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THE DIALOGUE

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The biblical book of Nehemiah tells the story of the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem, under the leadership of the king's cupbearer.

Nehemiah started by taking three days to walk around the place: reviewing, praying, planning...

And then he gathered the people, and with enthusiasm and focus, together they began the work.

As the chapters reveal, the whole community took part: each adding their unique efforts to the task that would bring their home to life.

Day by day, they responded to this sacred invitation, and as they worked, *even outsiders could see that **God was up to something.*** Something more than brick and mortar was moving.

So it is with our life as a Christian community: we each add our skills and our energy in whatever ways we are gifted, strengthening the ministry we share as God's grace comes to life!

And as we respond to a great and holy task: that of "*being church,*" those beyond our walls can sense that God is up to something incredible!

Homecoming Sunday is September 22, 2013

Rather than just 'coming to church' that day, **come be church**—together let's see what God will do!

Shawn Callender Hogan
Pastor



Homecoming Sunday **September 22, 2013**

On Sunday, September 22nd we will celebrate the start of another wonderful church season: our nurturing Sunday School classes will resume, our gifted Chancel choir will be back in the loft, and we will follow our joyful worship gathering with a great feast on the front lawn!

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES:

OUR FAITH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Have you ever wondered how our faith and the environment interact?

All are invited to attend **an ecological study facilitated by Brian Tipton** where we will grapple with the Bible, Christian Tradition, and the environment.

We will meet for four Sundays in September starting on September 8th (4pm).

We will focus on the following topics: Jewish foundations of environmental awareness, our understanding of ourselves in relation to the rest of creation, the relationship between Jesus and the earth/creation, and how the church, and our congregation specifically, can respond to our current ecological crisis.

We can't wait to see you on **Sunday, September 8th at 4pm in the Fellowship Room.**



And after attending the September study, plan ahead to participate in the next Bible Study:

COME LEARN ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus gets a lot of attention – we know about his birth, his death, his resurrection. We quote his sayings, we paint pictures of him, we have countless ways to celebrate him as Lord.

But what about the Holy Spirit?

The Spirit is as central to our lives as Christians as Jesus, but we rarely focus on this dimension of God. Sadly, the Spirit gets treated like the credits at the end of a long movie – who pays any attention?

In our three-week study we'll learn about what we mean when we speak of the Holy Spirit. We'll review the relevant scripture and history, and examine how the Spirit is a source of guidance as well as vitality for us all.

**Wednesday nights: October 16, 23, 30
7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room**

“Wow! It’s Wednesday!” resumes next month!

Each week we gather on Wednesday for intergenerational music and activities.

***This fall, when “Wow! It’s Wednesday!” resumes on October 9th,
our weekly pattern will be:***

4:30 pm: all gather for **snacks** in the kitchen

4:40 pm: **Wesley Choir** (younger children learning child-friendly music) rehearse in the Chapel with Ms. Prussak, while older children do their homework in the Conference Room with Drew.

5:00 pm: All kids gather in the Chapel for a time of **devotions**

5:15 pm: **Singing Believers** (older children learning more complex music) rehearse in the Chapel with Ms. Prussak, while younger children meet for activities in the Green Room with Drew.

6:00 pm: All **adjourn** and head home

(On Wednesdays, adults are always welcome to join in “Wednesday Conversations”: a time of thoughtful reflection with Pastor Hogan, from 5 – 6 pm).

Please note: If you and your child wish to arrive prior to 4:30, please spend your time in the Conference Room. While parents/caregivers are encouraged to join their children, Drew Sperry will be available to offer oversight as of 3:30 pm. There will be no scheduled activities before 4:30, as this is a great time for catching up with personal homework or other reading.



If you aren’t involved in the Wednesday program but would like to be of help, we invite you to donate snacks (just leave them in the pizza oven in the kitchen) so that weekly munchies will be available for our hungry kids!

**Check out this new avenue for easily generating funds
for our local church.**



A new program is in place across the denomination: **UMCmarket!**

UMCmarket allows members of The United Methodist Church the opportunity to shop online at some of their favorite places *while generating a donation to their local church.*

UMCmarket , an online shopping community designed especially for members of The United Methodist Church, provides a portal to access popular retailers.

Members can shop online whenever they want. With each purchase, a percentage of the sale can go to the church the shopper chooses.! Membership is completely free and it takes less than a minute to join. The benefit of the program is that a shopper can designate his/her own local church to receive a percentage of the sales.

“GCFA is excited about forming this strategic partnership with Zebraplace and Foundation Automation. The technical support each organization provides in building this platform makes this program possible. This secure online shopping portal is an easy way for church members and their friends to support the mission and ministries of their local church. Members can immediately begin supporting their church ministries by signing up on the following link: www.umcmarket.org. ”

If you decide to check this out, when you join you need to identify our church as the recipient of your donations. You will see that there are seven churches listed as “Summit”; find the one that has our address: 17 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, NJ.

CHILDREN'S

God's Lost & Found

"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 15:1-10 (NIV).



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SILVER	ANGELS	TAX	COLLECTOR	TEACHER
PHARISEE	COIN	HEAVEN	REPENT	SHEEP
NEIGHBOR	SWEEP	FOUND	LOST	FRIEND
HOUSE	WOMAN	SINNER	REJOICE	LAMP

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Announcements

THE RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING

WHEN: Friday, October 4 9am - 4pm
Saturday, October 5 9am - 12pm

WHERE: Summit United Methodist Church

WHAT: Household items, clothes, boutique and more...

Sign-up sheet available in the Social Hall



When: September, 2013 (date and time to be announced)

Book: *“Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President”* by Candice Millard

Please see Susan Daniel for more information



COFFEE HOUR AT THE PARSONAGE

On September 1st, immediately following worship all are invited to coffee hour at the Parsonage (17 Sherman Avenue) as we enjoy fellowship and refreshments together.

Announcements

IHN NEWS

The Interfaith Hospitality Network began operating in Union County again on June 1 under the auspices of Family Promise which has organized networks all over the country.

Congregations from all parts of Union County are participating and seven are from Summit: Summit United Methodist Church, Central Presbyterian, Calvary Episcopal, St. John's Lutheran, Christ Church, Temple Sinai, and the Jewish Community Center. St. Teresa's will continue to co-host with us, covering Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

We will be hosting for four weeks during the year: **October 20-27, March 2-9, March 30-April 6, and May 18-25.**

The day center for the program is located at **First Baptist Church** in Elizabeth and will host an **open house on October 16** to which we will all be invited. Guests will spend every day, including weekends, at the day center so we are only responsible for dinners, overnight hosting and breakfasts. SHIP has offered to provide hot breakfasts during the week for which we are very grateful.

Look for opportunities to volunteer after the Rummage Sale.
Any questions? See Ann Houpt or Judy Cornog.

PICNIC ON THE POINT

Hosted by the Evangelism and Hospitality Committees
on *September 22nd*
Sign up sheets will be available in the Social Hall



For several years, the Church has been on Facebook!

There you can find reminders of church activities, links to national and global articles of interest, and educational materials.

Additionally, starting this month, each week Pastor Hogan will invite you to participate in discussions about current events, theological issues, and community life. [Join us in our facebook conversation today!](#)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



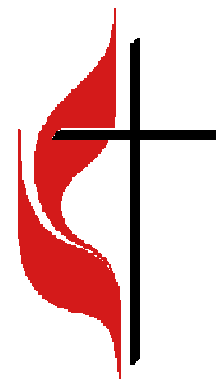
CHURCH CONFERENCE

Each year every United Methodist Church reviews the details of its ministry in a Church Conference.

All are welcome, and all members have voting privilege as we share reports of our work, elect new officers into leadership, and celebrate our life together.

Come and join together as the Rev. Jisun Kwak, our Superintendent of the Gateway North District, presides as we gather on

Tuesday, September 3rd at 8pm in the Chapel.



10:30



Analog or digital, here's important news:

We worship at 10 am on September 1st (Labor Day Weekend)

and then on September 8, 2013,

our worship time moves to 10:30 am. See you there!



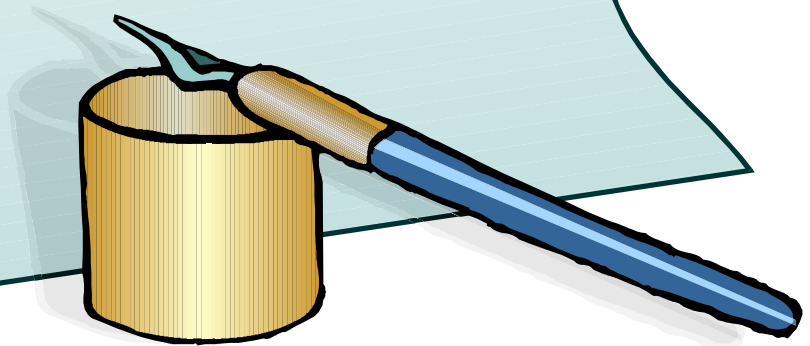
BIRTHDAYS & Anniversaries in September:

3	Matthew Dietzel James Goldman Meri-Beth Robertson	14	Bob Koernig <i>David & Maria Hughes</i>
5	Macklin Dunnder Elizabeth Lopez	15	<i>Faye & Chris Cunningham</i> Marty Miles
6	Owen Wilkins	21	Max Mansilla
7	Chris Cummings	22	Brian Edwards
9	Robert Hugin	23	Leighton Andersen
10	Leslie Koernig - Goetzl <i>Chris & Rica Vida</i>	24	Richard Keating
11	Norma Dowe	25	Dan Smith
12	Chloe Mansilla	26	Laura Wilkins
		27	Hudsen Kreiger
		30	Chris Dunnder Bill Glancy <i>Bob & Carole Reed</i>

SEPTEMBER "TO DO" LIST:

Help your church...help others
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- *Coffee Hour at the Parsonage – 9/1*
- *Church Conference - 9/3*
- *Bible Study - 9/8 – 9/29*
- *Finance Committee Meeting – 9/15*
- *Ad Council meeting - 9/16*
- *Home Coming Sunday- 9/22*
(Sunday school & nursery care resume)
- *Rummage Sale set-up begins – week of 9/23*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship at 10am **Coffee Hour at the Parsonage**	2 Labor Day <u>Office is Closed</u>	3 CHURCH CONFERENCE 8:00 pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	4 Prayer Warriors 11:30am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	5 Knitting Ministry 11:00 am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	6 Knitting Ministry 7:00 pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	7
8 *Worship at 10:30am *Coffee Hour at 11:30am Bible Study – 4pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	9	10	11 Prayer Warriors 11:30am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	12 Knitting Ministry 11:00 am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	13 Knitting Ministry 7:00 pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	14
15 Finance Committee Meeting - 11:30am <i>(Conference Room)</i> Bible Study – 4pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	16 Ad Council Meeting 7:30pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	17	18 Prayer Warriors - 11:30am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	19 Knitting Ministry 11:00 am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	20 Knitting Ministry 7:00 pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	21
22 HOME COMING SUNDAY Sunday School & Nursery Care resume Bible Study – 4pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	23 Rummage Sale set-up begins	24	25 Prayer Warriors 11:30am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	26 Knitting Ministry 11:00 am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	27 Knitting Ministry 7:00 pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	28
29 Bible Study – 4pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	30					

CHOIR START DATES:

CHANCEL: Tuesday, September 3rd @ 6:30pm
 Sunday, September 22nd @ 9:30am

CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE:

Sunday, October 6th @ 11:45am

WESLEY:

Wednesday, October 9th @ 4:40pm

BELL: Sunday, October 6th @ 9:00am

SINGING BELIEVERS:

Wednesday, October 9th @ 5:15pm