



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."**

December 2016



Sunday Worship Services

Sunday Nov. 27th, 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Sunday Dec. 4th, 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Sunday Dec. 11th, 8:30 am and 10:30 am
Sunday Dec. 18th, 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Child care provided

Candle Light Carol Service

Sunday Dec. 11th, 7 pm

Christmas Eve Services

Saturday Dec. 24th,
Family Service 5 pm, Late Service 9 pm

Christmas Day Service

Sunday Dec. 25th, 9:30 am with breakfast!



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Dear Church Family,

Another year has come and gone. December is upon us and Advent has begun. Advent is a time of anticipation for Christ's coming into our lives and into our world. We spend four weeks in preparation, getting our houses ready for the celebration of Christmas, making sure all the plans have been made and the gifts have been purchased and wrapped. What we tend to forget about during these weeks leading up to Christmas is the preparing of our hearts and lives. In the beloved Christmas carol, *Joy to the World*, we sing:

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room.*

We sing the song without thinking of the words we speak. But as we are doing in worship this Advent, let's think deeper about these beloved words and unpack what they mean for us.

What would it look like for you to prepare room in your heart for Christ; to set aside some of the things that distract or take you away from your relationship with God, that keep you from living out your faith in your everyday life? What would you need to give up in order to make room for Christ? Or is there something you need to say YES to instead? Have you been wanting to start a new devotional practice or participate in a service opportunity, but just haven't made time? This season of Advent is the perfect opportunity to try something new, to take the time you need to make space in your heart to receive the gifts Christ is bringing in the coming year.

As you prepare for Christmas, it is my hope and prayer that you don't simply go through the motions, but actively, intentionally prepare room in your heart for one who comes to us all.

May you and yours have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rev. Jessica B. Naulty

Reconciling Committee

....Bobbie McArdle
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Rev. Lois McCullen Parr, the Northern Regional Organizer from Reconciling Ministries Network will be with us on Saturday December 3 for Reconciling Training. Please join us to learn about intersectional justice, the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity, what it means to be transgender, and how to facilitate inclusiveness in organizations such as a church.

Saturday, December 3, 2016 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Light breakfast and lunch will be served

Suggested donation \$20

RSVP to Bobbie McArdle

itstimenj@gmail.com or 732-618-8218

Outreach Committee

....Kim Voorhies
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Outreach Committee is collecting items to make Hygiene/Health Kits. We need the following items to complete 100 kits: finger nail clippers (not toe nail clippers), sturdy combs - (not pocket size), wash cloths, bath size soap bars - (not Ivory or Jergens), band-aids - standard size (each kit takes 6 band-aids), toothbrushes - (individually packaged). Please put your donation in the box by the Reception Office by the back door. Tentative assemble date is **Sunday, December 4, 2016**.

God Squad

....Greg Jansky
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....Jim Stonaker
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God Squad has just finished another year of **Trash & Treasure** and we would like to thank our church family for their donations and time. Proceeds from the **Trash & Treasure** sale go directly to the youth summer mission trip in Appalachia where we help to make families of Appalachia warmer, safer and dryer. The numbers have been reported in church as this report was submitted before the actual event. Once the final expenses have been paid, God Squad will make a donation back to the church.

In other news, God Squad had a spirited and informative night before the election discussing the candidates, the platforms, and the issues facing the country before the country chose new leadership. While there was lots of passion on many issues, we had fun exploring our civic duty and learning more about the issues facing the country. On a soggy night, we took a trip to our favorite canoli store for some well-timed sugar.

God Squad thanks you for your support and looks forward to serving the church and celebrating with our church family the upcoming holidays.

The Learning Tree Preschool

...Kara Crespo

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Learning Tree is holding a **Pajama Drive** in December for the Pajama Program. We will be collecting pajamas in all sizes children through adult until December 16th. If you would like to donate any, there will be a basket in our hallway. We are also hosting our **Annual Lunch with Santa on December 10th** from 11 am-1 pm. Tickets are \$8 a person. Please contact Kara if you would like to reserve a spot (732-530-5441). We want to wish everyone a wonderful Holiday season!

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

The Library

...Peggy Wien

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Two new books for children (suggested ages 8 to 12) have been donated by Helen Vetter. "Crenshaw" by Katherine Applegate is the story of Jackson and his family who have fallen on hard times, and Jackson's imaginary friend, Crenshaw the cat. "Pax" by Sara Pennypacker is about the relationship between Peter and Pax, the fox which Peter rescued.

In our Library during December is "The Life of Our Lord" written by Charles Dickens for his own children. This book was donated to our Library by Eileen Moore. These books can be found on the Library check-out desk.

Children's Ministries

...Elaine Dawson

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SAVE THE DATE: *It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!* Join us for the **Crafts and Advent Workshop** on **December 4th** after church. The Elves are taking a break and coming to make us soup and fresh bread while we make Christmas crafts and enjoy advent opportunities. Call Elaine Dawson at church for more information - 732-747-0446, extension 11.

We need help in the Toddler and K-3 Sunday School classes on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. If you are not in God Squad for the 4th Sunday and/or Choir on the second Sunday, call Elaine Dawson at church at 732-747-0446, extension 11 to volunteer to aid in these classes. Thank you.

We will be creating a Christmas Video with the children to be shown at the 9:30 am **Christmas Day Worship Service in Fellowship Hall**. With parental permission, we hope to post it on FB and our Church website. The video will be recorded during Youth Group and Sunday School. Look for an E-mail from your group and class this month asking for permission to record your child. Not all children will make the final edit, but we will try to include as many as possible. Links to similar kinds of videos will soon be available for you to see on our website. Let us know if you DO NOT want your child on this video. Call Elaine Dawson at 732-747-0446, extension 11.

HUBOB

.....Marion Kleiner
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Your HUBOB Team would like to invite you to help contribute to the Christmas flowers and decorations - - - without spending a penny!! If you purchase ShopRite or Foodtown cards or a few of the various other gift cards available during the month of December, you can do just that. Every card provides a rebate from the retailer directly to the church budget. You get full value to spend on your weekly shopping for the family or the next trip to a restaurant or a pair of new sneakers....you name it. The list is almost endless. Stop by in Fellowship Hall and review the choices.

REMEMBER, IT'S ALWAYS TIME TO HUBOB

Backpack Crew

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

**The Staff extends to our Church Family
sincere wishes for a blessed Christmas
and a joyous new year!**

***May Peace be your gift at Christmas
and your blessing all year through!***

Church Flowers

Dear Friends,

At the time of this writing (it's still October) the stores are already displaying loads of Christmas decorations and merchandise. Many people look at that and lament that it is far too early. The crass over-commercialization of Christmas is distressing and, somehow, makes us weary of it all before it even begins.

To put a positive spin to it though, it illustrates how decorating for Christmas brings us much joy and beauty. This note provides the opportunity for you to do just that. We always take great pleasure in decorating our church for the Christmas holidays. You can be part of it and contribute Christmas poinsettias to decorate the chancel. **Please fill out the form below and return it with your check no later than December 10th.** Forms and checks may also 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 poinsettias at \$_____ (at \$20.00 per plant) for Christmas decorations

In honor of:

In memory of:

In celebration of:

Given by:

Attached is a check for \$ _____

You may also donate flowers throughout the year at \$35.00 per arrangement. 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 \$35.00 (per arrangement)

Date:

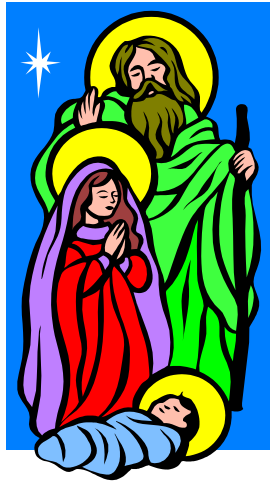
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**UMW wishes everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
So much to do in 2016! We hope you will join us!**

The **December UMW General meeting will be on Thursday, December 1st** at 12 pm in room 114 - **Note the change of time.** The change of time should help with the parking issue. *Woman of the Year* will be announced, The World Thank boxes will be collected at the General meeting. Invite a friend, everyone is welcome. Bring cookies for packaging for our shut ins. Bring your lunch, beverage and dessert will be provided.

Susanna Circle - Annual Christmas Get Together on Dec. 6th at 6:30 pm in the Library Everyone is welcome to join us - bring a cookie or a small snack to share. The more the merrier!!

2016 Emphasis for the Red Bank Unit – Feeding the hunger of our Community. We are working very closely with Lunch Break - Every other month we are providing a HOT breakfast for their clients. The upcoming dates are: December 3 **and** February 4. We need 4 -5 people to help on each Saturday For this December 5th Breakfast the newly formed Men's Group will be cooking and serving the Breakfast. If you would like to help in December contact Jim Mellon.

Book Club – will not be meeting in December. Our January meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24th. We will be reading "Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy" by Karen About. We meet in the Library at 7:15pm. Hope you will consider trying something new this year and try the Book Club on for size.

UMW Craft Group - Craft Group will be meeting just once in December -- on Tuesday, December 13 from 11 am to 2 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a snack for our lunch break.

Red Bank UMW has a **Prayer Shawl ministry** named "Created with a Prayer". The **blessing of the Prayer Shawls will be during Advent at the 10:30 service.** If you can sew, knit or crochet you are needed. If you would like to be part of this ministry join us on December 13th at 6:30 pm in room 211 and /or December 17th at 10 am in the Lounge. We will not be meeting on December 24th.

UMW Annual Christmas Bazaar – UMW wants to thank so many - to all of you who supported and enjoyed our UMW Annual Christmas Bazaar, purchased, came to our luncheon. To all the ladies who

helped make the items, worked the Bazaar on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and helped clean up on Monday. We could not have had such a successful Bazaar without all of you and your hard work. We also want to thank those men, husbands and sextons that gave of their time and talent to help us out. We took in over \$3,000. Again, thanks to all who supported and enjoy our UMW Annual Christmas Bazaar. We could not do it without you!!!

Here are the Silent Auction winners: The Silent Auction raised \$880.00. Basket winners were:

Joan Smith – Gardening items
Linda Babler – Connect Grow and Serve
Peg Rizzo – Kitchen Gadgets
Carol Rigler – Cozy up by the Fire
Elaine Boughman – Thanksgiving Theme
Joan Smith – Burts Bees
Barbara Roguski – Organic Cleaning Products
Kathy Hackler – Feed Me
Robin Foster – Give Me Shelter
Peggy Wien – Piece and Joy
John Walradt – Find Your Inner Piece
Kathy Hackler – Sweets for the Sweet Jams and Jellies

Christmas Candy will be ready to fill those Stockings on a Sunday in December watch *The InLook* after both services. Come and purchase, limited amounts of homemade chocolates will be available.



CHRISTMAS SNOWMEN FOR CAMDEN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Beginning **November 27th** through **December 18th** a member of the UMW will be in Fellowship Hall for you to purchase a snowman. Your snowman will be a donation to Camden Neighborhood Center for Christmas. Give a snowman for Camden and help a child.

Campbell Soup Labels: Did you know that UMW collects Campbell Soup Labels and Box Tops for Education. 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 on the mail box in the back hall for the labels. We collect these all year, so please save them for us. They help the Red Bird Mission located in Kentucky.

Reminder: Mission Team will not be meeting in December.

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.

Please check *The InLook* or our website – 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, 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

Sincere condolences to Elaine Dawson and family on the death of her dad, John Vincent.

Welcome Our New Members

Welcome and congratulations to our new members - Cathy and David Becker, Stacey Moore, and Kalyan and Wayne Kress who have joined our congregation on Sunday, November 20, 2016.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the CROP Walk Team and Janie Schildge for producing another outstanding event. Almost 1,000 participants collected a record-breaking 13,000 lbs. of rice, peanut butter and beans for local food pantries and about \$ 110,000 for fighting hunger locally and through Church World Service. Our Church youth and families participated actively in all aspects and Pastor Jess, in addition to walking, gave an invocation.

Janie and her team were honored by Lunch Break at their annual gala on Oct. 21 with the Beacon of Service award for 36 years of helping local fighters of hunger.

Thank-you

My sincere thanks to everyone for expressing their love and sympathy for me and my family in memory of my sister Elaine Bennett.

From, Ellen Krupa

Thank you for your love and concern during my recent illness. Your phone calls, cards, and visits were very much appreciated. I hope to see you soon on a Sunday morning.

Sincerely, Margie Post