

# The Witness

Red Bank United  
Methodist

3800 Dayton Blvd  
Chattanooga, TN

*April 2021*

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## *Marching Toward Holy Week*

*“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.”*

*--Matthew 28:6a*

One year ago this month we stopped worshipping inside our building due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To say I have been impressed and humbled by your love for and support of Red Bank United Methodist Church is an understatement. Now we are heading for another Holy Week which, if all goes well, will begin online and in the park and end on Resurrection morning in the building.

Our journey to Resurrection will begin Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m. in Red Bank City Park. Everyone will have a palm branch to wave, the children will process on the sidewalk with the donkey and the entire city of Red Bank will have the opportunity to view Christians as we worship the One Who comes in the name of the Lord. This will be an especially child-friendly service. Spread the news!

On Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m., we will meet on Zoom for a special and unique worship experience.

On Good Friday, April 2, 7 p.m., we will meet at Chattanooga Memorial Park Cemetery (don't worry sunset is at 8:04 p.m.) near the crosses for a brief service.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 7:15 a.m., we will start the day in Red Bank City Park for an Easter Sunrise Service. Then, we will meet in-person and in the sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

Our services will continue to be shared on our Facebook page until Jesus comes again.

I look forward to finishing our Lenten Journey together and celebrating our Lord's Resurrection, which, in many ways will be a time of new beginnings.

Much love in Christ—Pastor Ken

## Good bye in Not the End



Our Maintenance Person, Don Brooks, has retired. Don has served Red Bank United Methodist Church well over the past 12 years. He has worked hard to make sure our building is in the best shape in can be. We thank him for his service and pray for him during this transition. We are also very thankful that Don, who is a member of Red Bank United Methodist Church, will continue to be among us in worship and Sunday school along with all kinds of other ministry experiences. Please thank Don for work well done. You can send him a note at: 1430 Highland Way, Hixson, TN 37343

*The time will  
change Saturday  
night,*

*March 13.*

*Your clock will*



*forward one hour.*

## Celebrations in March!

- 1 Betty Owens
- 4 Billie Glasscock
- 11 Raymond Beebe
- 12 Madison DeFriese
- 14 Jerry Watkins
- 18 Bob Trainor
- 22 Kathy Stanfield  
Carol Perkins  
Marsena Walker
- 26 Carron Trainor
- 28 Wendy Lyness  
Trevor Owens
- 29 Betty Owens
- 30 Amanda Conry
- 31 Valerie Campbell



12 Raymond & Sue  
Beebe

17 James & Jerry  
Tollett

20 Jack and Debra  
Pitkin

25 Jerry & Beth  
Watkins



## *From Stephanie...*

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.  
Psalm 100:2



Happy March! I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring, as I'm sure many of you are as well! As we look ahead towards a new season in the coming weeks, I'm also looking forward to being back inside of the sanctuary with each of you! Moving forward will obviously look different than prior to 2020, but I am still very hopeful we can continue great involvement in the music program. I am looking forward to having choir member participate in small ensembles, solos, and duets, and would love your participation! If you have ever been interested in getting involved with the music ministry, now is the perfect time! Please don't hesitate to reach out and learn how you can be involved and share your gifts with the church.

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Red Bank City Park has been a great blessing to our congregation, especially during the pandemic.



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“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?’” John 11:25-26

The season of spring is arriving. The sun is shining, trees and plants are budding, birds are singing. Resurrection is occurring all around us. Hope is not lost, death has not won, life continues! In this season we are anticipating Easter which celebrates THE GREATEST RESURRECTION. The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who defeated death for us and because “HE LIVES, WE TOO LIVE”.

As you make your way through each day please keep in mind the words to the Hymn “He Lives”.



I serve a risen Savior  
He's in the world today.  
I know that He is living,  
Whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy;  
I hear His voice of cheer;  
And just the time I need Him  
He's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow  
way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me  
I see His loving care,  
And though my heart grows weary,  
I never will despair;  
I know that He is leading,  
Through all the stormy blast;  
The day of His appearing  
Will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs  
To Jesus Christ the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him,  
The Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving,  
So good and kind.



## Devote some time to the food pantry...



The Red Bank Community Food Pantry is serving more people than ever. If you would like to volunteer go to [www.redbankfoodpantry.org](http://www.redbankfoodpantry.org). There are lots of ways to help.

### The Following are some of the studies/activities that will be happening soon:

#### 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 March
- 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.



## Preschool

Dear RBUMC family, as you know Lindsay Walker became our new Preschool and Children's Director at the first of February. She has been very busy growing the Preschool. With this growth, there is a need to open a new one-year old classroom. We would like to invite our church family to invest in our Preschool by donating to the furnishing of the items for this new classroom. Lindsay has made a list on Amazon of the needed items. It can be found here:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/IVXXA9OODSC5?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/IVXXA9OODSC5?ref=wl_share)

All items ordered through this link will be delivered to the Preschool. This classroom is scheduled to open Monday, March 15th. We are asking that you place your order with Amazon by Monday, March 8th.

If you would prefer to give Amazon gift cards, cash or checks, those are also welcomed. Please know that these donations will be above and beyond your regular church tithe. All checks, cash and gift cards can be brought to the church office and left with Linda. Please mark the donations, "For Preschool". Donations can also be mailed to the church. If you would like to use the PayPal link on the church's website, that is also available.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (423)309-3121.

Thank you.

In Christ,

Debby Brackett

*RBUMC Preschool Board Chairman*

See you in the Red Bank  
City Park for Worship on  
March 7, 14, & 21.  
10:30 a.m.

Remember to set your clocks  
ahead one hour when you go  
to bed on Saturday, March 13.



  
*Palm Sunday*

Special Service in the City Park at  
10:30.