



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 2019

Dear Church Family,

As the days seem to fluctuate from warm to cold, unsure of which season we are in, we approach the beginning of our Lenten season in the church year. Lent is a time when we are invited to journey deeper in our faith, reflecting on our lives and how we can grow in our faithfulness and love with God and our neighbor. This year, our Lenten worship series will draw our focus to the sacrament of Holy Communion, helping us all to better understand and experience the theological and practical implications of partaking in this gift of grace. Too often we simply “go through the motions” of this sacred meal, repeating the words of the liturgy without thinking deeply about what we are saying, and what we are called to do in response. As our worship services focus on the different dimensions of the sacrament, we will be invited to participate and receive in a variety of ways each week – sometimes kneeling, sometimes standing. We will even break out the stackable trays with the individual cups for the juice. It is our hope and prayer that this exploration into This Holy Mystery will deepen your faith and experience of God’s grace through this sacred meal.

Our Lenten season begins this year with our Ash Wednesday services on March 6th. Please join us, either at the noontime service, which is followed by soup lunch, or for our evening service at 7 PM. Beginning on this day of repentance, we enter into a season of contemplation and inward searching, preparing our hearts and lives for the heart-wrenching journey of Holy Week.

I invite you to hold the following prayer with you throughout the Lenten season:

Dear Lord, You have shown me how Love warms without burning, cools without chilling, holds without crushing. Whenever I may be hungry, Love can fill my emptiness. Whenever I may be wounded, Love can heal. However down I may feel, one touch of its joy can lift my spirits. There are times, though, when Love expects more of me than I have to give. If it is possible, let that cup pass from me, but if not... Amen.

(Adapted from “The Gethsemane Prayers” in *For All Seasons* by John Winn)

May we all emerge from this Lenten journey on a closer walk with God, centered in the love of Christ, and fueled by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

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

Pastor Jess

Rev. Jessica B. Naulty



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 submit orders for Easter flowers NOW and no later than April 3rd.

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)

_____ design or donate a store bought floral arrangement (any Sunday - no check needed).

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

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.

In honor of:

In memory of:

In celebration of:

Given by:

Attached is a check for \$ _____

United Methodist Women – UMW

..Linda Babler
732-741-1793, lsabler@aol.com

United Methodist Women 150 Years in Mission

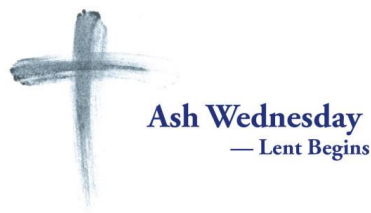


UMW General Meeting – March 2nd, 10 – 12noon in Fellowship Hall: This meeting is open to the congregation.

On February 23-26, United Methodists from around the globe will be gathering in St. Louis to look at a single issue: can the church stay together while disagreeing about sexual orientation? Several proposals will be considered, which vary from increasing inclusion for LGBTQ people to increasing discrimination. Join us for a post-Conference recap and discussion of what's next, from our lay leaders.

Also, light refreshments will be served and join us to install the 2019 officers of the Red Bank Unit of United Methodist Women.

Book Club - Meets the 4th Saturday of the month at 1pm in the Library. Our book for March 23rd is "Being Dead is No Excuse: The Official Southern Ladies Guide to Hosting the Perfect Funeral" by Gayden Metcalfe and Charlotte Kays. Join us for a sampling of foods and recipes from the book.



March 6th 12 noon in Squire Chapel

UMW will sponsor an Ash Wednesday Service and Rev. Jessica Naulty will speak. Ashes and Communion will be given. Immediately following the service, a light soup lunch will be served in room 114. Everyone is invited to attend. Please join us!

Leaf of Hope Campaign for Camden Neighborhood Center - UMW will be collecting fund for the Camden Neighborhood Center the entire month of March. In Fellowship Hall between services you can purchase a Leaf of Hope. This money will help the children and their families of Camden.

Camden Neighborhood Center was founded by Deaconess of the UMC. UMW has been supporting the Center as one of the nearly 100 national institutions in the United States (and the only one in NJ) to empower women, care for children, educate and build youth, look after the neglected, advocate for social

justice, create economic opportunities and change neighborhoods. Please support this drive by purchasing a Leaf of Hope.



UMW prepares a hot breakfast for the clients of **Lunch Break on April 6th**. If you would like to help cook, serve and clean up please let Linda Babler know, at lsbabler@aol.com. There are 2 shifts, the first is 8:30-10:30 am and the second is 10 am – 12 noon. All hands are a help!!

On March 10th UMW will be selling any leftover soup from the Ash Wednesday luncheon. Plan to pick up your container of Vegetable Barley Soup along with a roll or two at just \$5.00 a container.

Mark Your Calendars: Susanna Circle will be meeting at the church in the Lounge on April 2nd at 6:30 pm. All ladies are invited to attend just - come join us. Watch for more information to follow.

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 3rd & 4th Saturdays at 10 am, in the Lounge.

Cooking for the Center is scheduled for **March 30th**, We will be double checking prior to cooking if the meals are needed. If needed, we will meet in the kitchen at church at 10 am and assemble 50 meals. If you would like to help make these meals please let Linda Babler know at lsbabler@aol.com.



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

2019 UMW Yearbook / Directories are available, see Peggy Wien, at the card table on Sunday mornings between services or come out to the March 2nd General Meeting and receive your copy. If you have picked yours up, thanks, but please stop by the card table and pick up a correction sheet for your booklet.

Craft Group has a selection of St. Patrick's Day cards available at the Card Table in Fellowship Hall. After March 17, we will begin featuring Easter cards. Thank you for supporting our UMW Missions by purchasing our handmade cards. The Craft Group will be meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays (March 12 and 26) in the Library Lounge area from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come join us.

**Greater New Jersey United Methodist Women
Presents for their Spring Meeting
150th Birthday Celebration**



**St Andrew UMC of Toms River
1528 Church Road, Toms River, NJ 08755
April 6th, 2019 9 am – 2pm
Light Breakfast and Lunch \$10.00**

Reservations are due 1 week prior the event on March 30th
Ingathering: Diapers: newborn – 3T
Offering to go to the Legacy Fund

Speakers: Telling our Story:
Representatives from each district featuring their most meaningful programs over the years

RSVP to Susan Miller at slm5055@yahoo.com.

Reminder: **Mission Team Meeting** , March 18th, at 1pm in the library.

“Charity is a matter of the heart, not the pocket” A Swahili Proverb



Mark your calendars for these dates:

April 6 – Lunch Break – volunteers needed to work – contact lsbabler@aol.com.
April 13 – Women’s Retreat – 8:30 am – 3 pm - Speaker: Rev. Jessica Naulty, Topic TBA
April 28 – UMW Sunday – All three services, celebrating 150 years of mission.

Scholastic Assistance

....Barbara Guenther
732-203-1970; bjguenther@verizon.net

St. Patrick's Day is almost here 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 also. **You will not want to miss this annual very special delicious "all you can eat dinner" to be held on Saturday, March 16th 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 small 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 or donate a cake, please sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause. Come join us not only for the usual great food, fellowship and fun, but also to help us celebrate the 60th year of the Scholastic Assistance Program!



Learning Tree

....Kara Crispo
learningtreepreschoolredbank@gmail.com

March - In like a lion, out like a lamb. We are really looking forward to spring this month. Hopefully, Mother Nature is too! You will see all of our snowflakes and snowmen slowly turn to rain drops, rainbows and flowers.

Learning Tree will also be having a Mixed Bag catalog fundraiser. This fundraiser will run from March 1st through March 15th. There will be some catalogs left near the church office if anyone is interested.

I hope you all enjoy a Magnificent March!

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

Backpack Crew

....Suzanne Dice
zannedice@aol.com



Library

....Peggy Wien
732-842-5424; rwien@infionline.net

We have received donations of books from the bookshelves of Emily Schopp and Anne Walradt. Some titles include "Complete Tales and Poems" by Edgar Allen Poe; "The Virtues of Aging" by Jimmy Carter; "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith; "Persuasion" by Jane Austin (plus several books about Jane Austin); "Little Mercies" by Heather Gudenkauf; "Summer People" by Elin Hilderbrand; "Ruth's Journey (The Authorized Novel of Mammy from Gone With the Wind) by Donald McCaig; and "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

Barbara Roguski read and then donated a book on the UMW Reading List: "Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography" by Harold Ivan Smith which provides insight into one of America's most famous women (Eleanor Roosevelt), particularly the spiritual influences that made her so active in social justice issues.

Available Rental Spaces

....Barb Valenti
732-614-4087; barb.mellenti@gmail.com

The church has a 225 sq. ft. furnished office (2nd floor) with view out on Broad Street for rent. Please contact Shawn McCann ssmccann66@verizon.net. This needs to be a non-profit NOT a commercial rental.

Congratulations!!

In January, Red Bank Schools presented Chelsea Foster with the “*Educational Services Professional of the Year*” award for the 2018-2019 school year. In honoring her at the January Board of Education meeting, the School mentioned her excellence in working as an individual aide to her Primary School student and in supporting the children in her classroom, and her work in the school to address hunger. In addition to Chelsea’s packing and delivery of 21 backpacks of food to Primary School students each week through the UMCRB Backpack Crew, she has also helped CROP Walk by arranging penny drops in the school.

Help us with Church Clean-Up

.....Barb Valenti

732-614-4087; barb.mellenti@gmail.com

Regularly scheduled **mowing days** will be set up every Friday and Saturday starting **Friday April 19th**.

Friday mowing is from 1:00-4:00 pm

Saturday mowing/weeding is from 8:00-noon.

Two church-wide **Spring Clean Ups** are scheduled:

Saturday April 6, and

Saturday, April 13

8:00 am - noon

POC: Contact Barb Valenti if can help - barb.mellenti@gmail.com.

Bring: Work gloves, weeding tools, pruning tools, kneeling pad, (ear protection if mowing or blowing).



If you don't have these items, a limited number are available. Don't use as an excuse not to come!

To Do:

Mow (riding and gas mowers provided),

Edge (battery string weed whacker provided),

Blow (backpack blower and Billy Goat provided),

Weeding (volunteer to clear one of 9 landscape beds),

Mulching

Pruning (training provided).

Music Opportunity

....Evan Courtney
courtney.evan@gmail.com

The Sanctuary Choir is inviting you to join them on the last Sunday of every month! If you are someone who enjoys singing in choirs, but doesn't have time to commit to every week, come join us in the choir loft at 8:30 am on the last Sunday of each month to sing! The songs will be easy and you will have lots of help from regular choir members. For adults 18 to 108!

God Squad

....Gregg Jansky
gjansky@gmail.com
....Jim Stonaker
Jimbo.stonaker@gmail.com
....Suzanne Dice
zannedice@aol.com



Thank you to all who supported our Spaghetti Dinner! We raised over \$2,030! And our clothing drive was also a big success with a record amount of donations.

We also had an evening planned by our executive board. The teens enjoyed good old-fashioned board games and cookies. A fun night after a busy month of fundraising!

Children's Ministries

...Elaine Dawson
732-747-0446, ext 11, ed45yrs@aol.com

The Mustard Seeds have been busy showing God's love this month. We checked expiration dates, sorted, and packed for the Backpack Crew. The Uno game at Wesleyan Arms was fun for all. There were many new senior citizens there this time, they invited us back again this spring. Upcoming is decorating shamrocks for the Scholarship committee, preparing for the Green Fair (April 7 – Green team is organizing), and Lent (March 6 is Ash Wednesday).

Our **Ash Wednesday** service is on March 6th in the Sanctuary at 7:00 PM. Our youth groups will attend and we hope all parents will join us also. Everyone is welcome. Come get ready for our Lenten journey. Let's spend Lent getting our hearts and souls ready for our most holy of days leading up Easter. Let's spend this time examining our lives and finding how we can become the best of what we were created to be.

PLEASE mark the date for our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning**, April 21st at 9:00 AM **sharp!** It goes very quickly so meet inside in the Narthex of Church by the Sanctuary at 8:50 AM. It goes very quickly, so be on time! Bags for eggs will be provided to the children. If you are a toddler through 5th grade you are welcome to find the treasures on the front lawn. Our worship service will follow at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary or our Village service at 11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall.

Our Vacation Bible School theme this year is **To Mars And Beyond** from August 5-9 from 9:00 AM-12:30 PM. We will be on a journey to discover the *Wonders of God's Universe*. All those attending will get a glow in the dark t-shirt to remind them of their journey. Registration opens to all those 4 years olds through 6th grade on May 1, 2019. Registration forms will be at the back door of church and on Sunday mornings. The registration fee for this week is \$25.00 per child, but we hope you can contribute more to help with the high cost of the children's favorite program of the summer. Online registration information will be available very soon. If your child is in 7th grade or beyond we need their help. These positions fill VERY QUICKLY so please see Mrs. Dawson at Easter time if you'd like a position at this year's adventure. Sign up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall on Sundays and at youth groups on Wednesday nights. You can also contact Flight Captain E. Dawson at ed45yrs@aol.com or 732-747-0446 ext 11. I understand the Captain will be visiting us in Worship, so look for that information coming soon.

TO MARS AND BEYOND!!!!!!

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.

Outreach Committee

....Kathy Hackler
732-613-2054;hackler@optonline.net

To all of you who have ever given to Heifer through our Advent Options or through Outreach, THANK YOU!! We received this note this week:

"Thank you United Methodist Church of Red Bank for two generous donations for our work ending hunger and poverty in the world! The gifts will help many families improve their lives, nourish and educate their children, and have the joy of helping others as they pass on the gift of an animal and training to another family in need. Thank you for being partners in our work since 1988 with donations of \$25,623.90!

In gratitude, Valerie Danzey, Heifer Coordinator for DE, NJ, & PA"

In 30 years, we have given the equivalent of over 5 Arks of Animals. Thanks again for being a part of this important ministry in the world.

Church Family News

....Chelsea Foster
732-737-4382, cfoster_01@arcadia.edu

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.

Congratulations!

The congregation extends congratulations and best wishes to Ken Glossbrenner and Michele Naples on their wedding on March 9th.

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.

Please check our website www.umcredbank.org for an up-to-date church calendar.
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Rev. Jessica B. Naulty, Senior Pastor
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-3:00 pm
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