



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.”**

March 2017

Dear Church Family,

As time continues to zoom by us, we enter once again into the season of Lent, a time of reflection and deep soul searching, a time to prepare our hearts and spirits for the roller coaster leading up to Easter. As the weeks unfold, from Ash Wednesday through Lent, to holy week and beyond, we are invited on a journey of spiritual discovery, a time set aside to look around and within, reflecting on where we find ourselves in this season of life.

In worship, we will be exploring the spiritual landscapes of Lent and using the elements we find in scripture to focus our reflections. Landscapes are something we often take for granted, the earth that surrounds us and its impact on us. When we're somewhere amazing and beautiful, like watching the sun rise at the beach, standing on a mountaintop, or at the base of a waterfall, we wonder in awe at the beauty and majesty of God's creation, but we rarely think of how we are impacted by our surroundings. When we climb to the top of a mountain, we feel like we can conquer anything life throws our way. When we stand in the spray of a waterfall, we feel cleansed and refreshed, negativity and hurts washed away. When we drive through a barren desert, the starkness reflects the struggle to thrive in the challenging circumstances we face.

Whether we realize it or not, our surroundings impact us and can help us reflect on our spiritual journey. As we focus together on the scriptural landscapes of Lent and the elements we find there, wilderness, wind, water, cave, and palms, we have the opportunity to look around at our own lives, to embrace this season of reflection and soul searching. I pray that you will enter this Lenten journey with an open heart and mind, ready and willing to dig deep, to reflect, to wander the landscapes that surround you in daily life and in scripture.

May we journey together in this season knowing that God is with us!

God bless us on the journey,

Rev. Jessica B. Naulty



Shared Lenten and Holy Week Services

Ash Wednesday

March 1st at 7 pm
Christ Church UM
300 Ridge Road
Fair Haven, NJ

Maundy Thursday

April 13th at 6:30 pm
Potluck Seder and Worship
Embury UM Church
49 Church Street
Little Silver, NJ

Good Friday

April 14th at 7 pm
Red Bank UMC

Easter Sunday

April 16th

Sonrise Service

6 am on Sea Bright Beach

Easter Egg Hunt

9 am on the Front Lawn

Easter Worship

9:30 am in our Sanctuary

Church Flowers



Dear Friends,

Spring is almost here and after the winter 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.

You may also designate your Easter flowers at this time at \$20 per plant. Please submit Easter flower orders now and NLT April 3.

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)
_____ plants @\$20 per plant for Easter Day.

Date:

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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Mission projects every month - come join us !



Ash Wednesday, March 1st, 2017 - Everyone is welcome to attend the Service at noon in Squire Chapel. Rev. Jessica Naulty will be our speaker. Communion and ashes will be provided. A light soup lunch in room 114 will immediately follow the service. There is no cost, and, again, everyone is welcome to join us.



Sunday, March 12th, UMW will sponsor a **Mad Hatter's Tea Party**, following the 10:30 service at 12 noon in room 114. Everyone is welcome to attend - please RSVP to the church secretary (732-747-0446) or LSBABLER@AOL.COM or any member of UMW. If you would like to wear a hat, you are invited to do so. Entertainment at the time of this printing has not been confirmed. So do watch for more information as it becomes available in *The InLook*.

Book Club -meets every 4th Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be March 28th at 7:15 in the Library. Our book for March is **"The Underground Railroad"** by Colson Whitehead.

Back by Popular Demand...Women's Spiritual Day Apart on Saturday – April 22nd from 9 am – 3pm. Join us for a day out at our church - breakfast and lunch provided - Cost \$5.00. Registration forms are available Babysitting available upon request. Rev. Jessica Naulty will be our facilitator for the day. Mark your calendar more details to follow!

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 and October**. It may not seem like much, but it really helps Lunch Break. 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.

Volunteer for April 1st, we need 6 to 7 people. We will be cooking a hot breakfast for the clients. We work in two shifts, 8:30–10:30 am to help cook and set up, and 10 am-12 pm to help serve and clean up. If you can help, call or email Linda Babler @ 732-741-1793 or LSBABLER@AOL.COM

Reminder: Mission Team Meeting on March 27th at 1pm in the Library.

United Methodist Women will be collecting for the **Leaf of Hope Campaign**, which benefits Camden Neighborhood Center. The ladies will be present after both services the entire month of March - come purchase a leaf for the children of Camden.

Craft Group will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 11am in the area above the Library. On March 14th and 28th, bring your lunch and come join the fellowship. The profit from the cards helps UMW meet its National pledge and community commitments.

Susanna Circle will be meeting on Tuesday, March 7th. If you think you might like to join us – just come on out. We will be meeting at Linda Babler's home (387 Oak Hill Rd, in Middletown) at 6:30 pm. We will be working on our craft ideas and a working schedule for the 2017 Bazaar. Never too early to start thinking! Everyone is welcome.

Red Bank UMW supports a **Prayer Shawl Ministry** here at the church. We will be meeting in on March 18th & 25th 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 could use a few baby blankets too.

Conference UMW Spring Meeting - April 1, 2017. Location: UMC of Moorestown, NJ 9 am- 2 pm. The theme is *Economic Justice* and the keynote speaker is Serena Rice, former head of the Anti-Poverty Network of NJ. Worship with Missionaries @ 9:30 am, follow-up activities, and includes continental breakfast and lunch – cost \$10.

The Learning Tree Preschool

...Kara Crespo

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Learning Tree will be hosting our **Spring Book Fair on March 6th - March 10th** from 9:30 am – 12 pm. Please feel free to stop by, you may be able to find some books to give as gifts for Easter. We will also be having a **Silent Gift Basket Auction** during the week of **March 27th- April 1st**. Come and check out our baskets and place a bid. Winners will be announced after our **Breakfast with Bunny** event on April 1st.

I hope everyone has a Marvelous March and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

"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.

God Squad

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God Squad would like to thank our church family for coming out to support the Annual Spaghetti Dinner and for all the clothes we received. Our Spaghetti Dinner was another smashing success and it was great to serve our church family. During spaghetti dinner preparation, the truck came to collect the clothes from our clothing drive. One look at the clothes pile from the driver, and he was not pleased; we were his second stop and he had a truck that was 1/3 full. He was only able to take about half our clothes before his truck was full – they had to send a second truck for the rest of the clothes. Our total weight for the clothes: 3768 pounds netting us close to \$700! Next year we are requesting to be the first stop of the day.





God Squad's annual winter retreat took place February 24-26 where we enjoyed the retreat house, snow tubing and spending a God-filled weekend with each other.

From the Men's Fellowship

....Jim Mellon

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The Men's Fellowship will meet in Room 114, at 8 am on Saturday, March 4th. All are welcome, so, come join us! I'll have coffee, but bring your favorite drink and breakfast item and enough to share! But mainly, I'll be there to see each of you as we grow together in ways to serve and help each other. As usual, we will also see what we can do to help-out around the church. Contact Jim Mellon at jim.mellon@verizon.net or cell 732-647-5744.

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

From the Archives

....Greg Jansky
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March 1946 saw the congregation dedicate themselves to the support of their own personal missionaries to China, Tracy Jones and his wife, Martha Clayton Jones, a member of the church. An annual pledge was made to support this couple and additional funds were raised to send them bicycles for use in their work. A high point in this period occurred in November, 1947 when a phone call was placed to the couple in Nanking. A telephone was installed in the church chancel so that the actual call might take place during the Sunday morning worship service, in that way, the entire congregation might share in the thrill of that historic moment. - from "A Bicentennial Glimpse of the United Methodist Church of Red Bank



This picture shows the call. The back of the picture has the following text: *Church telephone call to China to speak to Tracy Jones and Martha. From left to right: Martha's sister, Mr. Squire, Mr. Whiting, and Mrs. Grace Clayton (Martha's mother.)*

Scholastic Assistance

....Barbara Guenther
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It's almost St. Patrick's Day and if you are looking forward to a **tender, juicy,** and **savory** dinner of corned beef and cabbage, look no further because the annual Scholastic Assistance **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner** is almost here. **You will not want to miss this very special delicious "all you can eat dinner" to be held on Saturday, March 11th, from 4:30-6:30 pm.** As usual, you can become a Patron and receive complimentary tickets or you can purchase tickets separately at the door for \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Our modest-sized committee also asks for your help in setting up for the dinner, preparing vegetables, serving, cleaning up and providing desserts. If you can help us for an hour or two on the day of the dinner, please sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall. *Thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause. Come join us for great food, fellowship and fun!*

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.

Children, Youth and Young Adults

.....Elaine Dawson
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We have been very busy since the first of the year. All youth groups are flourishing and growing! We serve 40-55 people at dinner on any given Wednesday night. We have such a fabulous curriculum and I love what goes on in the classrooms. We have approximately 25 kids attend. The teenagers have been fabulous aides in the classes and the kids love them. Our High School class and I have had so much fun learning about the Gospels through a board game called "Winning With Christ".

Our young adult program is helping The Backpack Crew. I had a new young man, arrive last night to join our group. I will continue to push on and do young adult lunches, Backpack Crew, cooking for Asbury AIDS center, and we are planning an outing for March. Hopefully, rock climbing. If anyone 18-29 would like to join us, contact Elaine Dawson at church at 732-747-0446, ext. 11.

Life is challenging in the 21st century and some teens and young adults feel lost. It's very hard to make a life in N.J. 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.

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.

Flowers

3/19/17 – In memory of Gladys "Peggy" Kiel by Rosemary Kiel.

3/26/17 - In honor of Ruth Morison on her 95th birthday by Laurie Morison.

Thank you for the many cards and notes which are much appreciated. Especially the prayers and visits from Pastor Jessica and Christina. From Roger LeValley.

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REMEMBER, IT'S ALWAYS TIME TO HUBOB
