

### Connect

**Prayer Shawl Group** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues @6:30 PM & 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sat @10 AM  
**Craft Group** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 from 8-10 AM at Applebee's in Middletown! Tickets are \$13 for a plate of eggs, pancakes, bacon and beverage. Comem 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 Music Ministries: Evan Courtney  
Readers: Gerri Poranski, Phoebe Gartside, John Walradt,  
and Nicola Blake

Communion Servers: Rev. David Henritzky, Elaine Dawson, Barbara Spencer  
Acolyte: Kaie-Ann Smalls  
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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# United Methodist Church of Red Bank

*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.*

## Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Celebration

December 24, 2017  
9:00 p.m. Worship

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



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Our worship service begins with the prelude. As we gather for worship, please silence your cell phones and refrain from using flash photography.

Prelude "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" arr. Rick Seaton

Welcome Rev. Jessica B. Naulty

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Invitation to Worship

### Centering Prayer

Holy Living God, open us to your transforming love. On this night, we remember the birth of your love for us in Jesus Christ. Open us to this miracle just begun so that your reign of mercy, justice, and love can be made known to all. Amen.

\*Carol #211 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Verses 1, 5-7

Choral Anthem "Still, Still, Still" arr. Dean McIntyre  
UMCRB Youth Choir

First Scripture Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 Gerri Poranski  
*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshadowed.*  
At the close of each lesson, the Reader will say, "This is the word of the Lord." The Congregation responds, "Thanks be to God."

Carol #240 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Second Scripture Luke 1: 26-35, 38 Phoebe Gartside  
*The angel Gabriel salutes Mary.*

Special Music "Let It Be" The Beatles  
William Blake  
"Boxing" Ben Folds  
Kenneth Blake

Third Scripture Luke 2: 1-20 John Walradt  
*The birth of Jesus. The angels call the shepherds to the manger.*

Carol #238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Fourth Scripture Matthew 2: 1-12 Nicola Blake  
*The magi follow the star and honor the Christ child with gifts.*

Carol #217 "Away in a Manger"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Jansky Family

Choral Anthem "Lo, How A Rose/The Rose" Craig Hella Johnson  
Sanctuary Choir; Lori Beck, soloist

\*Fifth Scripture John 1:1-14 Rev. Jessica B. Naulty  
*The great mystery of the Incarnation.*

Homily Keeping Christmas Well Rev. Jessica B. Naulty

Carol #224 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Christmas Prayer "Ring Out Your Truth"

### The 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.

Christmas Offering

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Offertory "Mary Did You Know?" Lowry/Greene  
Olivia and Amelia Townsend

### 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

Prayer Confession and Words of Assurance

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Pastor Congregation Pastor  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your

Congregation Pastor  
hearts. We lift them to God. Now let us give thanks to the

Congregation  
Lord our God. How good it is to give thanks and praise!

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing. ...

... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we  
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might a - dored,

heaven and earth are shin - ing bright with the glo - ry of your light.

Loud ho - san - nas now we sing! In the high - est may they ring!

Bles - sed is the Com - ing One, Christ, E - man - nu - el, your Son.

Glo - ry in the high - est! Ho - ly God, your name be blessed!

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. ...

... And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer  
ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union  
with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Let us all in one a - cord, sing the mys - tery

of our Lord. Christ has died, and Christ is ri'sn,

Christ will come a - gain.

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit... all honor and glory is yours, almighty  
God, now and forever. Amen.

Receiving Communion and Laying Our Burdens Down

As you come forward for communion, please bring your ribbons to place  
in the manger after receiving. You are welcome to kneel at the rail  
before returning to your seat.

Lighting of Candles

Caution: Please do not tip the lighted candle – tip only the unlit candle.

\*Carol #239 "Silent Night"

\*Benediction

\*Carol #246 "Joy to the World"

Please remain in your pew until all candles are extinguished.

Postlude "Joy to the World" David Cherwien

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

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