



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.”**

April 2017

Dear Church Family,

Holy Week is at the heart of the Christian story. Our worship and mission, the foundation of our belief system, and our traditions as a community of faith are grounded in, lead to, and spring from this week. The life and mission of Jesus meet their greatest test. Jesus faces headfirst the political and religious powers calling for his death and remains true to his calling and the work of God's kingdom. Jesus is executed by crucifixion. Three days later, God raises Jesus from the dead, restoring our hope and reminding us that death is never the end of the story, but the beginning of something new. During holy week, we remember, enact, and participate in the hope of the resurrection of all creation, starting with our lives and loves, here and now.

The weight of this week is felt in the sheer number of worship services we participate in during holy week. The journey these services take us through is intense; life, love, hope, community, betrayal, trial, execution, death, burial, watching at the grave, and the disturbing and even terrifying surprise of resurrection and an empty tomb meet us through this week. And in gathering to observe them all, we open ourselves to the many ways the Holy Spirit has been active, is active, and will be active in the church and world throughout history, in our own lives, and in the lives of those who follow us in seeking to follow Jesus in generations to come.

As we approach this holy season, the opportunity is ours, to open our hearts and spirits to the fullness of the Holy Week journey; the highs and lows, the heartbreaks and joys. It is my prayer that through worship and community, you may walk closely with Jesus, reflecting on how our faith transforms you from the inside out and gives you hope through even the darkest days.

Together, may we journey through life and faith, through the darkness of holy week to the hope and joy of resurrection this Easter!

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Jessica B. Naulty

Worship at a Glance



Holy Week and Easter Services

April 9 - Palm Sunday

Worship at 8:30 and 10:30 am

April 13 - Maundy Thursday

6:30 pm at Embury UMC in Little Silver
(Seder Potluck)

April 14 - Good Friday

7 pm in UMCRB Sanctuary

April 16 - Easter Celebrations

Sonrise Service - 6:00 am at Sea Bright on the beach
9:00 am SHARP - Easter Egg Hunt on front lawn of UMCRB
9:30 am combined worship in UMCRB Sanctuary

Upcoming Post-Easter Worship Series

Emerge! The butterfly has long been a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus as well as the resurrection of believers as we emerge from the power of death. In this Easter season, we will examine our own transformations from cocoons and tombs to the unfurled beauty of all God calls us to be.

Church Flowers



Dear Friends,

Spring is finally here and we long to be reminded of God's beauty often hidden beneath the snowdrifts. What better way to lift our spirits and remember nature's beauty than to include some of that beauty in our church and worship.

Here is your opportunity 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 celebration of an individual or organization as you choose. Floral arrangements are available for \$35 each and you may subscribe for one or more arrangements. Your name and purpose of your donation will be listed in Sunday's bulletin. You may also specify a particular Sunday or Sundays (for an anniversary, birthday or whatever) on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note we will only purchase flowers on Sundays that are subscribed and paid in advance; 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 (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

_____ arrangements @\$35.00 (per arrangement on any Sunday)

Date:

In honor of:

In memory of:

In celebration of:

Given by:

Attached is a check for \$ _____

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 **\$4,500** in patron donations and dinner profits. This dinner is symbolic of the sincere commitment of a representative cross-section of our congregation to support the youth of our church. In addition, the work of the youth, past and present in helping at the dinner demonstrates the investment of our youth 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 2nd outside of the Receptionist's Office. They are located in a pink folder. Please sign the sheet in the folder.

The Learning Tree Preschool

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Everyone at Learning Tree is looking forward to spring and our **Annual Bunny Breakfast on April 1st**.

We are still enrolling students in our Mom & Me, 2 1/2, and 3's programs. Our Pre-K is now full.

Happy Easter to Everyone!

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

HEALTH AND WHOLENESS OPPORTUNITIES

FUNCTIONAL FITNESS - Join the group to strengthen balance and fitness led by Janet Tartaglia, on **Tuesdays at 12:15 pm** in Fellowship Hall. A no impact, no mat workout for the older adult done standing or sitting on chairs. Call Janet at 732-284-8222- or the church office for more information.

PRANA FLOW YOGA – Join us **every Wednesday morning from 9:30-11 am** in room 206 for **Prana Flow® Yoga**. Tiffany McCann will instruct the class to calm your mind, strengthen your body and open your heart.

Mission projects every month - come join us !



United Methodist Purpose

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

At the beginning of every meeting of United Methodist Women we say our purpose. We believe in Faith, Hope and Love in Action. That is why you see us cooking meals, serving in the community, helping here at church, and our fundraisers to help those throughout the world. We have hope for the women, children and youth of tomorrow and today. This is just part of what UMW is about. Come out and join one of our events and find out more about us.

Book Club - Meets every 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be April 25th at 7:15 pm in the Library. Our book for April is: "The Feathered Bone" by Julie Cantrell

Back by Popular Demand...Women's Spiritual Day Apart - Saturday – April 22nd 9 am – 3pm. A day out at our church, breakfast and lunch provided, Cost \$ 5.00. Registration forms will soon be available. Babysitting is available upon request. Rev Jessica Naulty will be our facilitator for the day. The Theme has to be finalized, so keep an eye out for it. Mark your calendar more details to follow.

District UMW Neighborhood Tea – May 7th – Sponsored by the Northern Shore District UMW. The tea will be held at Calvary UMC in Keyport6, 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. The ingathering for this meeting are items of need for CNC. They are whole grain pasta and flour, sugar, canola and olive oil, salt and pepper, onions, garlic, they also need unsalted butter.

UMW will be sponsoring RBUMC garden again this year. Your UMW is hoping to lease 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. Last year we gave and produced around 150 pounds of produce. 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 2017 Emphasis: We will be looking for some volunteers to help with this endeavor for the upcoming months of April, June, August, October and December. It may not seem like much but it really helps Lunch Break. Volunteer for **April 1st** we need about 8 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 next Monday. If you can help, see Linda Babler or Barb Valenti.

UMW Women and Susanna Circle will be preparing about 50 meals for The Center in Asbury Park in April. 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.

Craft Group will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 11am in Fellowship Hall. On April 11th and April 25th, 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 supports Created with a Prayer, a prayer shawl ministry here at the church. We will be meeting on April 11th at 6:30 in room 211 and on April 15th and 22nd 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 a local hospital. We also are doing baby blankets for upcoming baptisms.

Reminder: Mission Team Meeting on April 17th at 1pm in the Library.

**Conference UMW Spring Meeting
April 1, 2017**

Location: UMC of Moorestown, NJ

9:00 am- 2:00 pm

Theme: Economic Justice

Keynote speaker: Serena Rice,
Former head of the Anti-Poverty Network, of NJ

Worship with Missionaries @ 9:30

Continental breakfast, and Lunch – Cost \$10

With follow up activities

**Northern Shore District UMW
Proudly Presents**

Our Spring Day Apart

April 22, 2017

at the

Pinelands Center at Mt. Misery

801 Mount Misery Rd.

Brown Mills, NJ 08015

9:00 am - 12 noon

Speaker: Deaconess Helen McCahill

Topic: "Blessed to be a Blessing"

Light Breakfast provided by the Center

Reservations are needed for a breakfast count

Please provide the information **no later than April 15th** to
Nancy Cook, Secretary at koochnan@gmail.com or call 732-965-5131
Linda Babler at LSBABLER@AOL.COM or call 732-741-1793

HUBOB

.....Marion Kleiner
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SAVE THE DATE!!

Your HUBOB Team has scheduled their second annual ***Tea and Fashion Show*** for **Saturday, June 17th at 2:00 pm.** We will be featuring wedding gowns from the late 1800's through the 1970's. Our gentlemen are invited to attend for a walk down memory lane as well. All are encouraged to dress for the occasion. We will be serving your favorite scones and tea sandwiches. Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives – the more the merrier. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Contact Marion at 732-918-9587 for reservations.

And...Keep watching for announcements of other activities we have planned for the upcoming months.

REMEMBER ~~~~~It is always time to **HUBOB!**
(Help Us Balance Our Budget)

God Squad

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God Squad has had a very busy March. We started the month visiting the Fair Haven United Methodist Church for Ash Wednesday. Then we had two great weeks with our friends in both Mustard Seeds and Club 77. Along with fun games we made a banner with everyone's hand print that now hangs in the Youth Room. Finally, we spent a week where we explored empathy and how we can be more empathetic in our lives. We look forward to serving and worshipping with our church this Lenten and Easter Season.





Outreach Committee

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Visit to another House of Faith in the Community....Janie and George Schildge

Four of our 8th Graders going through confirmation have been introduced to the Islamic Society of Monmouth County through several events. Kenny Blake, Jim Mellon, and the Schildges attended Friday night prayers at the Masjid on March 10th, and were warmly received by members of the Congregation. On Saturday March 18th a group went over to help make lunches for Elijah's Kitchen and homeless shelter, including Sam Jansky, Tom and Grace Davidson, Lily Ferrone and her friend, Paige, and the Schildges. 400 sandwiches were made in an assembly line, while another line produced salads in a cup, and all were bagged up and ready to be delivered the same afternoon. The youngest helper was Sama, a first grader there, and Schildges were the oldest, and we shared stories of our visit to the Alhambra in Granada, Spain, built by the Moors in Andalucia during the seven centuries they ruled there. Their architectural skills left magnificent gardens and pools around the residences of the rulers. In 1829 Washington Irving, a famous American writer, had an apartment in the abandoned palace and wrote poetry about the Alhambra. He later became the Ambassador to Spain.

We hope to do some more projects with this congregation and get to know each other better and learn about the countries from which they have come and more about their faith tenets.

From the Men's Fellowship

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--- ATTENTION ALL MEN ----

Join us, the "cool" Men's Fellowship as we meet on Saturday, April Fool's Day, April 1st!
We'll meet in the **Library**, at 8 am and I will have coffee, too. Bring your favorite drink and breakfast item and enough to share!

Plan to share what each of us are doing as we grow together in ways to serve and help each other.
(This is a non-work gathering.)

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

Children, Youth and Young Adults

....Elaine Dawson
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HAPPY EASTER! Attention all children 1 years old through 10 years old!!!!!! Our annual **Easter Egg Hunt** will be at **9 am sharp** Easter morning in the front of the church. It goes very quickly so be on time! Please gather in the Narthex before the Hunt. We will provide bags for egg filling. Any parents that can help keep children safe during hunt would be appreciated. **This is a NUT/PEANUT safe Easter Egg Hunt!** Join us!

Life is challenging in the 21st century and some teens and young adults feel lost. It's very hard to make a life in NJ for a college graduate. Those without a degree are even more challenged. We have had young adults come back to us and are grateful for our church and the difference it made in their lives. We continue to make a difference! Pray for the youth of our church!

VBS is coming June 26-30 with the theme: HERO CENTRAL, Discover your strength in God. We are very, very excited. I had to turn away leadership last year and had as many helpers (teens) as we did children attending. I am going to open up opportunities for leadership earlier for church leadership than for the public, so our teens get in the place they'd like to serve. Anyone going into 7th grade next year is eligible to help, although there are not many of those positions, so talk to Elaine Dawson. Anyone 4 years old through 6th grade is invited to become a superhero for the week. Look for Super Hero's coming to church in April, to tell you about the awesome adventure we will go on.

Parking Lot Fund Raiser

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Have you lost your car in one of the church potholes? If not, boy are you lucky! Okay, we all know it is time to get the parking lot re-paved. I hope you are now asking, "What can I do to help?" Funny you should ask, we are starting a fund raiser to patch, repair, re-seal and paint the parking lot. Unfortunately, we will need about \$18,000 to do this. The first event, is a joint Men's Fellowship and United Methodist Women sponsored **Pancake Breakfast** to be held **Sunday, April 23rd at 11:30 am**. We are asking for huge donations (exact amount is up to you, but we will gladly accept \$10.00, \$100.00 or even \$1,000). You know, if 100 people gave \$180 each, we would meet our goal...think about it!

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, or email to sleavitt@umcredbank.org or simply drop them in the office door mail slot.

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 George and Janie Schildge on the recent death of his sister, Elvira.

Flowers

4/2/17 – In memory of Grace L. Apy by Chet and Flo Apy

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.

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