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United Methodist Church of Red Bank

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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,

It has been such a gift to see some of you again as we begin our transition back to in person worship. We have now had two in person services on Sunday evenings, and as thankful as I am for technology and the ability to worship together safely from a distance, there is something powerful about being in the Sanctuary and praying together. I have missed seeing your faces as we worship; watching as the Spirit moves you through word or song. While I have gotten used to preaching in an empty room to a camera lens, imagining each one of you on the other side, I am so thankful that soon, I'll be able to look out and see your beautiful faces as I preach. It is our intention, starting June 6th to offer both in person and online worship simultaneously on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am. Our worship service will be held in the Sanctuary with a small in person congregation, while at the same time broadcasting livestream to YouTube for those worshipping from home. With the installation of cameras and video control systems, monitors and new speakers, going on now, our Sanctuary will soon be ready for us!

While this new technology will enable us to worship together, I know that for some, the installation of screens in our sacred Sanctuary space brings a sense of unease and even grief. Some fear that the presence of the mounted monitors will be a distraction and will detract from their worship experience. If this describes you, please know that I understand your reluctance at the addition of audio-visual technology in our sacred worship space. We will be utilizing the screens in a few different ways, always with the intension of enabling us to do something we would not otherwise be able to do in person. For example, in the absence of hymnals and bulletins, words to songs and prayers will be projected so the congregation can fully participate. While we are still unable to sing corporately because of the risk of spreading COVID-19, our choir anthems will still be shared on the screen by our virtual choir, much as they have been for the past year. We will also continue to encourage a diversity of worship leadership from our congregation, whether everyone is comfortable gathering in person or not, so the screens may be utilized for scripture readings or other service elements.

The most important thing I want us all to remember is that worship is about God and our encounter with the holy. As we learned from more than a year of remote worship, God can speak to our hearts in surprising ways, even through the use of technology. I pray that as we approach this next stage in our reopening plan, that we would keep our focus on God, and why we worship in the first place. May we all be blessed through our worshipping and serving to be a blessing to others.

Peace and love!

Rev. Jessica Brendler Naulty

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Coming Soon...

Pollinator Garden – Calling all families and youth gardeners (with green thumbs or not) - please join us Saturday, 08 May at 10 AM as we break ground for a Church pollinator garden sure to please every pollinator this side of Monmouth County! To keep our pollinators happy and coming back, we're going to need hearts and hands to both plant and maintain the garden throughout the week. We also need some children and youth to share their artistic gifts by making garden signs (so the pollinators know where to go of course!). If this sounds like the stewardship project your family, children, and youth have been looking for, then come and help us maintain God's ongoing creation together. This project will be done in strict compliance with BUS safety guidelines. All participants are asked to bring their own garden equipment. Interested families and youth may sign-up by contacting Tammy + at young@redbank.org or via phone/text at 732-299-6203 (butterflies and bees need not pre-register).



Sunday School End of the Year Celebration – Please join us Sunday, 13 June at 10:00 AM as we close out the 2020/2021 Sunday School year with an onsite, outdoor celebration! We'll be wrapping up the year with some games and goodie bags to take home!

Summer Sunday School – Summer Sunday School (K-6) will be kicking off ONSITE Sunday, 20 June at 10:00 AM. We've got lots of creative and fun exercises planned sure to help our young disciples grow closer to God (while having some fun and laughs too!).

VBS 2021: Knights of North Castle – Hear ye, hear ye, the GOOD NEWS!!! VBS 2021 has been given the green light to go!!! While COVID-19 has required us to modify the program from past years, we haven't cut back on the fun! There'll still be all of the memorable experiences your families have come to love from creative crafting, cool music, fun recreational games, and of course meaningful Bible stories sure to help any Knight in training grow closer to God.

The quest to find the Great Armor of God runs July 12 – 16, 2021 from 9:00 – 10:30 AM. Registration is open to all Knights in training who will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2021 through those who have completed 6th grade in June of this year. The cost is \$10/child (with donations to help offset the cost of the program greatly appreciated).



Please note that programming will be both indoors and outdoors and will be in strict compliance with CDC, the State of New Jersey, and the Building Use Safety Committee (BUS) recommendations and regulations. Mask wearing by both volunteers and participants indoors and outdoors, social distancing, hand hygiene, daily health assessments, and temperature checks will be strictly enforced. Detailed emails to follow. And oh yes...fun is also mandatory!

Registration is limited to 30 Knights in training and can be accessed via this link: [-2021 Vacation Bible School | The United Methodist Church of Red Bank - Red Bank, NJ \(umcredbank.org\)](https://www.umcredbank.org/vbs)



Or you can scan the QR Code here:

For questions, further information or to volunteer, please contact Tammy + at young@umcredbank.com or 732-299-6203.

Sneak preview...The reformation of the Young Adults group. Watch your emails and Facebook for more details.

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 office@umcredbank.org. Remember that hospitals no longer contact clergy when members are hospitalized.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

EVAN COURTNEY

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Our Summer Concert Series will be back. Live & In-Person!

SAVE THE DATES: June 30 July 7 July 14 July 21

Performances To Be Announced soon



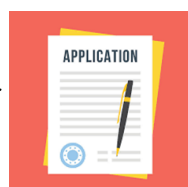
If you have questions, please contact the Director of Music, Evan Courtney at ecourtney@umcredbank.org

SCHOLASTIC ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

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Editable online applications for the 2021—22 school year are available now. They will be automatically sent by email to last year's junior, sophomore, and freshman recipients (if your email has changed let me know) and to high school seniors in the youth group. If you wish to apply and do not receive an application by email, you may request one by emailing Barbara Guenther, bjguenther@verizon.net.



DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS IS MAY 15TH.

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Your HUBOB Team would like to thank all of you who supported our spring bulb sale. There will be many gardens in Monmouth County displaying beautiful flowers and kitchens producing home grown sprouts!! We are looking forward to another flower sale in the fall, so stayed tuned. Different products and new ideas.

Help Us Balance Our Budget – You added some color and beauty to the world!

Let's make 2021 the Year of the Bulbs!!

CHURCH AND SOCIETY

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Movie and Discussion - 42 - May 16th at 3:00PM. Join us online as we watch **42**, a biographical sports film about baseball player Jackie Robinson, the first black athlete to play in Major League Baseball. Connection information will be available on our church website.

THE JACKIE ROBINSON STORY

Nature Hike at Thompson Park - Save the date for a Nature Hike on Saturday, May 22nd at 9:30am at Thompson Park. We will be meeting at the Old Orchard Shelter parking lot which is the first one on the left after coming in the main entrance. We'll hike part of the Reservoir loop. This MODERATE 4.8 mile loop offers a lengthy and scenic hike around the Swimming River Reservoir and Marlu Lake over both grass and dirt trails.

