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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.”**

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**June 2016**

Dear Church Family,

The month of May was a season of conferencing within our denomination, with General Conference (GC - the world-wide legislative body of our church) meeting from the 10<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> in Portland, Oregon, followed immediately by the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference (AC) session, which met in Wildwood from the 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. While AC decisions impact the local church through our conference structure and functions, it is the GC that impacts who we are as United Methodists and how we live and work together on a denominational level.

There were many, many, many decisions made throughout GC, and it will take some time to process through the impacts of each of them. Some of the decisions are more obvious, for example sacramental authority was granted for deacons, like our Minister of Visitation Rev. Christina Zito, upon the approval of the Bishop – meaning she will now be able to take communion to our shut ins when she visits, or perform a baptism at the church. Another vote put us on track to get our first new hymnal since 1989, and this one will be Internet-cloud based and print-on-demand—the first high-tech hymnal for a mainline denomination.

For the first time in the history of our denomination, the GC delegates asked the Council of Bishops for their guidance and leadership through the human sexuality debate. Instead of trying to legislate our way through the debate, the Bishops suggested a special commission be formed to completely examine and possibly recommend

revisions of every paragraph in *The Book of Discipline* related to human sexuality, and if necessary, call a special session of GC in 2018 or 2019 to deal with such proposals. These recommendations were approved, which effectively closed all conversations around human sexuality. While this development means that our denominational stance on human sexuality, marriage equality, and the ordination of LGBTQ pastors has not changed, it means that nothing has gotten worse. The development of this commission indicates that we are finally “officially” recognizing the struggle and intend to do something about it.

I am hopeful that through the conversations that will happen and recommendations that will be made by this commission, we as a denomination can move forward into the future, living our commitment to justice and equality for all God beloved children. We will still need to surround this debate in prayer and communicate our passion for equality to our neighbors, letting them know over and over again, that all are welcome and loved at the United Methodist Church of Red Bank!

May God bless us on the journey ahead!

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Jessica B. Naulty



# Vacation Bible School

.....Elaine Dawson

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## Message from The Director: Elaine Dawson

I would like to offer a huge thank you to all our youth group leaders: Greg Jansky, Jim Stonaker, Bobbie McArdle, Kathy Kelley, Suzanne Dice, Keith Heimann, Natalie Gasser, Sue Stonaker, Barb Roguski, Taylor Castle, Patty Townsend and thank you to Alyce Zabawa for her help subbing this year when needed. Your Wednesday night leadership carries much further than that one night. You have made lifelong connections with all the children and teens; God and I are forever grateful. Life can be hard and your love and influence has made all the difference this past year. God bless you.

Also, blessing and gratefulness to our Sunday School teachers: Leslie Young, Karlie Kisylia, Molly McGroary, Barb Roguski, Patty Townsend, (and to all the toddler parents who stay to help), Kim Voorhees, Dawn White, Sharon Gades, Michelle Foreback, Melissa Reimertz and Natalie Gasser. Thanks again to Alyce Zabawa for subbing for us. Your cooperation and willingness to serve God impresses me every Sunday. Teaching the children about our faith traditions and stories are crucial to them growing in Christian faith.

Please take moment to pray for these adults and teens and thank them when you see them.

**MOVE UP NIGHT!** Have you have ever wondered what our Youth Groups are like and you are going into 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in the Fall or any grade up through High School? Join us for *Move Up Night* in ALL YOUTH GROUPS on June 1<sup>st</sup>! Join us at 6 pm for a pizza dinner. If you are in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall, you will join Mustard Seeds for the evening until 8 pm for program and fun! If you will be in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade in the Fall, you can join Club 77 on that evening also ending at 8 pm. If you are in High School next Fall, join God Squad for a night of getting to know you and an adventure. If you are

18-29 we will be having a BBQ at the Foster's on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call Elaine Dawson for further information.

**Our Sunday School Celebration Sunday** is June 5<sup>th</sup>. Pastor David and I have worked on that service and it should fun for all and a holy celebration of the Sunday School program. We will leave half way through service to have a party hosted by the High School Sunday School class. It's been a good year! We need someone for the Toddler room for the Fall and a second adult for our K-3 Sunday School room. PLEASE thank all the people who give of their time to help teach our children about Christ.

**Vacation Bible School: Come Connect, Grow and Serve** the world, our community and God! Our Farm to Table theme Vacation Bible School will begin on **June 27-July 1 from 9 am-12:30 pm**. Our closing celebration will be **Friday night July 1 from 6:30-8 pm**. Our mission this year will be to collect food and money for The Backpack Crew. This organization is sponsored by our church and helps feed hungry children on weekends and during the summer. A complete list of foods needed will be available soon for all. If you are 4 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall, we'd love for you to join us on the farm. Let's learn about connecting with God and protecting creation.

If you are signed up in leadership, you will need to attend a mandatory orientation and safe sanctuary training. There is a choice of two meetings: June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2 pm or June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm. All leadership needs to fill out a registration form and we'd appreciate a \$5.00 donation towards your T-Shirt. If you have any questions, please call Farmer Dawson at 732-747-0446 ext 11. If you have signed up for leadership and are unable to serve, please let me know ASAP as we have a waiting list.

Please donate needed items for VBS on Sundays in Fellowship Hall or call Farmer Dawson. Thank you and we hope to see you at **Connect, Grow, Serve!**

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## Reconciling Committee

.....Bobbie McArdle

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The Reconciling Committee is looking for volunteers to work at **NJ Pride on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** outside, in front of Convention Hall in Asbury Park.

We need ten people total. You will work in pairs at a table under a tent for one hour, speaking with attendees about what makes UMC Red Bank such a great place to be. The event takes place from 11 am to 4 pm.

Please contact Tom Davidson, who will assign you a one hour time slot and provide further details: [tomdavidson250@aol.com](mailto:tomdavidson250@aol.com).

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## HUBOB

.....Marion Kleiner

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**DID YOU KNOW?** We can apply the proceeds from our food and gift card sales during the month of June to the electric bill.

Electricity provides power and our church provides the power of love through the weddings performed in the sanctuary, the power of knowledge when we recognize our graduating seniors, and the power of nature when we tend to the gardens around our building.

So join us in providing the POWER to continue the good works of the United Methodist Church of Red Bank.

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

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## Parking

When parking is tight in the church parking lot, consider using Hudson St (behind the church), parking in front of the church **OR, optional**

*parking is available (only on Sundays) in the McKenna, Dupont, Stone, Higgins Law Firm (229 Broad St) back parking lot (enter off Broad Street).*

## Men's Fellowship

.....Jim Mellon

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Men's Fellowship will meet in Room 114, at 8:00 am on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome, so, come join us!

Bring your favorite drink and breakfast item (and one to share!) and let's discuss what's happening in our lives.

A sincere thank you to all who helped work on "Change-the-World Day," Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Regardless of where you worked (Habitat for Humanity or our church), it was greatly appreciated. The generosity of everyone overwhelms me.

Bring your ideas and talents into this Men's Fellowship. I look forward to seeing each of you as we grow in ways to serve and help each other.

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## Backpack Crew

.....Suzanne Dice

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We are approaching the end of our 3rd school year! Our summer program is organized and we are hoping to supply our families with fresh garden produce! If you would like to contribute we will be packing bags on Tuesdays at church for the summer.

Also- mark your calendars for Saturday, October 8th as we are having our first Race to End Hunger on the Asbury Park Boardwalk! All runners and walkers are welcome! Registration will be opening next month. Keep you posted...

## OUTREACH-REACH OUT

Barb Valenti

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Thanks to all of those who have cleaned their pantry or thought of the hungry while grocery shopping. Since January 2016, Outreach has delivered over a thousand pounds of food to Lunch Break. THANK YOU! We are still looking for a volunteer to deliver our collection of food to Lunch Break (anytime Monday-Friday between 9:00-2:00).

FAMILY PROMISE is accepting donations to renovate their Fort Monmouth Day Center. They will open a permanent Day Center upon completion of necessary improvements. Your Outreach dollars go toward Family Promise but they are still in need. Donations can be sent to Family Promise of Monmouth County, PO Box 70, Middletown, NJ 07748 or memo "Outreach, Family Promise" on a check to RB UMC. We have many volunteers who cook food, spend the night or just chat with families (usually 3-5 families with small children) who spend the night at local churches (move every week to a new church). See Outreach Committee Members for details. Your Outreach Committee Members are: Tiffany McCann, Kathy Hackler, Suzanne Dice, Carol Voorhees, Janie Schildge (at Large), Bobbie Ridgely, Susan Drury, Elaine Baughman, Jim Mellon, Barbara Valenti. They would love to hear from you or chat about Outreach programs!

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## Meet Up

Bobbie McArdle

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We have joined MEET UP ([www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com)), a site that holds all the church's open scheduled events on a profile page, so interested friends or newcomers 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.

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## God Squad

Greg Jansky

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Congratulations to the recent Confirmands on your Confirmation. We can't wait to see you in God Squad next year.

God Squad enjoyed exploring our Self Awareness on Youth Sunday. After a great Youth Sunday, we had a blast at our yearly night of Chopped. The meals created were excellent - ask a God Squad member what was created. We are quickly getting ready for the Annual Mission Trip this Summer.

Finally, the God Squad leadership will be working on our 2016/2017 calendar in the next couple of months. Please submit any dates for activities you would like God Squad to participate in to Jim Stonaker or Greg Jansky so we can accommodate them in the calendar by July 22.



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.



## More United Methodist Women- UMW...

.....Linda Babler

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**Hope you enjoyed and visited the displays on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, It was UMW Sunday. If you would like to become part of UMW and join us in Mission work let any member know.**

**UMW General Meeting** – Our next General Meeting will be in June on the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 in room 114. Dessert (Our special strawberry shortcake) and beverage will be provided. Program will begin around 6:30pm. Our Speaker still needs to be confirmed. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring a Friend, the more the merrier

**UMW Craft Group** - Has been busy making beautiful cards, stop by and take a look you might really be surprised. The money raised through our card sales help the Red Bank UMW full fill their pledge to Mission. They will be meeting in June 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 11 – 2pm. They are always looking for new members to make cards. See one of the ladies at the card table for more information.

### **Book Club**

**Meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month**

The next meeting will be June 28<sup>th</sup>

At 7:15 in the Library

Our book for June will be

“The Wright Brothers” By David McCullough

Also note the book for the summer read will be “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” by Harriet Beecher Stowe, to be discussed in September.

**Serving Breakfast at Lunch Break:** On June 4<sup>th</sup> the Junior High, Club 77, will provide a cold breakfast to the Lunch Break

Clients. Our next time will be on August 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30 to 12 noon. If you would like to help please contact Linda Babler or Barbara Valenti. We will be providing a hot breakfast. Thanks for helping.

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**Susanna Circle** We will be meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for our annual picnic. If you would like to join us – let Linda Babler know at [lsabler@aol.com](mailto:lsabler@aol.com) We will be meeting at Linda Babler’s home at 387 Oak Hill Rd, in Middletown. Bring a dish to share, meat and beverage will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

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**Mark your calendar for June 5th, UMW** will be holding its annual **book sale,** purchase your books for your summer reading time. This will be after both services on Sunday. **We need your books, drop them off in 114 under the pews, prior to May 29<sup>th</sup>, if possible.** Thanks

Reminder: **Mission Team Meeting** on June 27<sup>th</sup>, at 1pm in room 107.

**UMW is sponsoring RBUMC garden** again this year. Your UMW has leased two 20’X 20’ plots from Fair Haven. We will be growing common vegetables, the produce

## Church Family News

.....Chelsea Foster

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Congratulations to our 2016 Confirmands; Amanda Dice, Rebecca Sullivan, and Ryan Foreback.

Let's celebrate June 9<sup>th</sup>, Amelia Townsend's airplane day, when she arrived for her homecoming to meet her family.

God Bless the marriage of Leslie and Jordan Young who celebrate their 4<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to our God Squad and Sunday School seniors who graduate in June; Phoebe Gartside, Zac McGraw, and Dulani Northover.

Kenneth Blake, a 7th grade student at Red Bank Middle School, will be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in June.

We are excited for VBS to begin with the original theme Connect, Grow and Serve by our very own Elaine Dawson.

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](mailto:sleavitt@umcredbank.org) or simply drop them in the office door mail slot.

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

The next issue of *The Outlook* will be published August 30<sup>th</sup>. Please submit articles for the September *Outlook* by August 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.



### **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**