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## AT OUR FEET

A few months back, we completed a ten-week study on the book of Genesis. Within those weeks, we enjoyed conversations about our perspectives on the biblical characters, our opinions about a God who would roll out a sacred story in the odd fashion that Genesis portrays, our humorous (or frustrated) impressions of the journey of faith, and so much more.

And, week after week, there were children at our feet as we read and spoke and prayed. Several of the participants brought their children, aged 6 months to 4 years, and they became a beloved part of our class.

As we studied and learned, they listened and played quietly with a small basket of toys on the floor. They witnessed our freedom with questions, they were present as we had “aha!” moments, and they observed how we wrestled with our readings.

While I doubt that the toddlers grasped the impact of the Hagar-Sarah struggle, and I suspect they were not at all impressed by the details of Jacob’s conniving ways, still, I am very very sure that *they* were learning, as *we* were learning.

They were learning that it is important  
to keep learning  
even when one is an adult.

They were learning what  
open dialogue sounds like.

They were learning that the community  
of faith is made up of people with  
widely varied circumstances and stories,  
all coming together because of  
something beyond us.

They were learning about commitment  
to faith and to each other.



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All this, just by being at our feet.

Can you imagine what those around you, regardless of their age, are learning,  
just by being around you?

*Shawn Callender Hogan, Pastor*

## **COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP (NOMINATIONS)**

The time is here again!

The way we enable our church to thrive is through the shared gifts and insights of all of our members and friends. Each year, in order to structure our church life for effective ministry, the Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) is responsible for reviewing the gifts of the community and the needs of the church.



While much of our work focuses on equipping our existing organizational/committee life, we are also eager to assist all members in getting connected with ministries in which they can live out joyful discipleship.

In the next weeks and months our Nominations Committee will be reviewing our needs for leadership in the church's ministries. We do not know where everyone's gifts and interests lie, so we need you to tell us the dimension of church life in which you would be eager to take part!

I encourage you to take a look around the church community to identify the gifts of those you see, also examine your own gifts and discern where your own enthusiasm lies,... and give me a call with your thoughts!

*Pastor Hogan*

### **READING SCRIPTURE**

*Would you be interested in **reading scripture**  
in the Sunday worship service?*

How wonderful it is when we involve many voices  
in our weekly worship service!

If you would like to read scripture,  
you would always be informed by mid-week as to  
what passage is selected,  
so you would have plenty of time to become familiar with it.

If you are interested in participating in skits or other readings,  
as occasional opportunities come up that fit with the worship theme,  
you would work with others well in advance.

If you have interest, or questions, please be in touch with Pastor Hogan.



# June Education Article

In worship on **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** we will celebrate the many ways our church engages in education. The Sunday school and adult Bible study have been preparing different parts of the service to share with our congregation. It will be a great Sunday; we look forward to giving God thanks for our education program with you.

The Education program at our church relies on the dedication of hard-working volunteers. Their commitment and passion for teaching and learning sets our programs apart from the pack. Through their leadership this year our children’s class explored the stories of Moses, the birth of Jesus, and even the stories of Apostle Paul.




Our tween’s class got to learn all about what Christian life is as they discovered what the “Bible is About”, “Christmas is About”, “Holy Week is About” and “the Book of Acts is About”. The senior high class was able to learn what faith is as they discussed topics like “Unity in the Community”, “Humility” and “Life in Christ.”

The weekly adult Bible study shared meals together each Wednesday as they followed the Upper Room Devotional. They also took time each week for deep prayer, praying for many of us by name in loving support for our community.

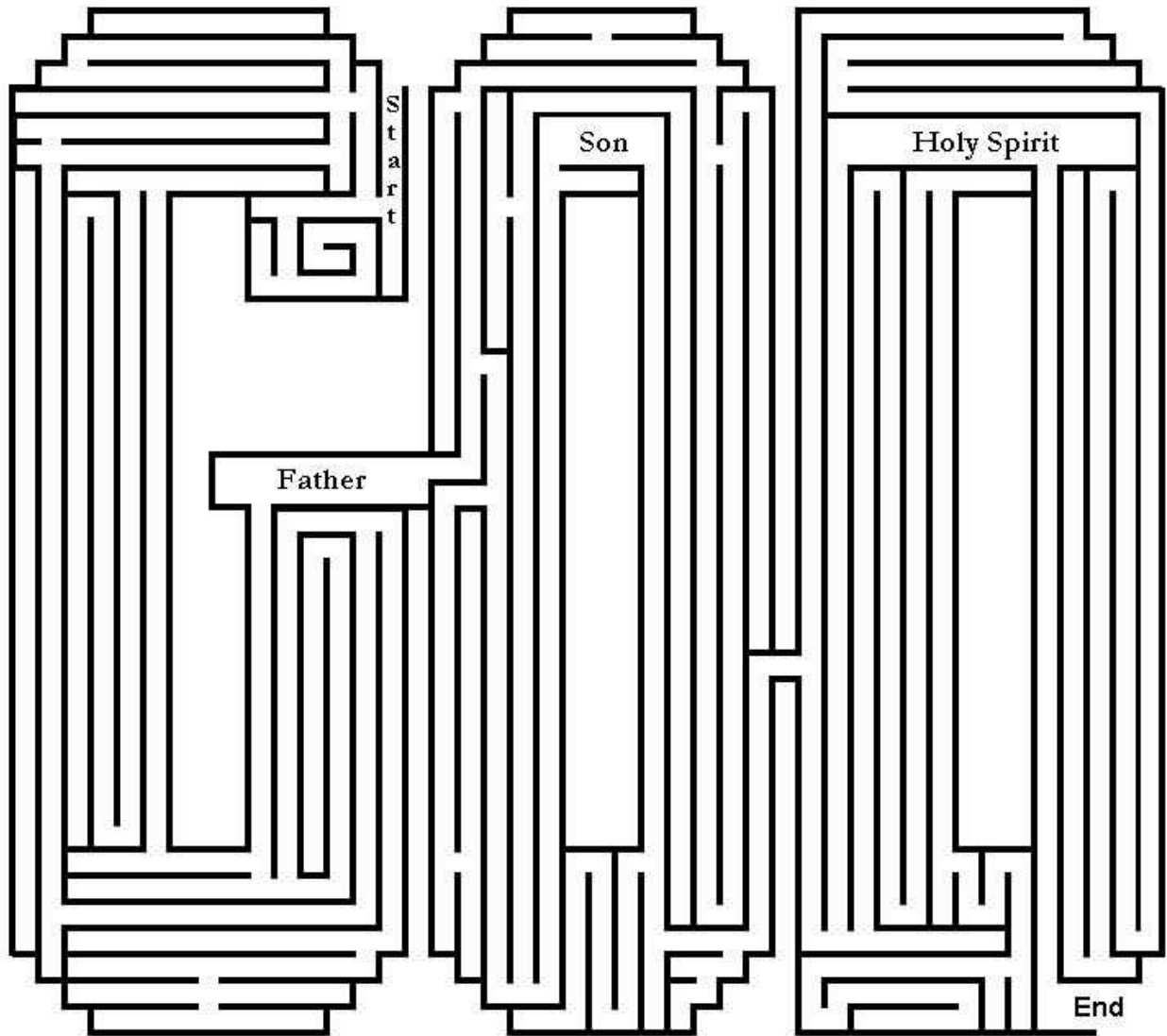
For all of our volunteer leaders who have helped make this another terrific year of learning at UMC of Summit we give you a really big...

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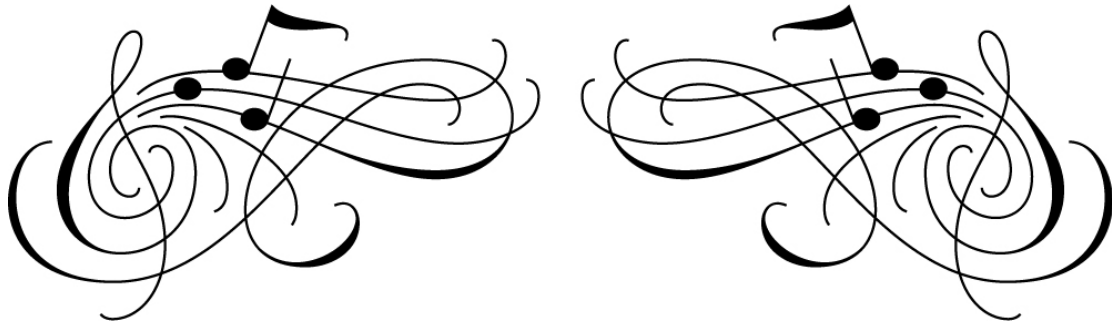
## Ways to get involved with Summit UMC Education

<p><b>Wow It’s Wednesday</b> <i>(Through June 5)</i></p>  <p><b>*Caring for our Community</b> 4:30-5:15</p> <p><b>*Wednesday Conversations</b> 5:15-6:00</p> <p><b>*Hour of Music</b> 5:15-6:00</p> <p><b>Not Just for Kids!</b></p>	<p><b>Sunday School</b> <i>(Through June 2, resumes September 22)</i></p> <p><b>Children (Pre-K-3<sup>rd</sup>)</b> 10:45am -2<sup>nd</sup> floor</p> <p><b>T’weens (4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>)</b> 9:30am - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor</p> <p><b>Sr. High (8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)</b> 9:30am - 3<sup>rd</sup> floor</p>	<p><b>Parents’ Night Out</b> <i>(Resumes in October)</i></p>  <p><b>6 - 9pm</b> <b>In the Green Room</b> Suggested \$10 donation, \$5 for every child after the first</p>	 <p><b>Nursery Care</b> <i>(Through June 9, resumes September 22)</i> Nursery Care is available on Sundays from 9:00 - 11:30am for children 6 weeks to 2 years!</p>
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# CHILDREN'S



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## **MUSIC NOTES**

*Joanne Teubner Prussak, Music Director*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to always sing alleluia!*

Our sanctuary resounds with joyful music each Sunday morning with our choirs sharing their gifts music. Our Wesley Choir and Singing Believers, the Bell Choir, Contemporary Ensemble and the Chancel Choir are all truly a blessing.

It is a joy to work with you all as we praise God through music. We are truly blessed with caring, devoted Christians sharing their gift of music.

We are also blessed with the instrumental gifts of Jocelyn and Jordyn Gallinek and William Teubner who share their gifts of music throughout the year. -- Thank you so very much.

### **THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR CHOIR MEMBERS:**

#### **Wesley/Carol**

*Amanda Brown  
Lucas Daniel  
Sarah Daniel  
James Goldman  
Kayla Goldman  
Madeleine Johnson  
William Johnson  
Ayana McMillan  
Caroline Relf  
Oliver Relf  
Bradley Smith  
Joseph Smith  
Riley Smith*

#### **Singing Believers**

*Lucas Daniel  
Sarah Daniel  
James Goldman  
Kayla Goldman  
Madeleine Johnson  
William Johnson  
Isabel Reyes*

#### **Hand Bell**

*Chris Barry  
Davis Barry  
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**

*Beverly Alexis  
William Dembaugh  
Brian Ernestes  
Natalie Ernestes  
Barsam Gharagozlou  
William Glancy  
Ximenita Gonzalez  
Toni Hall  
Ann Houpt  
Neil Johnson  
Emily LaJeunesse  
Jayme LaJeunesse  
Sam Quashie  
Ryan Tucker  
Shela Waldron  
Jacqueline Wasniewski*

# Announcements

## 6th ANNUAL SUMMIT UMC CRICKET MATCH

**DATE:** Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**TIME:** 2 - 6pm

**PLACE:** lower playing fields at  
**Kent Place School**  
(across the street from the Church)

Our cricket tradition is always a well attended event and fun for all the family. *If you are interested in playing or intend to watch*, please let **Neil Johnson** or **Adrian Philips** know, so that we can plan accordingly.

Refreshments will be available but we encourage spectators to bring along drinks and snacks to share.



For those of you not familiar with the national pastime of your fellow members hailing from England, the West Indies, Canada, India and many other countries around the world, cricket is a wonderfully social game and a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. It is the second most popular spectator sport in the world and we will be happy to explain the rules as the afternoon unfolds!

### LIKE TO KNIT OR CROCHET?

Interested in being part of a ministry to make needed items for others in the community? Among us there are those who are able to teach and those who are interested in learning, there are those who come with a great deal of experience, and those who will enjoy checking out something new!

Interested? Come to either of the following get-togethers:

- A **daytime** gathering on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 11am (bring a sandwich),
- An **evening** gathering on Fridays at 7pm. All are welcome! Have yarn or needles to donate? If so, just drop things off at the Church Office.



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



## LET'S READ A BOOK TOGETHER!

The Book Club will be meeting on Friday, **June 14, 2013**, at 11:30 in the Fellowship Room, and will discuss the book "*Love Anthony*" by Lisa Genova. All are welcome!

Future meetings for the Book Club will vary in date and time and book selection—if you would like to be a part of this endeavor feel free to contact Susan Daniel, or call the Church Office (908-277-1700) or email us at [umcsummit@verizon.net](mailto:umcsummit@verizon.net).



## SUNDAY INFORMATION

- From **July 3 through Labor Day** we worship at 10 am.
- While we do not provide **nursery care** during these months, the nursery is available for all to use.



## "FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD."

So goes one of the most recognizable lines from the **Epistle of James**

Join us for two Wednesday evenings as we look at this brief yet controversial New Testament Letter!

**Wednesdays June 19 and June 26, 2013 7:30 pm**

(Martin Luther felt this piece of scripture was so worthless he called it an "epistle of straw," and others have questioned if it is scriptural junk mail!) Are there gifts to be found in this often-disregarded text? Come and decide!



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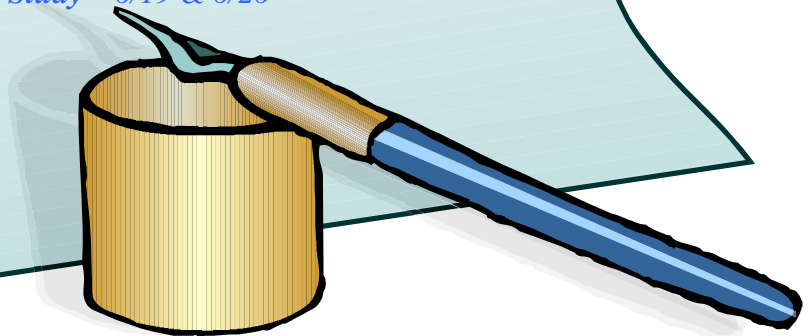
## BIRTHDAYS & *Anniversaries* in JUNE:

		<b>13</b>	<i>Ann &amp; Bill Houpt</i>
<b>2</b>	Jim Kennedy	<b>15</b>	Bob Zotti
<b>4</b>	Tommy Rockoff	<b>17</b>	Chris Barry
<b>5</b>	Steve Daniel	<b>18</b>	Andrew Aguilera
	Isabel Reyes		<i>Richard &amp; Kathy Rodriguez</i>
<b>6</b>	Hannah Dietzel	<b>21</b>	Kenneth Clark
<b>7</b>	Judy Cornog	<b>23</b>	<i>Fred &amp; Joanne Prussak</i>
<b>9</b>	<i>Leslie &amp; Chris Goetzl</i>	<b>25</b>	Joshua Clough
<b>10</b>	Scott Daniel		Henry Lord
	<i>Massimo Arbo &amp; Corie Williams</i>	<b>28</b>	Isabelle DeMartin
<b>11</b>	Betty Danielson	<b>29</b>	Tom Grau
	Greg Vartan	<b>30</b>	Stephen Brown

# JUNE "TO DO" LIST:

Help your church...help others  
**Help your church...help others**

- *Knitting Group – Thursdays and Fridays*
- *Education Sunday - 6/2*
- *Nominations Committee Meeting - 6/3 & 6/25*
- *Ad Council Meeting - 6/6*
- *Ministry of Music - 6/9*
- *Cricket Match - 6/9*
- *Young Adults' Meeting - 6/11*
- *Property Committee Meeting - 6/13*
- *Book Club – 6/14*
- *James Study – 6/19 & 6/26*





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 <b>EDUCATION SUNDAY</b>	3 <b>Nominations Committee Meeting</b> 7:30pm (Social Hall)	4 <b>Singing Believers</b> 4:00pm	5 <b>Prayer Warriors</b> 11:30am  <b>Last Wow, It's Wednesday</b>	6 <b>Knitting Group</b> 11:00am (Fellowship Room)  <b>Ad Council Meeting</b> 7-9pm (Fellowship Room)	7 <b>Knitting Group</b> 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	1 8
9 <b>MINISTRY OF MUSIC</b> <b>Cricket Match</b> 2-6pm	10 <b>Summer Soloist Rehearsal</b> 7:00pm	11 <b>Young Adults Meeting</b> 7-9pm (Social Hall)	12 <b>Prayer Warriors</b> 11:30am	13 <b>Property Committee Meeting</b> 6:30pm (Conference Room)	14 <b>Book Club</b> 11:30am (Fellowship Room)  <b>Knitting Group</b> 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	15
16	17 <b>Summer Soloist Rehearsal</b> 7:00pm	18	19 <b>Prayer Warriors</b> 11:30am  <b>James Study</b> 7:30pm (Fellowship Room)	20 <b>Knitting Group</b> 11:00am (Fellowship Room)	21 <b>Knitting Group</b> 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	22
23	24 <b>Summer Soloist Rehearsal</b> 7:00pm	25 <b>Nominations Committee Meeting</b> 7:30pm - (Social Hall)	26 <b>Prayer Warriors</b> 11:30am  <b>James Study</b> 7:30pm (Fellowship Room)	27	28 <b>Knitting Group</b> 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	29
30	<p><b>Sunday Choir Schedule</b> <i>through June 9:</i> 8:50am - Bell Choir 9:30am - Chancel Choir 11:45am - Contemporary Ensemble</p> <p><b>Sunday Schedule:</b> 9:30am - Sunday Sch. (gr. 4-up) 10:30am - Worship 10:45am - Sunday Sch. (PreK-3<sup>rd</sup>) 11:30am - Coffee Hour</p>					