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THE DIALOGUE

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What is a disciple?

What do disciples do?

What does maturing in discipleship involve?



These are the vital questions we explored at our most recent Ad Council meeting.

Perhaps some places to start to answer these questions might be:

- *A disciple is*: a person who believes in and follows Christ...
- *A disciple does* things like: prays, worships, loves others, carries the message of Christ to the world, learns, gives ...
- *Maturing in discipleship* involves things like: staying connected to the faith community, continuing to engage in intentional learning in matters of faith, reflecting on life's experience through the lens of faith, stretching out of one's comfort zone in terms of service to the world, actively deepening one's relationship to God...

In what ways is your Christian discipleship more mature than it was when you were, say, twelve years old? What enabled such growth?

Perhaps more importantly, how might you insure that next year you will be a more mature disciple than you are right now?

You can find on the pages that follow many opportunities for maturing in faith, from studies to worship to fellowship to service. Avail yourself of these opportunities, and avail yourself of the opportunities that life beyond the church gives you to continuously develop your life as a Christian.

Here at the UMC of Summit, we take to heart the call to grow deeper in faith. Come grow with us!

Shawn Callender Hogan
Pastor



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HEALING SERVICE: **Sunday, February 23, 2014** **10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

An Introduction:

(resource: The United Methodist Book Of Worship)

All healing is of God.

Scripture strongly affirms ministries of spiritual healing, which in recent years have received renewed emphasis throughout Christ's holy Church. The root of the word *healing* in New Testament Greek, *sozo*, is the same as that of *salvation and wholeness*.

God works to offer persons balance, harmony, and wholeness of body, mind, spirit, and relationships, seeking reconciliation between God and humanity, among individuals and communities, within each person, and between humanity and the rest of creation. The Church's healing ministry in no way detracts from the gifts God gives through medicine and psychotherapy. It is no substitute for either medicine or the proper care of one's health. Rather, it adds to our total resources for wholeness.

Healing is not magic, but underlying it is the great mystery of God's love. God does not promise that we shall be spared suffering but does promise to be with us in our suffering. Trusting that promise, we are enabled to recognize God's sustaining presence in pain, sickness, injury, and estrangement.

A Service of Healing is not necessarily a service of curing, but it provides an atmosphere in which God's presence and healing can become known. *The greatest healing of all is the reunion or reconciliation of a human being with God.* For the Christian the basic purpose of spiritual healing is to renew and strengthen one's relationship with the living Christ.

On Sunday, February 23, 2014 our service of worship will focus on God's healing presence, and will include the opportunity for any so inclined to receive anointing with olive oil, as an act of God's touch.



Lent is a month away, but consider now how you can support our annual “Soup Suppers”

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

**(March 12th through April 9th,
in the Social Hall)**

6:30 Soup Supper (Social Hall)

7:00 Worship in the Chapel

Each Wednesday evening you are invited to gather **at 6:30 in the Social Hall for a soup supper** (*note the new time.*)

With the help of volunteer “Soup Chefs” we will share in a simple meal as we walk through Lent:

If you are willing to provide a simple soup supper on one of the Wednesday nights, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall so we can plan appropriately. Please anticipate at least 20 attendees. (Please consider making vegetarian options for those who cannot eat meat.)

This is a casual, gentle way to mark the weeks of self-reflection, recognizing that we do so as a community.

Following the supper, **at 7:00 pm we will gather in the Chapel for a brief service of worship** (concluding around 7:30 pm), which will usually include Holy Communion.



Gateway North District Day of Learning
Saturday, February 8, 2014
Morrow Memorial United Methodist Church
600 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood, NJ 07040

This "Day of Learning" is a great opportunity to strengthen the different dimensions of our life, at no cost! Check out the workshops you can choose from, and sign up as your schedule permits!

Schedule:

8:30-9:00 - Fellowship, registration

9:00 Praise and worship

10:00 move to session 1

10:15-11:30 Session 1

11:40-1:00 Session 2

1:00-1:30 Lunch

To register, please do so online at:

<http://www.gnjumc.org/registrations/register/124>

And if you register, please also let the church office know. Thanks!

Some of the workshops are:

"Have We Lost Them?" – *(Same workshop twice - Sessions 1 & 2)*

This workshop will explore why young people today are leaving the church as we ask: "How can we follow Jesus - and help young people faithfully follow Jesus - in a dramatically changing culture?"

United Methodist Women: Faith Hope and Love In Action – *(Same workshop twice - Sessions 1 & 2)*

This workshop takes a look at the various mission projects and initiatives of the UMW and ways in which we can work collaboratively to effectuate change.

"Laity: Understanding Your Role" – *(Same workshop twice - Sessions 1 & 2)*

Program will explore and discuss the role of the leaders in the local church, How to develop leaders, How to be spiritually engaged and to work with your pastor.

"Growing Youth Ministry through Mission" - *(Sessions 1 & 2)*

There are as many activities and interests as there are teenagers. One thing researchers tell us about today's youth is that they are passionate about serving others. We'll look at some models of youth mission that have worked!

Vital Small Groups:

Together, let's unwrap the treasure of small group ministry. Why have them? What are they? And how do they work? We will share experiences, strategies, enthusiasm and resources.

"Taxes and Financial Issues Affecting Local Churches." - *Same workshop twice - Sessions 1 & 2*

The program will assist church leaders in recognizing and dealing with tax and reporting issues associated with church employees and local church operations. "

The Spirituality of Fund-Raising - *Same workshop twice - Sessions 1 & 2*

In this workshop we will help you develop, for your local church, a year-long strategy for "approaching people for money" so as you are inviting them into a "vision of fruitfulness and into a vision that is fruitful." This is a hands-on workshop where you will be working with your team to create these strategies. *Pre-requisite reading: "The Spirituality of Fund-raising," Henry Nouwen, and "Not Your Parents' Offering Plate," J. Clif Christopher*

Trustees - "It's a Trust Thing" - *1st session only*

So you agreed to be a Trustee. Now what? Be not afraid. This workshop explores theological and practical implications of maintaining the physical buildings of your church.

Plus more workshops, including:

Staff Parish Relations Committee – *(Same workshop twice - Sessions 1 & 2)*

Creative Worship-

Digital Ministry - Facebook –

Prison Ministry –

Safe Sanctuaries –



February Education Article

At our Church Conference this past fall Pastor Shawn asked us to consider our church's reason for ministry. She called it the "so that" of why we do what we do. Following that discussion the Education Committee developed their own "so that" statement to focus our work throughout this year of education. At the most recent meeting we revisited our "so that" statement and reflected on the year thus far. Here is what we found:

Education's "So That..."

"We are committed to offering a Christian Education Ministry at the UMC of Summit so that we can grow our community and live into our baptismal covenant together."

These are the ways our committee feels we have lived into this statement:

- 1) We have added worshipful moments to our children's education programs.
- 2) Leadership has been working to model forgiveness for others.
- 3) Children have been inviting friends to participate in our education programs.
- 4) We have increased opportunities for adult Christian Education through short term studies.
- 5) We are helping participants to develop critical thinking skills regarding their faith and spirituality.

Our Education Committee is dedicated to providing our church family with the best education possible. We believe that by living into our "so that" statement we are doing so. We look forward to continuing these efforts in the second half of our education year and hope you join us for some growth and learning!

Ways to get involved with Summit UMC Education

Wow It's Wednesday



4:30pm Snacks & Greeting

4:40pm Wesley Choir or
Homework help

5:00pm Devotions

5:15pm Singing believers or
green room time

5:00-6:00pm Wednesday
conversations

Sunday School

+Children (Pre-K-3rd)
10:45am [2nd floor]

+T'weens (4th-7th)
9:30am [3rd floor]

+Sr. High (8th-12th)
9:30am [3rd floor]



Parents' Night Out



March 14th
6-9pm

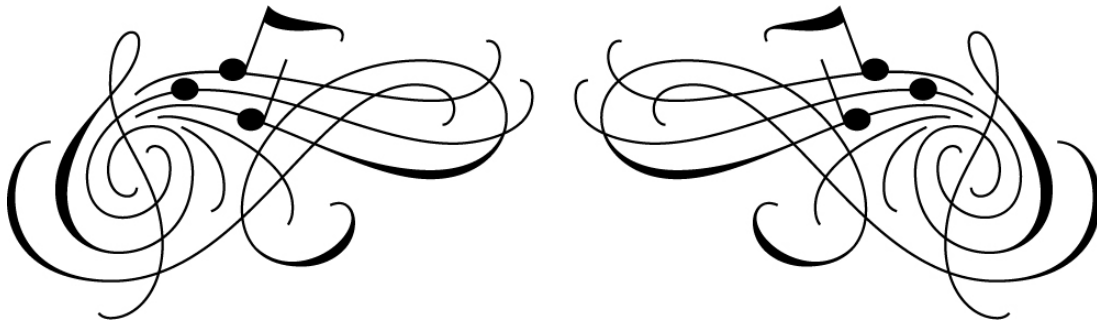
In the Green Room

Suggested \$10 donation
and \$5 for every child
after the first



Nursery Care

Nursery Care is
available on Sundays
from 9:00am until
11:30am for children
6 weeks to 2 years!



MUSIC NOTES

Joanne Teubner Prussak, Music Director

I pray the words that we sing and the notes we play will be the joy within our hearts.

Youth Ministry Choir Wesley Choir

Singing is fun and we learn songs about Jesus and how to follow his example. Rehearsals are at 4:30pm as part of the “Wow, It’s Wednesday” program. We meet in the chapel and children ages three through 2nd grade are most welcome.

Singing Believers

Let us grow together in our faith. Devotion time is 5:00 -5:15pm, and we begin rehearsals following devotions at 5:15pm.

Believer Quartet

Our Youth Quartet rehearses Saturday afternoons at 12:30pm, and prepare anthems for worship.

Bell Choir

It’s a joy to ring joyful music to the Lord. Our Bell Choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. Come ring praises.

Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble studies music from the new hymnal “*Worship and Song*”. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 11:45am in the Sanctuary. All are welcome: singers, guitarists, drums, recorders, bass and piano.

Chancel Choir

Come and lift your voice in praise to the Lord. Our Chancel Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Chapel. Please come and share your voice with the Lord.

Being part of a Choir and Ensemble is a wonderful opportunity. Come and be the voice of Christ in the world!

"We pray that as redeemed and forgiven children we may evermore rejoice in singing thy praises. Grant, we beseech thee, that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only, we may obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord." -- Traditional Prayer

Help us to continue to be committed to our ministry together. Bless each member and bless our witness together.

Thank you to all who shared their gifts of music and all who helped in every facet of work: from posters, programs, recording, and wonderful receptions. Bless each person for their faithfulness!

Love Joanne Teubner Prussak

CAROL/WESLEY/SINGING BELIEVERS

Amanda Brown
Lucas Daniel
Sarah Daniel
James Goldman
Kayla Goldman
Maddie Johnson
William Johnson
Alec LaJeunesse
Parker LaJeunesse
Ayana McMillan
Caroline Relf
Oliver Relf
Isabel Reyes
Joshua Reyes

HANDBELL CHOIR

Chris Barry
Davis Barry
William Dembaugh
James Goldman
Kayla Goldman
Kim Goldman
Deanna Hoffman
Rachel Hoffman
Alison Johnson
William Johnson
Emily LaJeunesse
Jayme LaJeunesse
Adrian Phillips

CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

Beverly Alexis
Bernice Griffith
Alison Johnson
Emily LaJeunesse
Jayme LaJeunesse
Jesse Reyes
Myrene Reyes
Andrew Sperry
Brian Tipton
Christine Tipton

CHANCEL CHOIR:

Sopranos

Beverly Alexis
Bernice Griffith
Latonia Hall
Emily LaJeunesse
Shela Waldron
Jacqueline Wasniewski

Altos

Natalie Ernstes
Ximenita Gonzalez
Ann Houpt

Tenors

Brian Ernstes
William Houpt
Samuel Quashie

Baritones

William Dembaugh
William Glancy
James Goldman
Adelmo Guidarelli
Neil Johnson
Jayme LaJeunesse

VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS

William Dembaugh, *Baritone*
Brian Ernstes, *Tenor*
Jocelyn Gallinek, *Flute*
Ximenita Gonzalez, *Alto*
Bernice Griffith, *Soprano*
Adelmo Guidarelli, *Baritone*
Latonia Hall, *Soprano*
Jesse Reyes, *Guitar*
William Robinson, *Tenor*
William Teubner, *Trumpet*
Jacqueline Wasniewski, *Soprano*



CHILDREN'S

Micah

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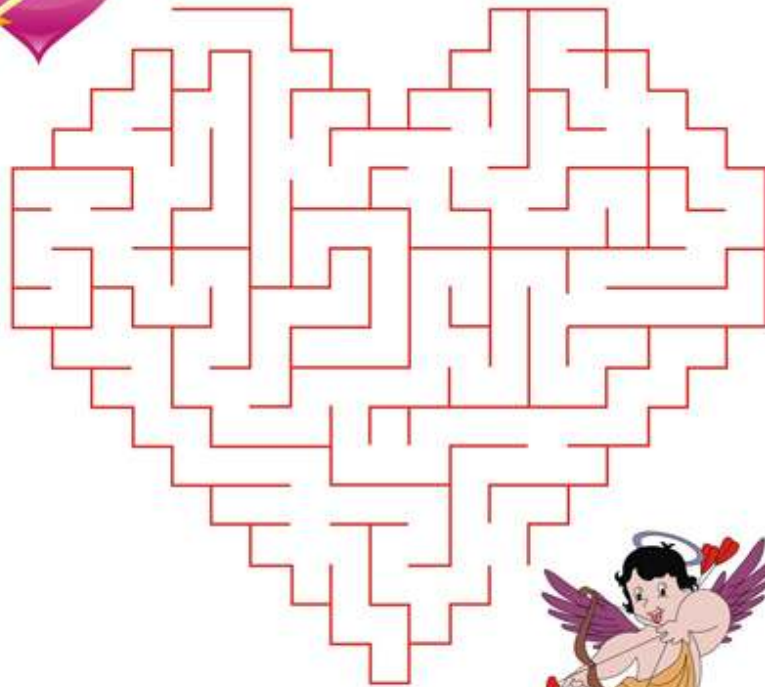
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SPEARS
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CHILDREN'S



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



CIRCLE 3 ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Sunday, February 23rd

during coffee hour

Please place books on the stage
in the Social Hall before February 18th.

No text books or encyclopedias please.



IHN NEWS

Our Family Promise IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network) guest
will be with us from **March 2-9** and again from **March 30 - April 6**.

The post-its requesting food and other necessities will be available for the two
Sundays before each hosting week begins. The youth will be in charge of setting up the rooms
but volunteers will be needed for overnight hosting and meal preparation on Sunday,
Wednesday, and Saturday. Our wonderful co-hosts, St. Teresa's, covers the other nights.
See Ann Houpt to volunteer or for more information. Thank you for your continuing support
of this most important mission of our church.

BIRTHDAYS in February:

1	Davis Barry	15	Martha Stampes
	Jamie Kennedy		Gregory Vartan III
4	Deanne Burns	16	Angelica Hughes
	Brian Tipton		Richard Hughes
5	Millie Eichhorn	17	Jane McKinley
6	Angelika Miles	18	Natalie Aguilera
	JoAnne Teubner Prussak	24	Marg Edwards
7	Christine Tipton		Kathy Whipps
8	Stacey Daniel		Susan Williams
12	Audrey Boise	25	Will DeMartin
13	Jane Hagner		
14	Daniel Tassé		



OUR CHRISTMAS FOR OTHERS

During Advent the Outreach Committee sponsored an alternative Christmas market giving congregants the opportunity to donate to several causes. This effort was initiated by the Committee in response to the Conference asking that all churches pledge to support a mission fund called “A Future with Hope Mission Fund Campaign,” a campaign designed to allow us to make a difference to those in need on local, regional and global levels.

The Outreach Committee is pleased to report that, thanks to the generosity of our church community, **a total of \$1335.50 was raised** and will be distributed to four mission projects. The breakout of the donations is shown below.

Imagine No Malaria: \$308.75

Hurricane Sandy Relief: \$616.75

Summit Helping Its People (SHIP): \$264

Christian Approach to Urban-Suburban Encounter (CAUSE): \$144

“A Future with Hope” is a three-year project for the Conference so we will be offering ways for the congregation to become involved again over the next two years.

The Outreach Committee sincerely thanks those who donated and helped us fulfill our pledge to the Conference mission fund.



Save the Date

Mad Hatter High Tea



Saturday, May 3, 2014
3pm - 5pm

At

United Methodist Church of Summit
17 Kent Place Boulevard
Summit, New Jersey 07901

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



FEBRUARY

“To Do” LIST:

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- KNITTING MINISTRY - THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS
 - BIBLE STUDY - 2/2 & 2/9
 - LAITY SUNDAY - 2/16
 - CIRCLE 3 BOOK SALE - 2/23
 - STAFF/PARISH MEETING - 2/23
 - AD COUNCIL MEETING - 2/25
 - PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING - 2/27
 - FAMILY FUN NIGHT – 2/28

FEBRUARY 2014

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Choir Schedule: 9:00am – Bell choir 9:30am – Chancel Choir 11:45am – Contemporary Ensemble						1 Believer Quartet 12:30pm
2 Bible Study 4:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	3	4	5 Prayer Warriors -11:30am Wow! It's Wednesday – 4:30-6:30pm	6 Knitting Ministry 11:00am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	7 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	8
9 Bible Study 4:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	10	11	12 Prayer Warriors -11:30am Wow! It's Wednesday – 4:30-6:30pm	13 Knitting Ministry 11:00am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	14 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	15
16 LAITY SUNDAY	17	18 Set-up for Circle 3 Book Sale	19 Prayer Warriors -11:30am <u>No Wow! It's Wednesday</u>	20 Knitting Ministry 11:00am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	21 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	22
23 Circle 3 Book Sale <i>(during coffee hour in the Social Hall)</i> Staff/Parish Meeting 11:30 <i>(Fellowship Rm)</i>	24	25 Ad Council Meeting 7:30pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	26 Prayer Warriors -11:30am Wow! It's Wednesday – 4:30-6:30pm	27 Knitting Ministry 11am <i>(Fellowship Rm)</i> Property Committee Meeting - 6:30pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	28 Knitting Ministry 7pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Family Fun Night 6-9pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	

WOW, IT'S WEDNESDAY:

4:30pm
 4:40pm
 5:00pm
 5:00pm
 5:15pm
 6:00pm

Snacks & Greeting
 Wesley Choir & Homework Help
 Devotions
 Conversations with Pastor Hogan
 Singing Believers & Green Room Time
 All adjourn