

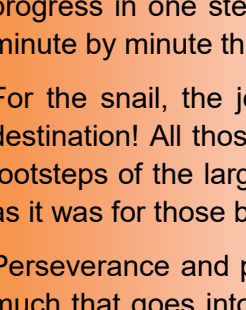
United Methodist Church of Red Bank

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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



"By perseverance the snail reached the ark." - Charles Spurgeon

Here we have one of my favorite, frameable quotes from a 19th century theologian. It is a fun thought exercise to imagine a little snail going as fast as it can to make it to that place where God was calling all of the animals to safety. As the snail crawls along at its own pace, seemingly the rest of the animal kingdom zooms by: the birds sailing along with the breeze, the cheetahs whizzing by in a speckled yellow and brown blur, the elephants using their giant strides to travel a day's worth of snail progress in one step! Surely, the snail must've had moments of doubt and exhaustion, but day by day and minute by minute the little one made it to the Ark.

For the snail, the journey to God's promise of protection and new life was as significant as reaching the destination! All those obstacles in the way, all that energy spent to keep going, all those close calls with the footsteps of the larger animals! The snail still made it though, and the Ark was made just as much for snails as it was for those big elephants and more "majestic" creatures.

Perseverance and persistence have been key words for our family during this time of transition. There is so much that goes into a move that it's almost hard to believe! Things like knowing what days to put the trash cans out go from second nature to becoming a big to-do. Then there's all of the paperwork of changing addresses, schools, doctors, etc. And of course, there's the actual physical packing and unpacking of the belongings. It's quite an undertaking! As with any project, it can only be done one day, one box, one form at a time. Like the snail, we find ourselves finally settling into the destination that God has called us to. And like the snail, it's been a memorable journey, but we are happy to be here.

Over our first month and a half together as pastor and church, I've been very pleased to note the excitement from every corner of our building. Interest and participation in our worship and small group meet ups has been strong, particularly for the vacation-heavy summer months. As I have noted in my discussions with many of you, there is a lot of good work being done and to be done in this place!

I am excited to continue walking alongside you on this journey to where God is calling us as a church. Our excitement will need to become perseverance as the path continues in the coming months and years since we can only move one step at a time. Like the snail, and like Kelsie and I facing the mountain of boxes in the parsonage, I am confident that God will see our journey through to its completion! I invite you to not rush through it, though. There is so much to learn in the journey and surely God is with us every step of the way. Enjoy one another and savor what we are doing together to live out the Kingdom of God on Earth. It's going to be a wonderful ride and my family and I am thankful to be spending it with you all at UMC RB!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Cameron Overbey

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

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Catch the Beat of the Sunday Rhythm

I cringe when I use the term Sunday school. The last place any self-respecting kid wants to be is school on a weekend! But why, then, do we do it? What is the importance of Sunday school and church for young people (or anyone for that matter)?

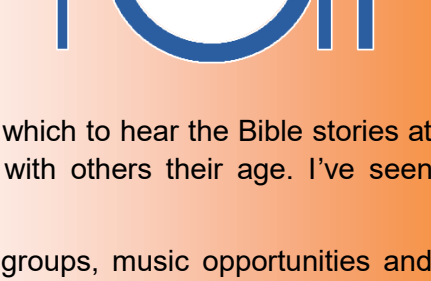
First of all, it's a part of a life rhythm. We all respond best to routine, predictable rituals. Those patterns provide a feeling of safety and security for kids of all ages. Familiar prayers, places and faces are reassuring. "If it's Sunday, it much be church."

Attending church provides one of the few times in the week that all generations are together doing the same thing, exploring their faith and worshipping God. Chatting during fellowship, singing songs, praying prayers. Teens chasing or holding littles. The family of God together. This is where the wisdom of the elder collides with the wonder of the child and growth happens for all.

But Sunday classes have their benefits also. Age-specific learning takes place in these types of settings and kids and youth can have a safe space in which to hear the Bible stories at their pace, ask questions about God and the world, and just be together with others their age. I've seen relationships that were formed in the Sunday school classroom last a lifetime!

This year, we are looking forward to a fabulous season of classes, youth groups, music opportunities and service projects. Youth from 7th grade thru 12th will be learning from a bible overview, *We Make the Road by Walking*. Elementary children will be learning from the *Shine* curriculum again this year, and preschoolers will have a board book each month that they focus on.


Make some good music with your family this year and have Sunday worship be a part of the rhythm of your family's life. - Bonnie



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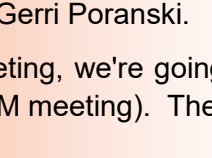
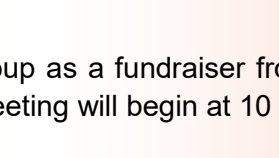


The Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday, September 8th! If you're an adult who loves to sing choral anthems, from 16th century motets to modern day gospel, come join us on Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 pm. We convene most Sundays at 9:15 am before the 10:00 am service. For more info, contact Evan Courtney at ecourtney@umcredbank.org

The Joy Choir (4 YO-3rd grade) will start practicing again on September 18! If your child loves to sing, have them come join leaders Justin and Jenni and Parlin in room 114 right after Sunday School each week. For more info, contact Evan Courtney at ecourtney@umcredbank.org.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN / UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

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Many thanks to those who helped prepare 100 meals in August and September for Family Promise!

There will be a General Meeting on October 22nd at 10 AM. The primary agenda items will be to elect new officers and to discuss the calendar and activities for the remainder of 2022. Please bring your ideas or share them ahead of time with Gerri Poranski.

Prior to our General Meeting, we're going to cook soup as a fundraiser from 9:30 AM to 10 AM (will prepare soup and bottle it after GM meeting). The General Meeting will begin at 10 AM.

UMW CRAFT GROUP

Craft Group will be meeting on Tuesday, September 13 and Tuesday, September 27 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 our short lunch break -- or make a hot drink in the kitchen. If you like to knit or crochet (or do another craft), you are welcome to bring your handiwork to Craft Group and meet with others who like to be creative.

We will be featuring our Fall designed cards and Halloween cards in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings after the 10 a.m. Church service -- along with a selection of cards with "sassy sayings." We always have our usual assortment of cards for Birthday, Thinking of you, Get Well or Caring Thoughts are With You, Sympathy, Anniversary, Children (birthdays or Showers) or Blank (to write your own message inside). 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@infonline.net).

UMW MILDRED-RUTH CIRCLE

Mildred-Ruth Circle will be meeting on Thursday, September 8 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Lounge. We will be finalizing our plans for our Baskets for the Silent Auction. We will also have some time to share so please bring any devotions, poems, articles that you have collected over the summer.

All UMW ladies (and those interested in learning more about UMW) are invited to come to our hour of fellowship. Any questions? Contact Helen Vetter or Peggy Wien.

CROP WALK

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The 42nd CROP Hunger Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 16**, also World Food Day, at Red Bank Regional High School at 1:00 pm. On-line fund raising is already underway and all cash and checks can be turned in on CROP Sunday. In addition, rice, beans, peanut butter, and soup for 20+ local food pantries are collected under a large tent. Bring your donations to RBR High School at 1 pm on Oct. 16.

Unfortunately, hunger is a growing concern both locally and in the world. Wars, drought, and inflation are fanning those flames and here's a real chance to help! Our Church team needs you to contribute. Be a walker, runner, or part of our "Stroller Brigade"-it's a 5-mile route. Be a donor, on -line, by check or sponsor a walker. Collect and deliver rice, beans, peanut butter, and soup. This year's goals are \$ 142,000 and 16,000 lbs. of food.

Our Church is the half-way spot for the CROP Walk and we are a water stop sponsor, greeting walkers and runners with fresh water and cheers as they go by.

To donate on-line click on <http://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/umited-methodist-church-of-red-bank>. You can also get information and make check donations at the CROP table in Fellowship Hall on Sundays. It will be manned by our teen leaders led by Brian Reimertz. Checks should be made out to Red Bank CROP Walk.

GREEN FAITH

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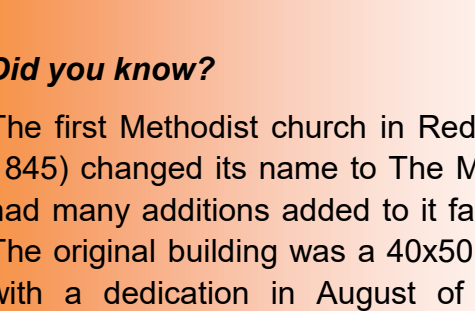
We celebrated our Solar startup in January 2011, and in just four years we had saved nearly 300,000 pounds of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere. Now in 2022 we have saved over 1 million pounds of carbon dioxide and we are going strong with our solar system at church. It has been an exciting time to know we are thriving with clean green energy, through snow, heavy rain, hurricane force winds, and now deep drought! We have also worked to raise awareness and shift to "greener" cleaning materials, installed new windows for better energy conservation, reduced waste by using less disposable dinnerware, and shifted to higher efficiency lighting that uses less electricity. New Jersey has banned single use plastic bags and straws, as well as paper bags, and Styrofoam, making us much more aware of the plastic problem.

Now is a great time to think about how each of us can shrink our carbon footprint on the planet. If you are thinking of a new appliance, be sure to check the energy efficiency. How about a new car - what is the gasoline efficiency? How about an electric or a hybrid? And think about food waste as well. Statistics are shocking: Americans throw away 40% of total food consumption! And it is so easy to turn on our faucet for clean water, while the entire globe is seeing very low river and lake levels, and many western states have cut water usage drastically. We all can watch how we run sink and shower water, and sprinkler systems, and be better stewards of the bounty we have and how we can share some of our abundance with humans and other species in our Web of Life.

Our VBS had a week of learning about God's world summer! Thanks for that program, Bonnie and staff. With your help we can think ahead to more steps to take to use less fossil fuel and more green energy in 2022 and beyond. Thanks for your help in our stewardship of the earth.

Please contact Janie if you would like to join our Green Faith Team. (732-741-0528)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



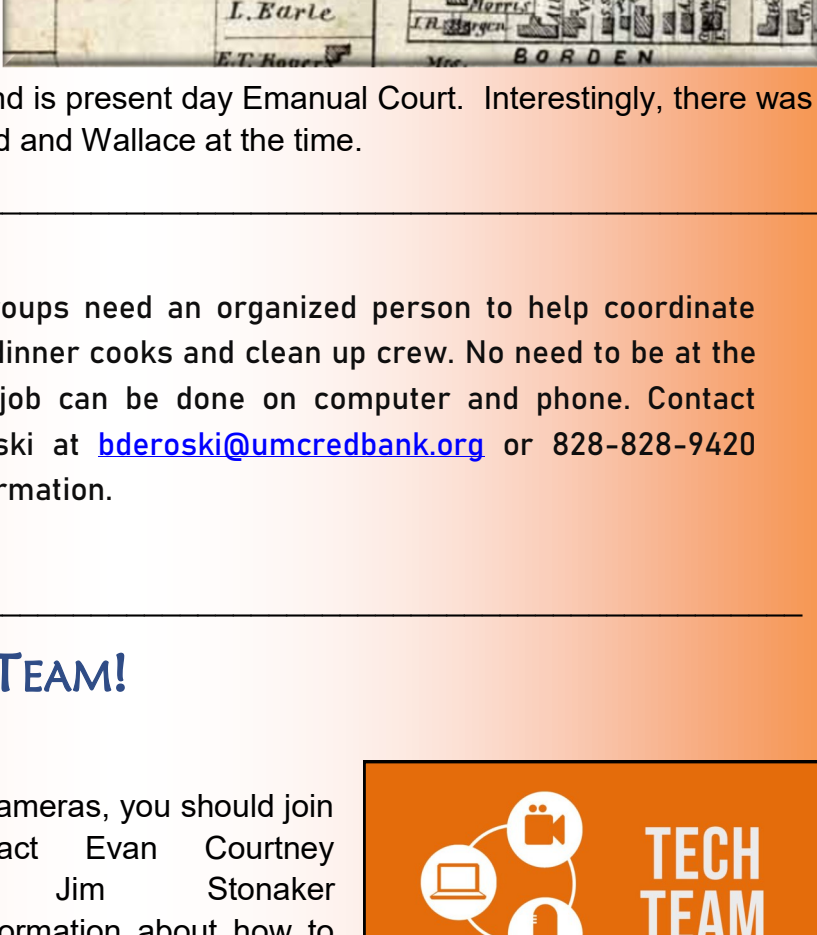
Do you want to be more involved with our Church's mission and programs? The Nominations Committee has many opportunities to get involved. Please speak with [Pastor Cam](#) or [Barbara Roguski](#) if you are interested in learning more. Click on their names to send an email inquiry.

CHURCH HISTORIAN

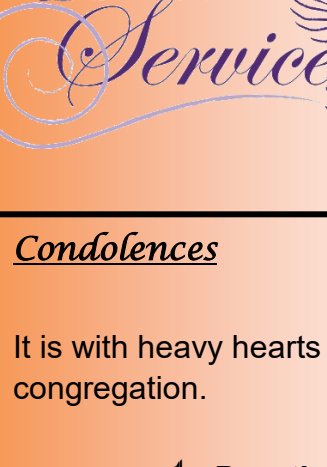
GREG JANSKY

Did you know?

The first Methodist church in Red Bank started as the Methodist Episcopal Society, and shortly (in 1845) changed its name to The Methodist Episcopal Church at Red Bank. The first building, which had many additions added to it faced Broad Street, right around where Jack's Music Shop is today. The original building was a 40x50 foot frame building. The cornerstone was laid in October of 1845, with a dedication in August of 1846. Behind the building were stables and an alley called Dugan Alley. Reverend William White was the pastor in 1882. During a November night, while giving a sermon, a fire broke out in a stable in Dugan Alley and the building was completely destroyed. A month later, Red Bank Methodists bought a plot on the Southwest corner of Broad and Monmouth Street for \$13,000.



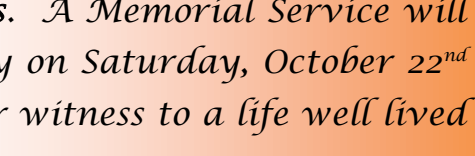
The picture shows the location of the church in 1878, the larger all black building in the middle of the image - on the west side of Broad Street. Broad Street runs north - south in the center. Dugan Alley is right behind the building, and is present day Emanuel Court. Interestingly, there was a Presbyterian church on the corner of Broad and Wallace at the time.

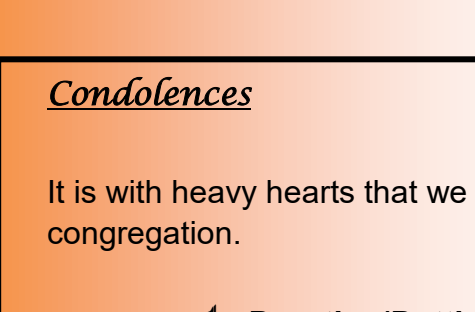


Our Youth Groups need an organized person to help coordinate and confirm dinner cooks and clean up crew. No need to be at the church; this job can be done on computer and phone. Contact Bonnie Deroski at bderoski@umcredbank.org or 828-828-9420 for more information.

JOIN OUR WORSHIP TECH TEAM!

If you enjoy working with computers and cameras, you should join our worship tech team! Contact Evan Courtney (ecourtney@umcredbank.org) or Jim Stonaker (jimbo.stonaker@gmail.com) for more information about how to get involved in this unique and fun ministry.







Join us as we celebrate the life of long time member, **Charles Burrus**. A Memorial Service will be held in the sanctuary on Saturday, October 22nd at 11:00AM. Let us bear witness to a life well lived in service and love

Condolences

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


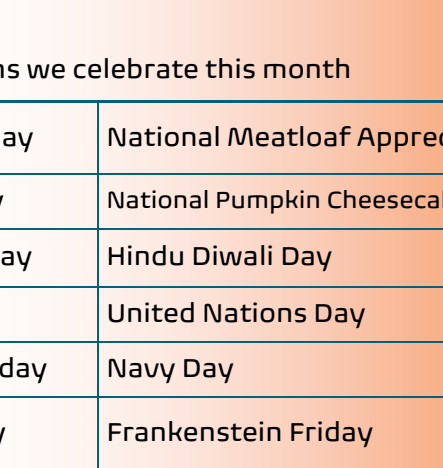




Join Us For YOUTH GROUP!

Wednesdays at 6pm

We start with a delicious meal, then break into our groups

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

October			
See below for all the special people and occasions we celebrate this month			
1 st - Saturday	World Vegetarian Day	18 th - Tuesday	National Meatloaf Appreciation
4 th - Tuesday	Yom Kippur	21 st - Friday	National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day
5 th - Wednesday	Do Something Nice Day	24 th - Monday	Hindu Diwali Day
7 th - Friday	World Smile Day		United Nations Day
10 th - Monday	Indigenous People Day	27 th - Thursday	Navy Day
13 th - Thursday	International Skeptics Day (but I	28 th - Friday	Frankenstein Friday
14 th - Friday	National Dessert Day	31 st - Monday	Halloween

★ Breast Cancer Awareness Month

★ Clergy Appreciation


★ Seafood Month

★ National Popcorn Poppin' Month

★ National Vegetarian Month

★ Sarcastic Month

For National Dessert Day...



INGREDIENTS

◇ 2 cups of chocolate graham cracker crumbs

◇ 1 package of Nestle Toll House Unicorn chips

◇ Half a package of milk chocolate chips


◇ 1 package of regular size marshmallows

◇ Colored sugars – i.e., pink, red, orange, blue, yellow, green, etc.

◇ Water

◇ Parchment paper in a 9 x 9 dish

◇ 1 regular box of Graham crackers



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Line the 9 X 9 dish with Parchment paper. Place the chocolate graham cracker crumbs evenly in the bottom of the dish, on the parchment paper. optional: you can use regular graham crackers too.


2. Add the Unicorn chips, and the milk chocolate chips, and spread evenly in the dish.

3. Place water in a small dish, and place the colored sugars of your choice in small containers.

4. Dip the marshmallows in water, one at a time, and then in the colored sugars, and place them in the dish, on top of the chips, in rows. (see photo)

5. When the dish is lined with the marshmallows, place it in the oven on 350 degrees for approximately 15 minutes, or until the marshmallows begin to turn golden brown, and melt a little.

6. Remove the dish from the oven, and serve immediately with Graham Crackers for dipping. Enjoy!



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.