



**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.”**

January 2019

*Thank  
You*

Every time you cross my mind I break out in exclamations of thanks to God.  
Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart.  
I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God's Message,  
from the day you heard it right up to the present.  
- Philippians 1:3:5 (The Message)

**It is through people like you that Jesus shows  
his love for us. You are God's greatest blessings!**

**The pastors and staff would like to say  
Thank you for everything you do to make the ministry of  
this church possible.**



## Church Flowers

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 throughout the year. You may designate that you are placing flowers in memory, in 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 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 garden flowers or store bought.

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 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.

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I/We would like to give a gift of

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

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ design or donate a store bought floral arrangement. (No check needed for this).

In honor of:

In memory of:

In celebration of:

Given by:

Attached is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Red Bank Community Commemoration Weekend



**Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**12 pm - Community Conversation**

"The Golden Rule and Police Use of Force Report"

Pilgrim Baptist Church

172 Shrewsbury Avenue, Red Bank, NJ

**Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Community Pulpit Exchange**

UMC Red Bank - Single Service at 9:30 am \*

Guest Preacher:

Pastor Terrence Porter from Pilgrim Baptist Church

Pilgrim Baptist Church - Worship at 11 am

Guest Preacher: Pastor Jessica Naulty

**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**MLK Commemorative Breakfast**

from 8-10 am

Bethel AME Church, 3 Waterworks Road, Freehold, NJ

Speaker: Rev. Ronald Sparks

\$30 per adult/\$10 per youth (12 and under).

Purchase tickets online at [www.cymca.org/MLK](http://www.cymca.org/MLK)

**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Community MLK Service**

12 pm

Pilgrim Baptist Church

172 Shrewsbury Avenue, Red Bank, NJ

Speaker: Rev. Eric Dobson, Fair Share Housing Center of NJ

**\*Please note: Single service at 9:30 am at UMCRB – no 8:15 or 11 service on January 20.**

# United Methodist Women – UMW

..Linda Babler  
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UMW announces the **2018 Woman of the Year is Helen Vetter**. Helen is an inspiration to us all, she works very hard for and with UMW. She is currently our Treasurer, while being part of the book club, and the prayer shawl group. Again Congratulations to Helen, our Woman of the Year.

**Book Club** - Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month at 1pm in the Library. Our Book for January 26<sup>th</sup> is "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood

**Cooking for the Center in Asbury Park** - If you would like to cook, and assemble 50 meals for the Center in Asbury Park on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am at the church - please let Linda Babler know at [LSBABLER@AOL.COM](mailto:LSBABLER@AOL.COM) It usually takes about 2 hours.

UMW prepares a hot breakfast for the clients of **Lunch Break** on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to help cook, serve and clean up please let Linda Babler know, [lsbabler@aol.com](mailto:lsbabler@aol.com). There are 2 shifts, the first is 8:30 – 10:30 and the second is 10 – 12noon. All hands are a help !!

**Mark Your Calendars:** Susanna Circle will be meeting at the church in the Lounge on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All ladies are invited to attend so, just come join us. Watch for more information to follow.

**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 Sheila's office.

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, preemie caps for Monmouth Medical. Our next dedication will be in May, lots of time to finish up a prayer shawl. If you would like to be part of this ministry contact Linda Babler. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 10 am, in the Lounge.

**Craft Group** will begin featuring Valentine's cards on Sunday mornings at the Card Table in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for supporting our UMW missions by purchasing our handmade cards! The Craft Group will be meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays (January 8 and 22) in the Library Lounge area from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come join us.

**Reminder: Mission Team Meeting, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm in the library.**

May the warmth of your home keep you surrounded in love.

## Adult Education

.....Mark Hackler  
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If you have ever wanted a systematic study of the new Testament, this may be for you. We are beginning a semester course on the New Testament by Bart Ehrman, graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and currently distinguished professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina. This is a historical look at the New Testament, focusing on understanding the historical context in which these books were written so we can better understand their meaning. Though this is a college course and I presume the professor expects to build on the past lectures, do not be afraid to join us as your schedule permits. Rest assured that we will do our best to summarize the salient points of past sessions as they relate to the current discussion.

All are welcome Sunday mornings at 9:30 am and/or Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Church Lounge.

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## Learning Tree

.....Kara Crespo  
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Happy New Year Everyone!

We are very excited to start our New Year! This also means that we are looking ahead to our next school year. Our In-House registration for current families, alumni, and church members begins on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will be available in the school office the week of January 7-11<sup>th</sup>.

We will also be hosting our Open House on January 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11 am. We offer many different programs: "Little Seedlings" class, 2 1/2 drop-off, 3's, Pre-K, Lunch Buddies and enrichment classes for 3's and Pre-K, as well as babysitting for days that you are helping out in the classroom. Our cooperative school provides the unique experience of being able to share in your child's first school experience! Please spread the word about our Open House and Preschool to anyone that you know that may be looking for a preschool for their child.

*"All the flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today!"*

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## Need to Borrow

.....Barb Valenti  
732-671-3107;barb.mellenti@gmail.com

I am looking to borrow a Kodak slide projector that accepts the round carousels to review about 15 church carousels of old slides. If you can lend one to me (and show me how to use it), I'd be most appreciative. Thanks! Barb Valenti ([barb.mellenti@gmail.com](mailto:barb.mellenti@gmail.com) or 732 671-3107).

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## God Squad

....Greg Jansky  
[gjansky@gmail.com](mailto:gjansky@gmail.com)

....Jim Stonaker  
[Jimbo.stonaker@gmail.com](mailto:Jimbo.stonaker@gmail.com)

....Suzanne Dice  
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December has flown by and we have a lot planned for 2019 already! First off thank you to everyone that supported our Gertrude Hawk chocolate sale! This past month we enjoyed a program with Elaine Dawson, we traveled to Brighton Gardens in Middletown and caroled with the Alzheimer's patients. The last week before Christmas is our party with gift exchange!



Starting in January, we will begin to collect used clothes in good condition. Please bring Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings for our teens to move downstairs. We will collect the entire month of January. Also, mark your calendars for our **Annual Spaghetti Dinner** which is Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>! God Squad would like to wish our church family a Merry Christmas and a healthy 2019!!

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## 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.

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## Family Night

...Suzanne Stonaker

...Kathy Kelley

[familynights@umcredbank.org](mailto:familynights@umcredbank.org)

We had another great **Family Night** on December 1<sup>st</sup>! This one was geared to include a slightly older crowd (after all, families come in all shapes, sizes and ages) and we played lots of great trivia games. Topics ranged from Presidents to cartoons; and Christmas trivia to Oscars of all sorts. Everyone had a great time and a few of us even learned something new! We will definitely have more family trivia nights in the future! A big Thank You to everyone that brought snacks and helped out that night.

Plans are already underway for our next Family Night, so be sure to keep a lookout for information after the new year. If you have an idea for a Family Night or would like to be part of our team, please email us at [familynights@umcredbank.org](mailto:familynights@umcredbank.org) we'd love to hear from you!

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## Green Team

...Janie Schildge

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Welcome to the New Year 2019! As a Green certified church congregation we need to do more to help our earth sustain itself as a home for all species. One of the most threatening problem is pollution of our land and water and air by plastic in all forms. With Christmas presents under the tree you can do your part by saving and storing temporarily all of the clean white Styrofoam packaging forms and shapes, to be recycled in a volunteer run up to Union County to recycle. This facility only accepts clean, white, no tape or graffiti, packaging Styrofoam. **THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT FOOD CONTAINERS**, so we will work on that challenge, by taking action in restaurants and stores by asking them not to use Styrofoam, which remains in our environment and in our bodies, forever. Plastic straws fall into this category also, so please refrain from using plastic straws in your cold drinks. Plastic bottles never disappear as well, can cause tremendous pollution problems, so please carry your own water bottle, say "no Thank You" to straws, and work on reducing all forms of plastic in your lives.

We now have more information on plastic bag use in the next month's *Outlook*, and thank you for starting the new year on a green sustainable campaign to reduce PLASTIC IN OUR LIVES!

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## Outreach Committee

...Barbara Roguski

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The Martin Luther King Commemorative Breakfast at Branches 123 Monmouth Road, West Long Branch, is being held on **Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**. The breakfast is 8-10 am and the cost is \$30 adult and \$10 youth. If you are interested, call 732-671-5505 or [www.cymca.org/MLK](http://www.cymca.org/MLK). Bring a donation of children's' books to support Bridge of Books Foundation. For more information, call Janie Schildge at 732-741-0528

## Stewardship

...George Schildge

732-741-0528; [gschildge@crpindustries.com](mailto:gschildge@crpindustries.com)

We are within striking distance of our goals of 100 pledges for \$300,000 in support of the 2019 budget. As of December 18, we have received 83 pledges (83% of goal) for \$265,230.00 (88% of goal). We are well ahead of last year but similar to previous years when we received 100 pledges or more.

If you haven't sent in an Estimate of Giving card, please consider doing so now. Participation is important. Showing up and supporting something that really matters to us is an essential necessity.

Estimate of Giving cards may be found in the Narthex racks or can be received from the church office.

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## Men's Fellowship

...Jim Mellon

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### Calling to all the men of the UMC of Red Bank

January 5<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner. So, put that date on your calendar! The Men's Fellowship will meet on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 9:30 am in room 114. Come join us to share your Christmas stories. We'll explore what is going on in 2019 in the church life and also our lives.

I'll have the coffee hot and I plan to do a hot breakfast for all - pancakes or eggs (it'll be a surprise) and bacon. Come join us.

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## Children's Ministries

...Elaine Dawson

732-747-0446, ext 11, [ed45yrs@aol.com](mailto:ed45yrs@aol.com)

The children of the Church and I would like to wish our church family, and those they love, a blessed New Year. We pray for miracles to touch your life and friends and family to help you through the good and the tough times. During Advent we learned Hope takes work, Peace is within, Joy is stronger than sadness, and Love is meant for all of God's people. May the love of God be with you in 2019.

**Present Confirmation students and their Mentors** will meet in room 114 at 12:15 on January 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss our year thus far. Parents are welcome to join us. This is a very important meeting, so please make every effort to be there and let Elaine Dawson know if you won't be there. Confirmation is June 9, 2019.

Youth groups begin again on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. Please be there on time for prayer. If you are in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through high school you, are more than welcome to join us. Sunday School begins for the year on Sunday, January 6, 2019. Everyone is welcome here!

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# 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](mailto:cfoster_01@arcadia.edu) or email to [sleavitt@umcredbank.org](mailto: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.

### **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](mailto:sleavitt@umcredbank.org). Remember that hospitals no longer contact clergy when members are hospitalized.

A graphic with the words "Happy New Year!" in a large, blue, 3D-style font. The text is surrounded by several colorful, flowing streamers in shades of purple, pink, yellow, and green, giving it a festive and celebratory appearance.

Please check our website [www.umcredbank.org](http://www.umcredbank.org) for an up-to-date church calendar.  
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Rev. Jessica B. Naulty, Senior Pastor  
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

Church Office Hours  
Monday through Thursday 8:30 am-3:30 pm  
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