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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,

Our United Methodist denomination has been involved in heated debate and conflict for many years now over our stance and polity around human sexuality. In 1972, language was added to the Book of Discipline, our book of doctrine, structure, and policy, which limited the full participation of our LGBTQ siblings in faith - beginning a long battle regarding exclusionary practices around samegender marriages, the rights of LGBTQ individuals to be ordained, and other related policies. Conflicting beliefs about how to live faithfully as United Methodists has come to a head, especially after the twice delayed General Conference gathering, due to COVID restrictions and travel complications for our world-wide denominational siblings. The more traditionalist/conservative lobbying group of our global church, previously known as the Wesleyan Covenant Association, has decided it is time to break off from the larger "mother church" to form a new denomination called the Global Methodist Church, officially launching and welcoming disaffiliating churches, conferences, clergy, and local church members starting May 1, 2022.

While there are congregations and clergy in our Greater New Jersey Annual Conference who have expressed their desires to disaffiliate with the UMC and join the GMC, this is a long and complicated process. Our Bishop and conference leadership have expressed their commitment to guide both those who are staying and those who are leaving through the process gracefully. Please follow this link to read our Bishop John Schol's messages about this process.

What is most important for us at the UMC of Red Bank to know is that as a Reconciling Church, we will continue to be who we are, a community of faith dedicated to the full inclusion of all, regardless of human sexuality or gender identity. Our ministry and church family will continue on in faithful service to the community and our people, helping to express God's

love in tangible ways for all. Will there be bumps in the future for our denomination, without a doubt, yes. But, that does not change the work that we have to do here in Red Bank and beyond - the work of God's love in action.

Join me in praying for our church, both locally and globally, that we all might serve and love faithfully, as Jesus taught and led by example.

God bless,

Pastor Ges

Rev. Jessica Brendler Naulty

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A Special Thank You and Celebration!



What a wonderful Sunday school and Youth Group year we have had! Personally, I have had a fantastic time getting to know your youth and children over these past months and will be forever grateful for those superheroes who came alongside me and made this year the success that it was. The Sunday school teachers and Youth Group leaders this year were: Phil & Raina, Parlin, Taylor, Fran, Lauren, Kathy, Michelle, Alyce, Barbara, Jim and Greg. We have learned to wonder together, work together as a team and as a result we have

grown closer to God and each other.

I will be recognizing and celebrating these awesome folks on May 29 in the worship service and follow it up with an end of year party for the kids during the Sunday school hour. And on June 5, summer Sunday school will begin for ages 3-11 in room 112. We will be hearing some stories of biblical justice, wholeness for humanity and all of creation in one classroom together.

This summer will bring our Great Big Beautiful World VBS the week of August 1. We'll be getting our hands dirty learning about and celebrating God's handiwork. We are looking forward to all the favorite activities: rec, music, snack, bible, and crafts, and will be welcoming some special guests to share their expertise with us. Registration forms for kids (5-11) and youth/adult volunteers are up on the church website now. Don't miss the fun! -Bonnie



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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN / UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH





United Women in Faith

- United Methodist Women has changed its name to United Women in Faith. The change allows ongoing participation by women whose local churches choose to disaffiliate from the UMC; this change also allows inclusion of women from other faith traditions. See uwfaith.org for more information.
- The next General Meeting of the UMC Red Bank UMW/UWF will be Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Anyone interested in learning more about the group and its missions is welcome to attend.
- TUMW Sunday at UMC Red Bank will be May 22nd, 2022. Please join us in worship, and afterwards in Fellowship Hall, to hear about our history, the missions supported by our fundraisers, and our projects to mitigate food insecurity in Red Bank and beyond.
- 🕈 Beginning in May, UMC Red Bank UMW will be collecting funds to assist children in attending summer camp at the Neighborhood Center in Camden. Please look for the table in Fellowship Hall and consider helping with this annual mission.
- The an Extra Row: Every summer the UMW plants in a community garden and donates 50% of the produce it gathers with community food resources. If you have a garden at home, please consider planting an extra row and bringing the surplus harvest to church. UMW will include all such donations with its deliveries to community food pantries.

UMW CRAFT GROUP

Craft Group will be meeting on Tuesday, May 10 and Tuesday, May 24 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 greeting cards. Bring your snack/cold drink for a short lunch break --or use the hot water tap in the kitchen to make a hot drink. If you knit or crochet (or do another craft), you are welcome to bring your handiwork to Craft Group meetings and meet with others who like to be creative with those skills.

We will be featuring our Mother's Day and Graduation cards in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings after the 10 a.m. Church service -- along with our usual assortment of cards for Birthday, Thinking of You, Get Well, Sympathy, Anniversary, Children, or Blank (to write your own message). Let us know if you would like us to design specific cards for you. Your purchases (at \$1.00 a card) help UMW make its budgeted mission donations.

Any questions? Contact Peggy Wien (rwien@infionline.net).

UMW MILDRED-RUTH CIRCLE

Mildred-Ruth Circle will be meeting on Thursday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Lounge. Please bring any items you would like to share such as devotions, poems, articles, etc. All UMW ladies (and those interested in learning more about UMW) are invited to come for our hour of fellowship together. Any questions? Contact Helen Vetter or Peggy Wien.

Note: Helen Vetter should be providing information on Book Club. The next Book Club meeting is Thursday, May 26 at 1 p.m. in the Lounge. The book for May is "Anxious People" by Fredrik Backman.

BOOK CLUB:

Book Club will meet on Thursday, April 28 at 1 p.m. in the Lounge. The book for April is Black Cake: A Novel by Charmaine Wilkerson.

Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Helen Vetter.



GREEN FAITH

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Our Green event took place April 24th with options on what our church members would like to participate in, from our Pollinator Garden, to Ban Plastic actions (we need to participate in this by law - Yea!) to Vacation Bible School Signups, to a tour of MAZZA Recycling Plant and the Invasive plant Strike Force in Monmouth County. It is an exciting spring, so here is a calendar



- And the American May 4th Start of our new state BAN on single use plastic bags, plastic straws, and Styrofoam. Our beaches and parks and ponds will be so much cleaner!
- Hay 7th planting of Pollinator Garden with schedule of watering by different families and watching as plants grow
- Hay 20th Friday at 10 am tour of the MAZZA Recycling Plant (limited to 20 and cost to be covered by MORE Funds hopefully)
- 🟵 First Sat. of each month Invasive Plant Pruning



On Sunday, April 24th, Ken Glossbrenner gave a powerful speech about global warming and the work of the Citizens Climate Lobby. Please visit our GreenFaith page on the church website to read his inspiring words.

https://www.umcredbank.org/green-faith-congregation/

Our League of Women Voters produced a program on Wind Energy in March and one of the presenters, Michael.Gravitz@marine-conservation.org sent this article that I am sharing with our May Outlook Readers in recognition of EARTH DAY #72.

It is titled "Don't Celebrate Earth Day for the Earth or the Ocean. Do it for yourself, your children and their children"

You can find the article here:

https://www.umcredbank.org/hp_wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Earth-Day-Article.pdf

SCHOLASTIC ASSISTANCE

BARBARA GUENTHER

Completed Scholastic Assistance Applications due by May 10th



To be eligible for an undergraduate college/university scholarship you must have a meaningful affiliation with our church and be in need of financial assistance. If you wish to apply, are eligible, and have not received an application by email, you may request one by emailing Barbara Guenther, biguenther@verizon.net. Please email or call me if you have any questions. (732) 203-1970

KIDS MAKING PRETZELS FOR UKRAINE

Everybody loves chocolate!! On Sundays, May 15 and 22, kids from Club 77 and Mustard Seeds will be selling homemade, chocolate-covered pretzel rods. They will sell for \$1 each, to support UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery which provides direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.



CHURCH HISTORIAN

GREG JANSKY

Did you know?

Easter services in 1964 had an estimated 1,800 worshipers at the three services. And, our church was served by three pastors: Gordon Lowdon was the senior pastor and there were at least two full-time assistant pastors.

VIII Secretary's Communications:				
Thank you card read from Rev. and Mrs. George Ogden for flowers brought during his illness.				
IX Unfinished Business:				
 Mr. Lowden announced 1,800 people had attended Easter services and thanked the ushers for doing such a fine job. 				
 Mr. Lowden stated he had attended the Mid Year Conference and one half of our apportionments were paid, as Gordon Morison had arranged for payment before leaving on his trip. 				
 Mr. Robert Sadler showed pamphlet his committee was considering compiling, giving outline of activities and organizations in the church. They will proceed now. 				
4. Mr. Robert Sadler announced that a new outside bulletin board, (purchased by memorial gifts,) would be installed in the near future.				
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MAY WORSHIP AT A GLANCE

May 1	Rev. David Henritzy Guest Preaching - Pastor Jess away	
May 8	Mother's Day / Youth Sunday	
May 15	Confirmation Sunday / Kaefer-Deeter baptism	
May 22	UMW Sunday / Debartolome baptisms	1' W M
May 29	Celebrate Sunday School Teachers & Youth Group Leader	rs / Memorial Day weekend

In honor of National Salad Month AND Gifts From the Garden Month, you're invited to ty this delicious and nutritious recipe:

Eat-the-Rainbow Chopped Salad with Basil & Mozzarella

This fresh and colorful salad has all of the delicious flavors you love from the classic caprese salad, plus even more healthy veggies. Double this and top each portion with 3 ounces grilled or roasted chicken to take it from a simple side to a quick main dish.

Ingredients

- ¹/₄ cup white balsamic vinegar
- ¹/₄ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt ٠
- ¹/₄ teaspoon ground pepper
- 2 large carrots, diced ٠
- 1 large yellow bell pepper, diced ٠
- 2 cups chopped kale
- 1¹/₄ cups chopped red cabbage ٠
- 1 cup quartered grape tomatoes ٠
- 1 cup mozzarella pearls
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup thinly sliced fresh basil
- 2 scallions, sliced



Directions

Whisk vinegar, oil, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Add carrots, bell pepper, kale, cabbage, tomatoes, mozzarella, basil and scallions. Toss to coat.

Nutrition Facts

Serving Size: 1 cup

Per Serving: 140 calories; protein 5g; carbohydrates 7.8g; dietary fiber 1.5g; sugars 4g; fat 10.2g; saturated fat 2.8g; cholesterol 10.6mg; vitamin a iu 4044.7IU; vitamin c 58.5mg; folate 28.5mcg; calcium 146.3mg; iron 0.6mg; magnesium 18.6mg; potassium 256.5mg; sodium 276.2mg

May					
See below for all the special people we celebrate this month					
5 th - Saturday	Cinco de Mayo	19 th - Thursday	World Plant a Vegetable Garden Day		
7 th - Saturday	National Day of Prayer	21 st - Saturday	Armed Forces Day		
	Kentucky Derby	28 th - Saturday	Amnesty International Day		
8 th - Sunday	Mother's Day	29 th - Sunday	Learn About Composting Day		
12 th - Thursday	Limerick Day	30 th - Monday	Memorial Day		
16 th - Monday	Wear Purple for Peace Day		Water a Flower Day		

May brings us week-long celebrations for many types of workers. If you see any of these people in your travels, be sure to thank them for their hard work all year round.

- ☆Police
- ★Teachers
- ★Nurses (and school nurses)
- * Emergency Medical Service providers



4/24 - Birth of Gerri Poranski's great grandson Jordan Luis Acosta

In honor of Limerick Day on May 12th:

Being and Time

Thus have I heard it that God is a process

And not the scorekeeper who tallies your losses

No mystical wealth

Just Being itself

An effect which is more than the sum of its causes



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.