot.

April 17: Bobbie McArdle's birthday
April 18: Marion Kleiner's birthday

Adult Education

.....*Barbara Spencer*

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Adult Class Begins New Study

First Light, a twelve session DVD study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg, two of the world's leading Jesus scholars on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem, begins after Easter on Sunday, April 3rd, between services at 9:30 AM. Each chapter repeats on the following Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM.

All are welcome to attend.

Scholastic Assistance

.....*Barbara Guenther*

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Once again, a great big **Thank You** to those of you who *helped with*, and *supported* the Scholastic Assistance Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner—

To all the wonderful patrons, customers, poster makers, cake bakers, peelers, choppers, cooks, set-up crew, servers, kitchen help, ticket sellers, and clean-up crew, we extend our utmost gratitude. We are very pleased to announce that we made over **\$4,300** in patron donations and dinner profits. This dinner is symbolic of the sincere commitment of a representative cross-section of our congregation to support our youth. In addition, the work of the youth (past and present) in helping at the dinner demonstrates their investment in this program. The Scholastic Assistance Committee is most appreciative of the continuing generous support and hard work from all.

Applications for Scholastic Assistance

scholarships for next year may be picked up beginning April 3rd outside the Receptionist's Office. They are located in a pink folder. Please sign the sheet in the folder.



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.

Condolences

The congregation extends our deepest condolences:
to the **Skove** family on the death of Cyndi's father,
to George and Janie **Schildge** on the death of George's brother, Richard, and
to the **Bielawski** family on the death of Heather, wife and step-mother.

Mission and Resource Center

The dedication of the new Mission and Resource Center will be held Friday, April 15, at 10:30 am, 205 Jumping Brook Road, Neptune, NJ

Bishops Devadhar, Lyght, and Schol will lead the dedication service. Special guests include General Secretary Alfred T. Day of the General Commission of Archives and History, Dr. Javier Viera, Dean of Drew School of Theology, Dr. Ginny Samuels, Associate Dean of Drew School of Theology, and also invited are elected city and state officials. Following the dedication there will be tours of the new Mission and Resource Center. [If you would like to attend the dedication, please register here.](#)



Dear Friends,

The big "explosion" of Spring flowers is settling into the variety of shades of green leaves on trees and bushes which reminds us on a daily basis of the beauty of God's creation. But that's outside. We can contribute to helping our church look beautiful on the inside by bringing some of God's handiwork in.

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:

Given by:

In memory of:

Attached check for \$_____

In celebration of:

Reconciling Committee

.....Bobbie McArdle

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Thank you to everyone who stopped by our tables in Fellowship Hall to send letters to our delegates telling them It's Time to welcome and celebrate everyone who comes to the UMC. We sent about 40 letters. If you would like to send a letter, go to www.rmnetwork.org/newrmn/itstime/ to do so.

We had a great turnout for the movie screening *An Act of Love*. Gil Caldwell and Dorothee Benz joined us for a very interesting talk back session. The movie highlighted how necessary it is to continue to fight for equality for our LGBTQ brothers and sisters.

On April 12 we will not have a Reconciling meeting. Instead, a group of people will be going to the Mission and Resource Center in Neptune from 7 to 9 PM for a listening session with our general conference delegates. Please contact me if you would like to join us. It's very important that our delegates know we are tired of waiting for equality for all in the UMC. It would be wonderful if we could send at least a car full to the meeting!

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. Remember that hospitals no longer contact clergy when members are hospitalized.

Drinking Water...

At What Cost?

JOIN US at our *FREE* Forum!!

"Is Our Drinking Water Supply at Risk?"

Location:

Brookdale Community College, Lincroft
Student Life Center:
Rooms Navesink I & II, Parking Lot 7
(Lot 6 for Overflow)

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2016
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Guest speakers:

Fred Sickels, Director of the Division of Water Supply and Geoscience NJDEP, retired
Carleton Montgomery, Executive Director
Pinelands Preservation Alliance
Dan VanAbs, Ph.D., PP/AICP, Assoc. Prof.
Rutgers University, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences

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