



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."

February 2016



LENT

Ash Wednesday
February 10, 2016

12 pm Service in the Chapel
Followed by Lunch in room 114

7 pm Worship in the Sanctuary



Dear Friends,

We long to be reminded of God's beauty, to remember that a glorious world is hiding beneath snowdrifts and dreary days. What better way to lift our spirits and remember nature's beauty than to include some of that beauty in our church and worship.

That is where you can help. Here is an opportunity for you to contribute to the beautification of our church. Please consider making a donation to purchase flowers. You may designate that you are placing flowers in memory, honor or thanksgiving of an individual or organization as you choose. 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 each 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 only purchase flowers on Sundays that are subscribed; other Sundays provide the opportunity to show off our potted plants.

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

Please fill out the form below and return it with your check in the appropriate amount.

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

In honor of:

In memory of:

In celebration of:

Given by:

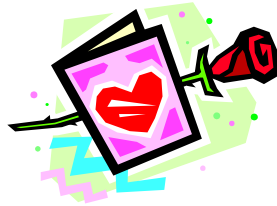
Attached is a check for \$_____.

United Methodist Women....Linda Babler

United Methodist Women = UMW Mission projects every month



Believe or not, Ash Wednesday is on February 10th and our service is at 12 noon in Squire Chapel. Our speaker for the service will be Rev. Gil Caldwell. You can receive communion and ashes during the service. There will be an offering taken which will support Lunch Break. The entire congregation is invited to attend, at no cost. Lunch will be served in room 114 immediately following the service. And if you would like to help make the barley vegetable soup on Tuesday the 9th, let Linda Babler know, LSBABLER@AOL.COM OR 732-741-1793



UMW Chocolates: United Methodist Women will be selling their famous chocolates on Sunday Feb. 14th, Valentines Day. You can purchase sweets for your sweetie. All proceeds go to our mission work. Please support your UMW. Sweets for the Sweet – Valentine’s Day is almost here.

Book Club - Meets every 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be February 23rd at 7:15 pm in the Library. Our book for February is “The First Phone Call from Heaven” by Mitch Albom.

UMW Red Bank Unit 2015 Emphasis: As in last 5 years, the need is still great and even more so, our Mission Emphasis is to feed the hungry. We will be looking for some volunteers to help with this endeavor for the upcoming months of February, April, June, August, October and December. Our next time is on February 6th 8 – 12 noon. We will be cooking a hot breakfast for the clients. If you can lend a hand prior to Friday let us know, we need at least 3 cooks/ servers and 2/3 dishwashers on Saturday. It may not seem like much but it really helps Lunch Break. UMW provides the food, and the volunteers on the first Saturday of the months listed above. Any leftover food stays with Lunch Break to help with providing breakfast on the next Monday. If you can help, call or email Linda Babler @ 732-741-1793 or LSBABLER@AOL.COM.

Susanna Circle will be meeting on Saturday, January 30th. If you think you might like to join us – just come on out. We will be meeting at Linda Babler’s home (387 Oak Hill Rd, in Middletown) at 10 am. We will be making our famous UMW Chocolates for sale on the 14th of February, for Valentines Day. Everyone is welcome.

Craft Group will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 11am in Fellowship Hall. Due to Ash Wednesday, they will only meet in February on February 24th, so bring your lunch and come

join the fellowship. The profit from the cards helps UMW meet its National pledge and community commitments.

Red Bank UMW has a growing **Prayer Shawl Ministry** here at the church and is need of members to help with the ever going demand of items. We make baby caps, baby blankets for baptisms, lap blankets, prayer shawls, and some shawls will go to our youth that are being confirmed in May. We will be meeting on February 9th at 6:30 pm in room 211 and on February 20th and 27th at 10 am in the lounge. Come join us – the next dedication of prayer shawls will be in May. So there are still lots of time to finish a prayer shawl.

District UMW Leadership Day – will be held on **March 5th** at Red Bank UMC from 9:30 am– 12 pm, with a Continental Breakfast provided. This event is sponsored by the Northern Shore District UMW. It is training for all local unit officers of UMW of the Northern Shore District. If you would like to help with the breakfast, please let Linda Babler know.

Reminder: Mission Team Meeting on February 22nd, 1pm in room 107



GNJ-UMWomen WINTER SPIRITUAL RETREAT

“REJOICE!!”

Leader: Kem Monk

DATE: February 20, 2016

TIME: 8:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:30 am - 3:00pm Program & Lunch

LOCATION: Pinelands Center at Mt.Misery, 801 Mt Misery Rd, Browns Mills, NJ 08015

Questions, please call or email Nancy Cook at 908-902-6051 or 732-965-5131; kooconan@gmail.com
Make checks payable to: GNJUMWomen;
Send to: Nancy Cook, 1002 B Argyll Circle, Lakewood, NJ 08701

Backpack Crew....Suzanne Dice

We are holding steady at feeding 140 children plus parents every week! We are delivering to 5 different schools now.

Bigger programs means bigger fundraising efforts!!! Our first big event will be March 5, 2016 at the Oyster Point Hotel in Red Bank. An evening of dinner, dancing, and a silent auction! Tickets are \$125 per person or a table of 10 for \$1200. Contact us to purchase tickets at backpackcrewnj@gmail.com.

HUBOB....Marion Kleiner

DID YOU KNOW? Your HUBOB Team is already working hard making plans for projects and activities for the New Year. Right off the bat, we are cooking up some of the best chili in Monmouth County for **Super Bowl Sunday** gatherings. Stop by in Fellowship Hall on **January 31st and/or February 7th** to get yours. It even comes with corn bread!!

And while you are there, check over the list of retailers who are participating in our gift card program. In most cases, you name 'em and we have 'em!! You get full dollar value and the church gets a rebate that goes directly to the budget.

REMEMBER: IT'S ALWAYS TIME TO HUBOB!!

Outreach....Barbara Valenti

Lent (starts February 10) is a time for self-reflection and deepening one's relationship with God. Often folks give up something they enjoy as a sign of contrition. Others spend extra time in devotion and prayer. Some ideas are (see posters in Fellowship Hall or go on UMC.org):

1. Apologize to someone
2. Perform random acts of kindness
3. Delve into a book of the Bible
4. Serve people in need
5. Visit the lonely
6. Read Wesley's sermons (especially *Sermon on the Mount*) [search internet or look at wesley.nnu.edu]
7. Tell others you love them
8. Throw a party for "everyone" (neighborhood, office, Fellowship Hour)
9. Serve in Worship (join choir, join committee, volunteer for church task)
10. Say "thank you"

Would you be concerned if 1 out of 3 white people were in Prison?
You Should Be Concerned that 1 out of 3 blacks are incarcerated!

Join us on **February 14th, at noon in Room 114** for our **2nd Sunday Seminar**, for a discussion of "Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness", which is better known as, 'The New Jim Crow' by Michelle Alexander. This will be more than a book review! We will be centering on "the New Jim Crow," to discuss this issue. So, come with an open mind and a willingness to discuss and discover the realities of this frustrating caste system. We welcome your questions and hope to offer some answers as we explore this problem. We will certainly attempt to show all views. For clarification, reading the book is optional, though highly recommended. However, if you can't attend, please read the book on your own.

We will have some light lunch fare. As always, childcare can be provided if requested in advance. So, again, join us on February 14th, in room 114, 12 to 1:30 pm. Contact Jim Mellon at (jim.mellon@verizon.net or cell 732-647-5744)"

Men's Fellowship....Jim Mellon

--- ATTENTION ALL MEN ---

Join us for our Men's Fellowship. We will meet in Room 114, at 8s am on Saturday, February 6th!

- Bring your favorite drink and breakfast item (and one to share!) and plan to share what's happening in your life (to whatever extent you're willing to share).
 - In our last fellowship we discussed becoming helping hands to the church. The discussion of the name and scope of this concept has been remarkable. Join in the discussion of what to name it and how to fully implement it. We need everyone's input!
 - Join us as we continue to grow in ways to serve and help each other. Bring your ideas and talents into this fellowship. All are welcome, so, come join us!
 - Again, join us in room 114, at the church on February 6th from 8 to 9:30 am.
 - Contact Jim Mellon (jim.mellon@verizon.net or cell 732-647-5744.
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Learning Tree Preschool....Kara Crespo

Learning Tree Preschool will be having an **Open House on Saturday, January 30th from 9:30-11:30 am**. If you or someone you know is looking for a Mom and Me class, preschool or Pre-K program, please join us at our Open House. If you are unable to attend the Open House, please give us a call to set up a tour (732-530-5441) or you can email us with any questions to learningtreepreschoolredbank@gmail.com.

Reconciling Ministries News....Bobbie McArdle

Please join us on **Sunday, March 6 at 3 pm** for a screening of the new documentary, "An Act of Love" which tells the story of Rev. Frank Schaefer's religious trials for officiating his son's same-sex marriage and the ensuing controversy that made national headlines and continues to challenge the UMC's doctrine. The film is being shown in partnership with Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN), which hopes to inspire United Methodists to change the doctrine at the 2016 General Conference and embrace their LGBTQ clergy and congregants. The 90 minute film will be followed by discussion. **This event is open to the public so please invite your friends.**

RMN has created a campaign website rmnetwork.org/itstime to enable supporters and allies to share their stories and tell their General Conference delegates that "It's Time" for full LGBTQ inclusion in the United Methodist Church.

We are excited to announce that Diana Pearce will be representing us in Portland at the General Conference by working with the Love Your Neighbor Coalition. Their mission statement is "We are United Methodists committed to the embodiment of God's love and justice within and through the people and mission of the United Methodist church...to assure the United Methodist Church is fully open to the presence, love, and grace of God offered to all people.

RMN has asked that members show their support in the Altar For All Campaign. Please contact Bobbie McArdle at 732-618-8218 or reconciling@umcredbank.org with any questions. Or catch me around the church.

UMY....Greg Jansky

Happy New Year!

God Squad is looking forward to the new year and how we can better ourselves and the church community. God Squad started the year working on our clothing drive as we had much clothing leftover from the Trash and Treasure sale. Also, we spent time going over the recent sermons and how the topics apply to us personally.

Don't forget, the **Spaghetti Dinner** is fast approaching, on **February 6th, from 5-7 pm**. New this year on the menu will be ravioli and we'll have food available to take home. And who can resist the renowned bake sale table for dessert? You can sign up in Fellowship Hall after church services, either at 9:30 or after the 10:30 service.

Finally, you can tell the **Clothing Drive** is in full swing by the number of bags on the stage. It is not too late to donate old clothing, shoes, linens, drapes, jackets, etc. Place any old clothing in a kitchen bag and drop them off on the stage. If you need help from God Squad, we are available on Sundays after church and Wednesday nights around 6:00. We can not accept clothes after February 6th. Thank you for your support.

If you have any questions about the Spaghetti Dinner or the clothing drive, see a God Squad member.

OUTLOOK GREEN FAITH REPORT

We celebrated our Solar startup in January 2011, and here we are in Jan. 2016, having run the system for 5 years, with Hudson Solar Partners, and the dedicated leadership of John Walradt and George Schildge. It has been an exciting time for us to realize the benefits of green energy, through hurricanes, snowstorms, and heavy rains. Here are some stats. The solar power system has generated over 270,000 KWH of electrical energy (60% of church's power requirements). This production has made it possible to avoid emissions of nearly 460,000 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. We have also worked to raise awareness and shift to "greener" cleaning materials, installed new windows for better energy conservation, reduced waste by using less disposable dinnerware, and shifted to higher efficiency lighting that uses less electricity.

Now, in this new year, please think about how each of us can shrink our carbon footprint on the planet. If you are thinking of a new appliance, be sure to check the energy efficiency. How about a new car - what is the gasoline efficiency, or how about an electric or a hybrid. And think about waste as well. Some recent statistics on food waste are shocking. Americans throw away 40% of total food consumption! This is in comparison to so many of our fellow humans who have to search for scraps on the street, or just eat whatever they can grow or find that is edible. So let's make a pledge to be good stewards of the bounty we have, and be aware if how we can share some of our abundance with fellow travelers on the earth.

Please share your ideas on steps we can take to encourage less fossil fuel and more green energy as we continue our journey to be better stewards of our planet Earth. Save the date of Sunday, April 17th for our spring Green Fair in Fellowship Hall.

Director of Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries....Elaine Dawson

I am overseeing 13 different programs this year and personally running 3 of those and supervising others. Many meetings, meals with teens and young adults, program and reporting to the Senior Pastor keeps me quite busy. The goal always remains making relationships with all those from birth through 29 years old. (And everyone in my church Family!) Pray for our teens and young adults as they find their way through a complicated 21st century.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 27th-July 1st from 9 am-12:30 pm with our closing program on Friday night July 1st. I need adults to work this program along with teens, so please let me know if you or anyone can help me. Get the position you would like to work before registration begins. See Elaine to volunteer.

Young Adults: We had a successful bowling outing for all those 18-29 years who are working, home from college, or attending school locally. We had 14 young adults there. We are attending the "Painting the Sky" Adult Ed program this month and we are enjoying it. We will cook for the AIDS Center again in February (as we do every 6 weeks or so) and deliver 25 dinners to The Center in Asbury Park. We pack the backpacks for The Backpack Crew every Wednesday night before program. We will host coffee hour on Sunday, March 6th. If you are 18-29 please join us at 6:15 pm to pack backpacks and 7 pm for program. We'd love to have you join us!

Sunday School: We have an active SS program during the 10:30 worship service after The Children's Sermon. Our groups are Nursery, Toddlers, K-3rd, 4th-6th, and High School at the 9:30 hour. Our HS students are looking at the New Testament and how and when it was written. The High School SS class owns leadership of the 4th Sunday Service with God Squad, our HS Youth Group. We need substitute SS teachers. Please see Elaine if you can help?

Thank you to Leslie Young, our new Nursery Care worker at the 10:30 hour. Thank you to Molly McGroary for subbing when needed in the nursery. We have 4 teens that help out in Sunday School in the toddler room and the K-3 class. Thank you to Shannon Foreback, Molly McGroary, Chloe Gartside and Parlin Gressitt for always being willing to help. These teens are working on a rotational basis so as not to miss worship every week.

Please pray for all our volunteers who make such a difference in the lives of our children. Please take time to thank them when you see them!

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.

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



MEET UP

We have joined MEET UP www.meetup.com is a site that holds all the church's open scheduled events on a profile page so friends or new-comers can search for an event and be lead to us if interested. 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.

Congratulations!

Shannon and Kenneth Schneider had a daughter, Avery, born December 26, 2015. Baby and mother are at home and well.

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 Sherry Blanchette, and for strength and healing for all in the world who need it and for compassion and understanding in our relationships.