



**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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**October 2016**

Dear Church Family,

Fall is now upon us; the air is turning brisk, and the leaves have begun to fall, creating a crunchy blanket underfoot. As this time of transition picks up steam and we are surrounded by the sights and sounds of the season – pumpkin spice and apple cinnamon – we also enter into the traditional fall season of the church – STEWARDSHIP. While the timing of our Stewardship Campaign aids our finance committee in planning for church wide ministry in the upcoming year and developing a faithful budget, I believe that stewardship has much more to do with our spiritual growth and faith-life.

Stewardship encompasses more than what we place in the offering plate as it is passed on Sunday mornings. Rather, it stretches to our relationship with money and possessions, how we feel about sharing our resources with others, and working to develop a healthy balance. While people often are uncomfortable talking about money in church, it is a topic that Jesus did not shy away from – but rather tackled head on. He knew that our relationship with money and resources has the potential to weigh us down, holding us back from faithfulness of life, or it has the capability to free us for joyful generosity.

This month, our church wide stewardship emphasis is entitled *Defying Gravity: Break Free from the Culture of More*. We will look critically at our relationship with money and the way it holds us back. We will also celebrate the many ways our generosity as individuals and as a church transforms hearts and lives every day. Each week in worship, we will hear reflections from individuals who have been impacted by, or witnessed the impact of, the ministries and missions our church supports. I am looking forward to hearing the testimonies of these individuals and seeing the blessings our ministry brings forth in the lives and communities around us.

At the end of the stewardship program, you will be asked to fill out and return a commitment card. We do this for two reasons. First, it allows the church to plan accurately for ministries, since we can base our ministry budget on the dollar amount our members plan to give. Second, the act of filling out a card is a way of inviting you to set a goal for giving during the coming year. Committing yourself to financially supporting the church symbolizes the priority you place on returning back to God some of the blessings you have received. I look forward to seeing what God is able to accomplish through each of us working together in a spirit of generosity!

Thank you for all you do to further the mission and work of The United Methodist Church of Red Bank. You make a difference here!

Thanks and peace,

## Reconciling Committee

.....Bobbie McArdle

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**SAVE THE DATE!** On **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Lois McCullen Parr from Reconciling Ministries Network will be here to provide coach training for anyone in the Greater NJ UMC Conference. We will be hosting representatives from our conference who will be learning how to take their church through the reconciling process to become open and affirming to LGBTQ people.

The **reconciling meetings have been changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month**. Join us on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Library. All are welcome! Contact Bobbie with any questions.

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## Children's Ministries

.....Claire Dawson

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!! Trunk or Treat is coming!** On October 30<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 worship service all children are invited to a light lunch and **Trunk or Treat!** We are hoping to get people to decorate their car trunk and open it for all children to go from car to car collecting Halloween candy after worship. While people are setting up their cars, a Halloween lunch will be provided for all those children who stay. **PLEASE** come to church in your Halloween costume! We need both decorated car trunks and children to help make this a success. There will be a sign up list in Fellowship Hall in October to sign up children and cars. Let's make this an annual tradition. Feel free to bring friends to church!

**Come to Sunday School!** We have a class for you no matter your age! Nursery care is provided from 10:15 am Sunday mornings through worship. All those 2 years and older have a place in our Sunday Morning Schedule. At 9:30 am is our High School Sunday School class in the youth room in the basement, Confirmation in the Club 77 room also in the basement and Adult Education opportunities in the Lounge. After the Children's sermon at the 10:30 worship service we have Sunday School for all those 2 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Through video, arts and crafts, Bible stories, and prayer, the children learn our traditions and our history while having fun and forming close relationships with their teachers and aides. Please make time in your busy week for Sunday School.

**We are in full swing with all Youth Groups.** We have had over 60 children and teens attend on Wednesday nights. Our Mustard Seeds and Club 77 meet from 6-8 pm. Our Mustard Seeds are 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 5<sup>th</sup> and our Jr. High Club 77 are 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. High School meets until 8:30 pm. Our young adults, who are 18-29 years old, meet at 7 pm to pack backpacks for The Backpack Crew in room 108 and then go to our Young Adult room or out of the building for community service or fun. Our youth groups put our Christianity into action by participating in visits to the elderly, community service,

worship, 21<sup>st</sup> century discussions, and addressing all the challenges children, teens, and Young Adults face every day.

If you have any questions concerning any Children, Youth or Young Adult programming, please call Elaine Dawson, Director of Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries at 732-747-0446 ext. 11.

## God Squad

....Greg Jansky

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Jim Stonaker

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God Squad would like to announce their 2016 - 2017 Executive Board:

President: Angel Chasco  
Vice President: Deanna Reimertz  
Treasurer: Ryan Moore  
Secretary: Molly McGroary  
Member at Large: Charlotte Jansky

Congratulations to all! Feel free to contact the board with any requests or questions.

The annual God Squad **Trash & Treasure Sale is November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Items for donation are being accepted now. Please place items for the sale in the taped off areas **behind the curtain on the stage**. We are **not accepting books, shoes or clothing** - please save the clothing for the clothing drive (which will begin in January.)

As we are off and running, we are looking forward to a great year of bonding, serving our church, mission, fellowship, and doing God's work.

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## The Learning Tree Preschool

...Kara Crespo

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The school year is off to a great start! We have so many returning and new families! It was great to hear the sounds of children talking and laughing in the classrooms again! October 17th - 21st from 9-12, we will be having our Fall Scholastic Book Fair. We will have a selection of Preschool, Early Elementary, Christian, and some Middle School books. Please feel free to drop in any morning! Here's looking to a Fabulous Fall!

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

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## A message from the Church Treasurer

....Robin Foster  
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### ***Gifts of Stocks or Securities***

Rather than give cash to the Church, some folks meet some or all of their annual giving by transferring appreciated stock or securities to the Church. Rather than sell the stock, and take a tax hit, you transfer the stock to the Church's endowment fund. Once the Endowment fund receives the transfer, it sells the shares and forwards the proceeds to the Church, where it is recorded like any other Church contribution you make.

Charlie and I did this for the first time for our 2016 giving. It's no problem to also indicate how you'd like your contribution to be split if you also want to cover a gift to Outreach or to the ASP Mission team or whatever in addition to your general offering. Sheila can take your directions on that.

Either George Schildge or John Walradt can give you a form to help you get started on the transfer to our endowment account and provide general guidance on the process.

### ***Earning Cashback for the Church***

We have partnered with Goodshop, Goodsearch, and AmazonSmile so that now you can feel great about your online shopping! Goodshop offers great coupons for thousands of stores like Target, Apple, Amazon, Petco and more AND a percentage of what you spend on virtually every purchase is donated to our church! Check it out at [www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com).

Looking for something on the internet? Raise a penny for the church each time you do a web search – simply start from [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) (instead of doing a Google or search).

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the same experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization – simply select the United Methodist Church of Red Bank as your charity of choice and you're ready to go!

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## HUBOB

....Marion Kleiner  
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Do you watch your bonus rewards points?

When you are shopping, do you think about the free points that are piling up on your credit card? For airline miles? For jewelry? For cash back at 2%? In reality, you could be donating to the church budget at a higher rate when you buy a gift card or two from HUBOB and it wouldn't cost you a penny. Just think: when you are shopping for your weekly and monthly essentials, food, pharmacy, daily cup o' joe, you can get a gift card for those purchases AND we get a percentage back from the retailer the card is for; some are over 15%! Getting those Thanksgiving meal fixings? You can be helping the church for FREE. When you start your Christmas shopping, whether at Lord & Taylor (8%) or Land's End (16%) or CVS (6%), you can be making an additional donation for FREE. Every retailer rebates a percentage of

the value of the card and it doesn't cost you anything out of your pocket. Is this the right time to think about participating in the gift card program that is available on Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall? Stop by at the table and look over the 6 page list of available choices. Restaurants, movie theatres, office supplies, - - you name it, we probably have it.

**REMEMBER, IT'S ALWAYS TIME TO HUBOB**

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## Backpack Crew

.....Suzanne Dice  
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Our ***Race Against Hunger*** is fast approaching on **October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Asbury Park Boardwalk**. A 5K/10K/10K relay- and all runners or walkers are welcome. Check out our website at [www.boardwalkrelay.com](http://www.boardwalkrelay.com) for more info!

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

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## 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# United Methodist Women— UMW

.....Linda Babler  
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**UMW General Meeting - October 6<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm in 114.** Program to be confirmed. So do watch *The Inlook* for updates and more information. This meeting will be a salad luncheon, everyone bring something to share. Bring a friend. Everyone is welcome.

**A Day of Fun and Service - October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am** in the kitchen. UMW will be making up 50 meals for **The Center in Asbury Park**. We will be cooking the food and assembling and labeling the meal. The meals will then be taken down to The Center some time during the next week. If you would like to help in the kitchen, please let Linda Babler know.

**Potpourri on the 22<sup>nd</sup>**, if you would like to help make **Candy & Crafts** for the Bazaar come out and join us, anytime after 11:30 am till about or so. It depends upon how many can help out as to how long it will take us. Bring a sandwich, fellowship and fun will abound!

**Craft Group** will be meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 am - bring a light lunch and join the fellowship. Help make cards for distribution on Sundays after both services. All proceeds go to help UMW meet its pledge to the women, youth and children of the world.

**Book Club** meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:15 pm in the Library. Our book for October is "My Name is Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout.

**2016 Breakfast for the Clients of Lunch Break** - Every other month we have been providing a hot breakfast for the Lunch Break clients. This begins our 5<sup>th</sup> year and we are looking forward to sharing our efforts beginning in October. Linda Babler and Cyndi Skove will be our team leaders for the morning. **Our next date is: October 1<sup>st</sup>.** If you would like to help cook, serve and/or clean up on Saturday, please contact Barbara Valenti or Linda Babler. We have 2 shifts 8:30 - 10:30 or 10 -12.

**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 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. Please leave donations on the stage clearly labeled for **UMW Bazaar**. If you can help at the bazaar, please let Linda Babler know. Keep your eyes out for more information on the Bazaar as we move forward.

If you would like to donate a **basket filled with goodies, any theme will work, for the Silent Auction**, please let Linda Babler know. The baskets go on display October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have several donated so plan to join the fun. Make a bid on a basket full of goodies.

**Annual Luncheon at the Bazaar** on Saturday between 11:30 am and 2pm. UMW's famous chicken salad, red gelatin salad, green bean salad and apple crisp for dessert. Adults \$8 and Children \$3. Come one Come all, all are welcome at the table.

**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.

UMW has a **Prayer Shawl ministry** here at the church. If you can sew, knit or crochet you are needed. We also are making baby blankets for the children that are baptized at our church. If you would like to be part of this ministry, contact Linda Babler. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in room 211 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month at 10 am, both in the lounge

**Reminder: Mission Team Meeting** on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in room 107.

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**Northern Shore District UMW**

**Annual Dinner**

Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
St Andrew, UMC in Toms River  
Registration and Appetizers: 5 pm  
Dinner: 6 pm  
Business meeting: 6:45 pm  
Program: 7:15 pm  
Dismissal: 8:30 pm  
Cost: \$20

Speaker: Suzanne Dice, Founder of Red Bank Back Pack Crew

Ingathering: Food for the Back Pack Crew  
Love offering: Back Pack Crew  
Roll call : Camden Neighborhood Center  
Program Resources will have materials for your units to browse through  
Displays for Social Action Interests

Menu: Punch, veggies, chips & salsa, fruit; eggplant parmesan, baked ham, chicken francaise, roasted potatoes, carrots, green beans, strawberry salad, rolls & butter; tea, coffee and water, cheesecake and yellow cake with chocolate frosting.

Please send your reservations to Marian Whetstone at [getwhet@comcast.net](mailto:getwhet@comcast.net) or 609-492-0205 Or mail to 11606 Sunset Terr., Haven Beach, NJ 08008

**Registration Form**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_  
# of people attending \_\_\_\_\_ (8 per table max.) @ \$20/person \_\_\_\_\_



Greater New Jersey United Methodist Women  
Annual Fall Meeting  
Saturday, October 15, 2016  
Environmental Justice  
“God saw all that he had made, and behold, it was very good.” Genesis 1:31

GNJ UMC Mission Resource Center  
205 Jumping Brook Road  
Neptune, NJ  
9 am– 2pm  
Cost \$10, pay at the door  
and a Love Gift offering

**Keynote Speakers:**

Pat Watkins, GBBM-UMC Nature Conservancy, Citizen’s Climate Lobby (CCL)  
Registration - [marciarobuck@aol.com](mailto:marciarobuck@aol.com) or 973-763-6035, or see Linda Babler

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***Stewardship is a gift of love!***

It is important to remember that stewardship is an attitude of giving. The amount you give or how it compares to the gifts of others doesn’t really matter.

What matters is that when you give, you give of yourself, all your loving concern, your affirmation of devotion to God, your good will to humankind, and your service to Christ. When you give with this spirit, then you are giving the fullest capacity of your spiritual, physical and mental resources.

A true gift is a portion of your self. When you give in this manner, you become an instrument of God. It is the gift of love.

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**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.

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



# Church Family News

....Chelsea Foster  
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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 [cfoster\\_01@arcadia.edu](mailto:cfoster_01@arcadia.edu), or email to [sleavitt@umcredbank.org](mailto:sleavitt@umcredbank.org) or simply drop them in the office door mail slot.

## Celebrations

Congratulations to our own Rev. Gil Caldwell, a recipient of the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Awards, the most prestigious of all awards conferred by the Boston University Alumni Association. Since 1946, the awards have been presented to alumni who have distinguished themselves by bringing credit to their communities, their profession, and the University. Be sure to congratulate Rev. Caldwell when you see him!

Congratulations to Karlie Kisylia on the birth of her beautiful baby boy - Benjamin Thomas.

### **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.

### **Sincere Condolences**

To Ellen Krupa on the death of her sister, Elaine Bennett.

To the family and friends of Jane Hill.

To Chloe Brokaw and family on the death of her son Barrett.

### **Get Well Wishes**

Patti Otten, a longtime member of our church now living in North Carolina, is recuperating from a bad fall.

Notes and cards may be sent to her at Harbor View Rehab Center, Ebans Street, Room 213, Morehead City, NC 28557.