

*The Newsletter of  
Red Bank United Methodist Church  
August/September Edition*



**Wednesday Night Activities are Ramping Back Up**

Beginning Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm I will be leading a Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's gospel introduces Jesus in a rich, many-sided way. He appears as the Messiah of Israel, the king who will rule and save the world. He comes before us as the Teacher greater than even Moses and is the Son of Man who gives his life for us all. Matthew lays this out step by step and invites us to learn the great wisdom of Jesus' message and the new life that results from accepting it and doing "the will of [the] Father in heaven."

I hope you will join me on this exciting journey.

At the same time, Trinity Baxter will be teaching the children about the love of God and Caleb Lambert will be leading the Youth.

If you need nursery care in order to participate, please let me know and it will be provided.

Much Love, Pastor Ken

### **Volunteering for the Food Pantry**

The Red Bank Community Food Pantry which operates out of our church on the first and third Thursdays of each month is the largest such pantry in Hamilton County, serving anywhere from 1,000-1,5000 people a month and we are always in need of more volunteers.

There are many opportunities for people of all ages to participate. If you are interested in getting some exercise, we unload the food on the mornings of the pantry distribution days. We also need help in the afternoons and evenings. You can help direct traffic, participate in the intake process, bag frozen food items, help clients shop with a shopping cart, help clients pick out food, hand out snacks, or restock the pantry at the end of the evening and help clean up.

The volunteers become fast friends, experience the joy of serving, and meet a lot of great people. If you feel called to help with this ministry please go to the food pantry website at [redbankfoodpantry.org](http://redbankfoodpantry.org). Thank you!

### **Confirmation Class**

Pastor Ken will be leading a Confirmation Class beginning Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. and ending in May of 2024 on the Day of Pentecost. If you know of a young person or you are a young person who has not experienced Confirmation Class, please join us!

Confirmation class is an in-depth study of the Christian faith and what it means to be a United Methodist Christian. At the end of Confirmation, young people are offered the opportunity to say: "I believe" and to join the church.

If you have any questions please contact Ken at 423-463-5060.

## Kids Corner!

Trinity Baxter

### *Backpack Blessing!*

Sunday August 13, we will be having a promotion Sunday with a backpack blessing for the students in our congregation. The kids of our congregation will be recognized for their achievements in Sunday school and children's church, along with praying over them and their backpacks. This is a wonderful opportunity to love on the kids of our congregation as they take on a new challenge. The start of a new school year brings on a lot of new and exciting things, but it is also a big time of transition. The kids need our love and prayers more than ever as they take on a new school year.

### *Wednesday Nights!*

Starting August 30 we will be bringing back Wednesday night activities for the children. The kids will be exploring more hands-on and physical activities regarding learning and growing in their faith. We will be providing a meal for the kids every Wednesday at 5:30. In order to provide dinner for the kids, we will be having a fundraiser called "Donuts for Dinner." On Sunday mornings starting August 13, the children will be selling donuts before Sunday school and before service. Give a donation, and get a donut!

### *What We've Been Learning!*

In our children's program, we focus on Old Testament stories during Sunday school, and learn about the New Testament during children's church. Recently, the kids have been learning about The Armor of God, from Ephesians 6. We have learned about each of the different pieces, their function, and how each piece is important. The kids of our congregation have been working so hard in growing in their faith, and I can't wait to see how they grow more with the new activities we will be doing in the future.



## **Vision**

Youth group is a place where we can come together, love each other, learn about God, be encouraged, and become doers of the word. Our vision is for students to leave youth group refreshed and with a renewed sense of purpose.

## **Mission:**

Our mission is to be Christ to our community, schools, jobs, and families. We will be talking about what we can do in each area of our life to honor and glorify Christ through our actions. We will also be talking about how to become doers of the word, and what that looks like as students.

## **Focus:**

Our focus is on Evangelism, Ministry, Worship, Fellowship, and Discipleship. Everything we do and learn in youth group is going to be surrounded by at least one of these things.

## **Plan:**

This fall semester we are going to be very focused on going back to the roots of Christianity, learning, and practicing evangelism. Once a month we will have a super fun event to invite our friends to and fellowship with one another.



Photos of the volunteers at work outfitting the new pantry location!





We are thankful to all the kind people who helped move and build the new food pantry location. If you have not seen the new food pantry, it is located in what used to be the weight room off of the gym. Check it out!



The gym is a remarkable space for the food pantry distribution days.

We are thankful for Jane Smith  
who prepares breakfast for our  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday get-togethers in the  
Fellowship Hall.



From left to right, our 2023 Red  
Bank UMC college scholarship  
recipients are  
Mary Ellen Sauer,  
Trinity Baxter,  
and  
Caleb Lambert.

We are thankful for the gener-  
ous saints who set up this  
scholarship.





Our Young at Heart Group had a wonderful time eating at the Screen Door Kitchen in Dayton on August 9.

We visit a different restaurant each month and would love for you to come with us!







The congregation held hands as Trinity Baxter led us in prayer for the children who are returning to school on Sunday, August 13.



Due to a generous donation from a member of our church, the homeless pantry was able to pack an extra 100 bags of food which were delivered to our homeless brothers and sisters during the month of August.



### Happy Birthday in August to...

- 7 Jeanette Esch
- 10 Jeff Morris
- 11 Esther Clemmons
- 15 Susan Hardin
- 16 Betty Jackson
- 18 Laney Livingston
- 20 Ginny Mabe, Sharon Rice
- 23 Linda Alexander
- 28 Gina Thomas
- 30 Taylor Millard

### Happy Birthday in September to...

- 9 Joyce Beckert, Joe Guthrie,  
Jerry Jordan, Elizabeth Smith
- 11 Joyce Knowles, Matthew Smith
- 12 Bub Gilliland
- 13 Joe Knowles
- 16 Lois Jordan
- 19 Gary Card, Roger Richie
- 21 Mike Bourne
- 22 Peggy Clem
- 23 Audrey Brown, Stephen Owens
- 24 Sarah Jones
- 25 Serie Bland
- 27 Don Brooks
- 29 David Trainor



### August

- 6 Sherri and Brud Millard
- 14 Susan and Hale Booth
- 20 Jane and Keith Smith

### September

- 9 Sheila and Clark Calabrese
- 16 Ethel and Don Brooks
- 17 Betty and Bruce Owens
- 31 Carron and Bob Trainor

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