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**This week:**

**Today: Reverse Advent Calendar Begins**

Many traditional Advent Calendars offer a treat for each day leading up to Christmas Day. This year, instead of “getting” something each day, collect a much needed non-perishable pantry item to give to those in need. Bring your items to church each week leading up to Christmas. The items will be delivered to our very own BPC Food Pantry and will be given to friends and neighbors right here in our community. Thank you for your kindness and generosity towards others in need!

**Today: Collection for Advent Options** starting after worship in fellowship hall.

**December 3: UWF Craft Group Meeting**

**December 5: UWF Book Club Meeting**

**Upcoming Events:**

**December 15: Tidings of Joy: A Service of Lessons & Carols (7pm)**

**December 21: Tidings of Comfort: Reflections in the Dark (Online)**

**Save the Date:**

**December 24 @ 5p: Family-Oriented Christmas Worship (for all ages!)**

**December 24 @ 9p: Classical Christmas Candlelight Worship**

**Ongoing:**

**Balance & Strength:** 12:00 pm Tuesday in person and online and Thursday online only.

**Adult Education:** Sundays in the lounge at 8:45 am and Wednesdays online at 7:00 pm.

**Meditation & Musings:** We are back and meeting every 1st & 3rd Thursday online at 11:00 am.

*Calendar, Week of December 1, 2024*

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

- 8:45 am - Adult Education - Lounge
- 10:00 - Online/In Person Worship
- 10:00 am - Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Fellowship Time

**Monday, December 2, 2024**

- 12:00 pm - AA “Here & Now” Meeting - 114
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm - BPC Food Pantry - FH
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Boy Scouts Leaders Meeting - B2/B3

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

- 11:30 am - Church Engagement Meeting - UR
- 12:00 pm - AA “Big Book” - B2/B3
- 12:00 pm - Balance & Strength - 114/Online
- 7:30 pm - Church & Society Meeting - Online

**Wednesday, December 4, 2024**

- 9:30 am - Weekly Property Meeting - Upper Room
- 1:00 pm - AA Wednesday Meeting - 114
- 1:00 pm - RB Meeting - Lounge
- 6:30 - 8:30 pm - Youth Group
- 7:00 pm - Adult Education - Online

**Thursday, December 5, 2024**

- 12:00 pm - AA Step Thursday - 114
- 12:00 pm - Balance & Strength - Online
- 1:00 pm - Meditation & Musings - Online
- 1:00 pm - Handbell Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 1:00 pm - UWF Book Club - Lounge
- 7:00 pm - AA Women Meeting - B2/B3
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - SC

**Friday, December 6, 2024**

- 8:00 pm - Sober Fun & Promises - 114

**Saturday, December 7, 2024**

- 8:00 am - Church Gardening Day
- 8:00 am - Sewing Group - B2/B3
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm - Tidings of Joy Rehearsal

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

- 8:45 am - Adult Education - Lounge
- 10:00 - Online/In Person Worship
- 10:00 am - Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Fellowship Time

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to CONNECT with God and others,  
to GROW in our faith, and to SERVE in love.*

LOVE MOST  
BRIGHT

Advent 2024  
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of Red Bank

*Welcome to Worship!*

**December 1, 2024  
10:00 AM Worship**



As we gather for worship please make sure your cell phones are silenced.

\* Please stand in praise to God if you are able. All read the **BOLD** text.

♪ **All are welcome to join in singing on the hymns** ♪

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Cameron Overbey

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

♪ Prelude “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” David Lasky

**\*Call to Worship** *(please join in saying the bold text)*

**Leader:** God of Blazing light,

**All: scatter the darkness of the fears that bind us  
And set us free to live as your children.**

**L:** Give us courage and conviction

**A: that we may joyfully turn and follow you  
into new adventures of faithful service,**

**L:** led by the light that shines,

**A: And filled with renewed hope.**

**L:** In the name of Jesus we pray,

**A: Amen.**

♪ **\*Opening Hymn #211** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vss. 1, 3, 5, 7)

**Centering Prayer (In Unison)**

**God of all ages,**

**in the birth of Christ**

**your boundless love for your people**

**shattered the power of darkness.**

**Be born in us with that same love and light,**

**that our song may blend with all the choirs of heaven and earth**

**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Musical Offering “Advent Echo Carol” Mary Kay Beall  
**Sanctuary Choir**

Wisdom & Wonder *Lighting the Advent Wreath*

Focus Scripture Isaiah 9: 2-6 Carol Rigler

Message: “Hope: A Way out of Darkness” Pastor Cam

♪ **Hymn of Reflection #214** “Savior of the Nations, Come”

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

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♪ Offertory “Savior of the Nations, Come” J.S. Bach

Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor Cam

**Celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

♪ **Closing Hymn #206** “I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light”

**\*Benediction**

♪ Postlude “Savior of the Nations, Come” Paul Manz

*Leading in Worship Today*

Pastor: Rev. Cameron Overbey

Director of Music Ministries: Evan Courtney

Director of C&Y Ministries: Bonnie Deroski

Reader: Carol Rigler Sound Tech: Charlie Foster

Live Streaming: Chelsea Foster & Mark Hackler



*Welcome Visitors!*

We're happy you joined us today! We hope that you experience a gracious welcome. There is a 'Welcome' card in the pew rack on which to leave your contact information or a prayer request. You can also indicate interest in learning more about becoming a part of the UMC RB community of faith and fellowship, volunteer opportunities and other possibilities. For even more information, reach out to us by calling the church office at (732) 747-0446 or emailing us at [connect@umcredbank.org](mailto:connect@umcredbank.org).

**Helpful information:**

- Hearing assistance devices are available by asking an usher.
- Please follow posted signage to access the nearest restrooms.
- We are happy to have your babies and toddlers in worship! There is a **Toddler/Baby Friendly section** at the very rear, south side of the Sanctuary designed for movement and quiet(ish) play.
- Children should be picked up by 11:15 from the Sunday school classrooms after the service from the education wing. If you need assistance, please ask an usher or greeter.



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*In Our Prayers*

We trust that God rejoices with us in times of celebration and weeps with us in times of suffering. For those who are mourning this day, give comfort, healing, guidance, and hope. We pray for the Direse Family, the family of Dollie Fransisco, the McCormick family, Jeffrey Labrecque, Stephen Hirsekorn, Richard Orlando, Cathy Mestman, Diane Reimertz, Stanley Gallagher, Holley Family, Lance & Friends, Sharon, Mary Stryker, Joan Amitrani, Kyle Mack, Nancy Anne, Amy Hearth, Dawn Korbela k, Rob Fox, Bill & Mary Todt, Nicole Mason, Taylor Jengo, Luther Hall, Amba Moffett, Wendy Landau, Dorothy Wake, Nancy Moore, Peter Dolinac, Richard Biernacki, Tom Sutton, David Reimertz, Daniel Morris, Diana Simpson, Keith Dice, Barbara Smith, George Reid, and those who are mourning the loss of loved ones. May our hearts be tuned to love our neighbors and community members with Christ’s love.

**REMINDER** – If you know someone is in the hospital or needs a pastoral care visit, please contact Rev. Cameron Overbey at [pastorcam@umcredbank.org](mailto:pastorcam@umcredbank.org)

*Our Staff*

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**\*The Church Office is open from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday,  
Tuesday & Thursday and 12:00-6:00 pm Wednesday\***

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