



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.”

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Dear Church Family,

Many of you know that I was raised United Methodist, in fact, I am a fourth generation Methodist pastor. You could say that Methodism is in my blood! But Methodism is not only something that was handed down to me, it is something that I choose. Despite our flaws and challenges, I truly do appreciate the theology, polity, and connectionalism of our denomination. One of the struggles and blessings of our structure is the way our Book of Discipline – the doctrine and polity handbook – is revised. This book is edited every four years through our top legislative body, the General Conference. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs. The membership of this conference is made up of delegates from each of the annual conferences from the world-wide church.

While this global conference structure is a blessing in its diversity of perspectives and contexts, its complexity makes it a challenge to move forward with social issues, particularly if they are controversial in nature. General Conference will meet this month at the Oregon Convention Center, the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest, on May 10-20,

2016. During this meeting, legislation will span issues of human sexuality and our denominational stance on inclusivity, as well as our global church structure, the ordination process, a new hymnal, and much, much more! As a Reconciling Church, we have done our best, through sharing testimonies at listening sessions and writing letters to our delegates, to communicate our desires for a more inclusive church specifically around human sexuality. We are sending one of our own, Diana Pearce, to join in the “Love Your Neighbor Coalition” and be a support for inclusivity at the conference sessions. All that is left for us to do is to pray – surround our delegates from around the world, and those who are leading the worship and conversations with prayers of peace, patience, deep listening, and compassion. Let us pray for God’s love to reign over us all, no matter what our General Conference votes! Amen.

Peace in Christ,



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.

HUBOB

.....Marion Kleiner

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DID YOU KNOW? YOU can help to pay the next water bill for the United Methodist Church of Red Bank??!! The proceeds from our upcoming HUBOB Elegant Dinner will be applied directly to that invoice. Come to our version of the "Captain's Dinner Aboard RMS Titanic" where we will be adapting parts of their menu for your dining pleasure. Now THEY had water problems! Stop by in Fellowship Hall and make your reservation.

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



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.

Men's Fellowship

.....Jim Mellon

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Men's Fellowship will meet in Room 114, at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 7th. Bring your favorite drink and breakfast item (and one to share!) and let's discuss what's happening in our lives.

Thanks to all who helped prepare and serve the hot breakfast to Lunch Break on Sat April 2nd. It was greatly appreciated.

I look forward as we grow in ways to serve and help each other. Bring your ideas and talents into this fellowship. All are welcome, so, come join us!

Contact Jim Mellon (jim.mellon@verizon.net or cell 732-647-5744.

Reconciling Committee

.....Bobbie McArdle

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Reconciling News -
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Thank you to everyone who sent in a letter supporting our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters for the *It's Time Campaign*. Our congregation sent in 42 of the 50 letters from the NJ Conference. A group of fifteen of us attended a general conference delegate listening session on April 12 in Neptune. Nine of us spoke about our desire for the conference delegates to uphold the vote on the 6 resolutions on human sexuality that were passed at the Greater NJ Conference last year. We expressed our love for our denomination, but the frustration and pain that has been caused for over 40 years by our denomination's lack of inclusion of our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters in Christ.

Bishop Schol posted a response to a letter from Heisler Memorial. You can find the Bishop's letter here <http://bit.ly/1YzSwjv> The Heisler

Memorial letter is at <http://bit.ly/1WxHPj2>. The Heisler Memorial letter is encouraging the General Conference delegates to vote against the 6 human sexuality resolutions that were passed. I wrote personally to the Bishop expressing my disappointment in his posting of the letter without reaching out to the side that carried the majority vote. I would encourage anyone who wants full equality in our denomination to write to the Bishop and our delegates that will be representing us in Portland. Please either email your letter to me (I am putting together packets for each delegate) or send them directly to the delegates. I have posted copies of the contact information for the delegates on the Reconciling bulletin board. I can also email you that information. Please see the bulletin board for copies of everything.

It is time for us to help other United Methodist churches in greater New Jersey move through the reconciling process. We are looking for new committee members to help us with this. Please join us at our next meeting which will be Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30 PM. Any questions, email Bobbie at reconciling@umcredbank.org or (732) 618-8218.

Communications

Bobbie McArdle

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Communications Project - communications@umcredbank.org

We are off to a good start and in the process of putting up a brand new website. You'll be seeing changes in *The Outlook*, *The InLook* and the calendar. Social Media is being set up as well. We will have a presence on FaceBook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter and Meetup. In addition, we'll be ordering outside banners, utilizing all of the bulletin boards, sprucing up the property, adding monitors, and a general clean out of the rooms and closets.

Anyone who wants to help, please contact Bobbie at communications@umcredbank.org or (732) 618-8218. No experience necessary.

I have large and small jobs available. If you enjoy decorating bulletin boards, I need your help now!!

Outreach

.....**Barb Valenti**

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Change the World Day - May 14th

How do you help others? Please visit Fellowship Hall and select how you wish to participate in our effort to "Change the World." On Saturday, May 14th, 2016, we have 4 different projects, or ways to change the world, in which you can do something to help others. We'd love to have you join us in this effort.

We have a sign-up sheet (in Fellowship Hall, to left of coffee window!). Select one of 4 different projects to participate in and join us as we try to be good helpers to others. See or call Barb Valenti (732-614-4087) or Jim Mellon (732-647-5744) to learn more."

Green Team says Thanks!

Just want to send out a big note of appreciation to all who helped out with our Green Fair Sunday. Our breakfast program was popular with all ages, and the food was delicious! Displays were well done and lots of information was available. The green snacks and veggie juices were a bit hit, too. Guitar music on stage, gorgeous green vehicles out front, and lots of enthusiasm. Thanks to the Mustard Seeds who made displays on endangered species and to Club 77 for exhibits on water pollution, and all those who planned, recruited, shared their cars and bikes, promoted and participated. Special appreciation to Red Bank Environmental Committee and Shade Tree Committee members. They are sponsoring a Red Bank Clean Up on April 30th if you can help. And Beech Sweep (Clean Ocean Action's spring clean up) is also April 30th. There are many ways you can be stewards of our

planet. Thank you Red Bank United Methodists...!

Hygiene/Health Kits

Outreach is collecting items to make hygiene/health kits. We really need the following items to complete 200 kits:

Nail Clippers (not toe nail clippers)
Combs - sturdy (**not pocket size**)
Hand Towels (**not dish towels**)
Wash clothes
Soap (bath size)

Please put your donation in the box next to the Reception Office by the back door.

What is the Methodist Church Doing to Help When in a Crisis?

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
May 1st 12 pm to 1:30 pm
Contact Jim Mellon (jim.mellon@verizon.net
or 732-647-5744)

Still wondering how our United Methodist Church in Red Bank reaches out to help throughout the US and the world?

On May 1st, at 12 pm, our guest speaker is Ted Warnock who will be discussing the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Hear, and get answers to your questions, about how our church goes beyond our local communities to help those in need.

As a starting point, I expect answers to:

- How does UMCOR support disaster relief efforts?
- How has UMCOR supported rebuilding the Jersey Shore after "Sandy?"
- How is UMCOR tied into our conferences - Future of Hope?
- What is the connection between UMCOR and Church World Service (CWS)?
- How do Volunteers-in-Mission connect to UMCOR?

Come (and bring your own questions) and join us for what appears will be an informative and

interesting journey to where missions lead the Methodist Church.

Babysitting is available, if requested in advance! There will be light snacks and beverages offered.

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.

God Squad

Greg Jansky

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The month of April has seen God Squad work to sell lasagna in order to raise funds for mission. God Squad especially thanks the Kerfoots for the lasagna and garlic bread! God Squad also thanks our Church Family for their orders. And while the proceeds have not been totaled, early returns indicate that there are sufficient funds for at least one van. That's awesome and helps tremendously. Thank you very much!

God Squad is putting the finishing touches on their parts for Youth Sunday, coming up the first week in May.



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:

United Methodist Women— UMW

.....Linda Babler

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Mission projects every month—come join us!



UMW Sunday & Bake Sale – May 22nd after both services. Come hear about UMW, the mission projects they are involved with and the fellowship groups that you can be part of. We need new members and new ideas for projects and groups. Let us know your ideas. The Annual bake sale will coincide with UMW Sunday, so if you can bake please sign up and make plans to join us on our one day for UMW.

Annual Book Sale – June 4th, after both services. Bring your unwanted books to church, stow under the pews in sturdy boxes in 114. Label them for UMW. Come find your summer books to read.

Book Club - Meets every 4th Tuesday of the Month. The next meeting will be May 24th at 7:15 pm in the Library. Our book for MAY is: “The Boys in the Boat” by James Brown.

Women’s Retreat Saturday – April 30th from 9 am– 3pm. A day out at our church, breakfast and lunch provided, Cost is \$5.00 and registration forms are available. Baby sitting is available upon request. Rev Jessica Naulty will be our facilitator for the day. The Theme is “Embodiment”.



May 1st - District UMW Neighborhood Tea, sponsored by the Northern Shore District UMW. The tea will be held at Oceanport UMC, Oceanport, NJ at 3pm. Our Speaker will be a member of the Board of Directors 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.

UMW will be sponsoring RBUMC garden again this year. Your UMW has two 20'X 20' plots from Fair Haven. We will be growing common vegetables, half the produce to be distributed on Sunday's to the congregation, with the other half going over to Lunch Break on Monday. Look for Sign up tables in fellowship hall to sign up to plant, water, weed and pick the produce or contact Cyndi Skove directly. 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 garden. Everyone is welcome to participate. Watch for more information as planting time gets closer and closer.

UMW Red Bank Unit 2016 Emphasis: We will be looking for some volunteers to help with this endeavor for the upcoming months of **August, October and December**. It may not seem like much, but it really helps Lunch Break. For the June 4th endeavor the Club 77, junior high kids, have volunteered to serve a cold breakfast that day. Volunteer for **August 6th** - we need 4/5 people to help with the hot breakfast. 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 next Monday. If you can help see Linda Babler.

Susanna Circle – Annual Picnic – June 7th 6:30 place to be announced. Everyone is welcome. Plan to attend, bring your favorite salad or dessert. Mark your calendars.

UMW Women and Susanna Circle will be preparing about **50 meals for The Center in Asbury Park in July**. The Center provides help for HIV/Aids clients with easy nutritious meals. If you would like join us in this endeavor please contact Linda Babler. We are scheduled to cook on July 16th. Everyone is welcome to help. Cooking starts at 10 in the kitchen.

Craft Group will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 11am in Fellowship Hall. On May 11th and May 25th, bring your lunch and come join the fellowship. The profit from the cards helps UMW meet it's National pledge and community commitments.

Red Bank UMW supports Created with a Prayer, a prayer shawl ministry here at the church. We will be meeting on May 10th at 6:30 in room 211 and on May 21st and 28th at 10 am in the lounge. Come join us – the next dedication of prayer shawls will be on May 22nd. Please get any prayer shawls to Linda Babler prior to the 22nd of May. We have expanded our reach in the community, through preemie and chemo caps, as well as lap blankets at local hospital. We also are doing baby blankets for upcoming baptisms.

Bazaar time will be fast approaching believe it or not. We will be in need of baskets for our auction again this year. They will need to be on display by October 2nd. The summer is great time to start pulling together your basket. Be creative, be inventive, and have fun.

General Meeting – June 2nd, 6:30 pm in 114. The speaker to be announced at a later time. Mark your calendars and plan to come out for fellowship.

May 7th Church Women United - May Friendship Day and Human Rights Celebration will be held at AME Trinity Church in Long Branch at 6:30 pm with a light

dinner immediately following. Everyone is welcome - bring a dish to share if possible.

Reminder #1: Mission Team Meeting on May 16th, 1pm in room 107, change due to Annual Conference.

Reminder #2: Send your pledges for UMW to your Circle Treasurer or Barbara Turner or Linda Babler

Mildred Ruth Circle – Ruth Dye
Susanna Circle – Linda Babler or
Barbara Turner

Not a member of a circle – Linda Babler
or Barbara Turner

Any questions call Linda Babler, Barbara Turner or Ruth Dye.

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 19: Marion Kleiner's birthday

Please check *The InLook* or our website – www.umcredbank.org - for an up-to-date church calendar.

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.

Adult Education

.....Barbara Spencer

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Come **GROW** with John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg (in video) presenting "*The First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God.*" The Growth Center is in the Lounge on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am and Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

Scholastic Assistance

.....Barbara Guenther

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Applications for Scholastic Assistance are available outside of the Receptionist's office in a pink folder. Applications are due to Barbara Guenther by May 10th.



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 sincere condolences to the family and friends of Anne G. Anderson who passed away on April 5th; to the family and friends of Arle Dye who passed away on April 24th; and to the Crow family and friends on the death of Peggy Crow who passed away on April 24th.