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THE DIALOGUE

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From the Pastor



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As Lent approaches, I invite you
to begin to think about the
journey:

the journey of faith...
the journey you are making to
be closer to God.

What challenges do you face?
What resources keep you going?
What motivates you and
what discourages you?

As we make the way together,
on Sundays (10:30 am) we will reflect on the journey that the Israelites
took through the wilderness toward the Promised Land, and we will do
so by looking at their story in the Book of Numbers.
Their story will speak of the obstacles, the needs, the complexities
inherent in a journey that is not clearly marked and
is mysteriously guided by an unseen God.

On Wednesday evenings at our weekly Lenten services (7pm)
we will explore the different resources that play a role in
our journey of faith.

On those evenings we will mark the path visually,
gradually creating a colorful wall that depicts
our shared pilgrimage as God's people.

Join us on the way!

Shawn Callender Hogan, Pastor

ROLL, JORDAN, ROLL.

1. My brudder* sit-tin' on de tree of life, An' he yearde when Jor-dan
roll; Roll, Jor-dan, Roll, Jor-dan, Roll, Jor-dan, roll!

O march de an-gel march, O march de an-gel march; O my
soul a-rise in Heaven, Lord, For to yearde when Jor-dan roll.

2 Little oh! 'en, learn to fear de Lord,
And let your days be long;
Roll, Jordan, &c.

3 O, let no false nor spiteful word
Be found upon your tongue;
Roll, Jorda n, &c.

Songs of Zion: A Study for All God's People

Spirituals are a timeless piece of the fabric of human history.

Ranging from songs of freedom from captivity during the human slave trade, to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, to the struggles of marginalized groups today, spirituals are a powerful way of seeking God's deliverance and pointing to the hope of a brand new day.

Join us after worship on the remaining three Sundays as we sing and learn together!

After coffee hour, stay in the Social Hall where we will gather around the piano!

Also, seeing that it will be lunchtime, feel free to bring a simple dish to share—we can enjoy a casual potluck meal while we celebrate the songs and witness of God's people!

We will begin on the Sunday after Martin Luther King's birthday, and journey through Black History Month:

February 1, February 8, February 15

12 noon Social Hall

Remember the story "Flat Stanley"?

It was a children's book that evolved into a game, in which a cutout figure made its way round the world. Variations on the game include taking pictures of a paper character at the wide-ranging places one travels (e.g. a picture of "Stanley" at the shore, a picture of him on the school bus...)

This Lent, we will be exploring what it means to be on a journey of faith, and a playful addition to our season will be **"Flat Jesus."**

As of **February 22** (the first Sunday of Lent), all children and all adults are invited to pick up a "Flat Jesus" figure at worship, and as the weeks of Lent progress, submit pictures of the places where Jesus has been!

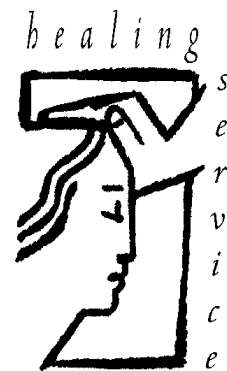
Imagine a picture of Jesus with you as you do your homework, or a picture of Jesus sitting at your dinner table. Will Jesus join you at Starbucks?

We will create a wall of the journey we have taken, with Jesus at our side!

HEALING SERVICE:
Sunday, February 8, 2015
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

An Introduction:

(Resource: The United Methodist Book of Worship)



All healing is of God.

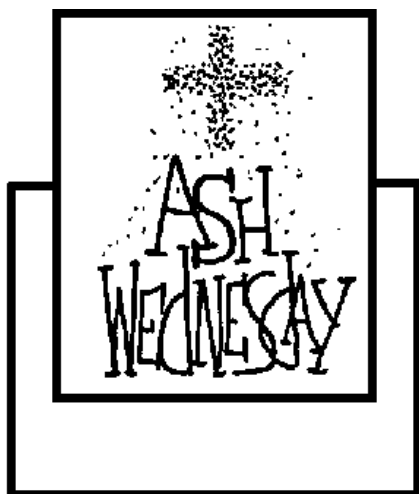
Scripture strongly affirms ministries of spiritual healing, which in recent years have received renewed emphasis throughout Christ's holy Church. The root of the word *healing* in New Testament Greek, *sozo*, is the same as that of *salvation and wholeness*.

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 8, 2015 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.



Ash Wednesday February 18, 2015

Service of Worship at 7:00 pm in the Chapel

Lent begins with the arrival of Ash Wednesday. We call this day Ash Wednesday because for centuries ashes have been used as a sign of remorse and repentance.

The Christian church took on the tradition of taking the palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday and burning

them to ashes,

and then on Ash Wednesday, making the sign of the cross with the ashes on the forehead on this day that starts Lent, marking our solidarity with the brokenness of the world, and our desire to begin anew with Christ.

In addition to offering the imposition of ashes, the worship service on Ash Wednesday will include the Lord's Supper. (*Soup Suppers do not begin until the following week, February 25th.*)

WEDNESDAYS THROUGHOUT LENT

(February 25th through March 25th in the Social Hall)

6:00 Soup Supper (Social Hall)

7:00 Worship (in the Chapel)

Each Wednesday evening you are invited to gather **at 6:00 in the Social Hall for a soup supper**. 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 consider making vegetarian options for those who cannot eat meat.) The suppers are a gentle, casual 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 7:40 pm), which will usually include Holy Communion.



February 2015 Christian Education



“One Piece at a Time”

This is a picture of the 1,000 piece puzzle my family put together over the winter break. Every year our family assembles a new puzzle together. It was my father’s love, but even after his passing we’ve continued this. It was harder this year than usual. In addition to my father’s absence, I have two 18 month old nieces who are particularly good at deconstructing. It seemed like this puzzle would never get completed, but somehow it did. When it was finally finished, my son asked, “How did you do this?” “I guess we just kept going, one piece at a time,” I responded. “Awesome,” he said, “next time you can do a 2,000 piece puzzle!”

This February newsletter is filled with pieces of ways our Christian Education ministries are trying to grow in faith and service this year. There are numerous opportunities for people of all ages to participate, try new things, and experience and share God’s incredible love. I hope you’ll find a piece that fits for you. You’ll find sign-up sheets in the Social Hall. Contact me for more information and let me know if you’d like to be added to my weekly email blast. Together, one piece at a time, it’s amazing what God can accomplish through us.

-Blessings,

Sherri Shumate, Director of Christian Education

Sunday School

9:30AM-10:15AM

Age	Teacher	Helper
Children PreK-3rd	Shanotte Smith	Volunteers Welcome
Tweens 4 th - 7 th	Alison Johnson	Volunteers Welcome
Teens 8 th - 12 th	Sherri Shumate	Volunteers Welcome

This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent God's only Son into the world. --1 John 4:9

Children PreK-3rd will explore miracles and how Jesus shows us God's power using *Grow, Proclaim & Serve!* (John 2, Matthew 14, John 6, and John 5)

Tweens will explore: Discipleship is about faithful living, working together, serving others, and praising using *Grow, Proclaim & Serve!* (Mark 7- 9, John 12, John 11)

Teens are examining learning to pray using *BL4Y* (Bible Lessons for Youth). *Feb. 1 Youth will meet at church & walk to Manhattan Bagel*

Special Sunday School Project:

For Feb. we've been asked to help with the Jefferson Easter basket project by bringing in the following items. Please consider sending donations with your child to Sunday school:

2 lb. bag rice, white potatoes, sweet potatoes, canned green beans, canned corn, cake mix, frosting, canned pineapple, canned beans, Peeps marshmallow chicks, PAAS Egg Dye.

Mark your Calendar:

Education Committee Meeting

*Sunday, March 1
after Worship,
in the Fellowship Room*

WOW, IT'S WEDNESDAY

4:15-6:00PM

This month we meet on

Wed Feb. 4, 11, 25

- 4:15 Snacks: Creating & Clean-up
- 4:45 Wesley Choir & Homework
- 5:00 Adult Conversations
- 5:05 Devotions together in Chapel
- 5:20 Singing Believers Choir & Godly Playtime
- 6:00 Adjourn- Pick up Children

Wow, It's Wednesday is an intergenerational Christian Education & music experience. All are welcome to join us for food, fun, and fellowship. *WOW follows Summit's school calendar & will **not** meet on snow days!*

Ash Wednesday Feb. 18th NO WOW, Service 7PM

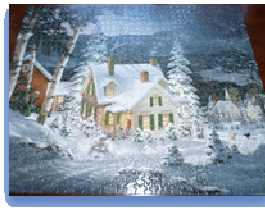
Wednesdays, Feb. 25-April 1: Lenten Soup Suppers at 6PM

Lenten Worship Services 7PM, Chapel

If you would like your child to participate and will not be at church by 6PM, please contact me, and let know who will be responsible for your children.

We are empowering WOW Tweens to serve as Supper Table Hosts assisting with welcoming guests, guiding conversations, and washing dishes. Contact me for more information.

Wed. March 18th Children & Teens will lead the 7PM Service



FAITH PARTNERS GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

“Thank you so much for introducing me to Bradley. I love children and really enjoy praying for him,” said a Faith Partner to me before worship. Later, my oldest son said, “Mom, guess what awesome thing happened... I was trying to sneak in the kitchen to say hello to my Faith Partner, but she saw me first and even hugged me!” That same Sunday, my other son said, “Look my Faith Partner is playing the guitar today!” Thank you Faith Partners! You mean so much to my children, and we enjoy praying for you every night. – Sherri

We now 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 agree to 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!
at sherri.shumate@gmail.com
or call the church office.

WORSHIP TOGETHER

When was the last time you looked around our church sanctuary on Sunday morning?

Have you noticed lately how many young people we have in our Sunday morning worship service? It is awesome to see so many young people growing up in worship!

Have you noticed how many different generations and life seasons we have represented among us? It is awesome to have a church where all of us at all seasons of life come together!

Have you noticed our diversity and how we are living together in community? God is at work in this place! Thank you for your work in creating this community.

Sunday morning all children are invited to remain in worship with their families. Worship folders for children are available in the front and rear of the sanctuary. Bathrooms are located in the back of the sanctuary. For families who need it, staff childcare is available in the nursery on Sundays from 9:00am-Noon!

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, February 28, 5-8PM

Parents' Night Out is back with new twist.

Drop off your children for an evening of *themed activities* designed and lead by our Tweens & Youth. We will do a mix of fun and worship activities. We will also 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.

If you are a Tween interested in leading a game or activity, contact me for more information about submitting your idea and gathering supplies. Submit leading ideas by Feb. 10.

Please sign-up via email by: Feb. 20

sherri.shumate@gmail.com

Suggested donation \$10/child. Meet in the Social Hall.

Second Adult Helper: Christine T.

Looking Ahead:

Mark your Calendars for these Upcoming Opportunities:

Children/Youth Lead Lenten Service: March 18, 7PM

Newark Bridges Run Saturday: March 21, 10:00AM-2PM

CUMAC Food bank Trip: April 25, 11AM-2PM

Jersey Shore Mission Trip: May, Date & Time TBA



February Youth Opportunities

Sunday, Feb. 1, 9:30AM: Manhattan Bagel Trip

Meet at church at 9:30AM and we will walk together. *Pending a 2nd adult volunteer we will make a trip the first Sunday of each month.*

Sundays, Feb. 1, 8, 15: After Worship: “Songs of Zion”

Sunday, Feb. 15: 8:30AM: Green Team Meeting

Learn about ways you can help our church care for our earth.

Monday, Feb. 16: “Moses”: Sight & Sound, Lancaster PA

Must be registered and turn in ticket money by Feb. 3. All ages.

Wed., Feb. 18: 7:00PM: Ash Wednesday Service

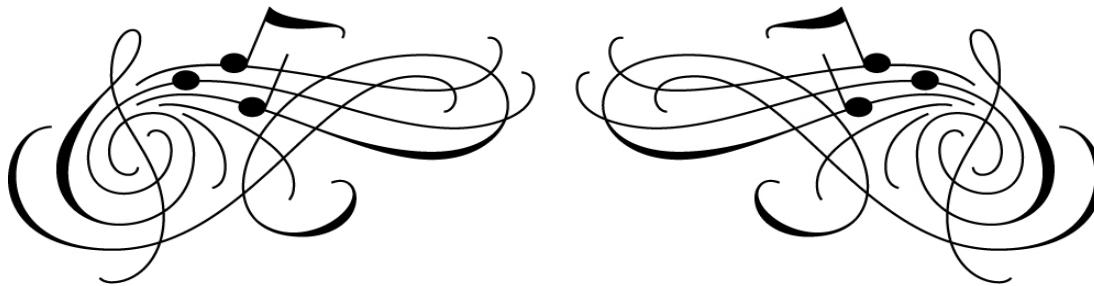
Wed., Feb. 25-April 1: 6:00PM: Lenten Supper Hosts

Serve as Table Hosts, Guide Conversations, Assist with washing dishes

Sat., Feb. 28, 5-8PM: Parents’ Night Out



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MUSIC NOTES

Joanne Teubner Prussak, Music Director

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement, give you a spirit of unity as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” – Romans 15:5

Endurance and encouragement -- isn't that something we all need to strive for? Let us encourage each other to share our gifts and glorify our Lord and our fellow worshipers.

After prayerful thought, please come and share your gifts in the music ministry of our church.

Wesley Choir

Singing is so much fun! We learn songs about Jesus and how to follow his teachings in our lives. Come and join children ages 3 years through 2nd grade in the Wesley Choir. Rehearsals are at **4:30pm on Wednesdays** in the Chapel.

Singing Believers

Come and sing the joyful songs to God. Let us grow together in our faith through music. Rehearsals are at **5:20pm** on Wednesdays in the Chapel for youth grades 3 through high school.

Believer Quintet

This quintet is an out-growth of the Singing Believer Choir. These young people rehearse on **Saturdays at 12:45pm** in the Sanctuary.

Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble of singers, guitarists, drums, recorders, bass and piano are studying music from the contemporary hymnals “The Faith We Sing” and “Worship and Song”. Rehearsals are on **Sundays at 11:30am** in the Sanctuary. Come and share your musical gifts and enrich your faith.

Bell Choir

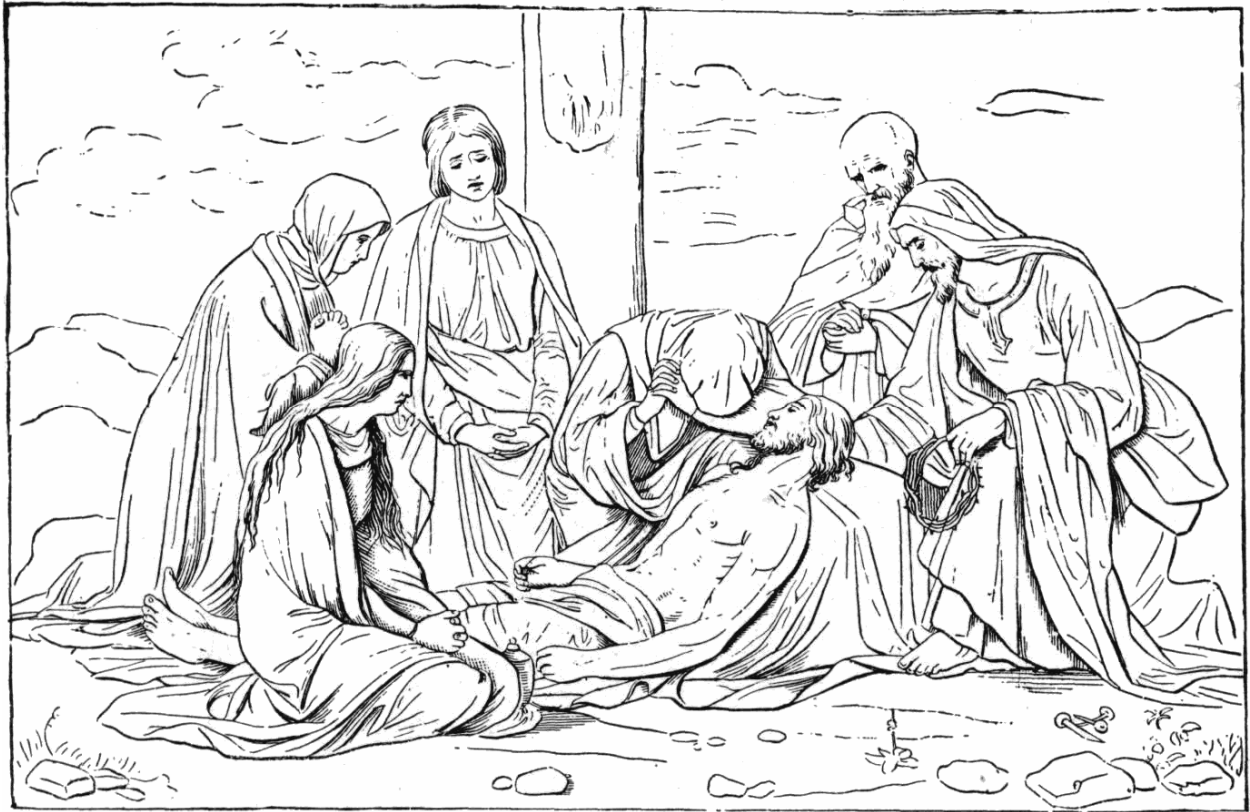
Making a joyful sound is the mission of our Bell Choir. This is a good time to come and try ringing hand bells and hand chimes with your friends at church. Our rehearsals are on **Sundays at 9:00am** in the Sanctuary.

Chancel Choir

Won't you come and join us as we sing joyful songs to our Lord? It's a joy to work together and lift your voices in praise. Our regular rehearsals continue on **Sunday mornings at 9:30am** in the Chapel.

Come! There is power and importance in sharing your faith through music.

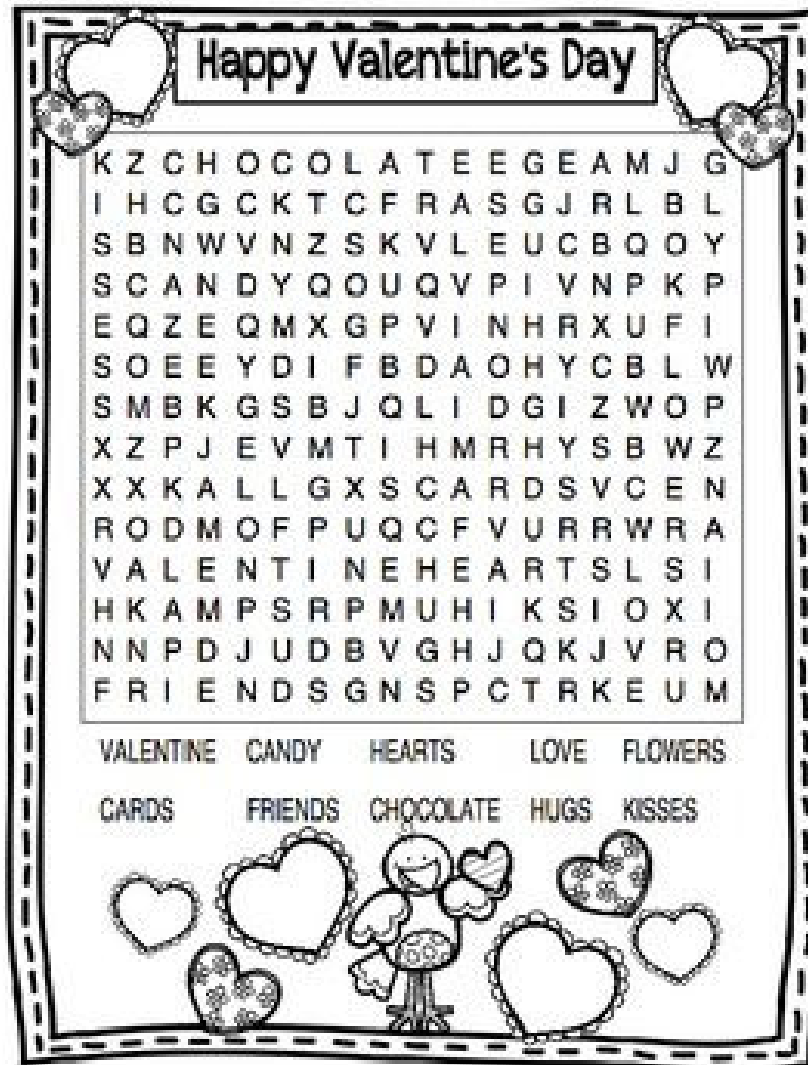
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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!](#)

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		

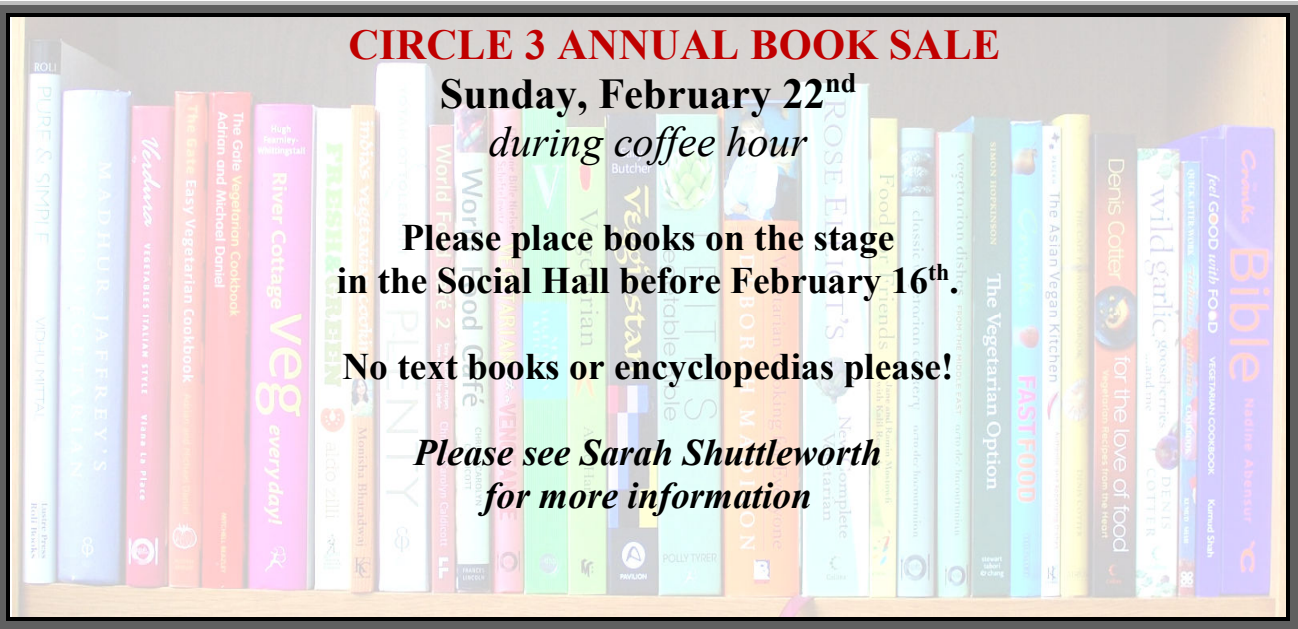
CIRCLE 3 ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Sunday, February 22nd
during coffee hour

**Please place books on the stage
in the Social Hall before February 16th.**

No text books or encyclopedias please!

***Please see Sarah Shuttleworth
for more information***



SAVE THE DATE!

Annual May Day High Tea

Saturday, May 9, 2015

3pm - 5pm

in the Social Hall

at

United Methodist Church of Summit

17 Kent Place Boulevard

Summit, New Jersey 07901

Please see Faye Cunningham for more details

ECUMENICAL LENTEN CARBON FAST

The Earth Care Team at Summit UMC would like to invite you to take part in an **Ecumenical Lenten Carbon Fast**. This year the fast will begin on Ash Wednesday (February 18th) and continue until Easter Sunday (April 5th).

2015 will be the fifth year that the United Church of Christ provides a day-by-day opportunity to fast from carbon as a Lenten discipline. Initiated by the UCC and endorsed by other denominations and faith groups, people of every Christian perspective – and people who are not Christians – have benefited from this opportunity to become more conscious and conscientious in their daily lives.

We invite you to join us as we commit to **fasting from carbon during Lent**. From **February 18 through April 5**, participants will receive a daily email from the Summit UMC Coordinator (Brian Tipton, brianjtipton@gmail.com) with the day's suggested carbon-reducing activity. Each daily email will also provide material that can be the basis for a weekly congregational conversation. For more information, please visit the program website, <http://www.macucc.org/carbonfast>, or reach out to Brian Tipton.

To sign up, email Brian Tipton (brianjtipton@gmail.com) and provide your name and the email address where you would like the daily email sent.

GOOD NEWS!

In observance of Lent, we will abstain from using disposable plates, cups, and flatware. Instead we will use reusable ceramic coffee mugs and dishware from the kitchen during coffee hour.

This benefits the church in three ways:

First: this change will reduce the amount of waste associated with coffee hour.

Second: this change reduces the cost associated with coffee hour.

Third: this change will help us to experience one form of sacrifice during Lent.

The gospel according to Luke, chapter 9, verse 23 says "if any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up the cross daily and follow me".

The change will be effective on **February 22nd** (the first Sunday of Lent).

Dan Smith (smithdanielc@gmail.com) will be the point of contact and the volunteer who will set out and dish wash the dishware. Feel free to contact Dan with questions, concerns, and offers to help!

February

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS:

Staff/Parish – 2/5

Green Team – 2/15

MINISTRY:

CAUSE – donations every first Sunday

Prayer Warriors – Wednesdays

Knitting Ministry – Thursdays and Fridays

Ash Wednesday – 2/18

Lenten Worship & Soup Supper –
starting on 2/25

AND MORE:

"Songs of Zion" – 2/1, 2/8 & 2/15

Confirmation Class – 2/8

Circle 3 Book Sale – 2/22

Lenten Carbon Fast – begins 2/22

Parents' Night Out – 2/28

FEBRUARY 2015

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 “Songs of Zion” - 12pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	2	3	4 Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm Wow it's Wednesday	5 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Staff/Parish Meeting 7:30pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	6 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	7 Believer Quintet 12:45pm
8 “Songs of Zion” - 12pm <i>(Social Hall)</i> Confirmation Class 5-6pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	9	10	11 Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm Wow it's Wednesday	12 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	13 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	14 Believer Quintet 12:45pm
15 “Songs of Zion” - 12pm <i>(Social Hall)</i> Green Team Meeting 8:30 am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	16	17	18 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm Worship - <i>(Chapel)</i> Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm <u>No Wow it's Wednesday</u>	19 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	20 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	21 Believer Quintet 12:45pm
22 Circle 3 Book Sale- during coffee hour <i>(Social Hall)</i> Lenten Carbon Fast Begins	23	24	25 Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm Wow it's Wednesday Soup Supper – 6pm Worship – 7pm	26 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	27 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	28 Believer Quintet 12:45pm Parents' Night Out 5-8pm <i>(Green Room)</i>
	SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30am – Sunday School (all grades) 10:30am – Worship 11:30am – Coffee Hour			SUNDAY CHOIR SCHEDULE: 9:00am – Bell Choir 9:30am – Chancel Choir 11:30am – Contemporary Ensemble		