

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

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Online Worship Service: Sundays 10 AM

Through church website: www.umcredbank.org/church-service-streaming-live/
Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/umcredbank/live/
Or listen in by calling: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 871 185 051#

Church Office Hours
The Church Is Currently Closed To All Visitors
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*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*

Ministry in the Midst of COVID-19

Our church is a place of community, love, and support. In troubled times, connection with God and each other is even more essential. While the church building is closed, our ministry continues in new and creative ways! We're worshipping online. We're gathering for small group study and fellowship through video/telephone conference calls. Enclosed you will find details about many of the ministries that have moved online and how to connect with them. If you have questions or have trouble connecting for an event, please reach out to Jess at (908) 400-2343 or email us at office@umcredbank.org.

In light of this unprecedented event, many of you may be facing unexpected needs and circumstances. If the church can be of help, please reach out to Pastor Jess via email at jbnaulty@umcredbank.org or call 908-400-2343. We are actively developing a network of support and will do our best to support your individual needs.

How Can I Be Included?

Along with Sunday worship, we are offering a variety of our usual Christian Education classes via the gift of technology. If you have a computer or smart device (phone, tablet, etc.) you can join us using Zoom, a safe video and phone conferencing software, that allows multiple people to participate in the same meeting. Before you join your first Zoom video meeting, log on to your computer/device about 10 minutes early and click on the meeting link. Follow the on-screen directions to allow Zoom to download the required software (don't worry, it's perfectly safe), and you're good to go! Zoom requires your computer to have a camera and microphone. No computer? No problem! You can also use any telephone to call in and join the event. Simply dial the listed phone number, and when prompted, enter the Meeting ID number for your group. For more detailed information on how to install and use Zoom, please go to our website and under the *Communication* tab, click on the *Using Zoom to Stay Connected* link.

Where Do I Find the Zoom Links and Phone Numbers for My Meeting/Class?

Many of the Zoom addresses and phone numbers/Meeting IDs are on the following pages. However, for the most complete, up-to-date information, check our website at umcredbank.org. On the first page, if you scroll to the bottom, on the left side is our church calendar. In the calendar are all upcoming events. If you click on an event, it will expand, giving you a link to click on for Zoom meetings or the phone number, Meeting ID, and password if you'd prefer to call in.

To call in, just dial the number; when prompted, enter the Meeting ID followed by pound (#), for "participant ID" just press #, then enter the password followed by #. That's it! Enjoy the meeting!

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Worship

Though we cannot gather in person, we will certainly gather in spirit for our church ministry is very much alive, even in this time of social distancing. Join us Sundays at 10 AM. Feel free to invite a friend!

Watch online

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Each week while you are worshipping, you will have access to a link to complete a Weekly Connect Card. When you click on the provided link each Sunday, you will be asked to answer a few short questions. This is our attempt to learn not only who is worshipping with us, but how the experience is going

Virtual Fellowship Time Sundays After Worship

Join in a time to meet together and check in after online worship each Sunday.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/411045493>

Phone: (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 411 045 493# Password: 7470446

The Bridge! Adult Class ~ Sundays at 9:00 am

Have you ever had questions about the transition from conservative to liberal theology? Join us in this lively online conversation. If you have any questions, reach out to Case Akers (They/Them)

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/759521182>

Phone: (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 759 521 182# Password: 7470446

Reflections and Prayer with Pastor Jess ~ Tuesdays from 9-9:30 am

Join in a weekly time of devotion and prayer with Pastor Jess. Hope to see you there! Any questions, please contact Pastor Jess at 908-400-2343 or jbnaulty@umcredbank.org.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/93028067256>

Phone: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 930 2806 7256 Password: 7470446

Bible Study ~ Thursdays from 10:30 am ~ noon

All are welcome to join in time a digging in to our scriptures to learn more about what they teach us about God and about ourselves. We are trying something new in this season of online study, so all are welcome to jump in for the first time! We hope you join us for the journey! Any questions, contact Pastor Jess.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/164803831>

Phone: (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 164 803 831 Password: 7470446

Adult Education Class ~ Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Does Christianity Have A Future? is a new video series for our Adult Education class on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. This video series features three of our favorite progressive theologians - Marcus Borg, Joan Chittister, and John Dominic Crossan. Together, live on stage, they explore topics of faith and life with honesty, integrity, and expertise. All are welcome to join us by Zoom even if you have not been a regular participant up to now. As this is a video series, there is advantage to connecting to Zoom with a video capable device. Any questions or technological challenges, please contact Mark Hackler at 732-918-034 or hackler@optonline.net.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/358888023>

Phone: (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 358 888 023# Password: 7470446

The preceding is only a partial list of available classes and meetings. There are also many Sunday Youth Classes as well as Yoga and Strength Training. Please visit our website at umcredbank.org for more information. All classes and meetings can be found on the calendar by scrolling to the bottom left of our home page. Just find the event you're interested in and click on it for detailed information on how to join in.

Backpack Crew Update

The Backpack Crew pantry is now open EVERY Monday evening from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Current needs are shelf stable milk, fruit cups, instant oatmeal packets and cereal. The Backpack Crew has continued to serve the increasing number of people who are impacted by food insecurity in the midst of this health crisis. Food donations are greatly appreciated on the back porch of the church, Monday through Friday from 9am to 3pm.

Thank you for your continued support. Email us at backpackcrewnj@gmail.com with any questions.



UMCRB Church Staffing Updates

As many of you know, our Staff Parish Relations Committee has been hard at work with a number of staffing changes for our church. There are few updates we would like to share with you at this time.

In the main office, our long-time Church and Financial Secretary, Sheila Leavitt has reduced her hours and tasks, maintaining her role as Financial Secretary only. Please welcome our new Church Secretary, Nell Ryan to our staff, and while we cannot at this time greet her in person, please feel free to extend a word of welcome to her via email - office@umcredbank.org.

Our long-time Church Sexton, Bob Shindel, who has been responsible for the care and cleaning of the building for many years has now officially retired, but he will be remaining active as a member of the church. Please welcome our new Church Sexton, Rick Cherry to our staff. While the majority of our ministry is happening out of the building, he is currently only present in the building three days a week for minimum hours.



Our beloved director of Children and Youth ministries is retiring. Elaine has been an inspiration, Christian leader and guide for our children as they become young adults. The time has come for her to enjoy some relaxation. We want to give a generous gift to show the appreciation of our congregation for all she has done. Please contribute to a retirement present by making checks payable to UMC Red Bank and put "Elaine Gift" on the memo line. Many thanks and stay home and healthy.

~ David Henritz - Staff/Parish Relations Chair ~

UMCRB Celebrates Earth Day

Many thanks to all who helped to make our Online Green Fair such a success. If you have not gotten a chance to check out the wonderful resources, presentations, and videos available on our website, you're not too late. Go to www.umcredbank.org/green-faith-congregation and learn more about what you can do to help make our earth a healthier place. The final project this spring is to share some Milkweed seeds for planting in your yards or nearby wild spaces. Stay tuned for information about when seeds in 6 inch pots will be available at church to take home. Contact Janey Schildge if you have questions or would like more information.

