



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.”**

APRIL 2019

Dear Church Family,

I don't know about you, but I really need spring this year! I need to see the promise of new life bursting forth around us... the ever present hope that cannot be stopped by even the coldest, darkest, longest winter. Such proof found in the natural world reminds me of the power of hope and resurrection – the power of Easter, which is right around the corner.

Surrounded by the struggle within our denomination around LGBTQ inclusion, and in the wider scope of the world – the fear and violence that leads to tragedies like the mass shooting in New Zealand – we need to hold onto the hope of Easter resurrection. Our conviction that sin, hatred, and grief DO NOT have the last word draws our focus to the future, to what *can be* rather than simply what *is*. Out of the ruins of the 2019 General Conference, I believe that God is doing a new thing. It is about life and not death. It is about love and not hate or exclusion. Easter is about the pain of the cross leading to the joy of an empty tomb. It is about God's grace and love and goodness that cannot be stopped.

As we wait for Judicial Council rulings to see how much of the punitive policies of the Traditional plan will actually come into effect in January of 2020, those who oppose the 2019 General Conference decisions are hard at work. We are networking and planning together like never before. People who have until now remained silent are standing up for justice and inclusion, recognizing that silence means complicit acceptance. I invite you to join the resistance, to sign on to the Greater New Jersey Statement that is accessible from our website and Facebook page. Don't give up hope that God will lead us forward into a brighter, more inclusive future.

May God's spirit of resurrection and new life blow in and through us this Easter season!

Pastor Jess

Rev. Jessica B. Naulty



Holy Week and Easter Services

April 14th - Palm Sunday Worship
@ 8:15, 9:30, and 11:00 AM

April 18th - Maundy Thursday
@ 6:00 PM Pot-luck Seder Service
in UMCRB Fellowship Hall

April 19th - Good Friday
@ 7:00 PM Taize Style Service
in UMCRB Sanctuary

April 21st - Easter Celebrations
Sonrise Service @ 6:00 AM at Sea Bright 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:

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.

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).

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, lsbabler@aol.com

United Methodist Women 150 Years in Mission



April 13 – Women’s Retreat
8:30 am – 3 pm in Fellowship Hall
Facilitator: Rev. Jessica Naulty,
Topic TBA

Due to a generous donation there is NO COST

A flyer and registration form will be available shortly so watch for more information to follow.

April 28 – UMW Sunday – All three services, celebrating 150 years of mission. Come and celebrate with all of the ladies, cake and coffee (of course) will be served. Visit our displays in the library area, see the tablecloth made in the late 50’s. Go down memory lane and see what the future has in store for UMW.

Book Club - Meets the 4th Saturday of the month at 1pm in the Library. Our book for April 27th is “A Girl Raised by Wolves” by Lockey Maisonneuve. A true story about human trafficking, cancer, murder, and survival.

United Methodist Women General Meeting – May 4th – Saturday 10 am -12 noon. Our Speaker, Lockey Maisonneuve, is an author, speaker, yoga guide, and wife and mother. She wrote “A Girl Raised by Wolves”, a memoir where she takes readers into the darkest of dark nights – sharing a childhood fraught with neglect, abuse, rape, abandonment, rage and hatred. An inspiring memoir of one woman’s journey through sex trafficking, cancer, murder, and more. Come meet the author over tea, sandwiches and sweets. No Cost - but please RSVP to Linda Babler at lsbabler@aol.com or Barbara Valenti at barb.mellenti@gmail.com.

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 – 12noon. All hands are a help!!

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 on April 28th, 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.



Box Tops for Education - UMW collects these labels as 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.

Reminder: Mission Team Meeting, April 15th at 1 pm in the library

Craft Group will be featuring Easter cards on Sunday mornings, April 7 and 14. The Craft Group will be meeting on the second and fourth Tuesdays (April 9 and April 23) in the Library Lounge area from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (including a short lunch break). Come for fun and fellowship as we color and create our cards.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

May 4th – UMW General Meeting – Tea and Book Review – Meet the Author - 10 am – 12 noon in Fellowship Hall

May 5th – Northern Shore District UMW Tea – featuring Camden Neighborhood Center – 3pm at Toms River First UMC

H.U.B.O.B

...Marion Kleiner

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR

Is it time to freshen up the house with a new coat of paint inside or out? Have the children outgrown their clothes? Did your teenager ask for iTunes for her birthday? Let us help! Stop by at the HUBOB table on Sunday morning and review six (6) pages of participating vendors, or go online at "shopwithscrip.com" to look over the list at your convenience. Then keep in mind that we have Foodtown and ShopRite available every week for your convenience. For more information, call 732-918-9587.

REMEMBER: IT IS ALWAYS TIME TO HUBOB!

Learning Tree

.....Kara Crespo

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Learning Tree begins April with our Silent Basket Gift Auction. All baskets will be on display during the week of April 1st- 6th during school hours. Stop by and check them out and maybe even make a bid! The auction ends at the end of our Bunny Breakfast event which is on Saturday the 6th.

We will be celebrating the **Week of the Young Child** during the week of April 8th. This week is planned to celebrate young children and early learning. We have a special day planned for each day of the week and we end the week with a special snack.

We end the month with our Easter parties and Spring Break. Happy Easter Everyone!

We are still enrolling for all of our classes for the 2019/2020 school year and we will do so until classes are full. So please continue to spread the word about our preschool!

Have an Amazing April!

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

Family Nights

.....Suzanne Stonaker

.....Kathy Kelley

.....familynights@umcredbank.org

Family Nights



The Family Nights Committee has been working overtime planning upcoming activities! Our next event is an **Easter Eggstravaganza & Pot Luck Lunch** set for **April 14th at 12:30 pm**. We'll have lots of Easter crafts to make and fun ways to decorate Easter eggs. Join us for a while that afternoon and bring a lunch or side dish to share while discovering some new foods and creating some great Easter decorations! There's a sign-up poster in Fellowship Hall, or you can email us at familynights@umcredbank.org. Just tell us how many people will be attending and what you can bring for lunch.

Also in the works is another **Trivia Night** scheduled for **May 11th**. Know a lot about movies and TV? Maybe you're an expert in music and sports. Perhaps science is more your thing; or are you a general knowledge junkie? We'll have all that and more! So be sure to come to our Trivia Night to show off your smarts or just have a great time! Then, in **June** there's a **nature hike at Huber Woods** to look forward to. We've even arranged for a live animal presentation with a naturalist!

With so many exciting events in the works, you won't want to miss out on any of the fun! We'll be sending out church-wide email notices soon. If you don't receive yours, or if you'd like to help us with any of our Family Nights, please contact Suzanne Stonaker at familynights@umcredbank.org.

Green Team

...Janie Schildge

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Come to our **Green Fair on Sunday, April 7th** in the Lounge and Library at church from 9 am-12:20 pm and you will find well informed people to talk with about all things green! You can take a tour of our solar paneled roof and see how much carbon we have saved! Some of our guest tables are Citizens Climate Lobby to talk about non-partisan legislative efforts for a carbon fee and dividend to reduce carbon. Green Faith will share information on the New Green Deal and how people of faith can relate to its vision and a greener planet; Student Council leaders from Shrewsbury Borough School to talk about an interesting recycling program with TREX, the global company that produces composites for decking and furniture out of recycled single use plastic; along with displays - from our UMW Garden in Fair Haven, on pollinators such as bees and butterflies, a power point on plastic pollution with facts and actions, some reusable products that will help you go plastic strawless, some reusable grocery bags, and other interesting displays from Club 77 and Mustard Seeds. There will be cards to sign to advocate for issues related to recycling and pesticides and more. It will be an interesting day, and you might learn how to make "milkweed seed bombs!" Plan to come and ask questions and have good conversations all morning long. If you have a display that would be good to share, we are very happy to have a table for you, or an easel. Just contact Janie Schildge at 732-741-0528, or Kathy Hackler at 732-918-0344, or the church office and save the morning to learn more about stewardship of our Mother Earth.

Thank you to all who have helped to plan this Fair, and for our guests who are sharing their time and talent with us.

On April 28th we will have a recommitment service for our Green Faith Certification which we signed up for in September 2009, and worked to achieve for 2-½ years. Reverend Jessica, Reverend David Henritz, and a Green Faith staff person will be helping with this service of rededication of our efforts to be good stewards of the Planet.

Thank you for caring!

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!!



The United Methodist Communities Foundation would like to recognize the following donors from Red Bank United Methodist Church for over 25 years of faithful partnership and support:

Leonard Rowell - Barbara Valenti – Helen Vetter – Doris Ward
and the United Methodist Women of Red Bank UMC

Their generosity and prayers help keep our ministry to seniors strong. From all of the residents and staff at United Methodist Communities, we thank you!

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!

Children's Ministries

...Elaine Dawson
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The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be Easter Morning April 21st at **9:00 AM sharp!** Please meet in Narthex (sanctuary lobby) at 8:50 am. Be on time as it goes very quickly. Join us following the Egg Hunt for our 9:30 am Easter worship service or at 11:00 am for our Contemporary service. Children up to 6th grade are welcome. We will provide bags for the children to collect their eggs. Any questions call Elaine Dawson at 732-747-0446 extension 11.

The children of the church wish our Church family and all whom they love, the happiest and Holy Easter.

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 extension 11. I understand the Captain will be visiting us in Worship, so look for that information coming soon.

TO MARS AND BEYOND!!!!!!

God Squad

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We began March and the Lent Season with our Ash Wednesday service. We also shared an evening with Elaine. We learned a lot about each other and bonded by answering thought-provoking questions. The teens also enjoyed an annual night of “Chopped”. They formed two teams and were given identical baskets of random and weird foods. The brave leaders tasted their creations and awarded points for different categories. Another fun night of team work and bonding!

Our Gertrude Hawk sale continues with lots of Easter candy to choose from. The link to order is on the church website!

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.

Pastoral Care Team

Pastoral Care Team (PCT)

Our winter season has been one of change within our congregational system of pastoral care. Many of you know that Pastor Christina Zito re-retired at the end of January, which we celebrated in worship on February 10th. On that day, we also consecrated 11 new members of our Pastoral Care Team (PCT) – some who have been long standing members of the church, and others who are newer to our community. Our team includes:

David Baughman	Elaine Baughman
Katty Bianculli	Janet Fell
Keith Heimann	Andy Judkis
Karen Judkis	Wendy Landau
Peg Rizzo	Barbara Roguski
Helen Vetter	

These PCT members have all been paired with individuals from our congregation and are deepening their relationships with them, developing the trust and bond necessary to walk with people through challenging times. I invite you to be in prayer for those involved in this new ministry, those giving and receiving care from our PCT, and if you know of anyone who may be in need of pastoral care, either from Pastor Jess or one of our PCT members, please reach out to Pastor Jess at jbnaulty@umcredbank.org, or 908-400-2343.

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.

Sincere Condolences

To Diana Pearce on the death of her father, Dr. Douglas “Kam” Pearce.

To the Stout and Lanz families, on the death of Mildred Stout on March 10th. Mildred and her late husband Bob were long-time members of our church and active in so many areas! A memorial service is planned for the future.

Congratulations!

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

RB Regional High School honors these "Straight A Students": Charlotte Jansky, Grace Heimann-Davidson and Emily Sullivan. We're so proud of you!!

Congratulations to the Cyndi and Matt Skove on the birth of granddaughter, Savannah Rose Hesselin.

Peg Rizzo received a promotion to Assistant to the Director at Lunch Break. Congratulations!

Thank you!

To my Church Family – Thanks to all of you for your prayers, kind thoughts, visits and other types of support. Looking forward to b back at church and seeing you all very soon! Thank you, Diana Pearce.

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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Evan Courtney, Director of Music Ministries
Sheila Leavitt, Financial and Church Secretary
Bob Shindel and Tom Sutton, Sextons
Rev. David G. Henritzky, Retired Pastor Emeritus

Worship Services

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

Church Office Hours
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