

Connect

Blue Christmas Joint Service

12/21

Join us at Middletown UMC (924 Middletown-Lincroft Rd.) at 7:00 pm. Area United Methodists are gathering on the longest night of the year to offer an in person "Blue Christmas" Service for those who are struggling with grief and loss at this time of the year. The service will feature clergy from Middletown UMC, UMC Red Bank, and St. John's UMC in Hazlet.

Christmas Eve at UMC Red Bank

10 am & 9 pm

Join us for an all ages Christmas Eve worship service on Sunday, 12/24 at 10:00 am and for a candlelight service at 9:00 pm. Let's celebrate Christ, Our Light together.

Grow

Education and Growth Opportunities

Youth Sunday School (7th – 12th grades) Sundays @ 8:45 AM
Children's Sunday School (2yrs-8th grade) Sundays @ 10:00 AM
Youth Group Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM
Adult Education Wed. @ 7pm Online & Sunday @ 8:45 am @UMC

Serve

Stewardship 2024

We are setting sail into 2024, and we need your partnership! *Don't forget to turn in an estimate of giving card for this upcoming year.* Pledges and estimates are important in enabling us to financially plan for the upcoming year. If you need to amend or change your estimate at any time, that is totally okay! Pledges are an estimate, not a binding contract. We appreciate your support & partnership!



Calendar, Week of December 17, 2023

Sunday, December 17, 2023

- 8:45 am - Bagels & Faith/ Adult Ed
- 10:00 - Online/In Person Worship
- 10:00 am - Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Fellowship Time - FH

Monday, December 18, 2023

- 12:00 pm - Monday Here & Now Meeting - 114
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm - BPC Food Pantry

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

- 12:00 pm - AA "Big Book" - B2/B3
- 12:00 pm - Balance & Strength - 114/Online

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

- 1:00 pm - AA Women Meeting - 114
- 6:00 - 8:30 pm - Youth Group
- 7:00 pm - Adult Education Class - Online

Thursday, December 21, 2023

- 11:00 am - Meditation & Musings - Online
- 12:00 pm - AA Women Step - 114
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm - Balance and Strength - Online
- 6:30 pm - ESL Class - Upper Room
- 7:00 pm - AA Women Meeting - B2/B3
- 7:00 pm - RB Meeting - Lounge
- 7:00 pm - Tidings Of Comfort Online Reflections
- 7:00 pm - Blue Christmas - Middletown UMC
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 22, 2023

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

Sunday, December 24, 2023

- 10:00 am - Christmas Eve Worship for All Ages
- 9:00 pm - Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship



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*The United Methodist Church of Red Bank is open for ALL
to CONNECT with God and others,
to GROW in our faith, and to SERVE in love.*



Welcome to worship!!!

**December 17, 2023
10:00 AM Worship**

As we gather for worship please make sure your cell phones are silenced and please refrain from using flash photography.

* 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

Pastor Cam

*Passing the Peace of Christ

♪ Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Flor Peeters

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

Reader: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

All: And our spirits rejoice in you.

We will praise you as long as we live.

We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.

We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,

the One who gives food to the hungry,

the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.

Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

As we worship you in this place,

As we light these candles in hope, peace, and joy.

♪*Opening Hymn #196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Centering Prayer

Joyful God, we give you thanks for the ways you renew us with joy, and for the joy we can bring to each other. We ask that in this Advent time of preparation, we may glimpse your gladness, and hear your voice singing over us. Amen.

♪ Anthem

“Advent Echo Carol”

Mary Kay Beall

Sanctuary Choir

Welcoming the Light, Week 3:

Joy

Bonnie and Pastor Cam

Bonnie and Pastor Cam help our Kid’s Min kids to light the Advent Wreath and other special lights to our sanctuary.

Focus Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Gerri Poranski

Message

Advent 3: Dawn! It’s Dawn!

Pastor Cam

♪ Song of Reflection #198 “My Soul Gives Glory to My God”


Prayer Time

Mission Moment:

CWS Blanket Ministry

Elaine Baughman

Invitation to the Offering



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♪ Offertory

“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”

Francis Woodward

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Cam

♪ *Closing Hymn (see below)

“Love Has Come”

Benediction

Pastor Cam

♪ Postlude

“Christ Jesus, the Son of God”

J.S. Bach

Leading in Worship Today

Pastor: Rev. Cameron Overbey

Director of Music Ministries: Evan Courtney

Director of C&Y Ministries: Bonnie Deroski

Reader: Gerri Poranski Sound Tech: Charlie Foster

Live Streaming: Mark Hackler & Justin Elker

Love Has Come

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1. Love has come — a light in the dark - ness! Love shines
2. Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is
3. Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is

forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has
God now a - sleep in the hay. See the glow in the
life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with -

come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of joy a -
eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her heart is
in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our hearts are

ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a Sav - ior!
say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she whis - pers.
seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christ - mas.

Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high. _____
Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el. _____
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high! _____

WORDS: Ken Bible
MUSIC: Traditional French

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BRING A TORCH
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Join us on 12/31 for a New Year's Eve
Brunch Service in Fellowship Hall!




Welcome Visitors


We’re happy you joined us today! We hope that you experience a gracious welcome. There is a white card in the pew rack which you can use to jot down your contact information.

Helpful information:

- Hearing assistance devices are available by asking an usher.
- Bathrooms are located outside the Sanctuary.
- We are happy to have your babies and toddlers in worship, and there is a **Toddler/Baby Friendly section** at the very back right side of the Sanctuary for you with your littles, as well as a **family lounge** across from the bathrooms, if you need a break - with the service streaming on the television.
- 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 family of Jack Way, Barbara Fehrs, Amba Moffett, Wendy Landau, Phil Carter, Mary Senion, Chuck & Greg Pittman, Patty Miller, Marion Kleiner, Dorothy Wake, Pattie Otten, Nancy Moore, Mary Todt, Betty Tanis, Betty Hansen, Peter Dolinac, Richard Biernacki, Tom Sutton, David Reimertz, Isabel Romero, 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 the love that Christ shares with us all. Amen.

REMINDER – If you know someone is in the hospital or needs a pastoral care visit, please contact Rev. Cameron Overbey at pastorcam@umcredbank.org. Thank you for helping us care for all our members!

Our Staff

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The Church Office is open from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday-Thursday*

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