

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, Drew Thompson, Ron MacKenzie, Olivia Walradt, Barry Henritzky, Joe Fennell, Fred Tanis, Kim Maxson, Lillian Poling, 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.

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 17-23, 2017

Sunday, December 17	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
Monday, December 18	AA (114)	10:30 AM
	UMW Mission Team (Lib)	1:00 PM
	Church Council-cancelled	7:30 PM
Tuesday, December 19	Wherle's PaCE Group (L)	9:00 AM
	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
Wednesday, Dec 20	<i>Learning Tree closed</i>	
	AA Women (114, B4)	1:00 PM
	UMY	6:00 PM
Thursday, December 21	<i>Learning Tree closed</i>	
	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
Friday, December 22	<i>Learning Tree closed</i>	
	AA Mixed (B5)	8:30 PM
	Learning Tree Police Drill	8:00 AM
Saturday, December 23	<i>Learning Tree closed</i>	
	Meyers Counseling (L)	9:00 AM
	AA (114)	6:30 PM
Saturday, December 23	OA (114)	9:30 AM
	Prayer Shawl Group (L)	10:00 AM

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!!!

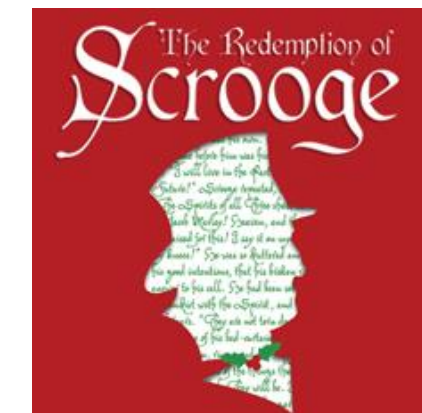
December 17, 2017

8:15 AM Worship in the Chapel

9:30 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 AM Worship in the Fellowship Hall

The Life of Christmas Present:
Look Upon Me



Our Christmas story holds not only joy and mystery, but also fear and deception. In his fear of losing power, Herod causes devastation throughout Bethlehem as he shifts into a "get them before they get us" mindset. Unfortunately, "Bethlehem"

happens in many places even today. Scrooge is asked to "look upon" the reality of the world and it cracks him open a bit and compassion grows. This Sunday is about our own "looking upon" the world and knowing that love is what we are made for... not fear.

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 “Variations on ‘Hail to the Lord’s Anointed’” John Spong

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, we open today to your gift of the present moment, knowing that every heartbeat and breath is your gift of love. Through your generous heart, transform us into those whose giving brings love to a hurting 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- Peg Rizzo,
9:30- Pat Beaudoin and Tammy & Ryan Bullivant

Today we light the candle of love. When we learn to love God and love one another, what we share is the very presence of the divine. We light this candle because transformation demands that we let go of our obsession with material things and consider what God wants: for love to come down at Christmas.

*Opening Hymn #203 “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

To Hear the Word

First Reading Deuteronomy 15:7-11

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Time with the Children (9:30) Elaine Dawson

Choral Anthem (9:30) “Jesus Child” John Rutter
Sanctuary Choir

*Gospel Reading Matthew 2:1-18

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

Sermon *Redemption of Scrooge* Rev. Jessica Naulty
The Life of Christmas Present: Look Upon Me

To Respond in Faith

Christmas Carol #242 (9:30) “Love Came Down at Christmas”

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) “Christmastime Is Here” Vince Guaraldi

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 #202 “People Look East”

*Benediction

Postlude “He Is Born” Richard Hudson

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

Reader: Lori Beck

Organist and Director of Music Ministry: Evan Courtney

8:15 Pianist: Keith Heimann

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 “Christmas Offering” Paul Baloche

Prayer

Lighting the Advent Wreath The Gades Family

Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture Matthew 2:1-18

Sermon *Redemption of Scrooge* Rev. Jessica Naulty

The Life of Christmas Present: Look Upon Me

Table Conversations

Sharing What We’ve Learned

Song “My Soul Magnifies the Lord” Chris Tomlin

Offering baskets will be collected and brought forward.

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Closing Song “Joy” Rend Collective

Benediction

Worship Team: Evan Courtney, Michele Naples,

Scott Paden, Nicola Blake, Eric Hackler

Tech Crew: Chelsea Foster, Jim Mellon, 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!

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 is your last day to, stop by the library lounge and purchase alternative Christmas gifts from 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.

Upcoming Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 24

- 9:30 AM – 4th Sunday in Advent Worship in Sanctuary

Guest preacher: Eric Hackler

- 5:00 PM – Family Centered *Christmas Eve* Worship

- 9:00 PM – Traditional Candlelight *Christmas Eve* Worship

Sunday, December 31

- 9:30 AM – Worship & potluck breakfast in Fellowship Hall