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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

Church Family,

It seems like it has been a while since we've put together our last monthly newsletter, and it HAS been! The last regular edition of the Outlook was released in March of 2020, just before COVID took over our regularly scheduled lives. It has been hard adjusting to this new "extended temporary" normal, but I've been proud of our church family for stepping into this strange time and continuing our hard work of faithfully serving and loving our neighbors.

I invite you to celebrate with me the hard work and self-sacrifice that our Backpack Crew and volunteers have Dear offered to our community during this challenging time. I have been amazed week after week, month after month, watching as Suzanne and her team finds new ways to serve and share not only food, but also hope, love, and a sense of community to those in our neighborhood. I want to thank the Dices and all our Backpack Crew volunteers, as well as those who have donated food on the back porch of the church. We couldn't have served and fed so many people without each one of you! Thank you and keep up the good work!

It's hard to believe that the summer is already winding down. I've heard it called "the summer that never was", as so many of our regularly scheduled summer activities have been limited or cancelled completely. It will feel strange this year as we celebrate back to school and homecoming Sunday (September 13th) without actually being present in the church building. While I know that we all wish this season was already behind us, it is my prayer that we can learn and grow from this time. I am being reminded of how important connection and relationships are, and how to hold on to peace even when anxiety and unknowns are swirling around us. I wonder what lessons you are able to learn from this strange time.

I pray that God will continue to bless and strengthen us for this journey, and I look forward to the time when we are all able to gather together again.

Pastor Jess Naulty

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Rev. Jessica B. Naulty

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES

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As the incoming Director of Children and Youth Ministries, I would like to take a few moments to address the decision to cancel this year's Vacation Bible School with all of you. In the few short months that I have been blessed to serve this congregation, I have heard countless stories about this treasured ministry. Behind each and every memory, the love and devotion that went into making this program an instrument of God's Word and presence in the community was more than evident. And for this reason, I feel that it is vital to reassure you of the prayer and pain that was invested in this difficult process of discernment. It was a choice I didn't want to have to make, but one that I understood had to be made.

After much research into our options and many conversations with fellow youth leaders and Pastor Jess, I realized that our choices were in fact extremely limited in both quantity and quality, and would be further challenged by summer Zoom fatigue on the part of our young participants and their families. In the end I came to the difficult conclusion that it was in the best interest of the Church not to risk the reputation of the VBS everyone at UMC of Red Bank has worked so hard to achieve. Instead, we agreed that it was far better, for the vitality and durability of the children and youth ministries, for me to invest in fall planning (of course, with the hopeful prayer that we will all be able to celebrate the joy and fellowship of VBS together in 2021).

Therefore, looking forward, our Sunday School 2020/21 year kicks-off on Sunday, 13 September with a new curriculum, *Promise and Presence: Through the Eyes of Faith*. Classes will be offered for students K – 2nd, 3rd – 5th, 6th – 8th and 9th - 12th. All classes will be held via Zoom until further notice.

Our Youth Groups officially begin Wednesday, 16 September, also via Zoom. We offer three groups – the Mustard Seeds (3rd – 5th), Club 77 (6th – 8th) and God Squad (9th – 12th). Our Youth Groups are a great way for children and youth to share fun, fellowship and support, all of which are stronger than COVID-19. Students are greatly encouraged to invite friends!

Times and links for our children and youth ministries can be found on our Church calendar. For further information please contact Pastor Tammy at young@umcredbank.org or by phone or text at 732-299-6203.



DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

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Join the Sanctuary Choir at UMCRB!

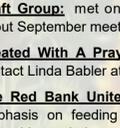
Starting Thursday, September 17, at 7:00 pm EST, the Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsing together via Zoom, and preparing music for our virtual choir. Music for the Fall will include old favorites, as well as some new pieces. Video and audio recordings will be used for our Sunday morning service. If you would like to join the choir, or if you have questions, please contact the Director of Music, Evan Courtney, at ecourtney@umcredbank.org.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN – UMW

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Mission Team Meeting—will be meeting on September 15th Tuesday 10am on the porch. Please review our budget and possible calendar ideas for 2021, in context with our Purpose

Book Club—scheduling meetings in September. If you would like more information please contact Linda Babler at lsbabler@aol.com

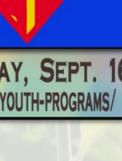
Susanna Circle is scheduling meetings in September. If you would like more information please contact Linda Babler at lsbabler@aol.com

Mildred-Ruth Circle met on Tuesday, August 25 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on the Church porch. If you would like more information about September meetings, please contact Linda Babler at lsbabler@aol.com

Craft Group: met on Thursday, August 27 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. If you would like more information about September meetings, please contact Linda Babler at lsbabler@aol.com

Created With A Prayer is scheduling meetings in September. If you would like more information please contact Linda Babler at lsbabler@aol.com

The Red Bank United Methodist Church UMW Garden grew out of our group emphasis on feeding the hungry. The garden mission is to grow a variety of vegetables to help serve the needs of Lunch Break for fresh produce and to share half of the bounty with our congregation. We have a 20 X 40 garden plot at the Fair Haven Community Garden. We garden from May to September. With our fence set up and plantings. Then meet most Saturday mornings for an hour to do garden maintenance and pick the ripe vegetables. It's a great way to start the weekend! For our small garden and small group of four to five gardeners we feel like we reap so much reward. Not only do we get the satisfaction of gardening with friends but we are filling a need in the community. Each year we have exceeded the previous year in the poundage harvested. Last year we totaled 447 pounds of produce. This year so far, we have donated all 264 pounds of vegetables to Lunch Break.



UMC RED BANK YOUTH GROUPS START WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16
 LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS AT [HTTPS://WWW.UMCREDBANK.ORG/YOUTH-PROGRAMS/](https://www.umcredbank.org/youth-programs/)

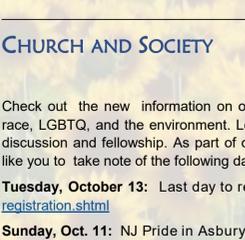
[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR YOUTH GROUPS](#)

OUTREACH MINISTRY SUB-DIVIDES TO ACCOMPLISH MORE!

For many years our Outreach Committee accomplished a wide range of ministries, combining both mission and service activities, alongside social justice focused ministry. The outreaching work of serving our neighbors is multifaceted, meeting people's needs where they are, and helping to address the issues that caused those needs in the first place. Providing food for those who are struggling and supporting agencies and groups that provide housing and aid to those in need is incredibly important and work. But so too is the social justice work of advocating for systemic change and social systems that support a living wage, enabling people to break out of cycles of poverty.



In order to enable our Outreach ministries to accomplish both tasks, early in 2020, our church council approved the division of our Outreach committee into the work of two committees entitled "Mission and Service" chaired by Suzanne and Keith Dice, and "Church and Society" chaired by Kathy Hackler. The Outreach funds, which are specially designated gifts, will be divided between the two committees, 15% to Church and Society and 85% to Mission and Service and each committee will manage the donations received and determine how to spend the funds in support of the designated ministry areas.



Since the official division into separate committees, both groups have been organizing and planning how to best engage our church in ministry with the community. Mission and Service has been focused on meeting people's needs in this time of COVID shut down through the work of the Backpack Crew, as well as distributing the donations of our congregation to agencies and organizations that are working particularly hard during this time. Church and Society has been laying the groundwork for a year of learning and growth together, signing up for anti-racism trainings and working cooperatively with me on this current Faith Impacting Life sermon and adult education series on the Social Principles. I am excited to see how we will all learn to love and serve our neighbors even more in the years to come. Make sure to check out what the Mission and Service (MAS) and Church and Society committees are working on each month, and feel free to reach out to the Dices (zannedice@aol.com) or Kathy Hackler (hackler@optonline.net) if you have questions, or would like to get involved.

MISSION & SERVICE

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The Mission and Service team will be collecting school supplies on the church back porch through the end of September. The supplies will be shared with Lunch Break, Monmouth Day Care Center, and Backpack Crew families. We will accept all new school supplies including:

- ◊ Backpacks
- ◊ Glue sticks
- ◊ Colored Pencils
- ◊ Crayons
- ◊ Notebooks
- ◊ Folders
- ◊ No 2 Pencils
- ◊ Tissue packs
- ◊ Baby Wipes
- ◊ Black/Blue Pens
- ◊ Hand Sanitizer



CHURCH AND SOCIETY

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Check out the new information on our church website. We are focusing on our social principles, voting, race, LGBTQ, and the environment. Look out for notice of some "Sunday Seminars" in the near future with discussion and fellowship. As part of our social principles, we urge everyone to vote on November 3. We'd like you to take note of the following dates:

Tuesday, October 13: Last day to register to vote in NJ <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voter-registration.shtml>

Sunday, Oct. 11: NJ Pride in Asbury Park <https://www.jerseypride.org>

Sunday October 18th: Virtual Clean Action Beach Sweeps: Join a team or make your own: People need to know more than ever. For more information, visit: redbankcrowswalk.com

Saturday, October 24: Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweeps: We hope to have a big group from our church participate. <http://www.cleanoceanaction.org/index.php?id=153>

THE CLIMATE REALITY PROJECT

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The Climate Reality Project is an organization started by Al Gore in 2006 to organize grassroots leadership from around the world to lead, share, and advocate around the topic of climate change. There are over 21,000 Climate Reality Leaders in 154 countries. I am proud to say that I went through the training this summer, and I am a trained Climate Reality Corps Leader. I am now involved with the state chapter and am working on school curriculum as our state is the first in the nation to require Climate Change lessons across the curriculum starting in 2021. I urge you to check out:



Climate Reality at <https://www.climateproject.org>.

I am available for presentations on climate change with Al Gore's most updated slides. If you know of anyone or group who would like a presentation, please contact me at hackler@optonline.net.

ADULT EDUCATION

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If you have not been part of the Adult Education classes, this is a good time to start. As we complete our study of the United Methodist Social Principles, our next series will be the book *Speaking Christian* by Marcus Borg. Christianity has its own language with all those "churchy" words - like sin, salvation, righteousness, and heaven. But the funny thing is some of these do not mean what we think they do - or at least their original meanings are quite different from what first comes to mind today. This book is an interesting look at what various terms meant when they were written and how that impacts our interpretation of Biblical texts today. Some of those things that seem strange, but you feel like you have to believe... well maybe you don't once we look back to what the words meant when the author wrote them down.

All are welcome to join us by Zoom as we work through a term or two per week. I anticipate starting this material on Wednesday evening September 9th at 7:00 pm and Sunday morning September 13th at 9:00 am. Come to either session - or both! The conversation is what is most meaningful and it is different every time! Connection information is in the church calendar on the web site. The book is likely available in paperback through your favorite online bookstore. You can join by computer and see everyone or by phone and just hear the discussion. For questions, please contact Mark Hackler at 732-918-0344 or hackler@optonline.net.

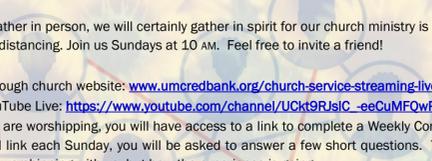
GREEN FAITH TEAM

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We are looking for any members who would like to join our email team for GREEN FAITH, and help to advocate for clean energy projects and environmental justice issues, and hopefully have a Green Fair next spring!! Please email Janie Schildge at jschildge@optonline.net or call at 732-741-0528 to be a team member. Our superb efforts at recycling plastic for the TREX company paid off in the beautiful rain forest green bench in the church playground, to be enjoyed by all ages. We also assisted with our continuing collections the efforts at two other churches, and there may be a possibility of another bench in the future as we continue to collect single use plastic. So don't throw away what can be recycled! Let's use less plastic and make good use of that which is necessary, and then recycle. Bobbie Ridgely and Mike McGroary were instrumental in getting the bench put together and moved to its new home. The church yard weeding crew cheered them!

Thanks for your ongoing efforts. Several UMC folks, including John Walradt, Scott Gades, and Judy Lauffer are bringing in big bags, and George Schildge delivers to recycling centers for proper process. Thank you all!!



CROP WALK

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For 40 years Red Bank CROP walkers have been raising funds and food for local food pantries. As a supporter you help us to reach out around Monmouth County and around the world. Red Bank CROP Walk is the most active and successful CROP Hunger Walk in the NJ/NY region. It had its start in 1981 and has grown to include many communities throughout Monmouth County. Red Bank is the 6th largest (of over 800) CROP Hunger Walk in the country. Together we take a stand against hunger.

This year (COVID-19 has caused job loss, huge economic stress, death and disruption. Our 15 local partners have doubled their efforts to meet these desperate needs and your help is needed more than ever. We need everyone working together, to meet these desperate needs.

On Sunday, October 18th (or anytime between now and then), join a team or captain your own team and walk around your neighborhood or favorite park for a great cause. Don't forget to collect food and drop it off at a partner pantry or our own Backpack Crew. Please take a photo and estimate poundage of food for our Walk Goal of 18,000 pounds!

We encourage all ages! Some of the most enthusiastic CROP supporters started in strollers. So get yourself a 40th CROP WALK mask, gaiter, or bandanna (\$7+ donation), enjoy a beautiful day and send us your pictures!

For more information, or to donate to one of our church teams, contact Janie Schildge or go to redbankcrowswalk.com

CELEBRATIONS
 We celebrate the birth of two new baby girls to Kat and Marco Bianculli on June 11th, 2020 and Bette and Dan Smith on July 29, 2020.

Shaye Bianculli

Izabela Danzig Smith

Condolences (from March through the end of August)
 It is with heavy hearts that we mourn the loss of these faithful members of our congregation.

- ✦ BJ Thompson - March 5, 2020
- ✦ Hal Holst - April 2, 2020
- ✦ Dorothy Overmeyer - April 11, 2020
- ✦ Rev. Myrna Bethke - July 3, 2020
- ✦ Fred Tanis - July 12, 2020
- ✦ Mary Lois Huhn - August 1, 2020
- ✦ Beverly Lindsay - August 10, 2020
- ✦ Ruth Morison - August 26, 2020

Well done, good and faithful servant!
 Matthew 25:21

STAYING CONNECTED VIRTUALLY

Worship

Though we cannot gather in person, we will certainly gather in spirit for our church ministry is very much alive, even in this time of social distancing. Join us Sundays at 10 AM. Feel free to invite a friend!

Watch online

- ◊ Through church website: www.umcredbank.org/church-service-streaming-live/
- ◊ YouTube Live: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkt9RJsIC-eeCuMFQwPb2Q>

Each week while you are worshipping, you will have access to a link to complete a Weekly Connect Card. When you click on the provided link each Sunday, you will be asked to answer a few short questions. This is our attempt to learn not only who is worshipping with us, but how the experience is going

Virtual Fellowship Time Sundays After Worship

Join in a time to meet together and check in after online worship each Sunday.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/411045493>
 Phone: (646) 558-8656 Meeting ID: 411 045 493# Password: 7470446

Adult Education Class - Sundays at 9:00 am and/or Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

If you have not been part of the Adult Education classes, this is a good time to start. Our next series, beginning September 9th, will be the book *Speaking Christian* by Marcus Borg. All are welcome to join us by Zoom even if you have not been a regular participant up to now. Any questions or technological challenges, please contact Mark Hackler at 732-918-0344 or hackler@optonline.net.

Zoom: Link can be found in the calendar on the homepage of our church website <https://www.umcredbank.org/>

Balance and Strength Training - Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 pm

Join us for online Balance and Strength Training with Janet Tartaglia. Beginners welcome! Items needed: chair (with no arms) and weights (can be 2 16 oz. water bottles), or you can choose to follow along without the weights. These no-impact exercises are done with chair or standing, no floor work.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/96916489677>
 Phone: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 969 1648 9677# Password 7470446

Online Yoga - Wednesdays at 9:30 am

Join us for online yoga with Tiffany McCann as she instructs the class how to calm your mind, strengthen your body and open your heart.

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/958496669>
 Phone: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 958 496 669# Password 7470446

The preceding is only a partial list of available classes and meetings. There are also many Sunday Youth Classes as well as Wednesday Youth Groups. Please visit our website at umcredbank.org for more information. All classes and meetings can be found on the calendar by scrolling to the bottom left of our home page. Just find the event you're interested in and click on it for detailed information on how to join in.

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 not to 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.