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8:15 am Communion Service
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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.”

May 2019

Dear Church Family,

As the Easter season stretches on before us, I pray that the hope of resurrection and new life continues to inspire us!

While our congregation and many others in our nation celebrated the joy of Easter, there were Christians and non-Christians alike mourning the losses experienced from a terrorist attack orchestrated in Sri Lanka on Easter morning. Bombs set to explode concurrently, hit three churches and three hotels killing approximately 253 people and injuring at least 500. This is the third violent attack on the three Abrahamic religions all within one year. Here in the US, we saw the tragic shootings in Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh back in October of 2018. And in March of this year, New Zealand experienced a terrorist attack at two mosques in Christchurch.

How do we respond in the face of so much hatred and fear caused by differences of belief and religious practice? What can we do to make a difference and help bring peace?

If you are in prayer... I would ask you to start praying hard! But I'm not talking about the kind of wishful thinking prayer... I'm talking about "conspiring prayer." What is that? Conspiring prayer is a form of prayer where we create space in our busy lives to align our hearts with God's heart, where our spirit and God's Spirit breathe harmoniously together, and where we plot together to subversively overcome evil with acts of love and goodness (Romans 12:21). When done right, conspiring prayer is risky and dangerous, because when we collaborate with God, lives are changed and transformation happens!

What our world needs is more than simply "thoughts and prayers." We need love lived out in action. We need peace experienced between people who are different. We need acceptance and inclusion to take the place of exclusion and judgements. We need conspiring prayer that changes hearts and lives within our communities and all across the world.

May we all live into this spirit of life changing prayer, so the world may be a more loving, safer place for all!

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.

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 \$ _____

Sunday, May 12



Monday, May 27



Outreach

....Kathy Hackler

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We will be celebrating Mother's Day with CWS Blanket on Sundays May 5th, 12th, and 19th. For \$10, you can purchase a blanket through Church World Service to help disaster victims, refugees, and others needing warmth and support. We will have a table set up in Fellowship Hall after each service.

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.

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 be back at church and seeing you all very soon! Thank you, Diana Simpson.

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.

United Methodist Women – UMW

..Linda Babler

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United Methodist Women 150 Years in Mission



United Methodist Women General Meeting – Saturday, May 4th – 10 am -12 noon. Our Speaker, Lockey Maisonneuve, is an author, speaker, yoga guide, 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

May 5th – Northern Shore District UMW Tea featuring Camden Neighborhood Center at 3 pm at Toms River First UMC, 129 Chestnut Street, Toms River, 08753. Ingathering Diapers.



Book Club - Meets the 4th Saturday of the month at 1pm in the Library. Our book for May 25th is “The Hundred Year-Old Man” by Jonas Jonasson.



Garden workers are needed to help clean the plots, plant the plants, and pick the produce. Half of all produce goes to Lunch Break clients and the other half goes to the congregation on Sunday mornings. If you would like to help, please contact Cyndi Skove for more information.

Feeding the Community—UMW prepares a hot breakfast for the clients of **Lunch Break on June 1st**. If you would like to help cook, serve and clean up, please let Linda Babler know - lsabaler@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 !!



Church Women United

Annual Luncheon

May 31st

Waterview Pavilion, Belmar NJ

11 am – 2:30 pm

Speaker TBA

\$35 per person - see Linda Babler for tickets

Prayer Shawl Group will be meeting on May 18th and 25th at 10 am 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 boxes in the hall outside Sheila's office.

Reminder: Mission Team Meeting, May 20th at 1pm in the library

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

June 4th – Susanna Circle meeting – Picnic at

Cyndi Skove's, 53 Jamestown Drive, Eatontown

Bring a dish to share

please RSVP to lsabaler@aol.com

June 6th – UMW General Meeting

6:30 – 8:30 pm in 114

History of UMW Local and District

Craft Group will meet on May 14 and May 28 in the Library Lounge area from 11 am to 2 pm to make greeting cards. We have been making a variety of Mother's Day cards including some for mothers who like to sew, cook, or garden. We also have graduation cards ready for that college or high school graduate. Stop by the Card Table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. Card sales help support our UMW Missions.

Children's Ministries

...Claine Dawson

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

We had a wonderful **Easter Egg Hunt** on Easter Sunday with about 45-55 children participating. We gave out over 47 packets of Easter filled activities for the children to have during the Easter service to keep them busy while their parents worshiped. The sanctuary was filled with the sounds of happy children!

Mark your calendars for **To Mars And Beyond** our Vacation Bible School from August 5-9 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Please find registration forms at church inside the back door very soon. Please contact Commander Dawson if you'd like to sign up to help at VBS this summer. Positions are filling fast, so call Commander Dawson at church or e-mail her at ed45yrs@aol.com.

Confirmation is June 9th and the 7 Confirmands will be going on retreat from May 17-19 to discuss this big decision that they are about to make. They will share with all of you on June 9th what this church has meant to them and the promises they will make to continue to support our church by becoming full members. Please pray for our Confirmands as they journey this last leg of their decision. Our 8th graders are: William Blake and Carly Martin. Our 7th graders are Sean Foreback, Bryan Reimertz, Olivia Gades, Ryan Tse and Shawn McCann. It has been a joy and an honor to be their teacher this year. Thank you to Pastor Jess for her fun and fabulous Saturday workshop on "The Structure of The UMC". We ended our adventure at Yestercades as a treat to these wonderful kids.

God Squad

....Greg Jansky

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....Jim Stonaker

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....Suzanne Dice

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Another year has flown by and God Squad is headed into their last full month together. April had us prepping for Easter by filling eggs for the kid's Easter Egg Hunt. We also participated in a somber Tenebrae Service with the other two youth groups.

We spent an evening with the Mustard Seeds. This is an annual night that gets our youngest YG members bonding with our oldest. A great time was had by all! We also had a movie night together complete with popcorn!

We would like to thank everyone who supported us by purchasing Gertrude Hawk chocolate. We hope everyone had a Blessed Easter!

Help us with Church Clean-Up

.....Barb Valenti

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THANK YOU to the 16 volunteers (ages 4 to 70s) who showed up on 6 April for the Church Lawn Clean-up! There were 52 hours of work done to include trimming all the hedges, pulling out a dead tree stump, weeding and mulching many of the beds, picking up trash and twigs and hauling away two truck loads of yard waste. Nice job!

Easy Church Donation Method

I believe the church made \$100 in a year when individuals bought their Amazon items through: [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and listed United Methodist Church of Red Bank NJ as the charity/organization they were supporting. Now, granted the percentage (about .5% of purchase) is low, but if you spend \$1,000 a year, the church receives \$5.00. Doesn't sound like much but what if you encouraged your friends and family to use [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) (with UMC of RB NJ as the charity they supported) it can add up. It is even better rate of return if you buy Amazon gift cards from HUBOB (where 4% of your gift card purchase price goes to the church). Think about it, you can be supporting the church by just buying the things you want. THANKS!

Church Lawn Care

.....Barb Valenti

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Almost every Friday from 1:00-4:00 pm and *almost* every Saturday from 8:00 am -noon there will be mowing, edging, blowing, weeding, etc. The machines and tools are provided (but bring your favorite tool). **We need volunteers!!** This saves the church an enormous amount of money (good exercise, youth get volunteer hours and hilarious bonding opportunity). Please pick a day or text if can come. I love spontaneity but sometimes the lawn care is canceled due to rain or just doesn't need to be done. Please contact Barb Valenti (732) 614-4087 (text or call) or email barb.mellenti@gmail.com. THANKS!

Men's Fellowship

.....Jim Mellon

732-647-5744; (jim.mellenti@gmail.com)

Greetings all! Our Men's Fellowship meets **Saturday, May 4th**, from 8:00 to 9:30 am, in room 114. Let's discuss and help John get launched on his multi-state, multi-month, driving (in an RV no less) adventure. Let's also discuss plans for the May work date May 18. But mostly, I look forward to joining together and catching-up on what is happening in each other's lives. If you are new to Men's Fellowship, come find out what it is all about. All are welcome. I'll have the coffee on. Bring some breakfast snacks to share. Hope to see you on the 4th.

Lost and Found

Reminder, the church has a "lost and found". There are quite a few jackets that will be given to charity on May 15th, so please check out the items (in the back hallway going to the sanctuary).

Learning Tree

.....Kara Grzspo

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Learning Tree will be hosting our **Spring Open House on May 8th from 9:30-11 am**. We still have spots available in all of our programs, so please share this Open House with anyone you know that may be looking for a preschool.

As we are coming to the end of our school year, our children will perform in our Seedling Revue shows and Graduation. We have had an amazing year!

I hope that everyone has a Marvelous May and Memorial Day!

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

H.U.B.O.B

....Marion Kleiner

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SUMMER/VACATIONS/TRAVEL



Just think: New bathing suits for all. A piece of luggage. Rental of a car. A hotel reservation. Or the makings of a "stay-cation": Movie tickets. Nights out at your favorite restaurants. Picking up a good summer read. So many choices! And HUBOB can help. Stop by in Fellowship Hall to review six pages of participating vendors. And remember - - every purchase will provide a rebate to the church. You get full value and the church budget benefits. Also 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!

Help Needed

A Tinton Falls woman, late 50's who has MS, needs a volunteer to run errands, shop for her, on a regular basis. She's homebound and can't go out unless a volunteer takes her.

She could also use someone to take her to her doctor visits which are in the general area. If you'd like to help this woman, please call Gerri Poranski at 908-247-1259.

Music Opportunity

...Evan Courtney

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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!

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 (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:

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| David Baughman | Elaine Baughman |
| Kattya 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

Family Nights

....Suzanne Stonaker

....Kathy Kelley

....familynights@umcredbank.org

Show off your smarts at our *Family* **TRIVIA** Night

★ Doors open at 6:30
★ Trivia starts at 7:00

PLEASE BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE

Family Nights

SATURDAY MAY 11

We'll have snacks & desserts And TONS OF FUN!

DON'T FORGET TO BRING A SMART DEVICE!

May 11

Questions? Email us at familynights@umcredbank.org

The Family Nights Committee would like to joyfully thank everyone who attended and especially thank everyone who helped out! Our **Easter Eggstravaganza** was our most successful event yet! With a newly risen spring, we decorated dozens of eggs, created countless bunnies and saw some of the biggest smiles since winter fell. Kids and adults alike crafted their fill to make decorations for Easter.

Next up is our **Back-By-Popular-Demand Family Trivia Night!** On **May 11th** we'll gather as friends, families, and strangers (but not for long), to show off our smarts! Whether you're 9 or 90, if you prefer Star Wars or Shakespeare, Beethoven or Beyonce, there's always lots of fun going on! Bring a dessert or snack to share and join us when doors open at 6:30 pm and Trivia starts at 7:00 pm.

On **Saturday, June 8**, we are sponsoring a **Family Nature Hike at Huber Woods Park in Middletown**. This is an event for families with children of all ages. Meet at 10 am for an easy hike on the Nature Loop, followed at 11 am by a live animal presentation with a park naturalist. More strenuous hikes are available as are educational exhibits in the Environmental Center. Bring a picnic to round out an interesting day. Look for sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall in mid-May. For more information, please call George Schildge at 732-741-0528.

Calling All Gardeners!

If you would like to help in the **UMW Vegetable Garden** this year, please e-mail Cyndi Skove at cyndiskove@comcast.net. I will put you on the garden email list and keep you updated with the garden and how you can help! We donate our produce to Lunch Break and share with the congregation.