

Welcome Visitors

We're happy you joined us today! Visitor Bags are available – please ask an usher or greeter. Join us for fellowship in Fellowship Hall directly after the service. Thank you for visiting. We look forward to seeing you again!

Helpful information:

- Hearing assistance devices are available.
- Childcare is available in our nursery, room 109 at 9:30 AM.
- Bathrooms are located outside the Sanctuary and the Chapel.

Name Tags

We ask all members and regular visitors to please wear nametags on Sunday mornings. Name tags are in a rack at the rear entrance to Church and in the Narthex. Leave them where it is most convenient for you. New name tags can be provided by David Henritzky or George Schildge. Thank you for your co-operation!



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In Our 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 sick in body and spirit, those struggling with depression, eating disorders, and substance abuse. Pray for our president and our nation, our newly elected leaders, John Murphy, Betty Hansen, Mildred Stout, Dottie Hay, Joan Weber, Lil Zimmerman, Roger LeValley, Terri Dinkel, Margaret Birkemier, Natalie and Nathan Hesslein, Drew Thompson, Ron MacKenzie, Olivia Walradt, Barry Henritzky, Joe Fennell, for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one, and for strength and healing for all in the world who need it and for compassion and understanding in our relationships.

Please also keep in prayer the family and friends of Janet Schmidt and Patricia Standley who passed away last week. Janet and Patricia have both been longtime and beloved members of UMCRCB and our community has been blessed by their presence over the years. Patricia's services took place on Thursday, December 7th. Janet's memorial service will take place in January, so please look for further details from church communications or on the Thompson Memorial Home website.

REMINDER – If you know someone is in the hospital or needs a pastoral care visit, please call the office and let us know. Thank you for helping us care for all our members!

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Happening This Week

DECEMBER 10-16, 2017

Sunday, December 10	Worship (Chapel)	8:15 AM
	Worship (Sanctuary)	9:30 AM
	Sunday School (Children & Adults)	9:30 AM
	The Village Worship (FH)	11:00 AM
	Children's Church (114)	11:00 AM
	Adult Ed	11:00 AM
	Service of Lessons and Carols (S)	7:00 PM
Monday, December 11	AA (114)	10:30 AM
	McCaskill Support Group (114)	7:15 PM
	Membership Committee (Lib)	7:30 PM
	UMW Craft (LL)	11:00 AM
Tuesday, December 12	AA (B2, B3)	12:00 PM
	Balance/Strength Training (206)	12:00 PM
	Meyers Counseling (UR)	5:00 PM
	Prayer Shawl Group (Lib)	6:30 PM
	Al-Anon (114)	6:30 PM
	Village Rehearsal (FH)	7:00 PM
	Trustees (L)	7:30 PM
	Bible Study @Mellon's	7:30 PM
	Yoga (206)	9:30 AM
	AA Women (114, B4)	1:00 PM
UMY	6:00 PM	
Wednesday, Dec 13	Adult Ed (L TV)	7:00 PM
	AA Women (B2, B3)	12:00 PM
	Meyers Counseling (UR)	6:30 PM
	AA Women (B4)	7:00 PM
	NA (114)	7:00 PM
	Sanctuary Choir	7:00 PM
	AA Mixed (B5)	8:30 PM
Friday, December 15	Meyers Counseling (L)	9:00 AM
	Christmas Party setup (FH, K)	9:00 AM
	AA (114)	6:30 PM
Saturday, December 16	OA (114)	9:30 AM
	Prayer Shawl Group (L)	10:00 AM
	Christmas Party	6:00 PM

REMINDER - Please contact Sheila with your meeting and event dates. This includes all committees and fellowship groups. Items to be included in the announcements should be submitted by Tuesday. Please keep notices brief. Send to sleavitt@umcredbank.org.

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The United Methodist Church of Red Bank is open for ALL to CONNECT with God and others, to GROW in our faith, and to SERVE in love.

Welcome to worship!!!

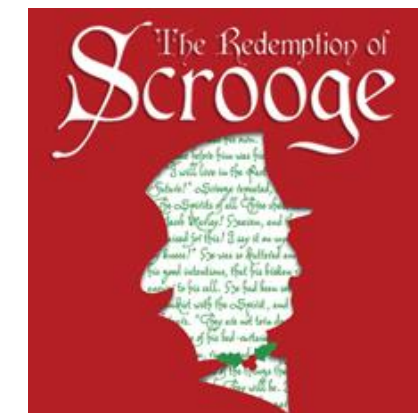
December 10, 2017

8:15 AM Worship in the Chapel

9:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 AM Worship in the Fellowship Hall

The Remembrance of Christmas Past:
Hope From Heartbreak



This Advent season, we will ring out the truth of God's economy – where "making change" has nothing to do with monetary success, and everything to do with transformation.

This Sunday draws from Dickens' story in how the

past affects the present (and the future). As Christians, our hope for humanity can transform our personal sadness into conviction and action. Will we choose to be weighed down by the disappointments of the past, or will we reignite our hope in the future through the love of God?

Traditional Worship at 8:15 & 9:30 AM

Our worship service begins with the prelude.

As we gather for worship please make sure your cell phones are silenced and refrain from using flash photography.

The Church Gathers

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" John Carter

Welcome and Announcements

If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to fill in the "Welcome Visitor" cards located in the pew racks. Cards may be placed in the offering plates or returned to a greeter.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Invitation to Worship "While We Are Waiting, Come" Pastor Jess

Centering Prayer

Holy Living God, as we embark on a journey of remembering the past, we look to you, the redeemer of all of life and thank you that, through you, no past hurt, disappointment or grief is outside of your care and forgiveness. Open us to your miracle just begun and in this season, transform us into those whose giving brings hope in a turbulent world. Open us to you, to each other, and to the voices no one hears so that your reign of mercy, justice, and love can be made known to all. Amen.

Lighting the Advent Wreath 8:15- David Henritz, 9:30- The Schildges
Today we light the candle of hope. Hope is that which keeps us moving toward God's light instead of wandering aimlessly without a compass, without a guide. Hope is what keeps us alive and living life with purpose. We light the candle of Hope, because "hope is the destination of our faith."

*Opening Hymn #196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

To Hear the Word

First Reading Isaiah 9:2, 6a

Reception of New Members

Kimberly & Mark Fallone and Stephanie Carta & Fran Didamo

Time with the Children (9:30) Elaine Dawson

Choral Anthem (9:30) "O Magnum Mysterium" Tomas Luis de Victoria
Sanctuary Choir

*Gospel Reading Luke 2: 8-14

L: This is the word of the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Redemption of Scrooge Rev. Jessica Naulty
The Remembrance of Christmas Past: Hope from Heartbreak

To Respond in Faith

Christmas Carol #216 (9:30) "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Pastoral Prayer "Ring Out Your Truth"

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering our Gifts

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Offertory (9:30) "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" Johannes Brahms

Doxology #95

**Praise God who blesses everyone! Praise Jesus Christ, who is to come!
Praise Spirit, making Three-in-One! All Praise the miracle begun! Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion (8:15)

And Scatters to Be in the World

*Closing Hymn #3047 "God Almighty, We Are Waiting"

*Benediction

Postlude "God Almighty, We Are Waiting" arr. Tim Doran

* Please stand in praise to God if you are able.

Reader: Gerri Poranski

The Village Worship at 11:00 AM

Gathering

Opening Song "You'll Come" Brooke Ligertwood

Welcome and Announcements Evan Courtney

Please fill in the Attendance Cards and put them in the offering basket.

Song "While We Are Waiting, Come" Claire Cloninger

Prayer

Lighting the Advent Wreath Michele Naples and Ken Glossbrenner

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Luke 2:8-14

Sermon Redemption of Scrooge Rev. Jessica Naulty

The Remembrance of Christmas Past: Hope from Heartbreak

Table Conversations

Sharing What We've Learned

Song "Christmas Offering" Paul Baloche

Offering baskets will be collected and brought forward.

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Closing Song "Build Your Kingdom Here" Rend Collective

Benediction

Worship Team: Evan Courtney, Michele Naples, Scott Paden, Nicola Blake

Tech Crew: Eric Hackler and Howard Naulty

Connect

Prayer Shawl Group 2nd Tues @ 6:30 PM & 3rd and 4th Sat @ 10 AM
Craft Group December 12th @ 11 AM

Christmas cards and many new handmade cards are available at the card table. Also 2018/2019 pocket/purse calendars. Stop by today!

Celebrate the Christmas Advent season with our church family

You and your family are invited to a Christmas Party on Dec. 16th at 6 PM. Enjoy desserts and punch while kids are invited to make Christmas crafts. Dance and listen to some of the most merry Christmas music around. Show off your best holiday attire. Freewill offerings are most welcome! Please sign-up in Fellowship Hall or online today! We hope to see everyone here!

Grow

Education and Growth Opportunities

Children's Sunday school Sun @9:30 & 11:00 AM

Adult Education Wed @7 PM and Sun @9:30 AM

Bible Study Thurs @11 AM (Pastor Jess) – on break until January 4
Tues @7:30 PM (Jim Mellon) – Studying the Gospel of John

Youth Group Wednesdays @6 PM

Health and Fitness Groups

Balance and Strength Training Tuesdays @12:00 PM

Prana Flow Yoga Wednesdays @9:30 AM

Serve

Advent Options – Alternative Christmas Gifts

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift? Give the gift of food, stability, or shelter to someone in need. This and next Sunday, stop by the library lounge to purchase alternative Christmas gifts from Serrv (a nonprofit, fair trade organization dedicated to lifting disadvantaged artisans, farmers, and their families out of poverty), Heifer International, Family Promise, or the mission guest house in Tanzania. Help the world and bring a smile to friends and family.

Support the children of Camden Neighborhood Center

Stop by the UMW table in Fellowship Hall any Sunday in Advent, and give a gift to support the great work of the Camden Neighborhood Center - any denomination is helpful.

2018 Commitment Cards

If you have not yet returned your 2018 Commitment Card, please mail it to the church office to the attention of Sheila Leavitt. If you need one, you can pick up a card outside the main office.