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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

Dear Church Family,

As we come into the final stretch of 2020, I know that we are all tired. Tired of the Coronavirus continuing to plague our communities and the world as a whole. We are brokenhearted by the staggering numbers of lives that have been lost this year, in our church and in our family and friend networks. Our hearts are longing to be near others, to embrace one another and remember that we are not alone. In times like these, it is so important to hold on to that which grounds us... the love and constant presence of God.

At Christmas, we celebrate the coming of Christ into the world – God’s presence in our midst – Emmanuel, God with us. The imagery of light shining in the darkness is powerful in these dark days. Jesus, the Light of the World, continues to shine hope, love, joy, and peace into our lives, especially on the hardest days. If you listen deeply to the words of the carols, you’ll hear that refrain repeated over and over again. “Peace on earth and mercy mild.” “Love came down at Christmas. Love all lovely; Love divine.” “Joy to the world, the Lord is come.” “Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.”

This year, when we cannot gather in our beautiful Sanctuary surrounded by candlelight and heavenly choirs, I invite us all to continue to sing, perhaps louder than ever before, the songs of the season. The message of hope come in the midst of darkness and struggle; peace that is promised for all the world; love beyond our heart’s imaginings; and joy to lift us from despair and heartache. Let us join our voices in song as we worship from our homes this year – singing together in our Lessons and Carols service, our Blue Christmas service, and of course our Christmas Eve celebrations. May our voices rise to heavens, and our spirits soar as we prepare to usher in the Light of the World.

May you and yours have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rev. Jessica Brendler Naulty

Pastor Jess

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

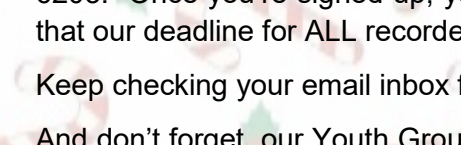
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Christmas is Coming to Children and Youth Ministries!

This year, we are excited to be offering two Christmas virtual worship projects for our children and youth to participate in! The first tells the story of Jesus’ birth, the second helps shine His Light in the world!

For our Children’s Christmas Eve virtual service, students will be reading excerpts from the Gospel of Luke alongside of their family nativity. This project is designed to welcome the Baby Jesus into the world and our lives with a personal touch. No nativity? NO PROBLEM! Nativities aren’t a prerequisite! We WELCOME and LOVE ALL participation as well as creative solutions (i.e. nativity snow globes, ornaments, Christmas cards, pictures, etc.).



For the Sunday after Christmas livestream, children will be shining (and sharing) their own little internal lights of Jesus by singing and signing “This Little Light of Mine” in American Sign Language. While the Children’s Time message and part of our Sunday School class time are dedicated to teaching our students all the right moves, participants’ families will also be sent a both a pre-recorded instructional video and pre-recorded music accompaniment (which will be used for the actual recording). Recorded videos will be compiled and shown at our Sunday after Christmas livestream service.

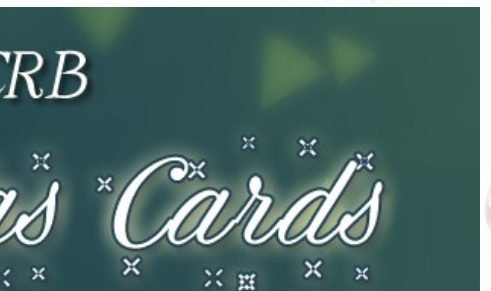
Both of these worship opportunities are something your children and families won’t want to miss!

How do we sign-up you ask?!?!? Easily – just call, text or email Tammy + at umcredbank.org or 732-299-6203. Once you’re signed-up, you will receive both videos as well as recording instructions. Just remember that our deadline for ALL recorded material is 16 DECEMBER so you’ll want to RSVP early.

Keep checking your email inbox for updates, reminders and further details!

And don’t forget, our Youth Groups are virtually up and running strong every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM. If you haven’t already got a chance to experience the fellowship, fun, and good times they offer, then now is the time! During the rough and rocky road of COVID-19, we could all use an extra dose of support from both our peers and a team of caring adults. Here’s the place to do it. (You can even B.A.R.F. all you want!) Links can be found either on the Church calendar or from group leaders. Use the contact info above for any questions.

And last but not least...don’t forget Sunday School and Bagels & Faith every Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:30...ish respectively. If we haven’t seen you this year, please come back!!! We miss you!!!!



DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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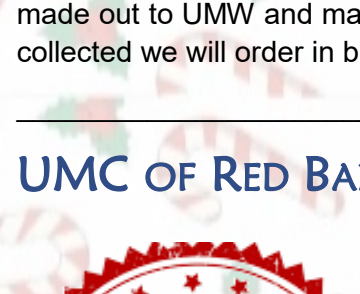
Join the Sanctuary Choir at UMCRB!

The Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsing together via Zoom, and preparing music for our virtual choir. Video and audio recordings will be used for our Sunday morning service. If you would like to join the choir, or if you have questions, please contact the Director of Music, Evan Courtney at ecourtney@umcredbank.org

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – UMW

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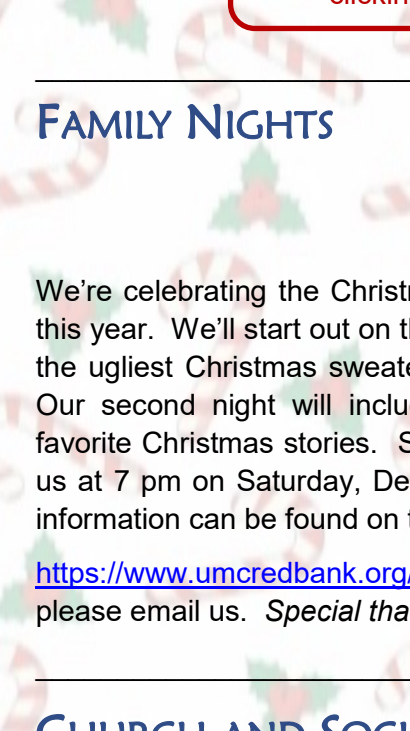


The ladies of UMW are holding a diaper drive from November 29th until December 20th for Maker’s Place in Trenton. Nine out of every ten families Maker’s Place works with have lost income due to COVID-19. Many of those families have had to choose between buying diapers and buying food or other essentials. Maker’s Place “Diaper Depot” distributes over 8,000 diapers a month to struggling families.

‘A diaper drive’ for babies and toddlers is a great way to connect the birth of Christ child with God’s love for the world today’.

You can help by sending a donation for diapers. Visit the UMW page on the church website to donate: (<https://www.umcredbank.org/unity-methodist-women/>) or you can send a check. Your check should be made out to UMW and mailed to Barbara Hartman, 41 Forman Street, Fair Haven NJ 07704. With the money collected we will order in bulk the diapers to be delivered to Maker’s Place “Diaper Depot”.

UMC OF RED BANK CHURCH REOPENING PLAN UPDATE



The COVID pandemic presents new challenges every day and our church community continues to do our best to rise to the challenge. Our online worship continues to meet each Sunday at 10am. Our building is open for pre-scheduled, indoor, small group, church meetings and the church office is open Tuesday-Thursday from 9-2 and Fridays from 9-1:30 pm. The calendar of events, available through our website, has up-to-date information about our many adult and youth ministries, and how to join in. For information regarding our Wednesday Night Youth Group contact our Youth Director, Rev Tammy Young

Our Senior Pastor, Reverend Jessica Naulty, may be reached by email or at her mobile number, 908-400-2343. Our remaining church staff may be reached by email or by calling our church office at 732-747-0446 during office hours.

For more information about how we are responding during COVID-19, check out our COVID safety precautions and plans for reopening our building by clicking here or going to umcredbank.org/reopening-plan-details/

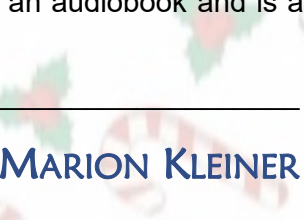
FAMILY NIGHTS

SUZANNE STONAKER

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We’re celebrating the Christmas season with not one, but TWO Family Nights this year. We’ll start out on the first night by playing games and seeing who has the ugliest Christmas sweater. Will it be you? Join in on the fun to find out! Our second night will include some fun activities and special readings of favorite Christmas stories. So pour a nice warm mug of hot chocolate and join us at 7 pm on Saturday, Dec 12 and again on Dec 19. Zoom links and more information can be found on the church website or by clicking here: <https://www.umcredbank.org/family-night-christmas/> If you have any questions, please email us. Special thanks to Tammy Young for all her help.



CHURCH AND SOCIETY

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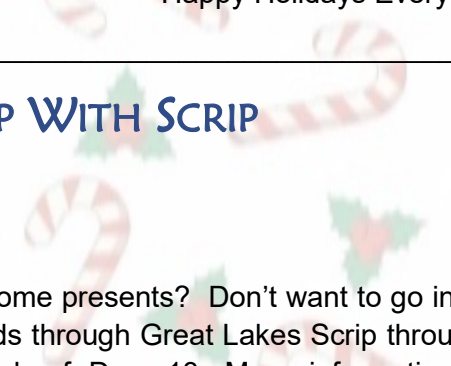
As part of our focus on systemic racism, we are encouraging members of the congregation to read *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi. It is suitable for adults and teenagers (Jason Reynolds is a YA author), and it is consistently on lists of top books this year. We will have a Zoom discussion on Saturday, January 9th and would love to have many of you join us. It is also available as an audiobook and is a joy to listen to, with Jason Reynolds reading it.

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Christmas is right around the corner and HUBOB is here to help make it a bit more special. Your HUBOB team has created greeting cards with interior and exterior photos of our church that you can send to your friends and loved ones. The cards are 10 for \$15.00 with 5 cards of each design—envelopes included—and will be available for pick up during office hours at the church. If necessary, delivery can be arranged. You can order online at our website or by contacting Marion Kleiner at marionkleiner@gmail.com or 732-918-9587.



REMEMBER: IT IS ALWAYS TIME TO HUBOB!
(Help Us Balance Our Budget)

LEARNING TREE

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Learning Tree Students and Staff have been enjoying our time in class together. We have been busy learning our letters and numbers, singing songs, being creative and celebrating the holidays and seasons.

We still have spots available in our 3’s and Pre-K classes for this year. We will begin registration for the 2021/2022 school year in January. Please share this with anyone you might know that is looking for a preschool.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

SHOP WITH SCRIP

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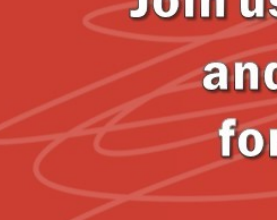
Need some presents? Don’t want to go into a store? HUBOB will be selling gift cards through Great Lakes Scrip through December 6 for delivery to you the week of Dec. 13. More information will be coming in our UMCRB Connections and our website. In the meantime, check out their website at <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com> and look at the Retailer List under quick links to start making your list. If you would like to order directly from the website and open your own account which links your order to the church, please email Kathy Hackler at hackler@optonline.net to get our church code. If you have questions, please email Kathy as well.



CROP WALK

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Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for all your very generous donations to our 40th Crop Walk—you gave us so much support! Our church had three teams, and there were numerous online teams set up and funded through church members. We can’t even begin to thank you for really tackling Crop this year with gusto and you were very effective. And hosting the Drive Through Drop Off on Oct. 18th was a perfect way to connect on October 18th. Thanks for that!

TO READ THE REST OF JANIE’S LETTER, PLEASE CLICK HERE

You’re invited to a Christmas Party
Family Nights is hosting two evenings of festive family fun!
Join us at 7 pm on Saturday, December 12
and again on Saturday, December 19
for some virtual fun for the whole family
We’ll have games and activities for everyone to enjoy
Visit: umcredbank.org/family-night-christmas/
for more information

Condolences

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of

Rev. Barbara Rambach - October 30



Blue Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 20th
At 7 pm

A service for those who struggle with grief and loss, especially in this season

CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight
SERVICE
5 PM FAMILY CENTERED CELEBRATION
9 PM TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE