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THE DIALOGUE

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***A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"***

—Isaiah 40: 6

Cry out!

Countless cries filled the days of Advent, as countless cries filled the streets of our nation's cities.

For many of us, December was not a silent, gentle season of preparation.

Rather, as January unfolds, we know that God's people experienced the season of "anticipation and hope" from the perspective of watching for grand jury deliberations, and hoping for peaceful protests, and found the results only compounded the pain.

And so the 'crying out' continues...

Cries seeking understanding,
cries questioning justice,
cries speaking of pain...

I find myself silenced by the details regarding Eric Garner and Michael Brown, knowing that legal technicalities and personal specifics have not been clear or satisfying.

I am silenced because I am altogether too aware of the fact of my own white privilege, a fact that renders me incapable of offering anything but a profoundly limited perspective.

All I can do is sit with the ancient prophet's invitation: "Cry out!"

And in response to that invitation, I wonder with the prophet:
"What shall I cry?"

What do you cry out in the midst of the brokenness of our world?

What do you cry?

Shawn Callender Hogan
Pastor



Five Senses

EXPERIENCE the Bible! A Look at Mary and Martha

Sunday, January 18, 2015
2 pm – 4 pm

In Luke 10:38-42, we read the familiar vignette of Jesus visiting the home of Mary and Martha, and in the encounter The two sisters display Their differing approaches to his presence.

Join us in this *multi-sensory* event:
As all ages together look at the story
Through the use of our five senses:
Sight, sound, touch, taste, and smell.

Together let's explore a new way of looking at this wonderful Bible story!

Please rsvp by signing up in the Social Hall,
Or call the church office to let us know
You are coming! (908) 277-1700.

For more information see Sherri Shumate and
Alison Johnson!

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 four 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 Jr.'s birthday,
and journey through Black History Month:

January 25, February 1, February 8, February 15
12 noon in the Social Hall

ROLL, JORDAN, ROLL.

1. My brudder^s sit-tin' on de tree of life, An' he yearde when Jor-dan roll;
Var. 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 ohil'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. i, &c.

January 2015 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 how Jesus shows us God's love using *Grow, Proclaim, & Serve!* (Mark 5, John 4, Luke 17, and Luke 10)



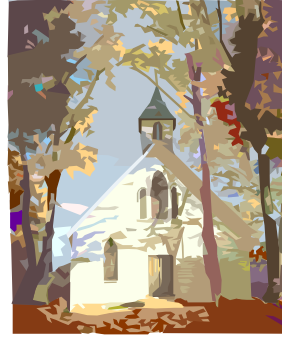
Tweens will explore stories of Jesus' Baptism, Calling, Healing, and Trust using *Grow, Proclaim, & Serve!* (John 1, Mark 5, Mark 6)



Teens will examine Bible teachings about learning to pray using BL4Y, *Bible Lessons for Youth*. (Luke 11, John 17, Hebrews 4, James 5).

Jan. 4th Youth will meet at church & walk to Manhattan Bagel

***Mark your Calendar: Education Committee Meeting
Sunday January 11 after Worship (in the Fellowship Room)***



Worship

Happy New Year! 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!

Growing in Faith

What are your prayers for this New Year? In what ways do you hope to grow in faith this year? As you start a new year, what does it mean for your faith, your spiritual journey, and your relationship with the church? How can the church and our Christian Education ministry support you in your spiritual journey? We'd love to hear your ideas! Feel free to share your thoughts with sherri.shumate@gmail.com

WOW, it's Wednesday

Takes a Winter Break in January

We resume Jan. 28th, 4:15-6:00PM!

4:15 Snacks & Pageant Prep

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, its 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!*

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, January 31, 5-8PM

Parents' Night Out is back with a new twist. Drop off your children for an evening of *themed activities*.

This month we will explore God's love in song, prayer, and play & share God's love with others by making lunches for Bridges. A light dinner will be served.

Please sign-up via email by: Jan. 23

sherri.shumate@gmail.com

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

Please note the date/time: Saturday, 5:00PM-8:00PM!

Second Adult Helper: Christine T.



January Youth Opportunities

Sunday, Jan. 4, 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.*

Saturday, Jan. 10, 7-PM –Sunday, Jan. 11: Lock-In

Grades 4th-12th join us for an overnight of prayer and play at the church. RSVP by Monday, Jan. 5th! Adult Helpers: Alison, Shanotte, Brian.

Sunday, Jan. 18, 2-4PM: “Experience the Bible”

All are welcome to join us in a multi-sensory experience of the story of Martha & Mary. Please RSVP by signing up in the Social Hall or by calling the church office.

Saturday, Jan. 31, 5-8PM: Parents’ Night Out

RSVP by Friday, Jan. 23! Adult Helper: Christine

Other ideas? Interested in being an adult volunteer?

Please let us know!

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MUSIC NOTES

I would like to thank the following people for their dedication and devotion to our church.
Heartfelt gratitude for sharing your wonderful gifts of music throughout Advent,
the Christmas Concert and the entire Christmas season.

With much love,
Joanne Teubner Prussak, Director of Music

WESLEY CHOIR & THE SINGING BELIEVERS

Amanda Brown
Adam Daniel
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
Bradley Smith
Joseph Smith
Riley Smith
Emma Verma

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

VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS

William Dembaugh, *Baritone*
Jocelyn Gallinek, *Flute*
Ximenita Gonzalez, *Alto*

Bernice Griffith, *Soprano*
Latonia Hall, *Soprano*

CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

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

CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano

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

Alto

Beverly Alexis
Kayla Goldman
Ximenita Gonzalez

Tenor

William Dembaugh
William Teubner

Bass

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

Jesse Reyes, *Guitar*
William Teubner, *Trumpet*
Jacqueline Wasniewski, *Soprano*

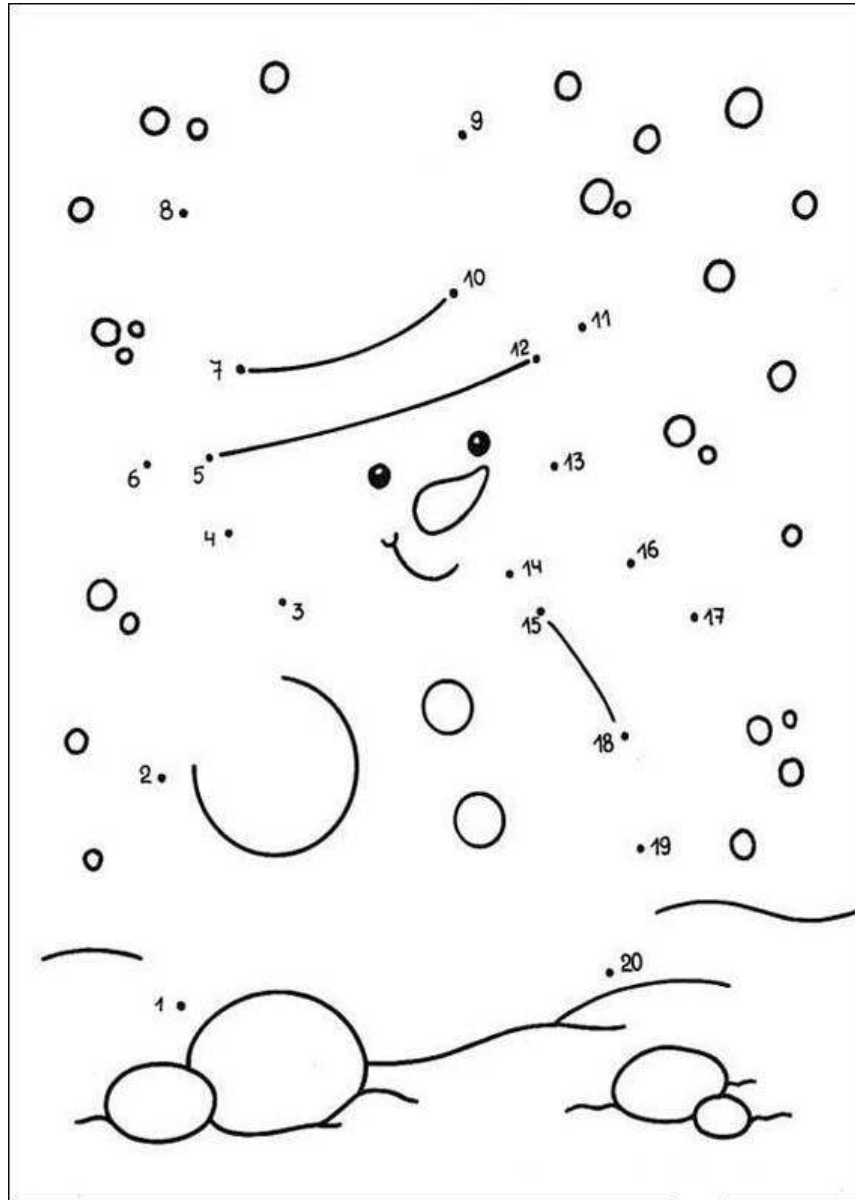
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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!](#)

WESLEY PRE-SCHOOL



The **Wesley Center Pre School** is enrolling for the 2014-2015 school year. We offer 2 ½, 3 and 4 year classes. Church members receive a 10% discount and the enrollment fee is waived. *Please contact MaryEllen DeJohn at 908-277-3686 or medejohn@verizon.net for more information.*



BIRTHDAYS in January:

2	Barbara Dickinson		
	Dylan Levine	15	Wendi Barry
	Dotti Zotti	18	Laura Dunnder
3	Brian Heaton	20	Zoe Rhinehart
	Elizabeth Kennedy		Andrew Wernsing
	Oliver Relf	24	Mark Mandel
6	Caroline Remillard	25	Christopher Hoffman
7	Lucas Daniel		Claire Schaefer
9	Beverly Alexis	28	Owen Fern
14	LuHenley Branson		Debbie Vartan
	Frank Ferguson	30	Charles Edwards
	Kim Goldman		Denea Kaup
	Latonia Hall	31	Karen Aird
	Shanotte Smith		Maryellen Wernsing

JANUARY

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS:

Property Committee - 1/8

Staff/Parish Committee - 1/8

Education Committee Meeting - 1/11

Worship Committee - 1/18

MINISTRY:

CAUSE - donations every first Sunday

Prayer Warriors - Wednesdays

Knitting Ministry - Thursdays and Fridays

AND MORE:

Youth Lock-In - 1/10 through 1/11

Confirmation Class - 1/11 & 1/25

"Experience the Bible" - 1/18

"Songs of Zion" - 1/25

Wow, It's Wednesday - resumes on 1/28

Parents' Night Out - 1/31

JANUARY 2015

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30am – Sunday School (all grades) 10:30am – Worship 11:30am – Coffee Hour				1 New Year's Day Office is Closed	2 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	3
4	5	6	7 Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	8 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Property Committee Meeting - 6pm <i>(Conference Rm)</i> Staff/Parish Meeting - 7:30pm <i>(Fellowship Rm)</i>	9 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	10 Youth Lock-In 7pm <i>(Social Hall & Green Room)</i>
11 Youth Lock-In Education Committee Meeting 11:30am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Confirmation Class 5-6pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	12	13	14 Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	15 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	16 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	17
18 Worship Committee Meeting - 9am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> "Experience the Bible" 2-4pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	19 Martin Luther King Day	20	21 Prayer Warriors -1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	22 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	23 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	24
25 "Songs of Zion" - 12pm <i>(Social Hall)</i> Confirmation Class 5-6pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	26	27	28 Prayer Warriors -1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Wow! It's Wednesday Resumes	29 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	30 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	31 Parents' Night Out 5-8pm <i>(Green Room)</i>