Connect

Prayer Shawl Group Craft Group

 2^{nd} Tues @6:30 PM & 3^{rd} and 4^{th} Sat @10 AM 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 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

Tuesdays @12:00 PM

Health and Fitness Groups

Balance and Strength Training 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 Henritzy, 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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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... Jt's Christmas!

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Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Celebration

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

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

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, Emmanue	el" Verses 1, 5-7
Choral Anthem	"Still, Still, Still" UMCRB Youth Choir	arr. Dean McIntyre

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 Gerri Poranski First Scripture 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		
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The birth of Jesus. The angels call the shepherds to the manger.

Carol #238 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Nicola Blake Fourth Scripture Matthew 2: 1-12 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

"Marv Did You Know?" Lowry/Greene **Olivia and Amelia Townsend**

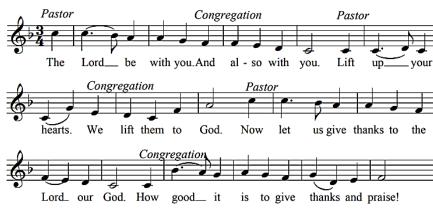
Doxology #95

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

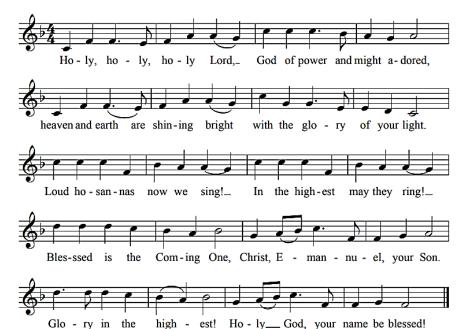
Prayer Confession and Words of Assurance

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion



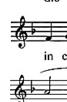
Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing. ...

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











Lighting of Candles

*Carol #239 "Silent Night"

*Benediction

*Carol #246

Postlude

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

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.



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.

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

"Joy to the World"

Please remain in your pew until all candles are extinguished.

"Joy to the World" **David Cherwien**

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