

April 2021

The Witness of Red Bank United Methodist Church

While I’m Away...

As most of you are aware, I will be having surgery to remove a cancerous prostate on April 16 and will be out of commission for several Sundays. In my absence, you will be blessed at Sunday Worship by Rev. Mark Davis who will bring you the Word in Spirit and in Truth.

Mark is the son of a Methodist Minister and began his life in ministry at the age of 19 (while only a sophomore in college) pastoring nine churches at one time. He is a graduate of Candler School of Theology, Emory University and has served in the Holston Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church for many years.

Mark has pastored a number of churches in our Scenic South District including Hixson United Methodist Church, Brainerd, Ft. Oglethorpe and Ridgedale. Recently, Mark has worked as the Chaplain at Parkridge Hospital and is presently a part-time Chaplain at the Hamilton County Jail.

Mark met his wife Jean while she was attending First Centenary United Methodist Church here in Chattanooga. They have been married thirty-eight years.

I will miss being with you. I love this church, our God and the great privilege of being your pastor. Thank you for your love and support and I look forward to being back with you very soon.

I know you will be blessed by Mark’s preaching and love for our Lord.

Your Servant in Christ—Pastor Ken



Reverend Mark and Jean Davis



It is always hard to say good-bye.
God bless you Curtis Jolley and thank you for your many years of service to God and Red Bank United Methodist Church.

New Worship Times

We are back inside for worship and there is no need to make a reservation.

Our worship times are
8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Please remember to wear a mask
and social distance.

Congratulations!

On April 6, our very own James W. "Skipper" Fairbanks, 60-year member of Red Bank UMC, was honored at City of Red Bank Board of Commissions Meeting for his life-long service to the community. The city park and recreational complex located at 640 Morrison Springs Rd. is now "The James W. 'Skipper' Fairbanks Recreational Complex." Congratulations brother! We are so proud and humbled by you.



Dear Saints,

I hope you are still reveling in the beauty of spring time and meditating constantly on our incredible risen Savior! Celebrating Passover and Easter are always such an anchoring annual reminder of God’s incredibly miraculous power and what a mystery it is that he delights in US! Praise Jesus that He is still performing miracles today and that he still leads us with such incredible power!

Looking forward this spring, I have some exciting news to share: we have found and hired a wonderfully talented pianist that will join us in the music ministry! Grace Wahlen was recommended to me directly from the organ professor at Southern Adventist University and another published

composer friend of mine. The organ professor, Judy Glass, said she calls Grace “Amazing Grace” because she’s such a good sight-reader. Grace will be a rising senior at SAU and is a triple major (yes, you read that right!) in piano performance, horn, and education. Obviously this girl has it going on! Grace was classically trained on the piano starting in early elementary school which gave her the perfect foundation for beautiful, musical career. She played for Ken and I and her skills were phenomenal and I think she will be a wonderful addition to the music at RBUMC. She will join us temporarily in late April, and then will be with us consistently starting June 1st. Please join me in welcoming Grace on April 25th!

Welcome

Grace Wahlen
Pianist!



Brackett’s Rackett

“Moved with Compassion, Jesus TOUCHED their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.” Matthew 20:34

Sitting this morning and gazing out the window I am reminded of the touch of God on my life and the world around me. The touch of Jesus is powerful and life changing. Reading through the stories in the New Testament you will see that every person that Jesus touched was never the same. I see His touch in the trees as he brings them back to life. I feel his touch in the warmth of the sun as it touches my face. I observe his touch in a mother caring for her children. The touch of God changed and is changing my life each and every day! How about you are you experiencing His touch today?

“He Touched Me” by Bill and Gloria Gaither

Shackled by a heavy burden
'Neath a load of guilt and shame
Then the hand of Jesus touched me
And now I am no longer the same
He touched me, oh, He touched me
And oh, the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know
He touched me, and made me whole
Since I've met this blessed Savior
Since He's cleansed and made me whole
Oh, I will never cease to praise Him (to praise Him)
I'll shout it while eternity rolls
Oh He touched me, oh He touched me, He touched me
And oh, the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened and now I know
He touched me and made me whole

Discipleship for Adults

- Sunday School on Zoom - Every Sunday at: 2:00 pm
We will be continuing our study of Prayer during the month of April
- Any Red Bank United Methodist Church Small group or class that chooses to meet live must follow the safety guidelines set by the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Weekly Bible Study –
 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. on zoom. We are studying the gospel of Matthew!
- Sign Language Class:
Wednesday’s at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom

Youth (Grades 6-12):
The Youth will be meeting in a variety of different ways over the next few months, watch for details each week. Everyone will bring their own food, masks will be worn and social distancing will be practiced.

From the Preschool!

The RBUM Preschool Staff and Board would like to thank each of you who donated to the furnishing of the new one-year old classroom. The purchase of items needed, and the donation of gift cards and money was overwhelming. The children are thoroughly enjoying their classroom.



- 3 Celia Lyon
- 4 Janet Jenkins, Bob Radel
- 7 Debra Pitkin
- 8 Mackenzie DeFrieze
- 10 Linda Bailey
- 12 Jerome Emerson
- 13 David Massengale
- 14 Nick Edwards
- 15 Robert Dennis
- 16 Scott Brown
- 19 Donna Scott
- 24 Nonye LaRue, Ware Hart
- 26 Stella Campbell
- 30 Shannon DeFrieze



- 13 Jerry and Kay Moore
- 26 Jerry and Lois Jordan
- 30 Jeff and Sheri Morris



Moments from Easter Sunday

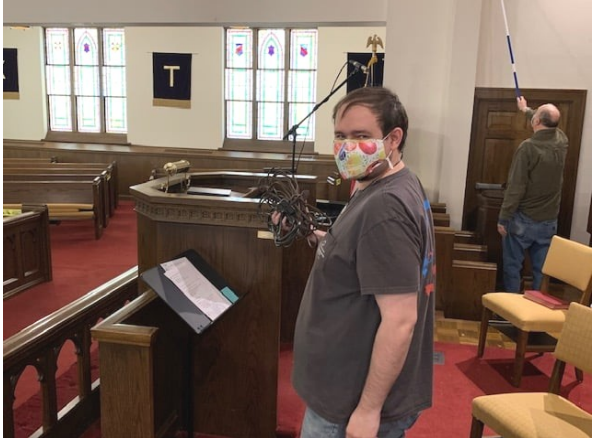


Sharing the Good News!



On Saturday, April 3, our own Lisa Wilson told gatherers at the Bethlehem Center about the Resurrection of Christ.

Returning to Worship in the Sanctuary...





Thank you to everyone for your help!

Sanctuary Cleaning Crews:

Volunteer Cleaning Crews begin cleaning by 10:15 a.m.

Cleaning Procedures:

- Wipe down open pews with disinfectant
- Wipe doorknobs/handles and surfaces
- Wipe restroom surfaces

Cleaning Crews:

First Sunday of the Month:

Mike Wright
Maureen Davis
Jack Pitkin
Debra Pitkin
Cheryl White

Second Sunday of the Month:

David Brackett
Debby Brackett
Raymond Beebe
Jane Smith

Third Sunday of the Month:

Sam Meagher
Wendi Meagher
Russell Moorehead
Debbie Moorehead
Sherri Barker

Fourth Sunday of the Month:

Jamie Harvey
Bret Lyness
Janet Jenkins
Elizabeth and Tate Smith
Lisa Wilson