



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.”***

October 2019

Dear Church Family,

Organizational membership is not what it was back in the heyday of “joining.” Being a part of an organization in your community or church was expected... it was the thing to do, because most social interaction happened there. There was no online social networking to connect you from afar. Churches and other social organizations were the place where relationships were built and friendships were made. There was once a social expectation that everyone was involved in a faith community in some way, but the numbers of people who claim to be “spiritual but not religious” has continued to climb over the years. A new Gallup poll released in April of 2019 shows that the percentage of US adults who belong to a church or other religious institution has plunged over the past two decades, hitting a low of 50% last year.

This reality of our culture is important for us to recognize, identify the challenges it presents, and seek out potential benefits in the meantime. While fewer people obviously means that there are less resources of people and finances to go around, perhaps those who are involved in the church community and ministry are more committed because it is their CHOICE rather than their OBLIGATION to be there.

Throughout October, in our stewardship worship series “Not Your Mama’s Church, But It Feels Like Home,” we will talk honestly about the blessings and challenges of being in ministry in the 21st century and celebrate the unique gifts that our church brings to individuals, families, communities, and our whole world. Each week in worship, we’ll hear a testimony from one of our congregants about why they choose to be so active in our church and are so dedicated to contributing time, talent, and treasure to what God is doing in and through the UMC of Red Bank.

I hope you will join us each Sunday as we celebrate this great church and why we all choose to grow in our faith, service, and love together.

May God bless us on the journey,

Pastor Jess

Rev. Jessica B. Naulty

Worship

...Chelsea Foster

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There will only be ONE service on Sunday, October 13th. Be sure not to miss it as our Joy Choir will be performing and UMW will be hosting their Harvest Bazaar that day.

Reminder of our new service times:

8:15 a.m. in the Chapel

9:00 a.m. Adult Education in the Lounge

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. The Village (contemporary conversational service)

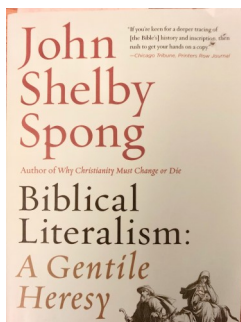
Adult Education

...Mark Hackler

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Sunday Morning and Wednesday Evening Study

We have started with *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy* by John Shelby Spong at 9:00 on Sundays in the lounge. It is a study of Matthew's gospel noting how the story was constructed using Jewish messianic expectations, Jewish symbolism, and the liturgical calendar of the synagogue that would have been obvious to Matthew's original audience, but that was quickly foreign to the Gentile church as it developed after the split with the synagogue. We have 5 videos of Spong's lecture on this book from Chatauqua in 2016.



Following this we will move to *The Challenge of Christ* by John Dominic Crossan. That should likely get us Advent or beyond.

Thursday morning Bible study - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm .

All are invited to join in the conversation on Thursday mornings with a Bible study led by Pastor Jess. This year we'll start off in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, listening for what the social dynamics of the day were, and what lessons we can apply to our own lives and faith journeys. No pre-reading or starting knowledge of the texts is necessary. Just come as you are, with a willingness to learn together.

Church Flowers

...Shzila Leavitt

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Dear Friends:

The lovely flowers we see on the altar with the variety of green leaves and bright colors remind us of God's beauty. 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 by donating flowers. You may designate flowers in memory of (IMO), in honor of (IHO), in celebration of (ICO) 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 specify a particular Sunday or Sundays (for an anniversary, birthday or whatever) on a first-come, first-served basis.



You may also choose to bring a “personal donation” of store-bought or garden flowers.

Please note we will only purchase flowers on Sundays that are subscribed and paid in advance; other Sundays provide the opportunity to show off our potted plants. Orders should be submitted to Sheila at your convenience anytime during the year.

Please fill write information on memo line of your check or attach a post-it with info.

United Methodist Women – UMW

..Linda Babler

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UMW Harvest Bazaar: *New Date & Times: October 12 & 13.* Hours: Saturday 12th from 10am - 3pm with Luncheon from 11:30am-3pm. Sunday 13th from 9am - 12pm.

The Annual Basket Auction lasts until October 13th at 12 noon, in the Library area between services. Come make a bid and support the mission work your UMW does for Children, Women and Youth in the community and around the world.

Book Club – Meets the 4th Saturday of the month at 1pm in the Library. Our October read is “Making Rounds with Oscar” by David Dosa, M.D.

Susanna Circle meets 6:30 p.m., October 8th, 2019 Room 114. We will share supper together and then price new items and weigh / wrap candy for the Bazaar. *Many hands make light work.*

Mildred-Ruth Circle will meet on Thursday, October 10th in Room 114. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. with lunch together (bring your own; dessert/beverage provided). We welcome newcomers to our Circle which meets the second Thursday of most months at 12:30 p.m.

Ladies Morning Out, October 19th 8:30 – 12 noon. Facilitator: Rev Jessica Naulty on “Mindfulness: The Power of Mindset”. To be held in Fellowship Hall, Light breakfast included. Registration forms accepted until October 15th, Cost \$5.00

Lunch Break: UMW will prepare a hot breakfast for their clients on Saturday, October 5th. If you would like to help cook, serve or clean up please let Barbara Valenti (barb.mellenti@gmail.com) know. There are 2 shifts, the first is 8:30 – 10:30 and the second is 10 – 12noon. We still need a couple more volunteers. All hands are a help !!

Craft Group will meet on October 8th and 22nd from 11am—2pm. Come help us make greeting cards! Cards can be purchased in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings for \$1.00 each. Stop by this month to see our Autumn and Halloween cards. We will also have Thanksgiving and Christmas cards available at the Bazaar! Bring your lunch and join the fun!!

Prayer Shawl (knit or crochet group) will be meeting on October 19th and 26th at 10am in the Lounge.

Box Tops for Education: UMW collects these labels, they help 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 the Church office.

Mission Team Meeting: October 21st at 1pm in the library.

Learning Tree

.....Kara Crespo

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October will be filled with all things fall, pumpkins, fire safety and Halloween for the students at Learning Tree. We will be holding our first fundraiser from October 1st through the 18th. It is a Yankee Candle fundraiser. Envelopes will be left outside of the church office if anyone would like to participate.

Have an Outstanding October!

Director of Children & Youth Ministries

...Elaine Dawson

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All youth groups and Sunday school have begun with huge attendance and so many happy faces! We are blessed to have such engaged and faithful leadership in our youth programs and Sunday school. Please pray for these people as they show the love of God to the children of our church and all those who visit. The children of our church have been taught to welcome the stranger and love those who need it the most. We are teaching our children to be leaders both in church and in their lives. Praise God for the leadership of The UMC of Red Bank.

Our leadership is as follows:

Nursery: Leslie Young and Alyce Zabawa

Toddler SS: Philip and Raina Tse with Amanda Dice as their aide

K-2 SS: Taylor (Castle) DeBartolome & Rebecca Nilsen with aides Emily Sullivan & Bryan Reimertz

3rd-6th SS: Michelle Foreback and Sharon Gades with aide Parlin Gressitt

7th-12th Bagels and Faith: Elaine Dawson-9:00 AM Sunday mornings

Youth Groups-Wednesday evenings at 6:00

High school God Squad: Greg Jansky, Jim Stonaker, and Suzanne Dice

Jr. High Club 77: Kathy Kelley, Alyce Zabawa, Amy Applegate, and Keith Dice

3rd-5th grade Mustard Seeds: Barbara Roguski and Suzanne Stonaker

If anyone would like to join our Mustard Seeds in leadership please call Elaine Dawson at church.

Our youth groups will attend our general conference on Wednesday Oct 9th. Our Mustard Seeds and Club 77 will visit Wesleyan arms for Halloween games and treats on Oct. 30th so come in costume to youth group! All children in 3rd grade-12th are welcome in all youth groups. You do not have to be a member of our church.

We are looking for cooks to help with youth group dinners on Wednesday nights. If you would be able to do this, please e-mail Elaine Dawson at ed45yrs@aol.com.

CROP Walk is October 20th at 1:00 at RBR High School. All our youth groups will raise money and walk the walk! Help by donating to a walker. Lets help feed the world. Bring peanut butter with you to donate on walk day.

God Squad

...Greg Jansky, Jim Stonaker & Suzanne Dice

God Squad is back in action! Our first night together we had 19 teenagers. We caught up on summer news and went over expectations for the year.

The second week we held our exec board elections. The outcome:

President: Jake Dice

Vice-President: Julia Sullivan

Treasurer: Dillon McCann

Members at Large: Lauren Tse and Tamia Birch-Gentle

Julia Sullivan will continue on as Church Council rep. We look forward to another successful year together!

Greg, Jim, & Suzanne



Mustard Seeds

....Barb Roguski & Suzanne Stonaker

The Mustard Seeds are off to a fun start. We liked playing get-to-know-you games, Our devotion this month, 1 Samuel 25:6 is about peace. We talked about when we feel at peace and what does peace mean? Our first community effort was sorting recyclable plastic bottle caps for the green faith team. Soon you will see our CROP posters.

H.U.B.O.B

....Marion Kleiner

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HUBOB needs you!

We are planning a pulled pork extravaganza, a dessert theatre mystery, chili for Super Bowl Sunday, a coffee-house style dessert concert and a return of Savvy Soaps for Mother's Day. We hope we will fill your calendar with opportunities to share events with friends and family while you help to balance the church budget. In addition, every week you are shopping for food, clothing, gifts, movie tickets, or articles at the pharmacy. Maybe you are having dinner out or just grabbing coffee on the road. HUBOB wants to travel with you – in your pocket or in your wallet. We have gift cards to cover almost every item on your list. Stop by in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning and pick up or order a card (or two). Every purchase helps the church budget – and doesn't cost you anything. If you would like to help us with any of these fun packed happenings, please stop by at the HUBOB table in Fellowship Hall any Sunday morning or call Marion Kleiner at 732-918-9587. There is no long term commitment involved. Pick one item from the list and jump in with us.

REMEMBER: IT IS ALWAYS TIME TO HUBOB!

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.

Music Opportunity

....Evan Courtney

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Fourth Sundays Are All-Sing Sundays!

If you want to sing in the choir, but don't want to make a commitment to every Sunday, you can sing with us on each 4th Sunday for the 10am service! Just come up to the balcony at 9am and helpful choir members will get you set up to sing! Contact Evan for more details.



The JOY Choir would love for your Kindergartener through Third Grader to join us for some happy singing. We meet every Sunday from 11:00-11:20 (right after the 10:00 Traditional Church Service). Our next performance will be October 13th. If you sign a permission slip, we will walk your child from Sunday School to practice in Room 114. For more information, please contact Becky Nilsen, rebeccaNilsen@me.com

Green Team

....Janie Schildge

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JOIN OUR TREX® CHALLENGE FOR A GREENER EARTH

Sunday, September 1 marked the official start of our TREX® Challenge for a Greener Earth. We invite you to join the challenge by bringing in single use plastics such as grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziploc® and other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal liners. We will take your single use plastic to one of several drop off centers where it will be packaged up, sent to TREX® and given a new life as outdoorfurniture,

decking material, landscape lighting etc. Our goal is to collect and recycle 500 lbs of plastic. In exchange, TREX® will donate an outdoor bench to our church and together we will have eliminated 500 lbs of plastic from our area landfills!

Club 77 and some friends will be our sorting partners and will help monitor our collections to be sure the right types of plastics are included in our collection. A poster outlining the types of plastic that can be donated is just inside the back door next to our collection box. Invite relatives and friends to join in!

Any plastic marked with a 2, or 4, or plastic that can be stretched (such as grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags, ziploc® and other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal liners) can be donated.

Please note, it is VERY IMPORTANT that ALL materials are CLEAN, DRY AND FREE OF FOOD RESIDUE! HELP US MEET THE CHALLENGE! Please see Janie Schildge or Bobbie Ridgely (bbridgely@yahoo.com) for more information.

Church Family News

Welcome to our seminary intern, Case Akers!

Congratulations to Mark Hackler and his team from DuPont for winning one of 4 American Chemical Society's 2019 Heroes of Chemistry Awards. The award is given to industrial chemical scientists who had an integral role in their company successfully commercializing a product benefitting humankind. The award was presented in San Diego on August 25.

Congratulations to George and Janie Schildge who were honored at HABCORE on September 27th for their years of dedicated service.

The UMW Garden received an award from the Fairhaven Borough on Monday, September 23rd as one of the best gardens in the Fairhaven Community Garden.

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 know, leave messages at church, or email us at sleavitt@umcredbank.org. Remember that hospitals no longer contact clergy when members are hospitalized.

Outreach

....Kathy Hackler

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The forum on immigration scheduled for October 24th has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances

Outreach giving this month includes \$500 to the Backpack Crew, \$1000 to Family Promise, \$750 to Interfaith

Neighbors, \$750 to Lunch Break, \$750 to Monmouth Day Care Center, \$750 to the Parker Family Clinic, and \$750 to 180 Turning Lives Around. We thank you all for your donations which enable us to help these local organizations and hope you will continue to support us as we support them.

Join us for the 7th Annual Birthday Bash for the T. Thomas Fortune House on Oct.3rd at 6:30 at the Oyster Point: The Art of Social Justice.
You can get tickets by going to <https://www.tthomasfortuneculturalcenter.org/>.

Men's Fellowship ...Jim Mellon
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"Help us with church cleanup!!!

A church-wide Fall Clean Up is scheduled: Sat October 26th, 8:30 am to noon. Contact Barb Valenti (barb.mellenti@gmail.com)

Bring (a willing attitude and):
Work gloves, weeding tools, pruning tools, kneeling pad, (ear protection if mowing or blowing). If you don't have these items, a limited number will be available.

- To Do's:
- ♦ Mowing (riding and gas mowers provided),
 - ♦ Edging (battery-powered, string weed whacker provided),
 - ♦ Blowing (backpack blower and pushed Billy Goat provided),
 - ♦ Weeding (many volunteers needed to clear one of 9 landscape beds),
 - ♦ Pruning (training & tools will be provided)
 - ♦ Collection (& disposal) of leaves and debris

Come one and all!"

We are updating our USPS mailing list for THE OUTLOOK. If you would like to continue receiving a hard copy of this publication, please call the church office @ (732) 747-0446 (you can leave a message in voice mail). If we don't hear from you, we will assume you prefer to be deleted from future mailings. We'd also love to hear what you feel is missing in this publication.As a note, much of this information is sent electronically in the Sunday Bulletin, Thursday E-Blast and through committee meetings.**

**Join us for a day of
Halloween Fun!
October 27th**



10:00
or
11:30

Come to church dressed in your costume!

1:00

**Trunk or Treating in the UMC RB parking lot.
Treats for all!**

2:30

**It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!
Halloween games & crafts in Fellowship Hall**

We need people to decorate their trunks and have candy for the children at 1:00. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call Elaine Dawson at 732-747-0446 ext. 11



Family Nights

CROP WALK REPORT -

.....RED BANK CROP WALK

COUNTDOWN to CROP HUNGER WALK #39! October 20th at Red Bank Regional High School we will gather to meet friends, see some super art creations, hear some high energy tunes from the WAG, do some warm ups, and head off on our 5 mile (or shorter version) walk to help hungry neighbors. This year marks 50 years since the very first community hunger walk took off in Bismarck, North Dakota, as the community hunger appeal of Church World Service, which began in 1946 at the end of World War II. Every year since then, walks have taken place all over the USA and our Red Bank CROP HUNGER WALK is the 6th largest in the country, raising \$104,000 last year and bringing in over 15,000 pounds of food for local food pantries.

We ask you to join us to STEP UP TO END HUNGER. How can you do that? It is so simple, and can be the cost of a cool drink or a quick lunch, or maybe even the price of a good rock concert - whatever you would like to share. We are blessed here in the Two River area of New Jersey with so much - beautiful beaches, rivers to row, parks to explore, music to play and appreciate, and right here in our church we have beautiful worship services, and wonderful music, and friendly folks willing to help you out, as we reach out to share with others to give them a hand up. When we each do a little bit, it really makes a difference.

So here goes:

Our church is a water stop sponsor for Crop Walk, the halfway point on the walk. Can you help Barb Guenther and Peg Rizzo with pouring and handing out water to thirsty runners and walkers. Just takes about 1 1/2 hours on Sunday afternoon, and you get to see the Halloween ghosts and goblins in their annual parade. What fun!

You can get a sponsor sheet from the CROP table in Fellowship Hall, or talk with a youth- the God Squad representatives to our Crop Teen Leaders Team are: Dillon McCann and Emily Sullivan, and a team is set up. You can support Julia Sullivan's Red Bank Regional HS team, or one of the other teams (Ken's team, or George & Janie's team, or, better yet, set up your own. It is easy!) They all go into the same generous "pot of gold" that helps to support our 15 local partners who are in ministry every day of the year! See our display and go to our website www.redbankcropwalk.com to check out partners and how the teams are doing, and the stroller brigade, and much more. Just click DONATE and the teams and individuals will pop up, along with some good photos and information.

You can buy a 2019 Tee Shirt to wear proudly to the gym, to school, to the beach for a few more weeks, or buy one for your teacher, principal, or for a birthday gift. Only \$10 and it all goes directly to Red Bank Crop Walk's programs.

Special this year: 4 shops on River Road in Fair Haven are offering a day of shopping with 20% donated to CROP WALK on Thursday, October 3rd and for the week. Just say CROP WALK, or wear a crop wristband. All the owners are so very generous and happy to help us out. The shops are WELCOME HOME, CANYON PASS, SADIE JAMES, and THREADS II, and there will be a sign with balloons in front of each as you walk down River Road to find some special gift or card or piece of Patagonia outerwear. Thank you to these shop owners who want to share this ministry.

We encourage all ages, and some of the most enthusiastic CROP supporters started in backpacks and strollers. Decorate your stroller and come to the Walk to get a special sign for your littlest one. Enjoy a beautiful day! Call Janie at 732-741-0528 or go to redbankcropwalk@gmail.com for questions and answers! THANK YOU ALL for your HELP!!

Please check our website www.umcredbank.org for an up-to-date church calendar.

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Worship Services

8:15 am Communion Service

9:00 am Youth & Adult Classes

10:00 am Traditional Service and Children's Sunday School

11:30 am The Village Contemporary Conversational Service

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