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THE DIALOGUE

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June 21st Pot Luck Lunch!

Sunday, June 21,
11:30 – 1:30
(immediately after worship)

We will gather in the Social Hall for a conversation and a meal!

Consultant Connie Merchant will share with us the insights that have been gleaned through her work thus far with our Ad Council, and we will move into a fun process for identifying who we are as a church in this season!

This work will assist us in responding to God's invitation to make a difference in our community.

Come: bring a dish of food to share (whatever you enjoy bringing!) Beverages will be provided.

And bring your eagerness to be a part of naming who we are!

A TIME OF PRAYER

Please mark your calendar to join us for a special prayer service on **June 3 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel**. We will celebrate a Taize Prayer Service, which is a simple time of music, silence, and prayer.

All are welcome to join in this spiritual, calming service.



A TENDER CONVERSATION

June 7 - 3 pm
Fellowship Room



Join us as we welcome the **Rev. Sharon Burniston, Palliative Care Chaplain**, Overlook Hospital, and engage in an important conversation about end-of-life care issues.

We will watch a brief video ("Anna's Story"), share wisdom, and gain information.

All are welcome.

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.



Chalkboard Conversations Resume!

As of the middle of June, we will once again position our large chalkboard outside of the church, and will post a weekly question on it for community response.

Wander by regularly to reflect on the question posted, add your response to the board, and review the responses of others! (And if you would like to be part of the team that oversees the weekly “refreshing” of the board, speak with Pastor Hogan).

And then make your way a few steps over to our new Community Garden!

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

STATEMENTS OF FAITH

Here are the questions our Confirmands have answered in preparation for being received into membership; you can read their statements of faith on the wall in the Social Hall.

How would you respond to the same questions?

What are two of your favorite images of God and why they are your favorites?
What have you discovered about God in the past year?

Name one gift God has given you and how you might use it for God.

Name one person you know personally who is helping God to make the world a better place. What is it that this person is doing?



If I could talk to the world about sin, I would say:

My definition for the word 'grace' is:

What I think is so amazing about the "amazing grace" of God is:

United Methodists believe that our salvation is a gift of God's grace. For me to say "I'm saved by grace" means that:

Name your most favorite worship service this year (and why).

Name your least favorite worship service this year (and why).

What is the point of worship?

Tell your favorite Bible story and why it is your favorite.

If you are the scripture reader in worship, what are you doing for God?

What are you doing for the congregation?

When and where do you find it best to pray, and why?

What suggestions would you have for others who want to pray?

What does Holy Communion mean to you?

What does Baptism mean to you?

What do you think God is doing during communion?

What do you think God is doing in a Baptism?

What's one thing about John Wesley that you think is important to know?

Thinking about the different people that shared their stories and thoughts in class, what conclusions do you draw about the people who make up the Christian Church?

In what ways do you see our church helping people grow in their relationship to God?

How do you feel about the fact that the United Methodist Church celebrates diversity of thought and expression of faith?

My commitment to God will show in the following ways:

My commitment to the Church will show in the following ways:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Growing in Faith Together

One of our favorite family activities is looking at photos from our past. We laugh together as we remember the journey that's lead us to who we are now and who we are yet to become.

Looking back over this past church year, we've shared incredible Christian education experiences. We moved Sunday school before worship and invited children to remain part of our congregational worship experience. We worshipped together with all generations and ages sharing our experiences, questions, and opportunity to listen for God together. We also started **Faith Partners**, intentionally intergenerational prayer partner relationships, committed to praying for each other weekly and growing in faith together. Forty-two people signed-up! Many partners pray for each other daily, but if each Faith Partner prayed only once per week over the past 28 weeks that's over 1,100 prayers we've prayed for each other. Some Faith Partners have even started sitting together in worship.

Dedicated **Sunday school** teachers continued to offer rich and wonderful lessons prior to worship. Our youngest group explored *Grow, Proclaim, Serve* lead by Shanotte Smith. Our tweens explored *Grow, Proclaim, Serve* lead by Alison Johnson, and I led our teens exploration of *Bible Lessons for Youth*. Our Sunday school learners also prepared rooms for our Family Promise guest visits. In the spring, we explored six weeks of intergenerational Sunday school led by me and Brian Tipton, learning about our role in caring for God's creation using "Let there be Stuff?" and "Renewal." These studies culminated in the creation of our first UMC of Summit community garden bearing a paraphrase from Leviticus painted by our young people, "Take what you need, leave some for others." These intergenerational studies incorporated fourteen adults who otherwise wouldn't have participated in a Sunday school experience.

We began our **Wow it's Wednesdays** creating a Jesse Tree, exploring the stories of Jesus' ancestors through snacks, games, drama, and wonder. We created a Christmas pageant together, sharing the story of Jesus' birth and incorporating our own children and youths' questions and feelings into the skit we shared on Christmas Eve. We started this spring using our WOW time to engage more deeply with what we heard in our Sunday worship together, created a labyrinth to explore the journey of Lent, got to "Step into the Shoes" of a family journeying in faith in Africa, and explored what it means to be the body of Christ together. We empowered our young people to serve as table hosts for our Lenten Soup Suppers and to share their experiences of growing in

faith during one of our Lenten Worship services. We planted seeds for the new church community garden hoping to share the harvest with our neighbors.

We had five **Parents' Night Out** events this year. Several of which were opportunities for guests and friends to visit our church. We incorporated a service element in our time by making sustainable lunches for Bridges. We made over 200 lunches to share with families in need! We added an additional level of empowerment and responsibility by inviting our tweens to plan and lead games and activities.

Some of the **other ways we've grown in faith** and service this year include an intergenerational study on the Spirituals led by Shawn and Joanne, an adult study of the book, "Being Mortal", a youth lock-in, trips to support our youth in their school and community engagements, a trip to Sight and Sound Theater to see the play "Moses," assisting with the Jefferson Easter Basket project, volunteering for a Bridges Activity day with families in Newark, volunteering at the Patterson CUMAC Food Pantry, and a Future with Hope mission trip to the Jersey Shore.

It's not the quantity of the things we've experienced this year that impress me most. I'll most remember the children who begged their parents to bring them to our church events, being asked if three friends could attend our youth lock-in, and the child who said about his first WOW, "This is absolutely the most fun I've ever had in my entire life!" I'm so grateful for the ways we've worked on being a community together, the opportunities we've had to practice and model forgiveness and reconciliation, the ways we've laughed and cried together, and the ways we've grown in faith and service together. I can't wait to see what God will do with us next!

-Blessings,

Sherri Shumate, Director of Christian Education

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Sunday School

Thank you **Shanotte Smith, Alison Johnson, Dan Smith, and Brian Tipton** for the wonderful Sunday school experiences you provided this year!

Thank you also to our many volunteers who've helped with Sunday school!

Sunday school will resume in September. See you there!

"There are many members, yet one body." 1 Corinthians 12:20
"But me! I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord!" Micah 3:8

Worship Together

Sunday mornings throughout the **summer** 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. *There will be no staff nursery care over the summer. Staff childcare will be available again in September.*

Mark Your Calendar:

June 21	<i>Congregational Gathering</i>
September 27	<i>Sunday school resumes</i>
October 7	<i>WOW It's Wednesday resumes</i>

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.

With much love,
Joanne Teubner Prussak, Director of Music

VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS

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

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

Bernice Griffith, *Soprano*
Latonia Hall, *Soprano*
Sherri Shumate, *Soprano*

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

CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

Beverly Alexis
Ximenita Gonzalez
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
Sherri Shumate
Shela Waldron
Jacqueline Wasniewski

Alto

Beverly Alexis
Kayla Goldman
Ximenita Gonzalez

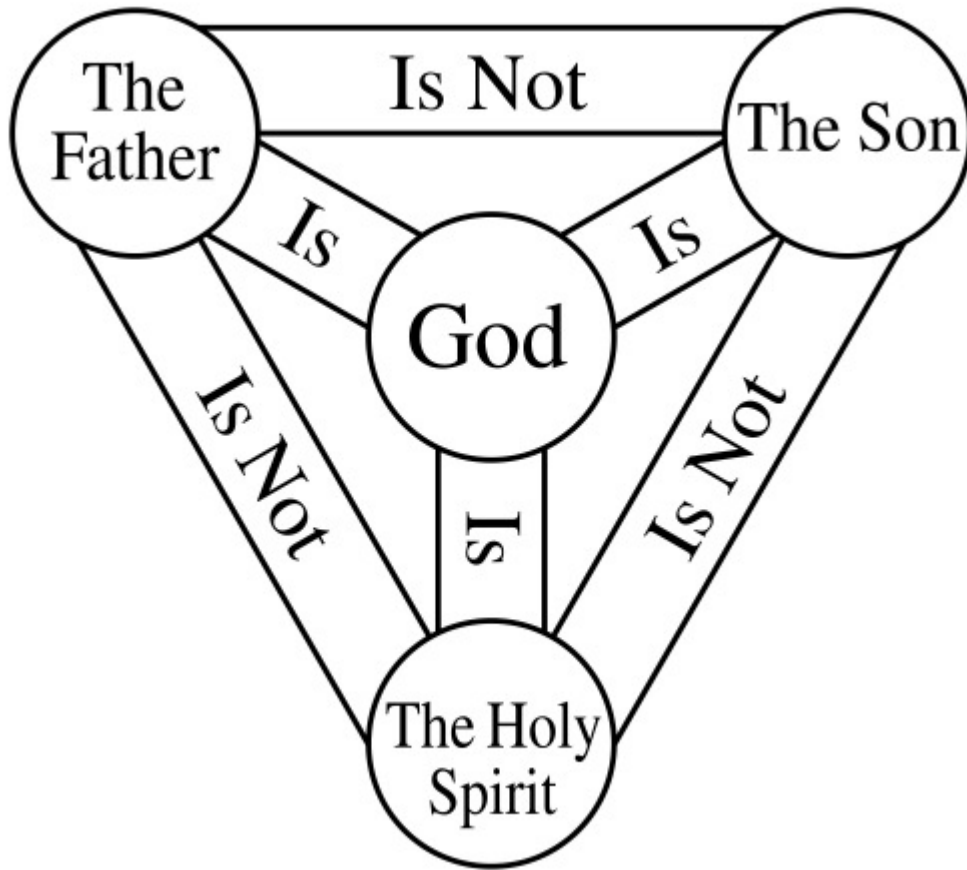
Tenor

William Dembaugh
William Teubner

Bass

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

CHILDREN'S



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WORD SEARCH



summer	alpha	swim	hot
pool	fun	vacation	beach
sun	sand	surf	family
pier	waves	shells	ice cream

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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!](#)

SUMMER WORSHIP



From **July 5 through August 30** we worship at 10 am. While we do not provide nursery care during these months, the nursery is available for all to use!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Have you stopped by the new garden bed yet? If not, make your way out there next time you are at church. The garden bed was built on April 26th on the lawn across the street from Winberies as a culmination of the intergenerational study about caring for Creation.

We had so much fun working with all ages to drill the lumber together, lay the weed block, and mix the bumper crop and soil to create a healthy garden! At WOW in early May seeds were planted and they have been growing into healthy seedlings. At the last WOW on May 27th we will be transplanting the seedlings into the garden bed.

We are looking forward to inviting the community to receive gifts of food and flowers from us, as you can read on the garden sign, *"Take what you need, leave some for others."*



FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

8TH ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH

DATE: Sunday, June 7, 2015

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!

BIRTHDAYS & Anniversaries in June:

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

June

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS:

Worship Committee - 6/7

Staff/Parish - 6/11

MINISTRY:

CAUSE - donations every first Sunday

Prayer Warriors - Wednesdays

Knitting Ministry - Thursdays and Fridays

Taize Prayer Service - 6/3

Congregational Gathering - 6/21

AND MORE:

Community Garden

Adult Study - 6/7

Cricket Match - 6/7

Confirmation Sunday - 6/14

JUNE 2015

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Prayer Warriors -1:00pm Taize Prayer Service 7:00pm (<i>Chapel</i>)	4 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (<i>Fellowship Room</i>)	5 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (<i>Fellowship Room</i>)	6
7 Worship Committee Meeting – 11:30am Cricket Match – 2pm Adult Study - 3pm (<i>Fellowship Rm</i>)	8	9	10 Prayer Warriors -1:00pm	11 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (<i>Fellowship Room</i>) Staff/Parish Meeting 7:30pm (<i>Fellowship Room</i>)	12 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (<i>Fellowship Room</i>)	13
14 Confirmation Sunday	15	16	17 Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm	18 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (<i>Fellowship Room</i>)	19 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (<i>Fellowship Room</i>)	20
21 Congregational Gathering 11:30am -1:30pm (<i>Social Hall</i>)	22	23	24 Prayer Warriors -1:00pm	25 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (<i>Fellowship Room</i>)	26 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (<i>Fellowship Room</i>)	27
28	29	30	SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30am – Sunday School (all grades) 10:30am – Worship 11:30am – Coffee Hour			