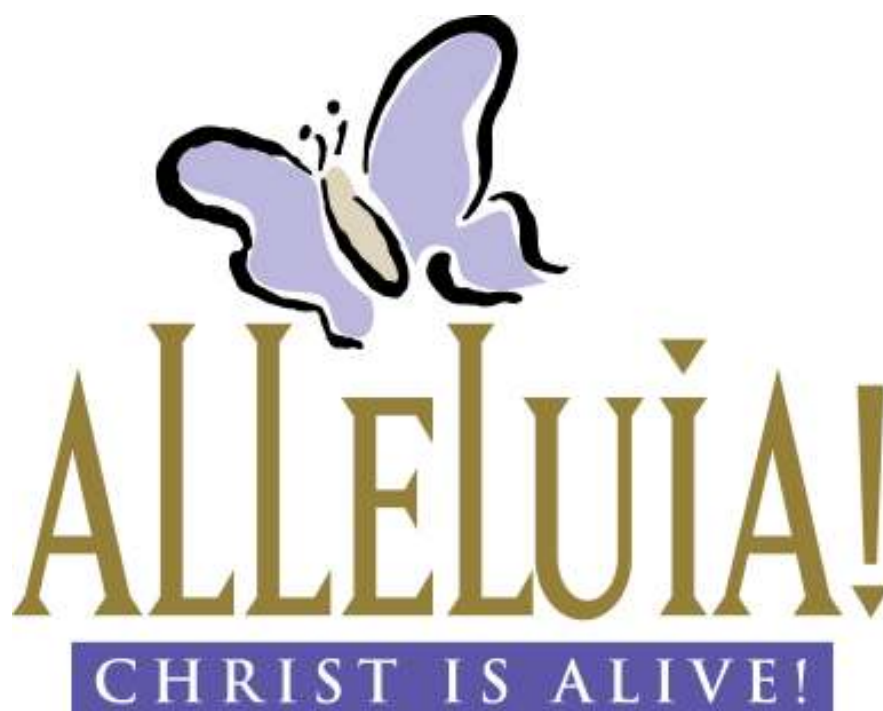


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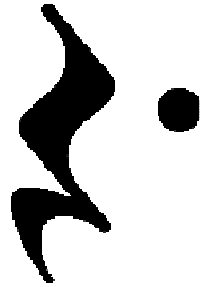
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From the Pastor



This year I have been thinking a great deal about Holy Saturday.
That strange day stuck between Good Friday and Easter.
That uncomfortable pause that holds at bay our need to resolve the
violence, pain, and loss in the crucifixion.
That silence that delays our rushing to shouts of joy and trumpet calls
and the aroma of lilies.

Holy Saturday is silence. Waiting. A seemingly endless pause in the action.
We are generally prone to want to cut silence short because our discomfort takes over.
But there was no abbreviating the deafening silence between Jesus' crucifixion sigh "It is finished!" and Mary's Easter shout "I have seen the Lord!"
There was no rushing the clock on that Saturday.

What did the disciples do?

They did not know what we know, they did not know that Jesus would rise again;
they did not know that God could conquer death;
they did not know that love was this powerful;
they did not know.

All they knew was that Jesus, their beloved Jesus, was dead, hastily entombed, and
there was no turning back the clock.

One poet, Thom Shuman, speculates the following, pondering what some were doing on
Holy Saturday:

*"Peter stumbled out to the curb,
picked up the paper, which had an interview with a maid from the high priest's house,
and muttered to himself, 'why is this on the front page?'
Pilate called in a noted dermatologist who, after looking carefully at his hands,
suggested he switch to another cleanser,
if he was going to keep washing them every ten minutes..."*

How will you spend that sacred day, that day of waiting, that day of silence which in
deep and mysterious ways prepares us for the Easter sunrise?

Shawn Callender Hogan
Pastor

JOIN US THROUGHOUT HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday, April 9, 2017

Sunday service at 10:30 am

With palms in hand we will recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of his journey to the cross.

Maundy Thursday, April 13, 2017

7:00 p.m. (in the Chapel)

We will gather around the table, remembering the Last Supper and the vulnerability of the night before Jesus' death.

Good Friday, April 14, 2017

7:00pm (in the Chapel)

We will reflect on Jesus' final hours, expressing our gratitude for God's ultimate gift.

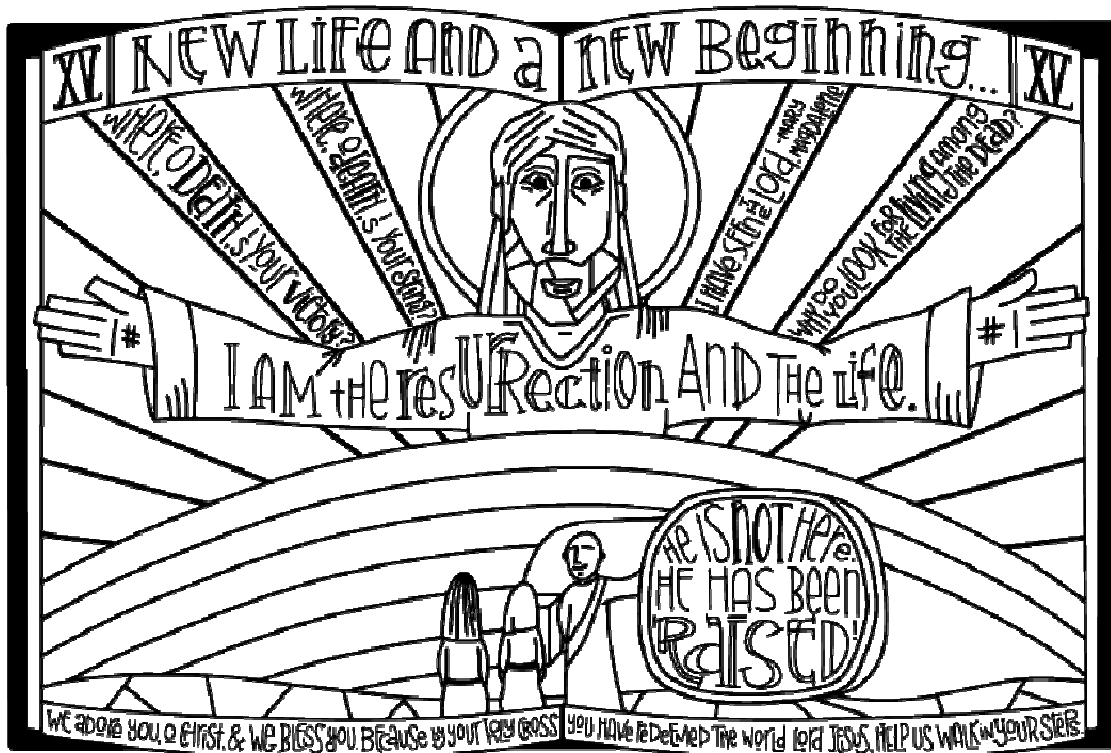
EASTER SUNDAY: CHRIST IS RISEN!

April 16, 2017

Join us for
Breakfast from 9 am – 10 am
in the Social Hall,
then gather for worship at
10:30 a.m.: Easter Service
Celebrate the Resurrection
through music, prayer,
proclamation, and sharing in the
Lord's Supper!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



STATION XV: NEW LIFE & A NEW BEGINNING...
The Resurrection of Jesus: Mark 16:1-8

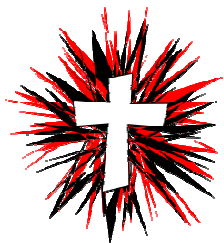
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“You’re good company!” said one of our tweens, “and so are you!” I answered. That same night one of our young people prayed, “Thank you God for these wonderful people who come together to lead us in God’s ways.”

It’s a great honor and pleasure to journey in faith with our young people. They ask hard questions, they play, and they teach us so much. It was an honor and gift to watch our young people study, learn, and pray together as they prepared to lead our community in a Lenten service last month and to serve with them at CUMAC’s food pantry. It is also a joy to experience the gifts they share in their school performances and at our Open Mic Nights. It’s a gift to grow in faith together.

There are lots of people of all ages surrounding us all the time. Who might need your invitation to a place of rest and renewal this Easter? All are welcome here. Bring someone along to share this gift.

Blessings, Sherri Shumate; Director of Christian Education, 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 10:20-11:30am! 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 and Christa.

Please contact me if you have questions. 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 Wyckoff.

To apply for a scholarship you need to submit the following **by April 30th**:

- **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.

For additional United Methodist scholarship opportunities, visit this website.

GNJ scholarships:

<https://www.gnjumc.org/resource/2017-gnj-scholarship-brochure/>

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30am -10:15am

Age	Teacher	Helper
Children Pre K-3 rd	Noelle Benton	Myrene Reyes
Tweens 4 th - 7 th	Alison Johnson	Dan Smith
Teens 8 th - 12 th	Sherri Shumate	Volunteers Welcome

April 2: *Psalm 23, Lesson 4*

In Biblical times, kings were called shepherds. When the Psalmist declares, "The Lord is my shepherd," the writer expresses willingness to live under God's rule. Human leaders often fall short in their care for people, but God gives us all we need, leads us through darkness, and cares for us all. Where in your life do you need to see God's presence? What psalm would you write to God?

April 9, Palm Sunday: *Lesson 7, page 84, Matthew 21:1-11*

"Hosanna," which means "Save us, we pray," the people shout. This parade is the beginning of the last week of Jesus' life, the beginning of what we now celebrate as Holy Week. No one understood who Jesus was or what his presence meant. How might you experience this story anew in a way that helps you think deeper about who Jesus is to you?

April 16, Easter: *Lesson 8, page 96: Luke 24:1-12*

This is the most joyful Sunday of the year. How can you help others feel God's love and an Easter joy this week? People who may not remember all the details of the story will remember how you made them feel.

April 23: *Lesson 9, "Woman at the Well": John 4:3-15, 27-29, 39-42*

Jesus crossed cultural barriers to talk to this woman. Jesus made this connection and calls us to also go out of our way to share the message of God's love and salvation with all people. Who are the people you keep outside or at a distance? How could you follow Jesus' example in sharing God's love?

April 30: *Lesson 10, Zacchaeus: Luke 19:1-10*

Zacchaeus' story is full of hope. Jesus came to seek out and save the lost - this includes us! We are never beyond God's grace. There is nothing that will ever separate us from God's forgiveness and love. Zacchaeus reminds us that no one is beyond the transforming power of God's love. Where are the places in your life where you need to ask forgiveness and accept God's grace?

Sunday, April 2 - teen Sunday school trip to Manhattan Bagel at 9:30am.

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 of the ways 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.

Please note: there is no WOW on April 12.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, April 8, 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. 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

\$15/child; max \$40/family. This money goes to purchase supplies for our Bridges lunches that we donate to homeless families.

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

- ✓ **Sunday, April 2:** *Manhattan Bagel Trip*, 9:30am (pending 2nd adult helper)
- ✓ **Saturday, April 8:** *Parents' Night Out*, 5:00-8:00pm (youth helpers welcomed)



MUSIC NOTES

Joanne Teubner Prussak, Music Director

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

Wesley Choir and Singing Believers

Our choirs are preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter worship. Rehearsals for the Wesley Choir (part of *Wow, It's Wednesday*) is 5:15pm. The Singing Believers rehearse on Saturdays at 1:00pm. All choirs will have a warm-up on April 9 and April 16 at 10:15am in the Sanctuary to prepare for worship. Please have your robes on and be seated in the front pew. Let us praise the Lord with our Hosanna and Alleluias.

Hand Bell Choir

Our Hand Bell Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 11:45am in the Sanctuary. The Bells will be ringing for Palm Sunday and Easter worship.

Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble meets following worship at 11:45am. We encourage singers and instrumentalists to join us. The ensemble uses the contemporary "Worship and Song" book. Come and raise your voices or your musical instruments in praise.

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Chapel. The Choir sings at Sunday 10:30am worship and will sing for Holy Thursday, April 13 – worship at 7:00pm warm-up at 6:30pm. We will rehearse after worship service in the Sanctuary at 8:00pm in preparation for Easter.

As is our tradition, we will be singing the Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah". Please come and join us in the chancel area. We have additional music ready for you! Come and make a joyful sound with voices, trumpet and organ.

*"Easter is the ultimate day for singing our songs of praise and joy.
So let us sing to the God of our joy!"*

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!](#)



WHAT WERE YOU DOING WHEN YOU WERE 24 YEARS OLD?

Join us for a Bible Study of the book of Jeremiah, a young adult who spoke for God, challenged the systems of his day, and had to bring an unpopular message to the people he loved!

We will gather on four Sundays:
April 23, 2017 through May 14, 2017
from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



Save the Date

United Methodist Church of Summit
ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH

Celebrating 150 years

Sunday, September 17, 2017

12:30pm to 3:30pm

The Grand Summit Hotel
570 Springfield Avenue
Summit, New Jersey
- details to follow -



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Friday April 28, 2017

8:00pm – 11:00pm (*in the Social Hall*)

*Do you have a talent that only rarely sees the light of day?
Have you always wanted to perform in front of a small audience?
Are you perhaps looking for that next step towards stardom?*

Bring your talent along to a series of monthly **‘Open Mic Nights’**
to be hosted by the United Methodist Church of Summit.

In the intimate, safe and loving environment
of the UMC Summit’s Social Hall,
let your talents run free and allow the community of Summit
to enjoy what you like to express!

*If you would like to perform, just drop us a line
at umcopenmicnight@gmail.com
or call the office at (908) 277-1700.*



Summit UMC CUMAC Thanks You



Thank you so very much for lending us your time and talents. All the help you gave helps us to ease the heavy burden of hunger. We are feeding more families and individuals than ever and your help makes all the difference. When you are starting over from a fire or floods being able to get all the little items that make your house a home can ease the transition. Your help with the getting the household goods ready will bring a smile to someone's face. I truly enjoyed working with you and I look forward to working with you in the future!



Want to stay involved?

Call us at (973)742-5518 Visit us at cumac.org

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EASTER BASKETS 2017

for the Jefferson Elementary School Community

*Jefferson Elementary School has some unique needs for support, and we can make a difference. Our donation of Easter dinners last year brought much-needed provisions and joy to many families; so we are once again arranging **Easter dinners for 2017.***

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Special Offering:

On Sunday, **March 19** we had a special offering envelope in the Sunday bulletin for you to give funds that will be transformed into food and gift cards to families in need.

Easter Meals:

We will put together Easter dinners for families in need. All Easter dinner donations will be gathered by **April 2**, and delivered to and distributed by Jefferson School.

*Below is a list of food items needed for the meals; **you can sign-up in the Social Hall:***

Items Needed

Rice – 2 lb. bag	Can of Frosting
Potatoes – White	Canned Pineapple
Sweet Potatoes/Yams	Canned Beans
Canned Green Beans	Peeps Marshmallow Chicks
Canned Corn	PAAS Egg Dye
Cake Mix	

Dates:

March 26	<i>Food drop off</i>
April 2	<i>Food drop off</i>
April 2	<i>Easter dinner gift boxes assembled</i>
April 3	<i>Easter dinner gift boxes delivered to Jefferson School</i> <i>**(volunteers needed)**</i>
April 16	<i>Easter Sunday</i>

These acts of care and generosity will go a long way in helping families in our community to have a holiday of joy and abundance.

Please sign up in the Social Hall beginning March 19

*For more information please see **Debbi P.***

EASTER FLOWERS 2017

Contributions for Easter Flowers will be received until April 9th. The money collected is used to decorate the Sanctuary, with any remaining money going to provide flowers for future Sunday services. The flowers from Easter will be distributed to our home-bound and hospitalized members and others, as determined by the Pastor.

If you would like your contribution noted in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 16th, please complete the form below. This form may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the Church Office. Please make your ***checks payable to UMC Flower Fund.*** Thank You!

Your

Name:

In Loving Memory

of:

In Honor

of:

APRIL

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS:

Renewal Focus Group – 4/2
Green Team – 4/2
Worship Committee – 4/9
Ad Council – 4/17

MINISTRY:

CAUSE - donations every first Sunday
Knitting Ministry – Thursdays and Fridays
Food Drop-off for Jefferson School – 4/2
Soup Supper – 4/5
Lenten Worship Service – 4/5

AND MORE:

Parents' Night Out – 4/8
Easter Sunday Breakfast – 4/16
Adult Bible Study – 4/23 through 5/14
Open Mic Night – 4/28



APRIL 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Green Team – <i>8:30am</i> “Renewal” Focus Group – 11:45am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Jefferson School Food Drop-off	3 Easter dinner boxes delivered to Jefferson School	4	5 Wow , It’s Wednesday Soup Supper – 6pm Lenten Worship – 7pm (Chapel)	6 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	7 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	1 Singing Believers – 1:00pm <hr/> 8 Singing Believers – 1:00pm Parents’ Night Out – 5-8pm
9 PALM SUNDAY Worship Committee Meeting – 9:00am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	10	11	12 <u>No Wow , It’s</u> <u>Wednesday</u>	13 HOLY THURSDAY <i>7:00pm (Chapel)</i> Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	14 GOOD FRIDAY <i>7:00pm (Chapel)</i> Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	15 Singing Believers – 1:00pm
16 EASTER SUNDAY Easter Breakfast – <i>9am (Social Hall)</i> Worship - 10:30am	17 Ad Council Meeting - 7:30pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	18	19 Wow , It’s Wednesday	20 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	21 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	22 Singing Believers – 1:00pm
23 Adult Bible Study 4:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	24	25	26 Wow , It’s Wednesday	27 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	28 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Open Mic Night 8-11pm (Social Hall)	29 Singing Believers – 1:00pm
30 Adult Bible Study 4:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30am – Sunday School (all grades) 9:30am – Chancel Choir 10:30am – Worship 11:30am – Refreshments and Fellowship 11:45am – Bell Choir 12:15pm – Contemporary Ensemble					

APRIL Birthdays and *Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 *Stephen & Beverly Brown Sarah Shuttleworth	3 Joan Bollman Emily LaJeunesse	4 Betsey Chorpenning	5	6	7 *Greg & Debbie Vartan	1 Elaine Stolpe Chris Cunningham 8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Amanda Brown Ethan Kaup	15
16	17 *Dorothy & Mark Koernig Elizabeth Koernig	18 Valerie DeMartin	19 Hannah Flamme Kofi Quaynor	20 Kristine Rodriguez Steven Rodriguez	21 Alexis Bogden	22 Ian Cunningham Allie Wernsing
23	24	25 Veronica Clark Graham Relf	26 David Hughes Debbi Picorale	27	28 Keith Miles	29
30	Enjoy your day!					