



The United Methodist Church of Red Bank
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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."**

May 2018

Dear Church Family,

As we approach Pentecost, the day we remember the work of the Holy Spirit in the church since its inception, our Confirmands are preparing for their big day, when they have the opportunity to declare their desire to join in the membership of the UMC of Red Bank. Elaine Dawson has been doing a wonderful job teaching our confirmation class this year, infusing her passion for Christ and the church into each lesson and inspiring excitement and thoughtful reflection in our youth. As she has been journeying with them this year, I have been reflecting on what Confirmation means, not just for the youth who will be professing their faith on Sunday, May 20th, but for our whole church.

The life of faith is like a pilgrimage or journey, on which there are many challenges and opportunities. The Christian life is a dynamic process of change and growth that we mark at various points by ritual celebrations of God's grace working in our lives. Occasionally throughout year, we are privileged to witness and participate in the sacrament of Baptism; the ritual that incorporates individuals as members of Christ's church and recognizes the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. On Pentecost, our church family will have the opportunity to celebrate another important ritual as eight of our youth present themselves for Confirmation. After a year of preparation and exploring their faith, these Confirmands will be taking on the responsibility for living as a member of the body of Christ and for fulfilling God's purposes. It is a special time for experiencing divine grace and for consciously embracing one's Christian vocation. I invite you to hold these individuals in your prayers as they take this important step of faith: Kaie-Ann Smalls, Lauren Tse, Ryan Bullivant, Emory Broek, Tamia Birch-Gentles, Molly Moore, Jack McCann and Charlie McCann.

While these Confirmations will take place during a single 10:00 am service on May 20th (following the Pancake Breakfast from 8-10 am), everyone at worship will have the opportunity to participate in the related ritual of Reaffirmation of our Christian faith – an invitation to "Remember your baptism, and be thankful." Whether we were baptized as infants or children, teenagers or adults, it is good to take time to remember this important sacrament. As baptized Christians, such remembering calls us anew to share the Gospel, by word and deed, with the world around us. It encourages us to join with the Confirmands in experiencing again God's divine grace poured into our lives as we consciously embrace our own Christian vocation. It challenges us to ask of ourselves: are we faithfully living into God's calling on our lives?

I look forward to this special service of worship on the 20th, and hope to see you there to support our confirmands on their big day! And for those who will be unable to be with us, for a myriad of reasons, I say to you now: *Remember your baptism, and be thankful!*

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.

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:

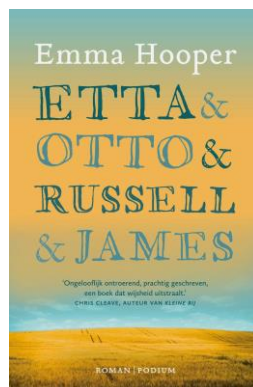
Attached is a check for \$_____

United Methodist Women ~ UMW

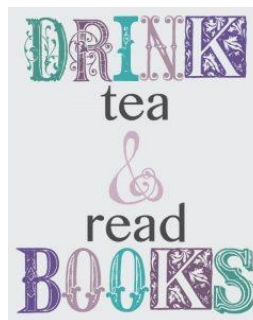
.....Linda Babler
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Spring has sprung.....



Book Club - Meets the 4th Saturday of the month at 1pm in the Library. Our Book for May 26th is "Etta, Otto, Russell & James" by Emma Hooper



UMW **Summer Read & Tea** will be held on Saturday, May 5th, in Fellowship Hall at 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. This will be a book review tea, come and here about new, old and memorable books. Please RSVP to the Church office 732-747-0447 or LSBABLER@AOL.COM. We hope some of the food will be reflective of some of the books.

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

Craft Group will be meeting on May 8th and May 22nd (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. We will be working on Father's Day and Fourth of July/summertime cards. Proceeds from card sales go to help UMW meet its pledge to missions locally and around the world.

Sunday, April 29th - Watch for more details as United Methodist Women will be celebrating **UMW Sunday** at all 3 services and in between with displays and coffee time that day. The theme for the day is Red Bank UMW's 2018 theme: **"Nourish: Mind, Body and Spirit"**. There will be an awesome Bake Sale in the Library that morning, so come and purchase some of your favorite goodies. If you can and would like to join us in baking these wonderful treats, sign up at the card/craft table in Fellowship Hall between services

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. If you would like to be part of this ministry, contact Linda Babler. We meet on the 3rd & 4th Saturdays at 10 am, in the Lounge.

Reminder: UMW Mission team meeting on May 14th, 1pm in the Library.

***Northern Shore District United Methodist Women
Neighborhood Center Tea***



**Oakhurst UMC
103 Monmouth Rd., Oakhurst, NJ.
May 6th, 3pm**

Speaker: Scott Susich, Treasurer of the Board of Directors NC

Reservations encouraged by May 1st to LSBABLER@AOL.COM
OR
Linda Babler 732-741-1793

Ingathering: They are in need of funds to fix and bring the fire alarm up to code, they need \$10,000 to complete this. We generally give a love offering and a roll call for the center at this time. We would like you to give generously to this need. Whatever you can do will be wonderful. Wear your best bonnet, if you if you have one!



.....May Flowers

Learning Tree

.....Kara Crespo

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Learning Tree will be hosting our **Spring Open House on May 9th from 9:30-11 am**. If you know of anyone looking for a Mom & Me, 2.5 Drop-off, 3's or Pre-K class, please let them know about our Open House.

We hope that everyone has a Magnificent May!

God Squad

.....Greg Jansky

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.....Jim Stonaker

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.....Suzanne Dice

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Our Wednesday night meet ups were shortened again by a Nor'easter this past month. Luckily we were together during Holy Week for a Tenebrae service. We spent the evening with the other two groups moving through the stations led by Mrs. Dawson, Pastor Jess, and Reverend Henritzy. It was a somber and thoughtful night.



Easter week there were no youth groups, but some of our teens spent a day painting the upstairs hallway. Ken Blake, Amanda Dice, Charlotte Jansky, Shannon Foreback, and Jake Dice spent 5 hours

edging, rolling, eating pizza and working hard. The hallway is beautiful and the church saved some money!

The following week we were happy to be back together and caught up with what everyone did over break. Our Juniors and Seniors are either visiting or deciding on colleges, which is very exciting. We also hosted Club 77 and had a fun night of Jeopardy organized by our executive board. Lots of laughs, memories shared, and new friends were made.

Back Pack Crew

....Suzanne Dice
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It has come to our attention that there are people in our church that have never been in room 108 to see our Food Pantry. We welcome visitors to come by Thursday mornings at 10:00 or later to see what we do. OR we can give quick tours between church services on Sundays. 108 is locked due to food bank rules, but we are always willing to show off what the church has accomplished!

We also wanted to share the amount of food that we go through EVERY WEEK! Here is our estimated list:

85 boxes of cereal
100 cans of pasta sauce
100 boxes of pasta
140 boxes of mac and cheese
150 cans of soup
100 cans of veggies
100 cans of tuna or chicken
400 packs of oatmeal
400 granola bars
250 fruit cups
250 pieces of fresh fruit
50 jars of peanut butter
100 packs of rice, mashed potatoes, or other sides
TONS of snacks!!!

Thanks to our food drives, donations, and the Food Bank we are able to keep our backpacks filled! Stay tuned for news on our new summer program!!!

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.

Change the World Day

...Jim Mellon

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We are still planning to join with Pilgrim Baptist Church to participate in a Volunteer Work Day to help our neighbors in Red Bank.

Remember, mark June 2nd on your calendar (please, do it now!), to pitch-in to be helping Hands to our community.

Details will be rolled out in early May

Questions? Call Jim Mellon (732-647-5744); or contact Ken Glossbrenner"

Children's Ministries

...Elaine Dawson

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Confirmation is May 20th 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 soooo 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 28th at 11:00 at Conference office by invitation for group event. The Confirmation kids and I will attend a retreat from May 4-6th to examine their commitment to our church at Confirmation and Jim Stonaker will be joining us. He is a God Squad leader and these 8th 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 28th 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.

Men's Fellowship

...Jim Mellon

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"Greetings to all the men in UMC of Red Bank!

May 5th is Cinco de Mayo! AND it is also our May meeting of the Men's Fellowship! Meet in Fellowship Hall from 8 to 9:30 am. Come and join us as we share what is going on in each other's lives. We'll have coffee and snacks and we'll certainly discuss the life (& projects) of the church.

I look forward to seeing each of you!

Pancake Breakfast

...BARB VALENTI

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!!

Sunday, May 20 from 8:00 until 10:00 am

Please join us for a Pancake Breakfast before the Confirmation Service. We really want to celebrate the Confirmation and confirm our commitment to improve our church. We have had many unexpected expenses (e.g., snow plowing more than usual, refrigerator compressor broke, boiler motor replacement, hot water heater replaced, sewer line crack, water lines replaced, etc). These costs are higher than usual and although John Walradt and others repair the church for free, most of these repairs required professionals.

This breakfast is purely by donations, but we ask you to be generous (like you did last year to re-pave the parking lot). Thanks so much!

Oh, yeah, the menu will be pancakes, waffles, bacon and sausage (plus coffee, juice, etc).

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!

Green Team

....Janiz Schildge
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Our Red Bank UMC made the decision to be certified by Greenfaith.org back in 2009 and for three years we worked on audits and updating our property and envisioning our future as a green energy church. This included all areas of church life – Worship, Education, Property, energy usage, food, plastics, waste audits, Environmental justice issues, and more. It was a long and detailed process. Our Green Team led the project, under the leadership of Myrna Bethke, our pastor. In 2012 we were presented with our Green Faith Banner, and ever since we have worked to keep up with the pledges we made to be better stewards of our Earth. The Solar Panel Project involved Hudson Solar Partners who underwrote the installation of the panels, under George Schildge, and Property, under John Walradt, with better insulation, new windows, removal of old fuel tanks, and much more. The Trustees (Susan Drury, head) worked on the landscaping with no pesticides, and new plantings, and the removal of the old wall in front. We do have the most beautiful church property in Red Bank at this time. We were the first United Methodist Church to enter Greenfaith and we shared our experience at conference and district meetings to help other churches begin to go green.

This year's Fair was for us to recommit to our goals: Our pledge is: I Pledge to make my life a blessing for the Earth". Displays were up in the parlor and library and there were reusable bags, milkweed seed for Monarchs, information on non-toxic fertilizers and pesticides, and how to help the UMW garden this year. Five people won the raffle for a Pizza Garden Kit, and Pastor Jess donated her marvelous and delicious home canned goods for all to purchase, with proceeds going to the church budget. Solar tours were offered, and recycling bins were explained, as we have entered two Brigades for Recycling that can actually earn us money – One is for SOLO plastic cups, and the other is for ENERGY BAR Wrappers, so please start sorting these out and bring to church to put into the bins by the back entrance. Barb Valenti and I will ship them to Terracycle, and we need all you use. We will take bottle caps, just to prevent litter and injury to animals, and these are considered no waste efforts. You can find out how to recycle in your town with the Monmouth County Guide, available at church. We asked the children of the church, and their families and friends, to stop using plastic Bottles, Bags, and Straws. This trio of plastic is causing much injury and death to many species, and eventually we will reap what we sow, so please use alternatives, or don't use any. Our Theme is to Reduce, Refuse, Reuse, Recycle, Remove.

We can all take action on these issues, and postcards will be available with addresses for the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), to not renew the license to sell ROUND UP, which kills monarchs and poisons the food supplies of many pollinators which we need to survive. You can also write to Monsanto's CEO about stopping the sale of Round Up. The Governor of NJ (to ban styrofoam) and there will be others, so stop by the table in back hall to take some positive action. Our Green Team will be happy to stamp and mail your postcard if you wish. You really can help make decisions on policy and

health, including water and air pollution, if you make your voice heard. We will set up a field trip to better understand single stream Recycling in Monmouth County if there is enough interest. Thank you to our Green Team Members – Janie Schildge, Kathy Kelley, Kathy Hackler, David Henritzy, John Walradt, Jack Way, Barbara Valenti, Bob Shindel, Jessica Naulty, Tiffany McCann, Ken Glossbrenner, Elaine Dawson, and friends Barbara Roguski, Cyndi Skove, Jim Mellon, Dillon McCann, Mia Voorhees, and Molly Foster.

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 or email to 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.

Congratulations

To Tracy and Justin Elker and the Elker family on the baptism of their daughter Angela Gamarra.
To Lisa Deeter and Tara Kafer on the baptism of their daughter, Lauren Michele.

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. Remember that hospitals no longer contact clergy when members are hospitalized.

Please check our website www.umcredbank.org for an up-to-date church calendar.

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Sheila Leavitt, Financial and Church Secretary
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Rev. David G. Henritzky, Retired Pastor Emeritus

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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