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## **THE OUTLOOK**

**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."**

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**April 2018**

Dear Church Family,

Happy Easter!!! Christ is RISEN! *Christ is RISEN INDEED!*

It is with the joy of Easter that I write this note, with the hope of resurrection and new life springing forth! When all seemed lost for Christ's followers in the darkness of holy week, God moved in unexpected and transformative ways, breaking in with love and hope for a new day. This spirit of resurrection, of transformation is exactly what our nation and world needs today! In the midst of divisiveness, the revealing of institutional racism that has been hidden and festering for too long, a society built on gender inequality and the tearing down of groups of people labeled as "less than" others... this message, the good news of our faith, is needed to shine light into the darkness.

In the days and weeks following that first Easter morning, Jesus' followers were challenged to share the good news of resurrection, the hope that even death can't destroy the love of God. Into a broken and hurting community, they shared their witness and told their stories of transformation – of hope in the midst of despair. And it was this hope, this story of amazing love, that spread like wildfire, inspiring the spirit of resurrection to live on in each person who heard it. Transformation spread – hope and new life was infectious – and the results are seen far and wide in our world still today. The Christian movement is responsible for inspiring MANY of the caring institutions that we take for granted today, like schools, hospitals, orphanages, and half-way houses. These resurrection followers looked darkness and despair head-on and shined the light of hope and love into places of brokenness, and made transformation happen, one life at a time.

And this is still our task today! To take the good news of Easter resurrection – the power of God's love to transform even the darkest of situations into hope and new life – and to bring it with us into a broken and hurting world. Just as the first century Jesus-followers did, we do so one life at a time, building relationships with our neighbors and sharing our witness of hope and love. With hearts attuned for where God is already at work in our world, we join in the work of justice-seeking, light-shining, and hope-bearing, trusting that resurrection, new life, and transformation are right around the corner! It is with hope and anticipation that I look to our future, as a church and as a society, at what we are able to accomplish together when we let the transformative love and power of God inspire us to action.

May Christ's resurrection hope be yours this day!

Rev. Jessica B. Naulty



## Church Flowers

Dear Friends,

The lovely flowers we see on the altar with the variety of green leaves and bright colors remind us of God's beauty. What better way to lift our spirits and remember nature's beauty than to include some of that beauty in our church and worship.

This is your opportunity to contribute to the beautification of our church by donating flowers throughout the year. You may designate that you are placing flowers in memory, in honor of, in celebration of an individual or organization as you choose. Floral arrangements are available for \$45 each and you may subscribe for one or more arrangements. Your name and purpose of your donation will be listed in Sunday's bulletin. You may also specify a particular Sunday or Sundays (for an anniversary, birthday or whatever) on a first-come, first-served basis. You may also choose to bring a "personal donation" of garden flowers or store bought.

Please note we will only purchase flowers on Sundays that are subscribed and paid in advance; other Sundays provide the opportunity show off our potted plants. Orders should be submitted to Sheila at your convenience anytime during the year.

Please fill out the form below and return it with your check which may be placed in the offering plate or dropped in the mail slot in Sheila's office door.

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I/We would like to give a gift of

\_\_\_\_\_ arrangement(s) @ \$45.00 (per arrangement on any Sunday)

**OR**

\_\_\_\_\_ design or donate a store bought floral arrangement. (No check needed for this).

Date:

In honor of:

In memory of:

In celebration of:

Given by:

Attached is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Learning Tree

....Kara Crespo

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Learning Tree will be hosting our first ever **Pancake Dinner on April 12<sup>th</sup>**. We are excited because we will be having a dance instructor, yoga instructor, and a story reading to keep our little ones busy along with our yummy pancakes. We will also be celebrating our students during the Week of the Young Child! Our final event will be our last Movie Madness. April will be a very busy month for us. Have an awesome April everyone!

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## Scholastic Assistance

....Barbara Gunther

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Once again, the Scholastic Assistance Committee wishes to send a thank you to those of you who *helped with, and supported* the Scholastic Assistance **Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner**. We are very grateful to all of those who worked to set-up, serve, and clean up after the dinner, as well as all of the wonderful dessert providers. Also, to those who gave generous financial support as patrons and ticket buyers, we are very grateful. We are very pleased to announce that we made over **\$4,800** in patron donations and dinner profits. This dinner is symbolic of the sincere commitment of a representative cross-section of our congregation to support the youth of our church. In addition, the work of the youth, past and present, in helping at the dinner demonstrates the investment of our youth in this program. The Scholastic Assistance Committee is most appreciative of the continuing generous support and hard work from all.

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## Green Team

....Janiz Schildge

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This month we celebrate **Earth Day on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** and we hope to re-energize our church members to upgrade recycling efforts to reduce plastics in our environment, as this is the focus for Earth Day 2018. Some projects will center on new information about how plastics are affecting all species, including us humans, and help us make choices to NOT BUY or USE those things that are proving harmful, such as plastic straws (actually a form of Styrofoam), plastic lined cups and even plastic storage or microwave containers. We can live more simply with some simple choices.

Please encourage your children in youth groups to work on these projects, and please come to our displays in the lounge and library at church on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a GREEN TRAIL from the sanctuary into the display area. Other choices include cleaning supplies, garden supplies (Say NO to Round Up and other glysohates that are killing butterflies and bees, and probably hurting us) and also think about food choices so that we can all tread lighter on our planet. Look for our recycling efforts this month of April through Terracycle, a New Jersey company that works on no waste recycling. We hope to be able to raise some funds for HUBOB in the process as our recycling brigades can be paid for cereal box liners and snack bar wrappers, and we will continue to take plastic bottle caps to reduce litter and endangerment to wildlife on land and in the ocean.

We have been accepted in three recycling programs with a group called Terracycle (check out web site at [www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com)). They have many programs with manufacturers to recycle plastics that our city/county doesn't recycle. We will have three boxes in the back entrance of the church to put:

- the interior waxy, plastic liner inside cereal boxes. All of these type of liners are accepted and we get credit (money) for recycling these. It is sponsored by Malt-o-Meal.
- Larabar or any foil lined wrappers from snack bars (wipe clean would help). We get credit (money) for recycling these wrappers.
- Solo or any rigid, #6 plastic cups. We do not get paid for this.

See the appropriate box with an example of the item to recycle. Thanks for helping to make the planet a better place!

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## HEALTH AND WHOLENESS OPPORTUNITIES

**BALANCE AND STRENGTH TRAINING** - Join the group to strengthen balance and fitness led by Janet Tartaglia, on **Tuesdays at 12 pm** in room B1. A no impact, no mat workout for the older adult done standing or sitting on chairs. Call Janet at 732-284-8222 or the church office for more information.

**PRANA FLOW YOGA** – Join us **every Wednesday morning from 9:30-11 am** in room B1 for **Prana Flow® Yoga**. Tiffany McCann will instruct the class to calm your mind, strengthen your body and open your heart.

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## Change the World Day

...Jim Mellon

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Heads-up! Mark the date, **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**! More importantly, please plan to join us on that date as we will be helping at the church and throughout the Red Bank area. We will also be joining forces with Pilgrim Baptist Church to participate in a Volunteer Work Day to help our neighbors in Red Bank. Details will be rolled out later in April. Meanwhile mark your calendar and clear the date to help. Questions? Call Jim Mellon [732-647-5744](tel:732-647-5744)

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## Men's Fellowship

...Jim Mellon

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Greetings my fellow Methodist Men!

There is good news and bad news. The bad news is if you are only now reading about our April gathering, you have missed it! The good news is that we held it on March 31<sup>st</sup>, to enable Warren Moe to join us! (does he really live in the coldest place on the planet, Minnesota/Wisconsin?)

Anyhow, while this is the April *Outlook*, I wanted to announce that our May gathering will be held on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>! Would love to see you there. As always, we appreciate everyone's presence. --- Questions? Call Jim Mellon [732-647-5744](tel:732-647-5744)

# God Squad

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God Squad kicked off the Lenten Season by participating in the Ash Wednesday service along with the other youth groups on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

The following week an incoming NorEaster forced us to miss our weekly gathering. But after that week we returned energized and ready for our annual rendition of “Chopped”. Three teams of God Squad members were supplied with creative ingredients to cook an appetizer and entree for their three fearless leaders. The grand finale was between two teams with a tantalizing dessert. A victor was crowned and everyone survived! A successful evening!!

The first week in March we spent with our Mustard Seed friends. Games were played in Fellowship Hall and new friends were formed.

The Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner was a sea of green shirts with 15 of our teenagers helping out to make it a successful evening. Afterwards we had some fun with a pizza outing!

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## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

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**Projects needing money, expertise or labor.** *If you'd care to help (have expertise or just willing to donate some hours of your time), see John Walradt. Drop a check in collection box and put in Memo line what you are donating to.*

### **Repair/Replace Stage Front Stairs**

Issue: Treads too narrow. Precarious to descend

History: The current stairs were found in Eisner Basement and just painted to use for The Village service. They have been reinforced and painted but this just is not enough to make safe and comfortable.

Cost: \$200-300 (maybe less)

Needed: Assistance to build stairs and railing, prime and paint

### **New, brighter Library Light**

Issue: Too dim to read using overhead.

History: The old library chandelier died decades ago. Someone had an old kitchen/dining light and just replaced (temporarily) the chandelier with a dining room light. Really need a better one as this is too dim and doesn't fit the beautiful decor of the library.

Cost: Free? Or several hundred dollars for a new one.

Needed: Do you have a bigger and brighter chandelier to install in the library?

### **Replace back door drinking fountain**

Issue: The drinking fountain increases in volume as the button is held down. It will eventually spray the wall.

History: This has been repaired many times. It is unknown how to repair the current problem. Any experts with ideas?

Cost: \$1600 (this is to get one that fills bottles, filters and refrigerates)

Needed: Expert to repair or some money.

### **Repair chairs (in library)**

Numerous colonial style chairs in the library have had broken rungs and loose joints. Several of these are in Eisner basement undergoing re-gluing. Replacement rungs/spindles are harder to repair.

Cost: Wood Glue.

Needed: Any experts in glueing and clamping chairs

**Projects Recently Done.** *Check out these areas. This is your church, right?*

### **Repaired Upper Room**

Repair the ceiling in the Upper Room. It cost approximately \$1,000 to chip, patch and paint the walls and ceilings which had several patches where the steeple leaked and damaged the ceiling. The carpet on the floor was removed and the foam backing had melded into the wood floor (so old or from water damage). It cost \$800 to sand, stain and polyurethane the wood floor (includes inside all the closets). New LED ceiling lights were installed. The room is now a 15-person conference room with white board (all furniture was scavenged from other church spaces). Please check it out. It is the room directly in front of the stairs with electric chair (outside the choir loft). Need black out blinds and window treatment plus possible ceiling screen for presentations.

### **Renovated Lounge furniture.**

Refinish the end tables in the Lounge: Two of the four end tables have been sanded, stained and polyurethaned and are back in the lounge. Two more are pending. The upholstery was getting quite dirty (needed new fabric in some cases). Upholstery cleaners cleaned and put on stain protection (only light colored pieces). Cost: Upholstery cleaning, \$300; refinishing was at cost of sweat equity. Still plan to move pictures so at the appropriate height (any volunteers?). The cost to repair the lamp shade is \$100/each as must be customized. Someone suggested new lamps. Anyone have nice ones to donate or idea of where to buy new ones?

### **Renovated the Lounge/Library**

Repair the ceiling in the Lounge/Library. The ceiling, in this beautiful room, was chipped and dropping debris in many places. The walls (especially the alcoves) had chipped paint peeling in big chunks off the walls. The room was scraped, patched, primed and repainted at a cost (partially donated) of \$350 and 115 hours of free labor.

### **Cleaned, repaired and added backing to Oriental Rugs**

The oriental carpets in the Library, Lounge/library and Lounge were damaged and dirty. Two of the carpets had the fringe cut off and only one carpet had the needed, protective backing (felt). The carpets were sent out for cleaning, repair and new backing at a cost of \$1900.

Thanks for your help and contributions to make the church look good! Yes, I am accepting all comments on things you'd like to see fixed. Tell me or put your recommendations in the wooden Fellowship Hour collection box (near coffee service)

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## **Bible Study**

...Jim Mellon

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### ***Tuesday Evening Bible Study, Gospel of John***

The Tuesday evening, Gospel of John, Bible Study, finishes this month on April 10. I personally appreciated all who joined-in and helped make understanding John's gospel an enjoyable journey.

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# United Methodist Women ~ UMW

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April Showers Bring.....



**Book Club** - Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month at 1pm in the Library. Our Book for April 28<sup>th</sup> is "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict

**Lunch Break:** Volunteers are needed to help cook, serve, and clean up on Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am – 12 noon. If you can help please contact Barbara Valenti at [barb.mellenti@gmail.com](mailto:barb.mellenti@gmail.com).

**Craft Group** will be meeting on April 10 and April 24 (second and fourth Tuesdays) from 11 am until 2 pm in the Library Lounge area. Bring your light lunch for our short lunch break and come help us create greeting cards, including Mother's Day and graduation cards. All proceeds from card sales go to help UMW meet its pledge to missions locally and around the world.

Mark Your Calendars!!

***UMW Sponsored Women's Retreat***

will be held on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 9 am– 3pm  
in Fellowship Hall

UMW 2018 Theme – "Nourish: Body, Mind, and Spirit"

Facilitator: David Henritz

Breakfast and lunch provided – Cost \$5.00

UMW rescheduled **Summer Read & Tea will be held on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**, room 114 at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. This will be a book review tea, come and heard about new, old and memorable books. Please RSVP to the Church office 732-747-0446 or [LSBABLER@AOL.COM](mailto:LSBABLER@AOL.COM). We hope the food will be reflective of some of the books.

**Box Tops for Education** UMW collects these labels, they help the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. Please take a moment and clip the label off the products you normally use and leave them in the box by the mail bins in the hall outside Sheila's office.

UMW has a **Prayer Shawl ministry** here at the church. If you can sew, knit or crochet you are needed. WE also are making baby blankets for the children that are baptized at our church. We now are providing baby, preemie caps for Monmouth Medical. Our next dedication will be on April 29<sup>th</sup>, lots of time to finish up a prayer shawl. If you would like to be part of this ministry contact Linda Babler. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 10 am, in the lounge.



**Greater New Jersey United Methodist Women  
Spring Meeting April 7, 2018, 9 am – 2 pm**

**St. Andrews UMC, 327 Marlton Pike W., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002**

Worship Speakers: Rosa Williams and Moselle Jules, on their trip to Cuba December 2017



**Theme: Maternal and Child Health in NJ– Nutritional Needs**

Food Bank of South Jersey, Nutritional Education, speaker Trisha Yeo

Legislative Initiative: speaker from Senator Vitali's office on bill to benefit children and mothers throughout New Jersey

Light breakfast at 9 am and a lunch Catered by Camden Neighborhood Center.

Cost \$10.00 per person

Reservations encouraged by April 2<sup>nd</sup> to Susan Miller at [slm5055@yahoo.com](mailto:slm5055@yahoo.com)



**Teaser:** Senator Ruiz (D-Essex), who introduced the legislation, specifically noted a six-month investigation by NPR and ProPublica that found the United States has the worst maternal death rate in the so-called developed world — nearly three times the rate in England and Germany, the nations with the next highest rates — and the rates in this country have been rising for decades.

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** - Watch for more details - United Methodist Women will be celebrating **UMW Sunday** and 150 years of their being. Sunday at all 3 services and in between with displays and they have coffee time that day.

Reminder: **Mission Team Meeting:** April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm in the library.



.....May Flowers

## Children's Ministries

....Elaine Dawson  
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**Easter Egg Hunt:** We may have to move Easter Egg hunt inside unless there is a miracle! New shoes and muddy feet would not work. See the Church website and FB page and e-blast for up-to-date details. Thank you to the teenagers who came Saturday to help the Easter Bunny and I fill eggs.

**All youth groups** will attend a Holy Wednesday Stations of The Cross experience this week. Pastor Jess, Pastor David and I will run this program. Youth Sunday will be on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We have 3 seniors. Please pray for Marie Davidson as she recovers from surgery. Please Keep Tom, Keith and Grace in your prayers also.

**Confirmation** is May 20<sup>th</sup> and I am asking for a GREAT attendance to celebrate these 8 faithful souls. PLEASE attend the one 9:30 worship service as they are sooooo excited to join our church. One teen will also be baptized on that day. Thank you to Kathy Hackler for being my sub and helping the Confirmands learn about Methodism. Hopefully meeting with The Bishop with Confirmands (or some) on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Conference office by invitation for group event. The Confirmation kids and I will attend a retreat from May 4-6<sup>th</sup> to examine their commitment to our church at Confirmation and Jim Stonaker will be joining us. He is a God Squad leader and these 8<sup>th</sup> graders are his next year freshman.



**VBS has been changed to August 6-10 from 9:00 AM-12:30 PM** due to Mother Nature's effect on the school calendar. Our theme will be **Rolling River Rampage** with a river rafting theme emphasizing how when we are going through rough waters, God is always with us. It is going to be AWESOME! **Registration will still open April 28<sup>th</sup> and close when we are full.** Look for advertising EVERYWHERE! Contact River Captain Elaine Dawson at [732-747-0446](tel:732-747-0446) with any questions.

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## HUBOB

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### **HUBOB NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

YOU can do your part to help balance the budget. And it won't cost you a penny. Every gift or food card you purchase provides the church with a rebate from the vendor and you get the full dollar value. When we add them all together it will help us pay the phone bill or the snow removal bill or the salaries of our staff. Please stop by in Fellowship Hall and review the list of participating stores and restaurants. It's quick and easy and available year round. Try it - you might like it!

**IT'S ALWAYS TIME TO HUBOB!!**  
(Help Us Balance Our Budget)

## Change for Change!!

....**BARB VALENTI**  
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Raid your piggy bank. Donate your loose change. We are trying to fund some minor renovation projects (not big Capital Fund Campaign type) and would love you to just contribute your loose change. A large water bottle will be in Fellowship Hall between all the services to collect change. Let's see if we can fill up the container by the end of the summer!

The funds will be used to clean the oriental carpets, buy new lamp shades in the Lounge, buy a big screen TV for the Lounge and do other minor repairs.

We welcome suggestions of what bothers you and you would like to see done. Put your suggestion in the Fellowship Hour Donation Box or just tell Barb Valenti. The only condition is: You must acknowledge that the problem was fixed (before you can request another project/repair). A thank you would be nice!

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## Church Family News

.....**Chelsea Foster**  
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Your Church Family would like to celebrate Birthdays, Weddings, Retirements, Anniversaries, Births and many more momentous occasions with you. You can submit your celebrations to Chelsea Foster at [cfoster\\_01@arcadia.edu](mailto:cfoster_01@arcadia.edu) or email to [sleavitt@umcredbank.org](mailto:sleavitt@umcredbank.org) or simply drop them in the office door mail slot.

### **In Our Thoughts and Prayers...**

All those affected by natural and human-made disasters, economic conditions, famine, civil war and genocide, those serving our country, shut-ins, all who are ill in body and spirit, those struggling with illness and substance abuse. For strength and healing for all in the world who need it and for compassion and understanding in our relationships.

### **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 and Pastor Zito know, leave messages at church, or email us at [sleavitt@umcredbank.org](mailto:sleavitt@umcredbank.org). Remember that hospitals no longer contact clergy when members are hospitalized.

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Worship Services  
8:15 am Communion Service  
9:30 am Traditional Service  
9:30 am and 11 am Adult Education  
9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am The Village Progressive Service  
11:00 am Children's Church

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