



The United Methodist Church of Red Bank
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THE OUTLOOK

**UMC Red Bank is a Church open to ALL to CONNECT with God
and others, to GROW in our faith, and to SERVE in love.”**

March 2018

Dear Church Family,

We have had a challenging start to 2018 in our nation; from the continued racial tension, to the uncertainty of the future of Dreamers within our communities, to the uncovering of gender discrimination and voicing of the #MeToo movement, to the continued gun violence that plagues our schools and society as a whole. If we had thought for a moment that we were further along in our march toward a more just and peaceful society than our current reality reveals, then our recent history has awoken us from that dream with abrupt certainty. What do we do when we find ourselves in the midst of such turmoil surrounding us? I believe the answer is two-fold: we reach in and strengthen the convictions of our faith, and we reach out, building bridges where some would erect walls, and using our voices and very presence to speak up to the powers of injustice.

We begin by reaching in, reconnecting with the heart of our Gospel, grounded in the love of God. We re-center our focus on God and what it means to live out the Kingdom of God in our everyday lives. We do this by quieting the noise and strife long enough to connect with God, to refuel and re-enliven our faith. In March, our Lenten worship series will be inviting us on a journey of listening for God's still small voice, which is too often drowned out by the clamor of the world. I pray that through this time of worship and the weekly invitation to practice a spiritual discipline, you may be blessed to reach in and emerge revitalized, grounded in God's love, and ready to face the challenges that lie ahead.

The second movement that we lean towards in times of struggle is to reach out, making connections and relationships with other individuals and groups, remembering that we are not alone in the struggle. In this spirit, we celebrate the success of our first Forum on Social Justice, focused on Race, which we hosted on January 25th. The 90 people in attendance (30 of the UMCRB members) were blessed with an opportunity to hear from our guest speakers Sid Bernstein, Rev. Gil Caldwell, and Gilda Rodgers and to be in conversation with one another about our heartbreaks and our hopes, using our history and present struggles as a jumping off point for solutions in the future. While we did not solve the plague of racism in our nation, or even in our community, we took a step in the right direction. As we move into the future, there remain a lot of steps before us, but I pray that the relationships and conversations that were started through this forum may continue to grow and thrive as we work together to bring forth the kingdom of God in our midst. We will continue this forum's model of reaching out, building connections and opening up dialogue on April 29th as we tackle the topic of Gender Equality, so mark your calendar.

As the world around us continues to spin in chaos and struggle, may you reach in and remain centered in the love of God, and may you reach out in connection with others.

May God's blessing and peace be yours along the journey.

Jess

Rev. Jessica B. Naulty



Holy Week and Easter Services

March 25th - Palm Sunday Worship @ 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 AM
March 29th - Maundy Thursday @ 7:00 PM in UMCRB Fellowship Hall
March 30th - Good Friday @ 7:00 PM in UMCRB Sanctuary

April 1st - Easter Celebrations

Sonrise Service @ 6:30 AM at Sea Bright on the beach
9:00 AM SHARP Easter Egg Hunt on front lawn of UMCRB
9:30 AM combined traditional worship in UMCRB Sanctuary
11:00 AM Village worship in UMCRB Fellowship Hall



Church Flowers

Dear Friends,

Spring is almost here and after the winter we long to be reminded of God’s beauty often hidden beneath the snowdrifts. What better way to lift our spirits and remember nature’s beauty than to include some of that beauty in our church and worship.

This is your opportunity to contribute to the beautification of our church for Easter Sunday. We will decorate with a glorious combination of lilies, daffodils, hyacinths and tulips – spring resurrection flowers. Sign up below to celebrate the joy of the season in honor, in memory, in celebration, or just to share your love of beauty. Flowers are available for \$20 each. Your name and intention of your donation will be listed in a special insert in the Easter Sunday worship bulletin.

Here is another opportunity to contribute to the beautification of our church by donating flowers throughout the year. You may designate that you are placing flowers in memory, honor of, in celebration of an individual or organization as you choose. Floral arrangements are available for \$45 each and you may subscribe for one or more arrangements. Your name and purpose of your donation will be listed in Sunday’s bulletin. You may also specify a particular Sunday or Sundays (for an anniversary, birthday or whatever) on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note we will only purchase flowers on Sundays that are subscribed and paid in advance; other Sundays provide the opportunity show off our potted plants. Orders should be submitted to Sheila at your convenience anytime during the year.

Please submit orders for Easter flowers NOW and no later than March 20th.

Please fill out the form below and return it with your check which may be placed in the offering plate or dropped in the mail slot in Sheila’s office door.

I/We would like to give a gift of

_____ arrangement(s) @ \$45.00 (per arrangement on any Sunday)

_____ plant(s) @ \$20 per plant for Easter Day

Date:

In honor of:

In memory of:

In celebration of:

Given by:

Attached is a check for \$_____

Learning Tree

....Kara Crespo
learningtreepreschoolredbank@gmail.com

During the month of March, Learning Tree will be filled with clovers, rainbows, bunnies, chicks and all things spring! Our annual **Breakfast with the Bunny** is March 10th. We also hold a Silent Basket Auction during the week leading up to the breakfast.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to All!

Scholastic Assistance

....Barbara Gunther
732-203-1970, bjgunther@verizon.net

It's almost St. Patrick's Day and if you are looking forward to a **tender, juicy**, and **savory** dinner of corned beef and cabbage, look no further because the annual Scholastic Assistance **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner is almost here. You will not want to miss this very special delicious "all you can eat dinner" to be held on St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th, from 4:30—6:30 pm.**

As usual, you can become a Patron and receive complimentary tickets or you can purchase tickets separately at the door for \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Our modest-sized committee also asks for your help in setting up for the dinner, preparing vegetables, serving, cleaning up and providing desserts. If you can help us for an hour or two on the day of the dinner, please sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall. *Thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause. Come join us for great food, fellowship and fun!*

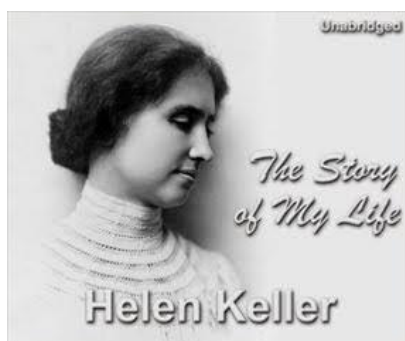
United Methodist Women - UMW

....Linda Babler
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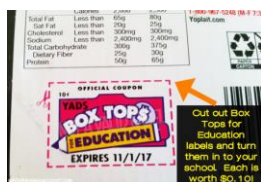
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Woman of the Year

UMW proudly announces their Woman of the Year. She is a very versatile woman, soft spoken and has a gentle soul. She has raised 2 beautiful children and along the way many of our own. She has worked many years with the youth group and Sunday School. She has baked, sewn, and ironed for UMW. Whenever we hold a Ladies Morning Out or a Woman's Retreat she is the first one to sign up. We put out a call for help and she responds. She is vital to Outreach, the Back Pack Crew, UMW and to all of us. Please take a moment and congratulate the Woman of the Year - Barbara Roguski.



The Book Club meets the 4th Saturday of the month at 1pm in the Library. Our Book for March 24th is “The Story of My Life” by Helen Keller.



Box Tops for Education - UMW collects these labels which helps the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. Please take a moment and clip the label off the products you normally use and leave them in the box by the mail bins in the hall outside Sheila’s office.



Lunch Break - Volunteers are needed to help cook, serve, and clean up on Saturday April 7th, 8:30 – 12 noon. If you can help please contact Barbara Valenti at Barb.mellenti@gmail.com.

UMW has a **Prayer Shawl ministry** here at the church. If you can sew, knit or crochet you are needed. We also are making baby blankets for the children that are baptized at our church. We now are providing baby and preemie caps for Monmouth Medical. Our next dedication will be in May, so lots of time to finish up a prayer shawl. If you would like to be part of this ministry, contact Linda Babler. Normally, we meet on the 3rd & 4th Saturdays at 10 am, in the Lounge. But during the winter months we will not be meeting on Tuesday evenings.



Mark Your Calendars!! UMW Sponsored Irish Tea will be held on **Sunday, March 11th** in room114 at 12 noon. Watch for much, more information to come. Entertainment for the afternoon to be confirmed. Come in your finest green.

Craft Group will be meeting on March 13 and March 27 (second and fourth Tuesdays) from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Library Lounge area. Bring your light lunch for our short lunch break and come help us create greeting cards. All proceeds from card sales go to help UMW meet its pledge to missions locally and around the world.

The ladies of UMW will be cooking and assembling meals for **“The Center” of Asbury Park** on March 24th at 10 am. Let Barbara Valenti or Linda Babler know if you are able to help. We provide meals (50) at least 4 times a year to The Center. We can always use more hands to help.

Reminder: Mission Team Meeting, March 19th, 1pm in the library.

Leadership Training and Spring Prayer Breakfast
Featuring workshops on various UMW National & Global Projects.

March 24 9 am – 12 noon

Place: First UMC of Toms River,
Old Freehold & Chestnut St., Toms River, 08753

RSVP to Donna Jordan llovedogs1943@yahoo.com no later than 3/14

Just some of the topics might include:

Youth leadership training organized by UMW Regional Missionary Initiative
with the Malawi UMC

Or

Good Neighbor Settlement House in Brownsville, Texas

Or

Friendly Center, Toledo, Ohio

Leadership Training will be provided for all new officers. Please let us know how many are attending and what position they need training in.

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Registration form

Unit _____ Contact Name _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Total # attending _____

Officers needing training indicate # taking the training:

____ Pres ____ VP/Social Action ____ Secretary ____ Treasurer ____ Program Resources ____ Spiritual Growth

RSVP by March 14, to LSBABLER@GMAIL.COM OR ILOVEDOGS1943@Yahoo.com

[OR MAIL RESPONSE TO Linda Babler 387 Oak Hill Rd., Red Bank, NJ 07701](mailto:LSBABLER@GMAIL.COM)

Children's Ministries

...Elaine Dawson
732-740-740-8435, ed45yrs@aol.com

A message from Elaine Dawson Director of Children, Youth and Young Adults: Thank you to all for the cards and prayers this past month. I have a journey ahead of me so keep those prayers coming.

We are now into our Lenten journey. Our message for this season is to LISTEN! It is only through listening to our trusted friends, our own bodies and to God that we can grow in knowledge, health and faith. Join us this Lenten season by exercising your listening skills. Lay in bed a minute more and listen to the birds start their day; listen to the children and what they say and don't say, listen to our families so we can more clearly see their needs and listen to God speak to us through our hearts and encourage us to be the best we can be! God bless your Lenten journey!

We are in **great** need of a Sunday school helper to gather attendance, collect offering and see to any needs in each classroom during the 9:30 AM hour. If there is someone who could do the attendance on their phone on Google docs and then simply send it to me, that would be great. I can work with this person and supply names of children and leadership. This is not a big job, but it is very important. Please text Elaine's cell or e-mail at ed45yrs@aol.com or call Elaine Dawson at [732-747-0446 ext 11](tel:732-747-0446). Please prayerfully consider this.

We need to add some people to our Sunday school sub list. If you are able to fill in on a Sunday occasionally, please see Elaine Dawson.

Confirmation - We have 8 young people preparing to receive their Confirmation on May 20th. One of our Confirmands will be baptized on that day also. We will attend retreat on May 4-6th to finalize our commitment to this church and to God. The spiritual journey of these teens has been the most profound witness I have ever experienced. The teens will express to you at Confirmation various aspects of their journey. PLEASE be there to support them. We are a family and they are jumping head first into the life of this church. They have been attending the 11:00 service and have enjoyed this experience. They have chosen to be Confirmed in the sanctuary, but would like all of you to hear some of the music close to their hearts that we have learned at the 11:00 service. We'd like to thank Evan and Pastor Jess for our worship experience this year. Please put this upcoming Godly event on your calendars.

Vacation Bible School - Save the date for **June 25-29th from 9 AM-12:30 PM**. This year's theme will be **Rolling River Rampage** - where we will experience the ride of a lifetime with God! We'll learn about life's adventure, acceptance, joy, rest and peace all with a connection to how we can find these things at the river. We will teach the children that they can help other children by contributing food and money to help those who have so much less than they do. Registration will begin April 29th for all those 4 years old through 6th grade. The cost will be \$25.00 per child for those who can pay and \$15.00 for those who can volunteer at VBS to cover their costs. Positions for upcoming 7th graders are limited, so sign up early. Contact River Guide Elaine Dawson at 732-747-0446, extension 11 with any questions. The river will fill quickly so make sure you register on April 29th.

If you have a river raft you can loan us for this adventure, please let Elaine Dawson know. We are also looking to borrow several river kayaks, oars and life jackets. They will be returned a week after VBS and needed by June 24th. Thank you.

HUBOB

.....Marion Kleiner
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GREETINGS FROM HUBOB!!!

Your HUBOB Team says "Thanks" for the support you provided for our Super Bowl Sunday chili event. We hope you enjoyed your meal and we look forward to duplicating it again next year!!

To those who sailed with us on the "Oceania" at our Dessert Theatre Murder Mystery on Saturday, February 17th, we trust you enjoyed your trip and didn't get sea-sick!!

Please be prepared for the next gift card order on March 11th. Check the master list in Fellowship Hall and think "Easter", April 1st!! ShopRite and Foodtown cards are available for your weekly grocery shopping, and remember ~~~~~

IT'S ALWAYS TIME TO HUBOB!!

(Help Us Balance Our Budget)

HEALTH AND WHOLENESS OPPORTUNITIES

BALANCE AND STRENGTH TRAINING - Join the group to strengthen balance and fitness led by Janet Tartaglia, on **Tuesdays at 12 pm** in room B1. A no impact, no mat workout for the older adult done standing or sitting on chairs. Call Janet at 732-284-8222 or the church office for more information.

PRANA FLOW YOGA – Join us **every Wednesday morning from 9:30-11 am** in room B1 for **Prana Flow® Yoga**. Tiffany McCann will instruct the class to calm your mind, strengthen your body and open your heart.

Bible Study

...Jim Mellon
732-647-5744, jim.mellenti@gmail.com

Tuesday Evening Bible Study, Gospel of John

On March 6th, we will be studying John, Chapter 16, then continuing with Chapters 17 (3/13), 18 (3/20), and 19 (3/27). Also, the time of the class is 7:00 PM to 8:30PM.

Come join us in fellowship at Jim Mellon and Barb Valenti's home (134 Sleepy Hollow Road, (Middletown), Red Bank). All are welcome. For questions and information, contact Jim Mellon, cell: 732-647-5744; home: 732-671-3107; or e-mail: jim.mellenti@gmail.com.

Change for Change!!

....BARB VALENTI
732-614-4086, barb.mellenti@gmail.com

Raid your piggy bank. Donate your loose change. We are trying to fund some minor renovation projects (not big Capital Fund Campaign type) and would love you to just contribute your loose change. A large water bottle will be in Fellowship Hall between all the services to collect change. Let's see if we can fill up the container by the end of the summer!

The funds will be used to clean the oriental carpets, buy new lamp shades in the Lounge, buy a big screen TV for the Lounge and do other minor repairs.

We welcome suggestions of what bothers you and you would like to see done. Put your suggestion in the Fellowship Hour Donation Box or just tell Barb Valenti. The only condition is: You must acknowledge that the problem was fixed (before you can request another project/repair). A thank you would be nice!

God Squad

....Greg Jansky
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....Jim Stonaker
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....Suzanne Dice
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God Squad had a great time hosting a **Pancake Breakfast** at Applebees up in Middletown. It was great to see our church family come out for pancakes and a great time, and we look forward to hosting another pancake breakfast. The restaurant was filled and our youth were involved with all facets of serving the breakfast.

On January 24th, God Squad participated with both Club 77 and Mustard Seeds in the **Annual Youth Group Game Night**. Lots of noise was heard from Fellowship Hall as four teams battled it out in a handful of games. Teams were made up of youth from all three youth groups.

God Squad provided some muscle in helping the church clean out upstairs rooms and lugging items down to the basement. By the end of the night many of the rooms were cleaned out and the contents moved to the basement.

February 3rd saw God Squad hosting the **Annual Spaghetti Dinner** in Fellowship Hall. The church was packed from 5-7 and much spaghetti, ravioli and baked goods were consumed. It was great to see our church family come out and enjoy our annual dinner.



God Squad wasn't out of the woods, coming back to church on Sunday February 4th in order to lug the bags of donated clothes to be picked up. Even though everyone was tired from the night before, the group was able to bring the mountain of bags from the basement outside to the waiting truck.

God Squad would like to thank our church family and parents for helping us out with our fund raisers.

Finally, at our most meeting, God Squad explored friendship, what it means to be a friend, and loyalty.

Men's Fellowship

...Jim Mellon

732-647-5744, jim.mellenti@gmail.com

Hey guys of UMC Red Bank! Our March gathering is on March 3rd at 8 AM. I'll have the coffee hot, and some snacks, too. Come and share what's happening in your life.

Thanks to the many folks who have worked on the changes underway with our education wing and other places. We'll discuss it more thoroughly?!?! Hope to see you

Please bother us!!

Communication is crucial in letting us know when members of this congregation are hospitalized or ill. We would rather be told multiple times than to not know at all. So, let Pastor Naulty and Pastor Zito know, leave messages at church, or email us at sleavitt@umcredbank.org. Remember that hospitals no longer contact clergy when members are hospitalized.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

...BARB VALENTI

732-614-4086, barb.mellenti@gmail.com

There is a Lost and Found Box in the hallway between the sanctuary and back door (the children exit through the hallway after Children's Hour). Please look for missing items there. If it is a valuable item, check with Sheila Leavitt (church secretary).

When there are big events on the weekends or holidays, you can park on the other side of the parsonage in the lawyer's parking lot (229 Broad St-McKenna Dupont Higgins & Stone PC). There is also 2-hour street parking.

Church Family News

....Chelsea Foster
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Your Church Family would like to celebrate Birthdays, Weddings, Retirements, Anniversaries, Births and many more momentous occasions with you. You can submit your celebrations to Chelsea Foster at cfoster_01@arcadia.edu or email to sleavitt@umcredbank.org or simply drop them in the office door mail slot.

In Our Thoughts and 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 ill in body and spirit, those struggling with illness and substance abuse. For strength and healing for all in the world who need it and for compassion and understanding in our relationships.



**Turn your clocks
Sunday, March 11th
Check the batteries in your carbon monoxide and smoke alarms.**

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Rev. Christina Zito, Minister of Visitation
Elaine Dawson, Director of Children, Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Evan Courtney, Director of Music Ministries
Sheila Leavitt, Financial and Church Secretary
Bob Shindel and Tom Sutton, Sextons
Rev. David G. Henritz, Retired Pastor Emeritus

Worship Services
8:15 am Communion Service
9:30 am Traditional Service
9:30 am and 11 am Adult Education
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am The Village Progressive Service
11:00 am Children's Church

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