

For What are You Thankful?

What are you thankful for this year? What are you thankful for in a year of wars? What are you thankful for in a year where housing and food have become too expensive for so many? What are you thankful for in this time of political division and uncertainty?

I'm thankful for my family, my job, and my relationship with Jesus Christ and I am thankful for the people and ministries of Red Bank United Methodist Church. Through the ministries of this church, I am able to witness people give their lives to Christ for the first time and continue their discipleship through worship, Bible study, and the giving of their time and money. I am able to be involved with some of the most amazing and fun folks I have ever known as we serve Jesus Christ through the food pantry. For, it truly is in serving that we find out why we were created and experience the fullness of life that Christ offers.

A few months ago, a couple of friends who pastor other churches in Red Bank paid me and this church a great compliment. They said, *"Ken, we have been talking and if something happens to you and Red Bank United Methodist Church, we are going to have to pick up the slack because you all are making a huge difference in this community and your absence would leave a big hole in a lot of lives."* I don't think I nor the church I serve has ever received a greater compliment.

During the month of November, you will hear from a variety of members of our church as they share what this church means to them and how important it is for us to continue to support it financially. You will also be receiving a letter from me in the mail and via email along with a pledge sheet to fill out. We ask that these sheets be filled out by you and returned to the church by Consecration Sunday which is Sunday, December 3rd. You can mail them back to the church, drop them off, or place them on the offering plate.

Biblically, God asks us to give a tenth of our paycheck to the work He is doing through our local church. It is through the church that we see lives changed, it is through the church that we serve the community best, and God uses the church to fulfill our shared mission to make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey Christ's commands (see Matthew 28:19-20). It is now more important than ever to reach out to our community with the love and grace of Christ. We have a tremendous mission field and a church that is proclaiming the message of God's grace, love, and salvation through faith in Christ in uniquely loving ways.

If you do not yet tithe (give 10% of what you earn) to the church please ask God to give you the confidence to make this commitment for the upcoming year. My wife and I tithe to the church. At the beginning of the month, we make a budget and the first thing that is automatically calculated into our budget is our tithe to the church. It increases our faith in God and gives us the satisfaction of knowing we are helping to further Christ's kingdom with our finances. I am most thankful for the privilege of giving back to God what is already His.



Sunday School:

We are currently going through confirmation in Sunday school! Confirmation is an in-depth study of the Christian faith. Those who go through it find out what it means to be a United Methodist Christian. After confirmation has concluded, anyone who has gone through the class will have the opportunity to become a member of the church. Confirmation takes place every Sunday at 9:30am in the loft and is expected to end in May 2024.

Sunday Night Youth:

Sunday night youth starts out with a provided meal at 5:30 followed by a lesson and games. We have been learning about many different things. Several of the topics include evangelism, the NT letters, spiritual warfare, spiritual disciplines, commitment, and more.

We have had a small amount of youth recently, but I believe we are in a prime position for some growth in numbers.

Upcoming:

We will have some big events coming up this winter! Be on the lookout for how you can help serve this youth group.

Resurrection will be here before we know it!

RBUMC KIDS CORNER

Children's Church:

On Sunday Mornings during Children's Church, we have begun a Fruit of the Spirit series.

We kicked it off by doing an overview of the Fruit of the Spirit, and why it is important to have these traits. We have been diving deep into each fruit individually, learning how we can bear it in our lives.

Sunday School:

On Sunday Mornings during Sunday School, the kids have been learning stories from the old testament. Our preschool class has been doing various stories, such as Balaam, and the Elementary class have been learning about the days of creation.

Explorers Club:

On Wednesday nights we have Explorers Club from 5:30 to 7pm. We kick off every week with dinner, then we have a short lesson followed by a hands on activity that goes along with the lesson. This week we made wind chimes and talked about how even though we can't see the wind, we can hear the way it moves the wind chimes, just like how we can't see God, but we can see how He moves.




**Explorers showing
off their wind
chimes.**

Agape COLLEGE GROUP



The Agape College groups meets at 10am every Friday at Burlaep coffee shop, located near UTC campus. Currently, we are exploring the book of Hebrews together, Since moving downtown, the group has seen an increase in visitors, and more engagement from group members.



You're invited to


TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY OCTOBER 29

4pm-6pm

CANDY
INFLATABLES
POPCORN
FACE PAINT
AND MORE!

Hosted by Red Bank United
Methodist
3800 Dayton Blvd





Trinity Baxter leads our Preschool children in Chapel.



Our Church hosted the October Scenic South District Clergy gathering and Linda Towers made and provided the treats.



Everyone enjoys Trinity's Children's Message.



Martha gets a little help from some friends in the Homeless Pantry.



The food pantry was blessed to receive a check for \$5,000 from the non-profit arm of Tom Mayberry's company.



A lot was accomplished at our church workday.



There was much fun and many good ideas generated at the Food Pantry's Volunteer Appreciation and Brainstorming Pizza Party.





A great group of folks show up every other Thursday morning to unload thousands of pounds of food to be given away that day at the food pantry.

Church Charge Conference

All are encouraged to attend our charge conference with our District Superintendent on Sunday, November 14 at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.