

Red Bank United Methodist Church

# The Witness

## Wednesdays in the Park Returns



Beginning Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and going through the month of August we will be meeting in the park from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for music, desserts, games and family fun.

I hope you will mark your calendar and take full advantage of this great opportunity to connect with our community, meet our neighbors and have a great time doing it!

We can accomplish God's work through Wednesdays in the Park if YOU participate.

So, come on! Enjoy the summer outside with church friends and new friends.

God bless you,

Pastor Ken

# RBUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School - 9:30am  
Worship 10:30am  
Wednesday- 6:00pm-7:30pm

MAY 2022 - NEWSLETTER

# Happy Mother's Day



## WHAT WE ARE LEARNING:

This month we will talk about honoring our parents and the wonderful gift of Moms. Then we will begin our journey through the Bible learning all about creation and the first family!

## Events

May 7th- Red Bank Jubilee  
-Youth Rummage Sale  
May 8th- Mother's Day

## SUMMER CAMP

**JUNE 6th-10th** we will be hosting **FREE Day Camp!**

8:45 am - 3:00pm      Ages 5-14

Register Online at [campinthecommunity.org/redbank](http://campinthecommunity.org/redbank)

Questions?  
Contact Robin Keeling - Children's Ministry Director  
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## The Month in Pictures



**Carrie Waldenmaier join the church by profession of faith on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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**The children processed with palms and sang for us on Palm Sunday.**

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## The Egg-stravaganza on Sunday April 10 was a huge hit!





**Petting Zoo at  
The Egg-stravaganza**

**Trinity Baxter reads Scripture during our Community Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service at Journey Church.**







**Our Easter Sunrise Service in the Park was a true Resurrection experience.**



**Keith and Jane Smith made breakfast for the church Easter morning.**

## Inside Story Headline



## Our Easter Cross





## Up-Close with Our Assistant Preschool Director



Samantha Cannon is our Assistant Preschool Director and a lead teacher of the Coolidge Class (two and three-year-old's). Recently, I had the opportunity to sit down and speak with Samantha. This is what we covered:

**Ken:** How long have you worked at our Red Bank United Methodist Preschool?

**Samantha:** Since October, 2021.

**Ken:** What is the most fulfilling thing about your job?

**Samantha:** I think, honestly, when the kids just say they love being here and they fight over being my best friend.

**Ken:** They are fighting over which one of them is your best friend?

**Samantha:** Yes. I also love it when they don't want to leave because it means I am doing my job; I am creating a safe place for them.

**Ken:** In what ways do you see our preschool as an important ministry of Red Bank United Methodist Church?

**Samantha:** We are accepting of anyone and everyone—no matter where you come from and no matter where you have been. I think that is beautiful.

**Ken:** Do you think our parents know this?

**Samantha:** I do.



**Ken:** What do you like to do in your spare time?

**Samantha:** My spare time, recently, has been rounding up my two dogs, but I like going to concerts. Soon I'm going to see the Dave Matthews Band at Lakewood Amphitheatre in Atlanta.

**Ken:** What is the best concert you have ever seen?

**Samantha:** My favorite concert was The Who.

**Ken:** Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself? Your hopes, your dreams?

**Samantha:** My dream is to get my Master Degree in psychology in order to work in the school system and help the children. It is so needed.

--Submitted by Ken Sauer



**Young at Heart (for all Senior Adults)**

**May 2022:**

10	11:00 a.m. -	Outing:	Surprise Lunch Outing - Cost: Free
26	10:30 a.m. -	Program:	Bingo



**Rummage Sale!!!**

Our youth will be sponsoring a huge Rummage Sale on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>! Donations will need to be left in the church Gym due to the fact that the trailer is full. We will be setting up for the sale on Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. and continuing until it is done. We need LOTS OF HELP setting up. Please consider coming to assist us.

## Brackett's Rackett

Rejoice!

Romans 12:12 – Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. As I write this today I am holding onto this verse. Life has not been easy these past few months and at times it would have been easy to lose HOPE. I am sure that each of you have felt this in the past and maybe feeling it now. We live in a crazy messed up world that is full of illness, hate, violence, disease, war and so much more. It is easy to let your mind and heart become full of these things and forget that in the midst of it all we still have a Savior who is there yesterday, today and will be tomorrow. He is never changing and always loving. This is our HOPE. Jesus Christ is our HOPE. We should be rejoicing in that fact.

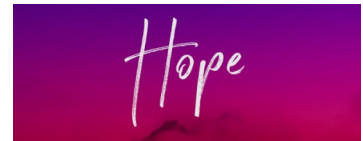
Then there is the next part, “Be patient in tribulation”. How hard it is to be patient when life is hard. We just want the trials and the pain to be over and to just have some “normality”. We should be clinging to the fact that God knows the best timing for all our situations and we just need to be patient and trust that he is working for our good, “Be still and know that I am God”.

Finally a third step, “be CONSTANT in prayer”. The only way to make it through this life is to be in CONSTANT communication with the God who loves us the most. Do you feel like God isn’t speaking to you? Stop and think how constant have I been in communication with Him.

I challenge you today to take a few minutes “Be still and know that I am God”. Once you do this the hope, patience and consistency in prayer will begin to take the place of despair.

### On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand:

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.



Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood,  
support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]



4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found:  
dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

## Discipleship

**Sunday Morning Small Groups and Classes – Each of these groups begin at 9:30 a.m.:**

**Agape** – Fellowship Hall - small discussion group geared for younger adults.

**Armstrong-Lyons Class** – Room 211 – Lecture and Discussion. All Ages

**Cross-Ties** – Room 216 – In Depth Bible Study. Monthly Outings. All ages

**Fidelis Class** – Room 217 – Discussion using Bible Study and Christian Books. All Ages

**Shaw-Murray Class** – Room 111 – Lecture using International Sunday School material with class discussion. Bi-monthly outings including meals and excursions. Age 65+

**College Age Small Group:** Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. – Room 215 p.m.

This group discusses various topics at they relate to the Christian Life. Led by various members of the group.

## **Youth (Grades 6-12):**

Cornerstone Youth Class is meeting in the Loft with Rev. Sauer teaching confirmation lessons.

Youth Foundation Bible Study – Sunday Nights at 5:30 p.m. – They are currently “Flipping thru Philipians”

Youth Week – May 31 – June 4: Swimming, Six Flags, Segregations, Family Feud, Fund Raisers, Service Projects and More.



The “Rolling Stones” kickball team is coming back. This team will be made up of youth and college students. They will be playing Sunday Evenings at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Rivermont Fields.



**We accomplished a lot on our April 24<sup>th</sup> Workday!**

*Thank You*

Thank you so much for your kind thoughts, heartfelt prayers, and uplifting cards during the last few weeks. Losing Mom was expected, but not easy. Knowing we have such a loving church family helps in the grieving process. We are truly blessed, Debby Brackett and Pattie Pope.



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- 1 Joe and Glenda Guthrie
- 18 Rick and Pam Hensley
- 19 Michael and Jeana Roesser
- 29 Roger and Carolyn Richie

- 1 Sandi Dahl, Andrew Glasscock
- 2 Rick Hensley, Bailey McGinnis
- 4 Shannon Baxter
- 5 Sue Beebe, Sarah Richie
- 6 Beetle Bailey, Sherri Millard
- 7 David Brackett
- 11 Sam Meagher
- 13 Barry Glasscock
- 14 Mike Wright
- 17 Pam Barker
- 22 Hannah Clem
- 23 Ethan Roberts, Charlotte Byrns
- 24 Joy Haskett
- 28 Kay Moore
- 30 Sylvia Newman