



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.”**

May 2017

Dear Church Family,

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Yes, I know Easter Sunday was celebrated mid-April, but even into May, we find ourselves in the season of Eastertide – the 40 days between Easter and Pentecost when we continue to celebrate Christ’s resurrection. We are Easter people who believe deeply about God’s resurrecting power, not just in the life of Jesus, but in our lives as well. When hope seems lost, when the darkness of life’s challenges seems like they could swallow us whole, we focus on our faith in new life, new hope, and God’s power to overcome even the most impossible situation with love.

In worship throughout the season of Eastertide, we are unpacking the metaphor of a butterfly emerging from a chrysalis, transformed from an earthbound caterpillar to a beautiful winged butterfly. So often in our daily lives, we find ourselves stuck in a dark period of waiting... We too are like a chrysalis waiting in seemingly endless darkness. Easter is about **hope** that is willing to wait in the darkness, all the while trusting in God’s promise of transformation. This is expressed by Joyce Rupp in an excerpt of her poem, *The Easter Challenge*:

*Every year cocoons give us their treasures,
And every year
the dull and dead in us
meets our Easter challenge:
to be open to the unexpected,
to believe beyond our security,
to welcome God in every form,
And trust in our own greening.*

As this Easter season continues to unfold around us, it is my prayer that we continue hoping in the midst of darkness, that we open our hearts and lives to God’s possibilities, to the unexpected, and that we trust in God’s guidance and transformation, leading us into resurrection and new life.

Blessings and peace,

Rev. Jessica B. Naulty

Church Flowers



Dear Friends,

Spring's explosion of flowers in a variety of green leaves and bushes of bright colors remind us of God's beauty. 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 \$ _____

ASP Mission Trip

....Mark Hackler
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Our God Squad go to Appalachia every year to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. What is this place called Appalachia? Join us on Sunday, May 7th in room 114 as we view an ABC special "Hidden America: The Children of Appalachia", and also view part of a MSNBC Town Hall in McDowell County, WV, an area just below where we have gone for many years. Who are the people? Why are they so poor? What are the problems affecting the area? Bring a snack and come join us.

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.

The Learning Tree Preschool

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Spring has sprung here at Learning Tree! We are hosting our **Spring Open House** on **May 10th from 9:30-11 am**. If you have any friends, family, or neighbors looking for a Mom & Me, 2-1/2, or 3's class, please let them know about our Open House.

Wishing everyone a Magnificent May!!!

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

Scholastic Assistance

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Applications for Scholastic Assistance scholarships for next year are available outside of the Receptionist's Office. They are located in a pink folder. Please sign the sheet in the folder if you take an application. Applications are due to Barbara Guenther by May 15th.

United Methodist Women— UMW

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“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.”

Mission projects every month come join us !



UMW Sunday & Bake Sale – May 21st 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.

General Meeting – June 3rd, 6:30 pm in 114. The speaker will be our Master Gardener, Cyndi Skove. Mark your calendars and plan to come out for fellowship. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

Annual Book Sale – June 11th, after both services. Bring your unwanted books to church, stow in sturdy boxes under the pews in room 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 23rd at 7:15 pm** in the Library. Our book for May is “A Man Called Ove” by Fredrik Backman.

District UMW Neighborhood Center Tea, May 7th sponsored by the Northern Shore District UMW. The tea will be held at **Calvary UMC of Keyport, NJ at 3 pm.** 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. The ingathering for this meeting are items of need for NC. They are whole grain pasta, flour, sugar, canola and olive oil, salt and pepper, onions, garlic, and they also need unsalted butter.



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 during the first part of May. 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 **August, October and December**. It may not seem like much but it really helps Lunch Break. For the June 3rd endeavor the Club 77, junior high kids, have volunteered to serve a cold breakfast that day. Volunteer for **August 5th** as we need 4 to 5 people to help with a cold 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.

UMW Women and Susanna Circle will be preparing about **50 meals for The Center in Asbury Park in May and June**. 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 May 6th and again on June 24th. Everyone is welcome to help. Cooking starts at 10 am in the kitchen. Immediately, following the preparation of meals we will start on our craft project for that day. We will share lunch together so be sure to bring your lunch, beverage and dessert will be provided.

Craft Group will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 11 am – May 9th and May 23rd - in Library Lounge area. Bring your lunch and come join the fellowship. The profit from the cards helps UMW meet its National pledge and community commitments.

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

Red Bank UMW supports *Created with a Prayer*. We will be meeting on May 9th at 6:30 pm in the Library and on May 20th and 27th at 10 am in the Lounge. Come join us – the next dedication of prayer shawls will be on May 21st. Please get any prayer shawls to Linda Babler prior to the 21st of May. 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 1st. The summer is great time to start pulling together your basket. Be creative, be inventive, and have fun.

Church Women United, May Friendship Day Celebration, will be held at our church, **May 5th** at 6:30 pm with a light dinner immediately following. Everyone is welcome, bring a dish to share if possible. They will be honoring Suzanne Dice with the CWU Young Women's Award for her work here at Red Bank with the BackPack Crew.

Reminder #1: Mission Team Meeting on May 15th at 1 pm in the Library.

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

Mildred Ruth Circle – Ruth Dye

Susanna Circle – Linda Babler or Barbara Hartman

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

Any questions call Linda Babler, Barbara Hartman or Ruth Dye

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING ORDERS:

The gift card orders completed on April 23rd will be delivered on May 7th,



The following order will close on May 11th and delivered on June 4th. Think about Father's Day, graduations, weddings, our Vacation Bible School and the Youth Group Appalachian Service Project trip.

The last order in this series will be finalized on June 18th and delivered on July 2. Make your plans to pick up your last cards for the Youth Group Appalachian Service Project trip and for some family summer fun.

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)

Parking Lot Fund Raiser

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Attention All Church Members!

On Sunday, April 23rd we held a very successful "***Pancakes for Potholes***" Breakfast Fundraiser. It was part of the effort to raise funds to allow us to professionally repair the numerous potholes and cracks, re-mill appropriate surface portions of the driveway and parking lot, to seal the complete area, and to repaint all parking areas.

Let me share some specifics:

- 1) 20 volunteers - perhaps more, but that was all I was able to count - did everything from shopping (some even in NC!) to baking (bacon and sausage, as well as loads of pastries), to stirring, to cooking (weren't those pancakes and waffles yummy?), to setting-up (20 tables and 96 places

were set in place!), to serving (continuously while keeping the coffee hot and the juice flowing), to the final clearing and cleaning-up. What a whirlwind of activity, and the energy was electric! Even more amazing were the smiles on these volunteers as they hurried about.

- 2) The **energy and enthusiasm of the partakers of this breakfast was amazing!** It was a sight to behold! They were obviously enjoying both the food and each other's company!
- 3) The **generosity of the donations was amazing!** On Sunday alone, from the breakfast donation, we received **\$3,676**. Combined with the previously received donations, we now have a total of **\$10,103.00** donated toward the Parking Lot Repair Campaign.

To summarize, we now have **68%** of our goal of \$15,000 (the estimate to do the work). While we are very near to being able to commit to this project, for clarity, we are not fully there!

So, in the near-term, we will continue to monitor what contributions come-in, especially from members who haven't had the chance to contribute, and from other users of our church.

Additionally, this project's status will be presented to the Finance Committee, Trustees, and Church Council for further review.

In conclusion, I personally want to express my gratitude to all who have been so positive and helpful in getting us to this point. Thank you!

Children, Youth and Young Adults

.....Claine Dawson
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UP UP AND AWAY!!!! SAVE THE DATE! Hero Central VBS begins June 26th-June 30th. We will begin our adventure at 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Registration for children opens May 7th. Leadership positions for all those going into 7th grade and older has already begun. **PLEASE sign up quickly for leadership** as we had to turn many away last year as we fill leadership positions quickly.

On May 7th during the 10:30 worship, our Super Heroes, Captain Dawson and Captain Charlotte, will attend church to fill you in on our important Super Hero mission this year.

Anyone 4 years old as of June 26th and up to going into 6th grade are welcome to join us at Church Headquarters for registration to Hero Central starting on May 7th. Registration will end when we are full.

We fill up with Heroes quickly! The cost of this adventure is \$20.00 per child. Come with us and learn how we can all be Super Heroes with our faith in God. Call Captain Dawson at 732-747-0446, extension 11 with any questions. **DO GOOD, SEEK PEACE, GO AFTER IT!!!!!!**

God Squad

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....Jim Stonaker
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Early last month, God Squad started preparing for Easter. Our big event was helping the Easter Bunny fill Easter Eggs in preparation for the big Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn of the church before services. A good time was had by all and the eggs were ready.

We had a blessed Easter Sunday, and with such nice weather, we were able to get a great picture outside.

God Squad finished out the month of April preparing for the Youth Sunday Service. We look forward to sharing our thoughts, memories, and love of God with our Church family on May 7th.

A Look Back

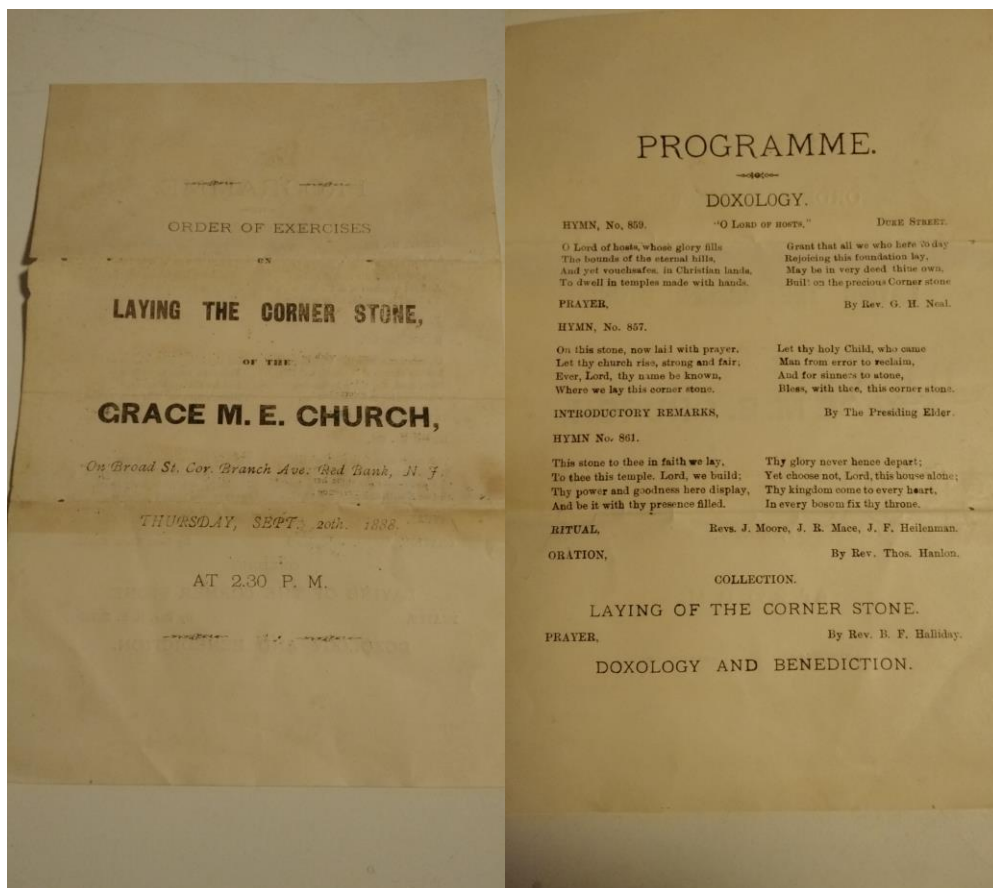
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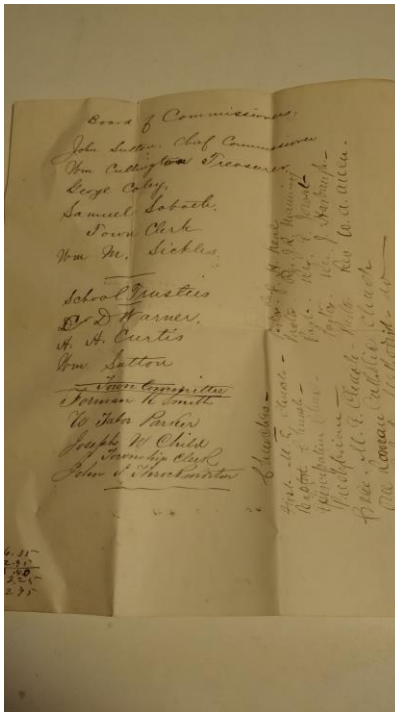
For this month's Archive Article, I present what appears to be a Time Capsule created by our sister church (for a brief period of time) the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. The box appeared in the temporary Archives room, already opened. Inside were five items:

- Bulletin from a service: Thursday September 20, 1888 - 2:30 p.m. The service was titled "Laying the Corner Stone of the Grace M. E. Church.
- A list: A small piece of paper listing: Board of Commissioners, a Town Committee, and a list of area churches and their leaders.
- Newspaper: The New Jersey Standard, Thursday, September 13, 1888
- Newspaper: Red Bank Register, Wednesday, September 12, 1888
- Newspaper: The Christian Advocate, New York, Thursday September 20, 1888.

Pictured are the front and back of the bulletin, and the handwritten list.

Would whomever dropped off the time capsule please contact me as I would love to get some context surrounding the artifact. Where was it found? Who has held onto it? Who opened it and when? Thanks.





From the Men's Fellowship

....Jim Mellon

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--- ATTENTION ALL MEN ---

- Men's Fellowship will meet in Room 114, at 8 am on Saturday, May 6th.
 - All are welcome, so, come join us!
 - I'll have coffee, but bring your favorite drink and breakfast item and enough to share.
 - As usual, we will help-out around the church.
 - We certainly discuss the Parking Lot Repair Campaign status, both funding-wise and work-wise.
 - Contact Jim Mellon (jim.mellon@verizon.net) or cell 732-647-5744.
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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.

Congratulations

Sincere congratulations and best wishes to Tom and Kathy Brounley celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.

Flowers

5/14/17 – In honor of our mother and grandmother, Alice G. Hook, by Laurel, David, Keith, Colin and Adam Hook.

5/28/17 – In memory of Gerard R. Poling by Lillian, Eileen and Linda.

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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