open to ALL to CONNECT with God and others, to GROW in our faith, and to SERVE in love

Dear Church Family, As we enter into November, the month of our Thanksgiving holiday, I invite us to adopt a

spirit of thankfulness in all things. While life may not be unfolding exactly as we hoped and

expected, there are always things and people to thank God for. As I go through my day, I am thankful for the little and big blessings that come my way. I am

thankful for the breath in my lungs, the food on my plate, the house that shelters my family. I am thankful for my amazing daughters and the joy they bring to my life each day. In our church, I am thankful for the amazing volunteers and staff that I am blessed to be in ministry with each day! I thank God for YOU and the way you give of your heart, your time, talents, and resources to share the love of God in action through our church community. My heart is

FULL of thanksgivings! Gratitude magnifies our experience of the good things in life, enabling us to enjoy them more thoroughly. It is like savoring a fine meal, enjoy every bite, rather than racing through as if it's a race. Gratitude also helps us to endure the hard things in life with dignity, perhaps even with humor. We can raise prayers of thanksgiving for life's blessings, even in the face of heartbreak and loss. During this Thanksgiving month, I challenge us each to try a new habit of thankfulness. Be

intentional about listening with your heart to each moment of your day, and then ask yourself, "What moments flood your heart with joy and thanks?" Keep those moments of gratitude in mind throughout today and share them with those around you. Write thank you cards to the people who inspire you. Go out of your way to say "thank you" to the people who work thankless jobs, like janitors, mail carriers, and landscapers. Keep a gratitude journal so that you can go back to it and remember your thankfulness, even when times get tough.

I pray that as we each practice a spirit of thankfulness this month, we might shine the light of Christ more radiantly into our homes, workplaces, and communities. Let us tell one another how thankful we are for each other!

A Thankful Heart Rev. Jessica Brendler Naulty

With abundant thanks.

the heart of the matter: "What do children need from adults and what do adults need from children for the spiritual

quest? The answer is the same for both: spiritual guidance. Children require adult spiritual

guidance, because they need the permission and the means to develop their spirituality. Adults require children's spiritual guidance, because by being who they are, children can refresh and re -center spiritual growth in adults. Without this mutual blessing, children and adults are likely to lack the dynamic wholeness and authenticity they were created to enjoy." I hope this time in the service sparks deep wonderings and discussions among all ages of Bible readers.

Eve. The production, of course, will feature Mary, Joseph, the Angel, Herod, Narrators, and more! I'm starting to gather actors, readers, and volunteers. The Bible characters have no lines, but act out their parts. Strong readers of any age are needed to narrate. I'm looking for children, youth and adults who would like to participate in the 'play' portion of the 5pm service – God's Great Idea, A Cosmic Christmas, I will likely hold rehearsals on Sunday mornings at 11:30 starting this month, but not everyone

will be needed at every rehearsal. Please reach out to me with questions and/or interest.

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Welcome to the UMCRB family! DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

EVAN COURTNEY ecourtney@umcredbank.org Sanctuary Choir is back – in person! The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 PM, and sings in worship every other week. If you love to sing great choral music, from 16th century motets to

The Joy Choir is

Back - In Person!

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Women

SUZANNE & KEITH DICE

zannedice@aol.com

PEGGY WEIN

Church Conference

to introducing her to our whole church family over the next few weeks! Feel free to reach out and welcome Amanda through her church email address

modern anthems, contact our Director of Music Ministries,

Evan Courtney, at ecourtney@umcredbank.org.

If you have kids between kindergarten and 5th grade, bring them to room 114 after worship, where they will rehearse (masked and distanced) for 15-20 minutes each week. Their first performance in Sunday morning Worship will be November 21st. Jenni Foster and Justin Elker will be leading the choir this year, and they've got some great things lined up! If you have questions, you can contact them at ilkimmel@yahoo.com and

We are featuring our Thanksgiving cards this month and will also have our Christmas cards out. Cards are available in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings after the 10 a.m. Church service. Your purchases (at Any questions? Contact Peggy Wien (rwien@infionline.net) ♦ Mildred-Ruth Circle will meet on Thursday, November 11 in the Lounge from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Please bring any devotions, poems, stories, etc. that you would like to share. Our baskets for the UMW Silent Auction turned out very well thanks to your donations and to your expertise in putting the three baskets Other UMW ladies (and those interested in learning more about UMW) are invited to attend our meetings. For more information, contact Peggy Wien at (rwien@infionline.net).

Stop by Fellowship Hall after worship this Sunday to place your bids on this year's baskets. Winners will be

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 quick bread, muffin, and brownie mix! Thank you for your continued support. Email us at backpackcrewni@gmail.com with any questions.

announced on Sunday, November 14th.

Preschool/Easy: The Wonky Donkey and The Dinky Donkey books by Craig Smith; Willbee the Bumblebee by Craig Smith & Maureen Thomson Ages 4-8 years:

Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship by Isabella Hatkoff, Craig Hatkoff & Dr. Paula

The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge by Hildegarde H. Swift and Lynd Ward;

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ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH AT 3:30 PM

And special mention about the **Seed Savers** series by Sandra Smith. There are five books intended for ages 9-12 years: Keeper, Heirloom, Lily, Treasure and Unbroken. Helen donated those books in honor of the UMW Community Gardeners. The books tell the story of a fictional future where natural food and gardening

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

Well done, good

and *faithfu*

servant!

Matthew 25:2

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church, or email us at office@umcredbank.org. Remember that hospitals no longer contact clergy when Molly McGroary has been accepted to Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Deanna Reimertz has been accepted into The Disney College Program and will be an active participant from January to

Election Day

Int'l Tongue Twister Day**

World Kindness Day

Odd Socks Day

America Recycles Day

2nd - Tuesday

8th - Monday

11th - Thursday

13th - Saturday

15th - Monday

15th - Monday

- **November is Diabetes Awareness Month** try this diabetes-friendly recipe for a healthy, delicious Thanksgiving side dish: **Rustic Garlic Mashed Potatoes**
 - ♦ ¼ teaspoon salt
- Ingredients 3 pounds russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces ◆ 1 (2 pound) head cauliflower, trimmed and cut into florets 6 cloves garlic, halved
- Serving Size: 1/2 cup Per Serving: 88 calories; protein 2.7g; carbohydrates 14g; dietary fiber 1.9g; sugars 1.5g; fat 2.8g; saturated fat 1.7g; cholesterol 7.8mg; vitamin a iu 122IU; vitamin c 30.3mg; folate 36.1mcg; calcium 26.2mg; iron 0.7mg; magnesium 21.5mg; potassium 384.5mg; sodium 82.1mg. Exchanges:

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES BONNIE DEROSKI 732-245-8024, bderoski@umcredbank.org Thank you so much for the warm welcome to your church community as your new Director of Children and Youth Ministries. I am loving getting to know all of you. You have all made me feel a part of what is going on and have been so helpful to me in transitioning in. And your kids and youth are great! It's wonderful to see how valued they are by the church members. I especially appreciate your willingness to enter into the Time of Wisdom and Wonder on Sunday mornings as we talk about the Sunday school Bible story. In fact, a number of us have been gathering to discuss ways in which adults and kids can come together to wonder about the Bible. We have been reading together the book, Wondering, by Elizabeth F. Caldwell. This quote by Jerome Berryman, creator of Godly Play, speaks to

Christmas is an exciting time of year and one of my favorite parts of the season is bringing adults, youth and kids together to create a family-friendly service for Christmas

Welcome Amanda Coluccio as our new Office Manager! We invite you to join in welcoming Amanda Coluccio as our newest member of staff. Amanda Coluccio is a longtime resident of Holmdel. She graduated from Red Bank Catholic High School and later from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University with a BM in vocal performance. In her free time, Amanda teaches voice lessons to children of all ages. She also has extensive background in office management and estate planning. She believes God's love is best shown through service to others. She is a Daisy Troop Leader for Holmdel Girl Scouts and volunteers her time singing for charitable organizations. She spends her days with her husband, Wil, her two daughters, Leila and Valentina and Buddha, a mini shih tzu. Amanda began working in the office on September 27th, and we look forward

just.elk@gmail.com.

♦ Craft Group will be meeting on Tuesday, November 9 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Lobby above the Church Library. Come for part or for all of that time to help us make our cards. Use the hallway to come to Craft Group as school children may be using Fellowship Hall. Bring your snack and cold drink for our short lunch break. New card makers are always welcome! Our second November meeting would be on November 23 which is two days before Thanksgiving. We will need to decide whether to meet that day. \$1.00 a card) help UMW meet its budget. **UMW MILDRED-RUTH CIRCLE**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW CRAFT GROUP:

together.

Basket Auction

UMW Fall Fundraiser-

BACKPACK CREW

CHURCH LIBRARY

The Church Library is ready for you to use again. Books may be checked out at the Library desk -- see instructions there. We have processed some donated Adult books which will be new additions for our Library. We also have a variety of new Children's books which have been donated by Helen Vetter. The Children's books include:

Maybe by Robi Yamada;

A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry

The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman

They Threw Us Away (The Teddies Saga) by Daniel Klaus

Kahumbu.

Ages 10-12 years:

Ages 10-14 years:

are outlawed. Sounds intriguing!

Ages 7-10 years: The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo Ages 8-12 years: The Magician's Elephant by Kate DiCamillo;

SAVE THE DATE - MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS

members are hospitalized.

CELEBRATIONS

◆ 3 ounces light cream cheese, softened 2 tablespoons butter, softened

**A team of researchers from Massachusetts Institute of Technology say that the



1/2 fat, 1/2 starch, 1/2 vegetable

♦ ¼ teaspoon pepper ◆ ¼ cup chopped fresh chives 1 tablespoon Whole fresh chives **Directions:** Bring lightly salted water to boiling in a 4-quart pot. Add potatoes, cauliflower and garlic. Return to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 25 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Drain and return to pot. Add cream cheese, butter, salt and pepper. Mash with a potato masher until nearly smooth. Stir in chopped chives. Garnish with additional chives, if desired.

> following is the most difficult tongue twister in the world. Can you say it ten times fast? The psychologists who created this tongue twister said that people who attempted to say it either stopped right in the middle of saying it because it was too difficult or could only get through it once and weren't able to repeat it.

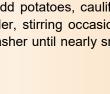
Annual Church Conference - Saturday, November 6th at 3:30 pm All are invited to join in the annual business meeting of the church. Join in through the Zoom link found in our church calendar, and meet our new District Superintendent, Rev. Sang Won Doh. ALL SAINTS SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 7TH AT 10:00 AM All Saints Sunday - November 7th at 10:00 am Join in worship on Sunday, Nov 7th to celebrate the saints among us. We will be reading the names of all the new saints in our congregation - all the newly baptized children and our beloved saints who have died throughout the year. Let's take this opportunity to give thanks to God for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us! Save the date for our **Service of Lessons** and Carols Sunday, December 12, 2021

August 2022 becoming part of the magic that is known worldwide Condolences It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of faithful members of our congregation. Bob Wharton - September 15 Otto Guenther - October 14



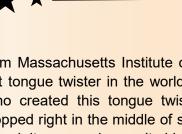
First Sunday of Advent

Hanukkah begins



28th - Sunday

28th - Sunday



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