

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT**  
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# **THE DIALOGUE**

**April 2016**



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## From the Pastor

As you are aware, for six weeks this winter we worshiped in the Social Hall, due to a problem with the sanctuary heating system.

Throughout those weeks we felt the energy that comes from sitting closely together, and we sang and prayed and laughed and worshiped with a sense of intimacy that we rarely achieve in our large sanctuary. It was invigorating and brought us together as a church family in new ways.



At the same time, the “multi-use” nature of the Social Hall meant that when we entered we were surrounded by the sights and sounds of other activities.

It required a certain level of focus and restraint to move into a worshipful spirit. As it challenged our patterns of interaction with one another, it also challenged our patterns of interaction with God.

And here was the question I pondered each week in preparation for worship: what might we do to make this “worshipful space”? How should we arrange the chairs? What should be on the altar? What music will set the mood for our gathering? What décor might be helpful for the community to gather with the express purpose of worship?

What is needed, visually or otherwise, that would assist us in moving into a spirit of joyful awe as we gather to worship?

While we affirm that God is surely everywhere, what might enable us to be spiritually open and to sense God’s presence in particular ways as we gather?

Last Sunday we moved back into the sanctuary for worship, but even there now I am newly pondering:

**What makes a space “worshipful”?**

Peace;

Shawn Callender Hogan  
Pastor



As we gather to celebrate the gift of Resurrection, we also mourn **the death of Muriel Debow**, longtime member of our congregation. Muriel entered God's heavenly home on Wednesday, March 23, 2016. A memorial service will be held on **Saturday, April 2, 2016, at 11 am**, followed by a memorial tea.

**SHIP is moving (temporarily) to the UMC of Summit!**

SHIP ("Summit Helping Its People") is a community-based ministry that offers breakfast and bag lunches to the homeless and at-risk community in Summit, Monday through Friday (6:00 - 7:30 am).



Currently hosted at the Calvary Episcopal Church, *SHIP will be moving temporarily to our facility in mid-April* and will be with us for several months, while Calvary undergoes renovations.

This month, we will be rearranging our kitchen storage to accommodate this ministry. Want to help out? Call the church office (908-277-1700).



**An Invitation from our Green Team:**

In celebration of our commitment to the stewardship of the earthly resources God has provided, join UMC members in walking to the Reeves-Reed Arboretum after church on **April 24** for the Arboretum **Daffodil Day** celebration.

In a tradition started years ago by our own Ann Houpt, we would like to celebrate the Earth Day week by this walk to our little oasis in Summit. The Arboretum has a day full of activities for Daffodil Day that you can stay and enjoy at your leisure and leave when you want.

Meet outside the back of the church and we'll leave promptly at 12:15pm.

# WHY DO WE GIVE?

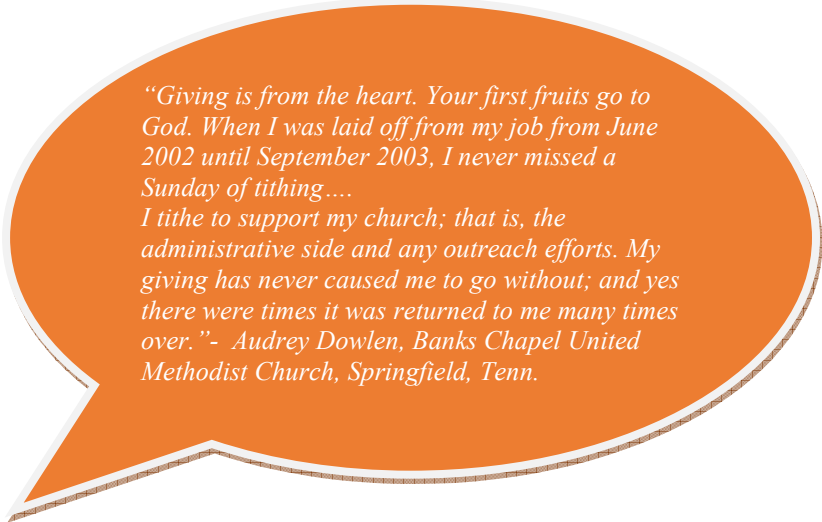
## We Give to Make Ministry and Mission Happen.

*“I developed the habit of offering as part of worship as a child. The local church has supported me in my journey – providing a place to know and to worship God, to fulfill God’s call, and to receive inspirational biblical messages for life. As I give, I support both the local ministries and the work of God through the church worldwide.” – The Rev. Aida Luz Beltran-Gaetan, retired elder, North Georgia Conference*

In the days after his Resurrection, Jesus said to Peter and every disciple after Peter, **“Feed my lambs” (John 21:15c, NRSV)**. Our discipleship is about fulfilling Jesus’ command. We want to do good because Jesus told us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Our congregations exist for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. That is a gigantic task! However, it is not impossible because all things are possible through Christ!

In our time and place, little happens without money. Certainly, we can and should give of ourselves in nonfinancial ways. Face-to-face, person-to-person ministry is where much of the most significant, most substantial transformation of giver and recipient-of co-ministers-occurs. However, so much more needs to happen, much of which requires money.



*“Giving is from the heart. Your first fruits go to God. When I was laid off from my job from June 2002 until September 2003, I never missed a Sunday of tithing....  
I tithe to support my church; that is, the administrative side and any outreach efforts. My giving has never caused me to go without; and yes there were times it was returned to me many times over.”- Audrey Dowlen, Banks Chapel United Methodist Church, Springfield, Tenn.*

When we give money through our church, not only does it pay for our pastor’s salary and for our church’s bills; it also does good beyond our congregation and even far beyond our community. The money we give helps to develop the next generation of principled Christian leaders for the church and the world. It builds new churches to bring new persons to Christ, and it teaches and coaches lay and clergy leaders how to revitalize existing congregations. It engages directly in ministry with persons who are impoverished. It combats devastating diseases around the world, such as malaria and HIV/AIDS.

*“Giving is an attitude. When you give, you bestow freely without receiving a return, confer without receiving compensation, devote, surrender and yield. We rob ourselves of many things simply because we fail to give. God so loves the world that God gave. It’s time to take on the attitude of God. It is time to ask ‘What can I give to the Lord? What can I give to others?’ That is giving at its maximum.” – The Rev. Eva Mudambanuki, Patterson Memorial United Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn.*

[www.umcsgiving.org](http://www.umcsgiving.org)

# Christian Education



Thank you to all who joined us and made our cross-generational, “Sunday School for Everyone” such a fun and powerful experience of God . Together we explored and wondered about the stories of Jesus’ last weeks of life. We washed feet. We acted out scriptures. We asked questions. We prayed aloud together. One of my favorite moments was when the children asked why we continue to tell the sad and difficult stories of violence that happened to Jesus. One of our elders responded by reminding us that we need to

know these stories so we know what happened and remember in all this sadness there is also beauty. I also loved people of different generations working together to share stories and create experiences. Another favorite moment was when one of our younger members prayed aloud a beautiful and heartfelt prayer. Thank you for this special and inspiring experience of growing in faith together!

Blessings,

Sherri Shumate; Director of Christian Education, [sherri.shumate@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.shumate@gmail.com)

## Sunday School

9:30am-10:15am

Age	Teacher	Helper
Children PreK-3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shanotte Smith	Myrene Reyes
Tweens 4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Johnson	Dan Smith
Teens 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sherri Shumate	Volunteers Welcome

“And they will call him Emmanuel...which means God is with us. - Matthew 1:23

With varying activities for each age level, this month all Sunday school classes will explore the same scriptures using *Live Big* curriculum.

April 3            Resurrection: John 20:1-18  
April 10          Jesus and Thomas: 20:19-29  
April 17          Breakfast on the Beach: John 21:1-17  
April 24          The Great Commission: Matthew 28: 16-20

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> Teen Sunday School trip to Manhattan Bagel at 9:30am.

For more information: [sherri.shumate@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.shumate@gmail.com)



## **WORSHIP TOGETHER**

We believe the body of Christ includes all of us, bringing our gifts and growing in faith together. Sunday morning all children are invited to remain in worship with their families. Worship buckets with coloring and activities for children connected to the messages are available in the front and rear of the sanctuary. Bathrooms and a changing table are located in the back of the sanctuary.

Staff childcare is available in the nursery on Sundays from 9:00am-10:15am and in the Hospitality Room in the rear of the Sanctuary from 10:20am-11:30am! On weeks we worship in the Social Hall, nursery care remains in the nursery throughout the entire time. Parents are welcome to sign in and drop off their child or to stay with their child. Our staff nursery caregivers are paid, experienced, childcare professionals: Luz, Christa, and Heather. Please contact me if you have questions. [sherri.shumate@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.shumate@gmail.com)

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Attention Graduating Seniors:

The United Methodist Church offers two scholarships for graduating students who will be attending an institution for higher education in the fall. These scholarships have been made possible by the compassion of Ms. Evelyn Welsh and Ms. Mildred Wycoff.

To apply for a scholarship you need to submit the following by May 2nd:

\***A two page essay** highlighting your community, church and school involvement.

Please also explain your economic need.

\***Proof of enrollment** from the university/college you will be attending in the fall.

Applications can be submitted to the church office or by email to [sherri.shumate@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.shumate@gmail.com)

For additional United Methodist scholarship opportunities, visit this website.

<http://www.gnjumc.org/pages/detail/321>

## **GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER**

Here are some ways our young people hope to grow in faith this year:

\*recognize what's important in God's eyes

\*appreciate God's creation

\*say blessings before meals

\*pray every night

\*tell God, "I love you"

*How are you growing in faith?*

## **WOW IT'S WEDNESDAY: 4:30-6:00pm**

Wow It's Wednesday is an intergenerational Christian Education & music experience. All are welcome to join us for food, fun, and fellowship. WOW follows the Summit public school calendar. We do not meet on days the Summit public schools do not meet, have early dismissals, or have weather closings.

Our WOW program is a hands-on, interactive way to engage the themes and stories we are learning in worship and Sunday school. One way we will be aligning with our church emphasis on being a place of rest and renewal will be incorporating ways of helping our children learn strategies and experiences for rest and renewal.

We make healthy snacks related to our theme together each week. Please alert me if your children have food allergies. There is no staff supervision available until 4pm or after 6pm. Please plan accordingly. Contact me for more information. [sherri.shumate@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.shumate@gmail.com)

### **WOW Schedule**

4:30-4:55pm	Story, Snacks, & Sharing
5:00-5:15pm	Devotions Together in the Chapel
5:15-6:00pm	Adult Conversations in the Fellowship Room
5:20-6:00pm	Singing Praises Together in the Chapel

**NO WOW on Wed. April 13th**

## **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm**

Drop off your children for an evening of fun designed and lead by our youth. We offer a mix of fun and worship and make sustainable lunches for Bridges. Aligning with our church emphasis on being a place of rest and renewal, we will be incorporating ways of helping our children learn strategies and experiences for rest and renewal, such as noticing our breathing and practicing games that help us learn to focus and calm our bodies.



We will provide a light dinner & snack or you may pack your own. Friends and guests are welcome, just please RSVP so we have enough supplies, food, and helpers. Suggested donation \$10/child. This money goes to purchase supplies for our Bridges lunches that we donate to homeless families.

Please sign-up via email or evite BY April 1st: [sherri.shumate@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.shumate@gmail.com)



## **TRIP TO CUMAC**

**Saturday, April 23, 9-2pm**

Meet in the church parking lot at 9am



Join us for a day of volunteering at the CUMAC Food Pantry in Patterson, NJ.

Pack a lunch to eat at the Patterson Falls after our volunteer work is finished.

Ages 12 and up welcome!

We are collecting plastic bags and boxes of cereal to donate to CUMAC. Please place donations in the church office! Thank you!

Contact Sherri Shumate for forms and/or more information!

## **FAITH PARTNERS**

Did you know, we have 21 pairs of Faith Partners, 42 people from our community who are regularly praying for each other? Would you be interested in being a Faith Partner?

The only requirement is you pray for your Faith Partner weekly. Optional suggestions: Greet your Faith Partner each Sunday, occasionally sit together in worship, write or draw a letter, send a birthday note, etc. Opportunities for you to share God's love are limitless.

Contact me if you're interested in being a Faith Partner!

- Sherri Shumate [sherri.shumate@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.shumate@gmail.com) or call the church office

## **YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES**



Throughout the year we make an effort to attend our children and youth's concerts, plays, and special events. If your child has an upcoming event you'd like us to be part of, please let me know! We also try to plan our youth ministries around our young people's passions, interests, and needs. [sherri.shumate@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.shumate@gmail.com)

**Sunday, April 3, Manhattan Bagel Trip**, Meet in the parking lot at 9:25am.

**Saturday, April 9, Parents' Night Out**: 5-8pm.

Youth Helpers Welcome

**Saturday, April 23 CUMAC Food Bank Trip**, 9-2pm, Ages 12+

## MUSIC NOTES

I would like to thank our Music Makers for their dedication and devotion to their church and to the glory of God. Heartfelt gratitude for sharing your wonderful gifts of music throughout Lent and Holy Week and culminating with a glorious Easter Festival worship.

With much love,

*Joanne Teubner Prussak, Director of Music*

### WESLEY CHOIR and SINGING BELIEVERS

Amanda Brown  
Adam Daniel  
Lucas Daniel  
James Goldman  
Kayla Goldman  
Maddie Johnson  
William Johnson  
Caroline Relf  
Oliver Relf  
Joshua Reyes  
Bradley Smith  
Joseph Smith  
Riley Smith

### HANDBELL CHOIR

Chris Barry  
William Dembaugh  
James Goldman  
Kayla Goldman  
Kim Goldman  
Alison Johnson  
William Johnson  
Emily LaJeunesse  
Jayme LaJeunesse  
Adrian Phillips

### CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

Beverly Alexis  
Gregg Buttermore  
Bernice Griffith  
Ximenita Gonzalez  
Alison Johnson  
Emily LaJeunesse  
Jayme LaJeunesse  
Jesse Reyes  
Myrene Reyes  
Christine Tipton

### CHANCEL CHOIR

#### Sopranos

Bernice Griffith  
Latonia Hall  
Maddie Johnson  
Emily LaJeunesse  
Sherri Shumate  
Shela Waldron  
Jacqueline Wasniewski

#### Altos

Beverly Alexis  
Kayla Goldman  
Ximenita Gonzalez

#### Tenors

Gregg Buttermore  
William Johnson  
William Dembaugh  
William Teubner

#### Baritones

Stephen Brown  
William Glancy  
James Goldman  
Neil Johnson  
Jayme LaJeunesse  
Adrian Phillips  
Dwayne Phillips

### INSTRUMENTALISTS

Jocelyn Gallinek, *Flute*  
Jordyn Gallinek, *Bassoon*  
Jesse Reyes, *Guitar*  
William Teubner, *Trumpet*



## **MUSIC NOTES**

Joanne Teubner Prussak,  
*Music Director*

*Thank you to our Music Makers for your dedication and devotion to praising God through music at our worship services. Heartfelt gratitude for sharing your wonderful gifts of music throughout Lent, Holy Week, and culminating with a glorious Easter Festival worship.*

### **Wesley Choir**

Our children and young people learn Christian songs and better understand the meaning of the text through music and rhythm. The choir welcomes all children ages three and up., as part of Wow, It's Wednesday. **Rehearsals are in the chapel on Wednesdays at 5:20 pm.**

### **Singing Believers**

Our youth develop their faith and experience worship through their singing in choir, and learning the songs of the church. **Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 12:45 pm.**

### **Contemporary Ensemble**

Our Contemporary Ensemble of singers, drum, recorder, bass and piano are praising God through music from contemporary hymnals. **Rehearsals are Sundays at 12:15 pm in the sanctuary.**

### **Bell Choir**

Come and ring a joyful sound to the Lord. **Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 11:45 am in the sanctuary.**

### **Chancel Choir**

Our Chancel Choir rehearses **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.**

*It is in doing that we are enriched and that we grow closer to God and to each other.*

*Additional members always are most welcome.  
Come, join us and make music to praise our God!*

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

## CAUSE



Like all "**first Sundays of the month**" we collect nonperishable food items for CAUSE, the United Methodist food pantry in Jersey City. Drop off your items on your way into worship; feel free to leave them on the sanctuary pew near the entrance.

## FACEBOOK



**Do you follow our Church's Facebook page?** There you can find reminders of church activities, links to national and global articles of interest, thought-provoking articles, and educational materials. [Join us in our Facebook conversation today!](#)

## FAMILY GAME NIGHT



Who's ready for some indoor FUN!!!

Our Game Nights this winter will be **Friday 4/1**.

- \* 6:30 pm Potluck dinner: Bring something / anything your family likes
- \* 7:00 pm Board games: If you like, bring a game you've been wanting to try out with others. There will be a many games to choose from.

We will meet in the Social Hall. No signups are needed but a phone call to the church office or an email to [myrene.reyes@gmail.com](mailto:myrene.reyes@gmail.com) would be helpful in planning this event (or in case the weather requires us to cancel).

## **BIRTHDAYS & Anniversaries in April:**

<b>1</b> Beverly & Stephen Brown	<b>7</b> Debbie & Greg Vartan	<b>21</b> Austin Wilkins
Chris Cunningham	<b>14</b> Amanda Brown	<b>22</b> Ian Cunningham
Elaine Stolpe	Ethan Kaup	Allie Wernsing
<b>2</b> Sarah Shuttleworth	<b>17</b> Dorothy & Mark Koernig	<b>25</b> Veronica Clark
<b>3</b> Joan Bollman	<b>18</b> Valerie DeMartin	Graham Relf
Emily LaJeunesse	<b>19</b> David Case	<b>26</b> David Hughes
<b>4</b> Betsy Chorpensing	Hannah Flammé	Debbi Picorale
	Kofi Quaynor	<b>28</b> Keith Miles
	<b>20</b> Kristine Rodriguez	
	Steven Rodriguez	

# *Ironbound, Newark Environmental Justice Tour -- Sign Up Now!!*

*Special event for  
the Drew  
Theological  
School & the  
Summit  
GreenFaith  
Circle:*

**Led by  
GreenFaith  
in  
conjunction  
with the  
Ironbound  
Community  
Corporation**

***Subsidies for the  
Environmental  
Justice Tour  
provided by the  
Drew Theological  
School's student  
organization,  
TERRA  
(Transforming  
Environmental  
Religious Resources  
Into Action)***



*Above: After an emotional environmental justice tour, the group gathers for prayer.*

This environmental health and justice tour is offered because all of us (especially clergy, future clergy, and lay leaders!) need to see firsthand the impact of pollution on our country's most vulnerable communities.

- See contaminated sites affecting the Ironbound Community.
- Participate in discussion with local activists advocating for change.
- Walk away with an entirely new perspective on justice concerns.

## *How to Sign Up:*

Register **before March 31** with Brian Tipton at [btipton@drew.edu](mailto:btipton@drew.edu) and guarantee your seat! Students, Staff, and Faculty pay \$10 and Summit Circle members pay \$30 **by Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** (scholarships available for students upon request).



*Above: Rev. Jethro James speaking during a GreenFaith Newark EJ Tour.*

**When:**  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am-4:15pm

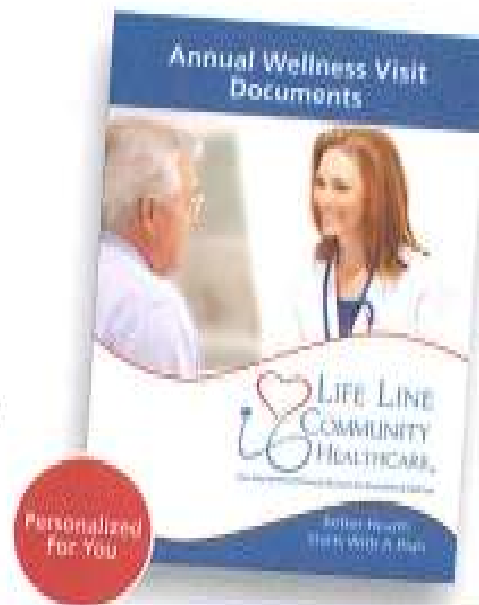
**Where:**  
Meet in Atrium of Drew's Seminary Hall

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(Please have your Medicare card ready when you call)

**Where: United Methodist Church of Summit**

**When: Friday, April 22, 2016**

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# APRIL

## *"To Do" List:*

### **MEETINGS:**

**Focus Group "Renewal" – 4/3**

**Finance Committee – 4/3**

**Ad Council – 4/4**

### **MINISTRY:**

**CAUSE** - donations every first Sunday

**Taize Service** – first Wednesday of each month

**Prayer Warriors** – Wednesdays

**Knitting Ministry** – Thursdays and Fridays

**Trip to CUMAC** – 4/23

### **AND MORE:**

**Family Game Night** – 4/1

**Parents' Night Out** – 4/9

**Life Line Screening** – 4/22

**Daffodil Day** – 4/24

# APRIL 2016

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</b> <b>9:30am</b> – Sunday School (all grades) <b>10:30am</b> – Worship <b>11:30am</b> – Refreshments and Fellowship					<b>1</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> <b>Family Game Night</b> 6-9pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	<b>2</b> <b>Memorial Service for Muriel DeBow</b> <i>(followed by a memorial tea) –</i> 11:00 am
<b>3</b> <b>Finance Committee Meeting - 9:30am</b> <i>(Conference Room)</i>  <b>Focus Group “Renewal” - 11:30am</b> <i>(Conference Room)</i>	<b>4</b> <b>Ad Council Meeting – 7:30pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> <b>Wow , It’s Wednesday Taize Service</b> 7pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	<b>7</b> <b>Knitting Ministry 1:00pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	<b>8</b> <b>Knitting Ministry 7:00pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	<b>9</b> <b>Parents’ Night Out</b> 5-8pm
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> <u><b>No Wow , It’s Wednesday</b></u>	<b>14</b> <b>Knitting Ministry 1:00pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	<b>15</b> <b>Knitting Ministry 7:00pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	<b>16</b>
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<b>24</b> <b>Daffodil Day at the Reed Reeves Arboretum</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> <b>Wow , It’s Wednesday</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Knitting Ministry 1:00pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	<b>29</b> <b>Knitting Ministry 7:00pm</b> <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	<b>30</b>