

The October Newsletter
Of
Red Bank United Methodist Church

The Witness

All Saints: A Celebration of Life
Sunday, November 7, 2021

“I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”
--Ephesians 3:17b-19

Since March of 2020, we have lost a number of saints, some to Covid-19 but most to natural causes. This is, of course, part of the normal process. What has not been normal about all this is that due to being shut-down, the need for social distancing and so-forth we have not been able to come together to mourn and celebrate the lives of so many who have passed. This coming All-Saints Worship Service, Sunday, November 7, at 10:30 a.m. provides us with this opportunity.

During this service, the families of those who have passed since the pandemic began will be invited to come forward and light a candle in celebration for the life of their loved one. Following this, everyone present will be offered the opportunity to come light a candle in celebration of a saint or saints in their lives who are no longer with us in this earthly form.

The sermon will be more of a eulogy or celebration of the lives of 16 persons Red Bank United Methodist Church have lost.

It is my prayer that we will all take this opportunity to come together, remember and celebrate the lives of those we love and those who have loved us.

The following is the list of the saints who have gone before us since this pandemic began:

Irene Hale	Justin DeFries	Marie Tilley
Susan Nail	Bobby Schroeder	Ted Bowman
Edith Merritt-Emerson	Rose Campbell	Comnena Rogers
Francis Anderson	Dottie Vendure	Sharon Wright
Kenneth Welch	Ed Campbell	Skipper Fairbanks
	Charmaine Layton	

Jesus said, *“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die”* (John 11:25-26).

May God bless and keep you—Pastor Ken



Pledge Sunday: November 14

“A *pledge* is basically very serious formal promise. You can *pledge* allegiance to your country, you can *pledge* to keep a secret, and you can *pledge* a sum of money to a cause.”
—Anonymous

It is time to ask God to guide and direct our decisions and actions as it pertains to what, out of our income, we will pledge to give back to God in the year 2022.

The biblical standard for giving is a tithe of our gross annual income. A tithe is 10%. Therefore, if I will expect to make \$60,000 in the year 2022, I will pledge to give back to God \$6,000 for the annual budget. And because a tithe is a floor and not a ceiling, anything else I give to the church over the course of the year is above and beyond my pledge.

In doing this I am trusting God with my financial situation, my life and the year ahead. I am also making an investment in God’s Kingdom. There is no way to know how many people come to Christ or are served through the many ministries of Red Bank United Methodist Church in a year’s time. That being said, we can be assured that the more we give the more resources the church will have available as we continually seek to bring others into God’s Kingdom.

What you pledge to give is important. It is important for your spiritual health, the health of your church and the health and salvation of our community.

We have set Sunday, November 14 as the goal for all pledges to be in to the church office. Please contact me if you have any questions about God’s call on your life to help support God’s Church with your giving.

In Christ’s love,
Pastor Ken

Family Promise

Family Promise has a new look and a new way to serve. After the Pandemic, Family Promise decided to no longer house homeless families in the church. Two houses were purchased and are currently being remodeled to hold our families. They are located about 10 minutes from the Family Promise center.

What can we provide now to help homeless families get a place to live? We can take a week to provide snacks and meals. Our church has always been willing to serve. We are asking you to cook meals, or parts of meals, provide snacks, or transport the food to the houses of the Family Promise guests. I am asking anyone who can do any of things to let me or Kathy Stanfield know they can help. I think we will only provide one week in January and see how that goes. Of course they would love for us to do that once a quarter but we will see who is interested in helping before we commit.

Thank you for helping homeless families with children get off the streets.

Call Stella Campbell 240-3776.



- 1 Brud Millard
- 2 Keith Smith
- 3 Bryan Meagher, Jim Morgan
- 4 Carla Pritchard
- 5 Betty Card
- 8 JC Barker, Nancy Watkins
- 9 Richard Bland
- 10 Susan Booth, David Anderson
- 11 Sherri Barker
- 12 Jan Dalton
- 14 Sarah Jolley
- 16 Wanda Markum
- 18 Carly Bourne
- 19 Debby Brackett
- 20 Suzanne Bourne
- 21 Nick Brown
- 22 Adelle Pritchard
- 23 Marshall Thrash
- 24 Bobbie Blackshear
- 25 Barrett Bourne
- 28 Billie McLeod, Martha Rushing
- 30 Vera Katherine Stanfield



October 14
The anniversary of
Joe and Jeanette Esch



**SEPTEMBER
2021**

Here's a glimpse of what the children of RBUMC will be learning about this month! We are so excited to kick off this new curriculum and grow closer to Christ!

Sunday School - 9:30am

Worship - 10:30 am

Wednesday-

6pm-730pm

* Small groups for adults offered during all children's programming. We'd love to get to know you too!



Preschool - 5th Grade

During the month of September we will be talking and learning about the ways we can Glorify God during the school year whether we are on the bus, in the cafeteria, in the classroom or on the playground!

Starts 9/5

Wednesday Evening

Time to Praise Jesus!

For 6 weeks we will be learning about worship and how we can praise God at church, home, at school, while we play and while we're by ourselves!

Starts 9/8



Infant - 36 months

The children will learn songs and discover Bible truths through intentional play-by using the toys and activities they love!

Special Event!

Saturday,

September 25th

9:00am -11:30am

**PARENTS MORNING
OUT!**

We invite your children for a fun morning with games, crafts and other fun activities!

When you return for pick up, we invite you all to join us for a Family Picnic!

If you have any questions about our Children's Ministry or programs, feel free to reach out at rbumkids@gmail.com

Robin Keeling, Children's Ministry Director

Brackett's Rackett,

God is faithful. The Psalmist proclaimed, "For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations." (Psalm 100:5). What does it mean to say God is faithful? Is our saying He is faithful based on our perception of how we define faithfulness?

Recently I was praying about a matter of great concern, and the Lord graciously heard my cry, and in His grace I witnessed and experienced His hand move on my behalf and grant the answer to my request. I was thanking the Lord for how he granted my petition and said in praise, "Lord, I want to thank you for your faithfulness." I stopped in the middle of my prayer, and asked myself this question, "Was I equating God's faithfulness to the fact that he granted my petition?" Well, what if He had not granted my petition, would He then have been unfaithful? Is God's faithfulness determined by whether or not he beckons to my request to turn situations and circumstances to my favor? Does God's faithfulness in my life mean the absence of difficulties?

So, what is meant when the Bible says God is faithful? Faithfulness speaks to the very core of God's character. Faithfulness has to do with being reliable, fidelity, firmness, stability, trustworthy, trueness to one's word, dependability. While no earthly man is 100% faithful, the Bible teaches that God is 100% faithful in all He does in accordance with His divine character. God is always faithful to Himself. God is unchanging; therefore, He can never cease to be what He is and He will always be consistent with His righteous character.

God's faithfulness cannot be defined by our perception as to whether or not events or circumstances work out in what we perceive to be in our favor. God is faithful even if events don't turn out as we wish or think they should. God will never deny His own character or His divine plan to grant our request. God is always faithful to His character, for Him to do otherwise He would become unfaithful.

Great is Thy Faithfulness:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me
Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside
Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me
Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father

Discipleship

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: – 10:00 a.m. – Fellowship Hall/Zoom
Study in the Gospel of Matthew – Led by David Brackett in person and on Zoom.
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. – Shaw/Murray Class Room
September - Susan Booth will be leading a study on Philipians
October - Jamie Harvey - Romans 8 - October 6
Jerry Moore will be leading a study on Romans - October 20, 27, and November 3rd.

Women’s Bible Study: Every Wednesday Beginning September 15th – 6:30 p.m. - Held on Zoom
Led by Stella Campbell - Studying “Elijah” by Priscilla Shirer

Alpha Group Leadership Training - Wednesday Nights at 5:45 p.m. – Fellowship Hall
This group is for those being trained in the Alpha Small Group program that we will be offering church-wide in January - Led by Rev. Ken Sauer

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 doing the Youth Alpha Series this Fall.

Young at Heart (for all Senior Adults)

October 2021:
12 10:00 a.m. - Outing: Wooden’s Apple Barn/Lunch
21 10:30 a.m. - Program: Homeless Situation in Hamilton County

Program Leader: Joseph Brackett
Theme: Colors of Fall



Prayer Concerns:

Joe Esch, Linda Gilliland, Bo Brown, Mike Wright, Betty Harris, Georgette Edwards, Ethel Brooks, Billie Glasscock, Jim Wulf, Jerry Jordan, JC Barker, Jennifer Jones, Clay Clem (RM spotted tick fever), Shyrie (sister of Serie Bland), Todd Hale.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Roger Richie and family in the passing of his dad, Everet Richie and to Mel Willett in the passing of his son-in-law, Rick.

Preparing the Nursery

We thank those who have contributed financially and those who have worked so hard to prepare the new nursery for its first visitors. It is almost done.





