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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,

September is upon us again, and another "Back to School" season begins! In the life of the church, we are excited to be kicking off many in-person groups that have either been on hold since the COVID shutdowns or have been meeting exclusively online for over a year. While masks and social distancing are still part of our reality, especially with the Delta variant making the rounds, we are thankful to be able to move back into a semi-normal year. Are things all back to the way they were pre-COVID? No. But can we be thankful for the progress we have made? YES!

As our lives begin to settle into a new version of normal, there are some who find themselves struggling with re-engaging for a variety of reasons. Some have gotten so used to staying home and limiting their activities that they're finding it a hard habit to break. Some have come to prefer worshipping in their PJs from the comfort of their couch. Some have simply fallen out of the habit of attending church each week. Others are still uncomfortable with the thought of engaging in large gatherings for health reasons. No matter why some are hesitant to reengage with community, I invite us to remember the importance of our connections with one another and the benefits of engaging with a community of faith, either in-person or online.

As the Body of Christ together, we are all important parts of this community. We each bring different gifts that strengthen not only the fellowship we share, but the impact we have on our neighbors. I am so thankful to be a part of this dynamic, vibrant church family with each of you, and am looking forward to the year ahead. May God's blessings be poured out the life and ministry of our church and each person who journeys with us.


Blessings and love,

*Pastor Jess*

Rev. Jessica Brendler Naulty

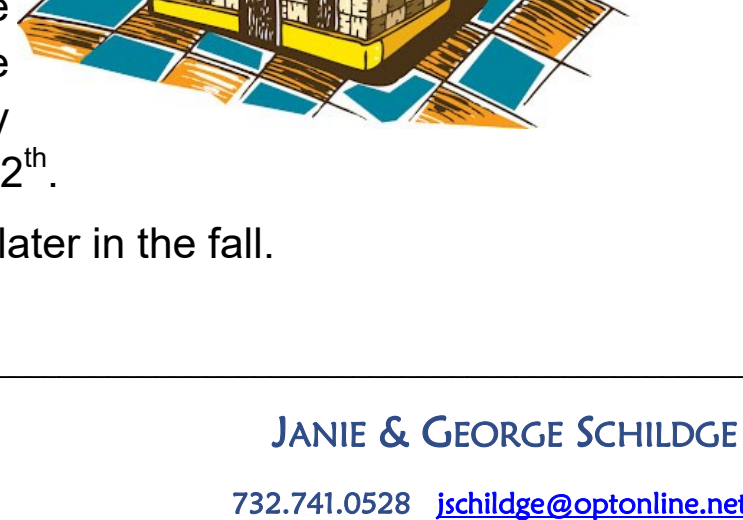
Our Youth Group program is back in person this year! We'll be meeting AFTER dinner (not provided at church this year) for a quick whole-group activity before splitting into our three smaller groups. Although things will look just a little different this year, our youth group leaders are still promising all the fun and fellowship Wednesday nights are famous for! We may be staying socially distant, but we'll be closer than ever spiritually. If you're in 3rd grade through high school, don't miss out on the fun! Join us each Wednesday beginning on September 15th.

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC** **EVAN COURTNEY**  
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 Sanctuary Choir will be coming back to worship this month! Look for the choir to be in-person in worship on September 19!  
Also, a new handbell ensemble is being formed and will be in worship throughout this Fall.  
More info about the Joy Choir to come soon.

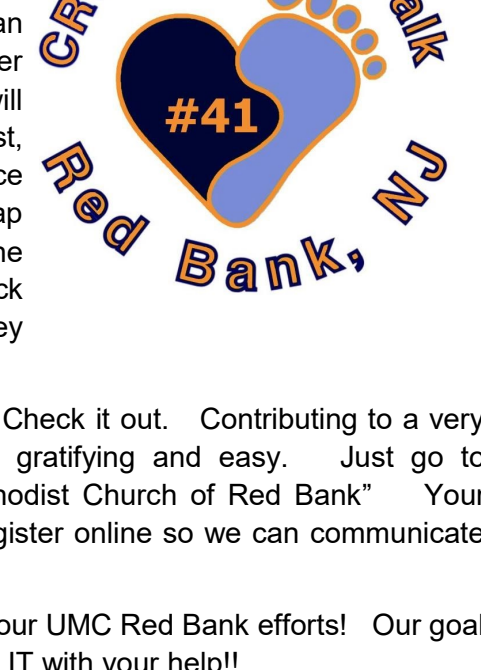
**HOMECOMING PICNIC**  
**POSTPONED**

Due to concerns about the increasing numbers of Covid cases in Monmouth County, we have decided to postpone the Homecoming Picnic originally scheduled for Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. We hope to hold a Harvest Festival later in the fall.



**CROP WALK** **JANIE & GEORGE SCHILDGE**  
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The Red Bank CROP Hunger Walk has a long history of being sponsored and supported by our Church – 41 years to be exact. Our church was on the original team of less than 10 faith groups and our UMCRB has led the community in every walk, with funds, friends, and volunteers. This year the usual mass walk through Red Bank is not possible so groups are urged to walk 4.1 miles on their own, during October, prior to Sunday, October 17th. On that date, starting at 1 pm we will celebrate at RB Regional HS with a Victory lap around the school and a huge food collection for local pantries under a tent. Please start your own food collection and keep going with the four main foods for pantries – rice, beans, soup, and peanut butter – for our food drive for church. You can bring your own to the school, or we will collect at church and bring over that day (good photo ops) Also on our Crop Celebration Day we will have CROP Gear to get for yourself and gift to others, an Art contest, music by the WAG band and activities and challenges and of course ice cream, Italian ice, and apples!!! Water will be available at the Victory Lap and on the grounds, and come for a good time, to greet SHORTSTOP the clown, and all your friends and strangers in this wonderful event. Back Pack Crew is one of our partners this year, and we are so happy that they will benefit from community generosity.



Pastor Jess has formed an online team for our Church to raise funds. Check it out. Contributing to a very good and needed cause – fighting hunger and homelessness – is gratifying and easy. Just go to [www.redbankcropwalk.com](http://www.redbankcropwalk.com), hit Donate and find the team United Methodist Church of Red Bank. Your family and clubs are welcome to form teams. We ask everyone to register online so we can communicate with you, and so you will be insured by CWS.

Thank you for caring, for our neighbors near and far, and for supporting our UMC Red Bank efforts! Our goal for the 41st Walk is \$141,000 and 18,000 pounds of food. WE CAN DO IT with your help!

CROP WALK TEAM

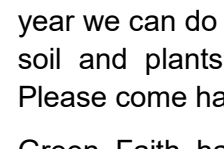
Janie Schildge / George Schildge

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**Fall Worship Schedule**  
8:45 am - Education Hour (7th-12th grade and adult classes)  
10:00 am - Single service in Sanctuary with livestream  
Children's Sunday School (Toddler through 6th grade)  
**Starting September 19th**

**BACKPACK CREW** **SUZANNE & KEITH DICE**  
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 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. The current need is **instant oatmeal packets!** Thank you for your continued support. Email us at [backpackcrewnj@gmail.com](mailto:backpackcrewnj@gmail.com) with any questions.

**GREEN FAITH** **JANIE SCHILDGE**  
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Food is plentiful for pollinators at our church! Thanks to all who have helped prepare the soil, planted, weeded, and watered the pollinator garden this year. There have been sightings of moths and butterflies—including Monarchs, also many honeybees (who love hyssop and catmint) and also our NJ bird the gold finch, seen eating sunflower seeds! It is beautiful and the project has been such fun to see. Maybe next year we can do a raised bed or an edging to help keep soil and plants growing and make watering easier. Please come have a look at our Methodist garden!

Green Faith has not met during Covid, but we are open to your ideas of what you think is important to take action on to save this beautiful planet and how we can make a difference in how hot our temperatures are on Planet Earth, and what we can do to slow down climate change. Remember to turn off your motor when idling the car, and open your windows instead of running the air conditioner while parked. Walk to school, or to church, or around your neighborhood to get exercise, and observe how animals and plants exist together and how we can make smaller footprints on the land by biking and not driving, by recycling, by consuming fresh clean water instead of flavored drinks in aluminum or plastic, and lots more little actions that will help. Thank you for caring and for being stewards on our Green Faith Adventure at Red Bank United Methodist Church.



**Church Mice**

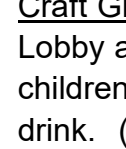


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**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – UMW** **LINDA BABLER**  
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Mildred-Ruth Circle of UMW will meet on Thursday, September 9 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Lounge. Remember to bring a mask and use the hallway to get to the Lounge as the school children may be using Fellowship Hall. We welcome other UMW ladies to come to the meeting too.

Craft Group will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, September 14 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Lobby above the Church Library. Bring a mask and use the hallway to get to the meeting as school children may be using Fellowship Hall. Bring your own snack for our lunch break, including a cold drink. (We will not be able to make hot coffee or tea at this time.) We welcome new members to come help us make our cards.

 Craft Group is currently preparing Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas cards as well as their usual assortment of Thinking of You, Get Well, Thank You, Birthday, Sympathy, and cards left blank inside for your notes. We hope to have cards available on Sunday mornings in mid-September. Our card sale money helps UMW meet their budget goals.

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**Sunday**  
**BACK to SCHOOL**  
**FALL KICKOFF BEGINS**  
**SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> AT 10 AM**

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**CELEBRATIONS**

We celebrate the birth of Luis Walradt who was born on June 7, 2021

Luis is the grandson of John Walradt

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**Condolences**

It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of faithful members of our congregation.

☛ **Jim Ingle** - July 5

☛ **Paul Marsala, Jr.** - August 14 (Father of Toni Ferrone)

☛ **Beverly Rigler** - August 16 (Mother of Carol Rigler)



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**Here's a quick and easy recipe to take advantage of some delicious fall vegetables**

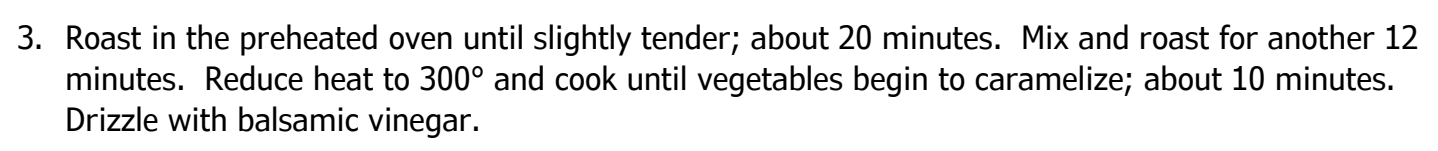
**Sheet Pan Ratatouille**

**Ingredients:**

- ◆ 1 large eggplant, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- ◆ 2 zucchini, cut into 1/2-inch slices
- ◆ 2 heirloom tomatoes, cut in wedges
- ◆ 1 white onion, cut into 1/2-inch-thick rounds
- ◆ 1 red bell pepper, cut into 1/2-inch strips
- ◆ 4 cloves garlic
- ◆ 2 Tbsp olive oil
- ◆ 2 Tbsp chopped fresh rosemary
- ◆ Salt & pepper to taste
- ◆ 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar

**Directions:**

1. Preheat oven to 400°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper
2. Place eggplant, zucchini, tomatoes, onion, bell pepper, and garlic in a single layer on the prepared baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil, rosemary, salt, and pepper; toss vegetables until well coated.
3. Roast in the preheated oven until slightly tender; about 20 minutes. Mix and roast for another 12 minutes. Reduce heat to 300° and cook until vegetables begin to caramelize; about 10 minutes. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar.



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**Be sure to start each day properly, as September is Better Breakfast Month**

Here are some other notable dates this month

6 <sup>th</sup> - Monday	Labor Day	17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday	Constitution Day / Citizenship Day
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9 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday	Teddy Bear Day	19 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday	International Talk Like a Pirate Day
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11 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday	911 Remembrance	21 <sup>st</sup> - Tuesday	World Gratitude Day
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12 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday	Grandparents Day	21 <sup>st</sup> - Tuesday	International Peace Day
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13 <sup>th</sup> - Monday	Positive Thinking Day	22 <sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday	Autumnal Equinox (1 <sup>st</sup> day of Fall)
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16 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday	National Play Doh Day	28 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday	Ask a Stupid Question Day
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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](mailto:office@umcredbank.org). Remember that hospitals no longer contact clergy when members are hospitalized.

In honor of International Sudoku Day (Sept. 9th), here's a puzzle to help you celebrate:

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For a printable version of this puzzle, [CLICK HERE](#)

For the solution to this puzzle, [CLICK HERE](#)

**If you're a Sudoku fan, click here for online games of all levels at [Sudoku.com](http://Sudoku.com)**