

Connect

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

Worship Over Breakfast

Join us on Sunday, December 31 at 9:30 AM for a combined worship service in our Fellowship Hall. We'll gather to share a potluck breakfast followed by a service celebrating the holiday season. Join us for this different worship – and bring a breakfast dish to share.

God Squad Pancake Breakfast

Join us for breakfast on Saturday, January 20, 2018 from 8-10 AM at Applebee's in Middletown! Tickets are \$13 for a plate of eggs pancakes, bacon and beverage. Come and be served by your favorite church teenagers!! Proceeds go towards our future mission trip. Tickets on sale soon!

Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner

This year's spaghetti dinner will be hosted on February 3, 2018 from 5 PM to 7 PM. Your choices include spaghetti, ravioli, or both, topped with meat or meatless sauce. Don't forget to stop at the bake sale table for your dessert to-go. This all-you-can-eat dinner will be available for \$5 for children, and \$12 for adults. Proceeds go towards our future mission trip.

Grow

Education and Growth Opportunities

Children's Sunday school Sun @9:30 AM
Adult Education Wed @7 PM and Sun @9:30 AM
Bible Study Thurs @11 AM (Pastor Jess) – Studying the Book of Exodus
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

Ongoing Food Collection Cart

The shopping cart in the back hallway is always awaiting food donations for both The Backpack Crew and Lunch Break. Thanks!

This evening's worship leaders:

Senior Pastor: Rev. Jessica B. Naulty
Director of Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries: Elaine Dawson
Director of Music Ministries: Evan Courtney
Children's Choir Directors: Ken Glossbrenner and Michele Naples
Worship Coordinator: Chelsea Foster

Welcome Visitors

We're happy you joined us today! Visitor Bags are available – please ask an usher or greeter. Thank you for visiting. We look forward to seeing you again!

Helpful information:

- Hearing assistance devices are available.
- Bathrooms are outside the Sanctuary.
- Children's activity bags are in the back of the Sanctuary.



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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.

Family Centered Christmas Eve Celebration

December 24, 2017
5:00 p.m. Worship

*Welcome home to church...
It's Christmas!*



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As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phones
and refrain from using flash photography.

Prelude Christmas Carols

Welcome Rev. Jessica B. Naulty

Call to Worship

While Awe is a small word, there are many different ways to say it,
depending on the kind of awe, the wonder, we feel. So let's use the
word in different ways in our call to worship.

L: The shepherds were stuck out in the fields *again*
having to look after all the sheep while everyone else
was sound asleep.

P: Aww. (a little bummed out)

L: Then an angel appeared to them, and they were
afraid!

P: AAAHHH! (afraid)

L: The angel said, "Don't be afraid, for I bring you good
news of great joy."

P: Ahhhhh. (sigh of relief)

L: The angel told the shepherds that the one the world
was waiting for had been born. And suddenly there were
even more angels praising God and saying, "Glory to God
in the highest, and peace to all on earth."

P: Ah. (ethereal, angelic singing)

L: The shepherds ran to Bethlehem and that is where
they found Mary, Joseph, and the baby lying in the
manger.

P: Aw. (seeing something very adorable)

Christmas Carol "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Miller Family

Leader: We come now to light the Advent Wreath,
marking the time we waited to celebrate the coming of
the Christ child.

(All four sides are lit)

L: With awe in our hearts, we light the Christ candle,
celebrating the awesome light God is shining in our
world this night.

(Christ candle is lit)

L: Awesome God we celebrate the light of Christ, your
son and the way this birth brings peace, hope, love, and
joy into the world.

ALL: Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Amen

Christmas Carol "Joy to the World"

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

Opening to the Wonder of God Elaine Dawson

Special Music "What Child is This?" William Chatterton Dix
Children's Choir

The Christmas Story Pastor Jess Naulty

Christmas Carol "Away in a Manger"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid
down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked down where
he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Christmas Prayer Elaine Dawson

God Bless Us, Every One.
Life's busy-ness keeps us on the run.
But we will make room for your Son.
The work of love has just begun.
God bless us, every one! Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jess Naulty

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.

Sharing the Love of God

Christmas Carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Christmas Offering

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Prayer of Peace

Leader: God of peace, bring peace to our world.

♪♪ **All: Sleep in heavenly peace.**

Leader: God of peace, bring peace to our church.

♪♪ **All: Sleep in heavenly peace.**

Leader: God of peace, bring peace to our hearts.

♪♪ **All: Sleep in heavenly peace.**

Leader: God of peace, make us ready for Jesus.

♪♪ **All: Sleep in heavenly peace.**

All: Amen.

Spreading the Light of Christ

*Christmas Carol "Silent Night"

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

*Benediction

Postlude "Joy to the World" David Cherwien

*Those who are comfortable standing may do so at this time.

