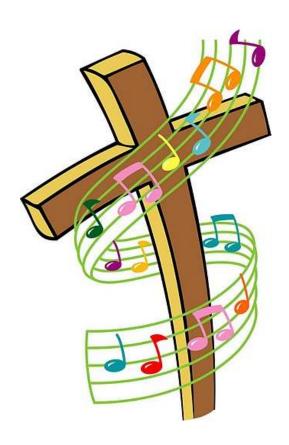
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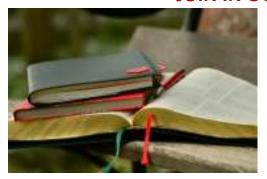
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JOIN IN OUR SUMMER BIBLE STUDY:



Join us for an 8-week class studying the **New Testament**:

Sundays

June 5 through July 24

4:00 pm

We will be using the wonderful **DISCIPLE**

Bible Study materials, which will lead us to Explore the writings of the **New Testament** using the story of Jesus as the starting point.

This study of the New Testament looks at how the early church took ownership of and was shaped by the story of Jesus and how the church learned how to develop as disciples and create communities of faith.

Please let Pastor Hogan know of your interest in participating, so that study materials can be made available.

(Weekly reading is part of the class learning.)

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

A TIME OF WELCOME



Are you interested in becoming a member of the United Methodist Church of Summit, or

Are you enjoying worshipping here and would just like to know more about our church?

Then come to "A Time of Welcome"!
On Sunday, June 5, 2016, 11:30am
(in the Fellowship Room in our Education wing)
you can meet with the pastor and some of our leaders
who will share a bit about our ministry,
and talk together about how we each came to be here.

It will be a great time for questions, casual conversation, and getting to know one another.

While a decision about membership is not presumed, at the end of the gathering anyone who expresses an interest in joining the church officially will be given all the needed details.

If you wish to become a member, or if you just are interested in learning more about our church, come!

A TIME OF PRAYER

Please mark your calendar to join us for a special prayer service on

June 1 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

We will celebrate a Taize Prayer Service, which is a simple time of music, silence, and prayer.

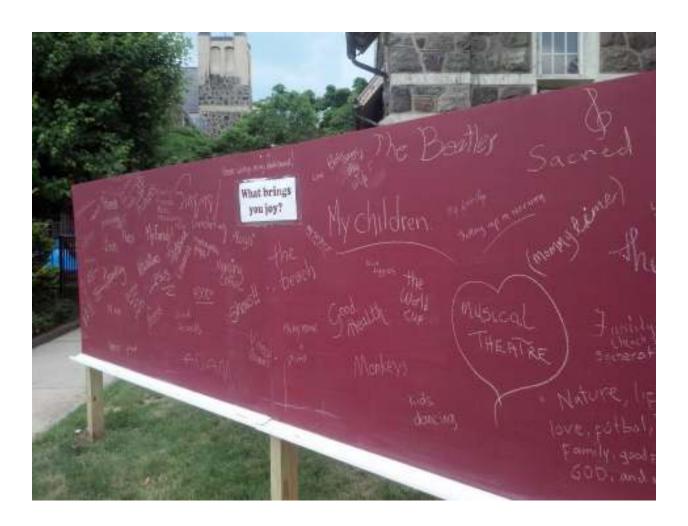
All are welcome to join in this spiritual, calming service, offered on the first Wednesday of each month.

CHALKBOARD CONVERSATIONS RESUME!

In the last week 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 Community Garden!



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.

For the months of **July and August** we **worship at 10 am.**While we do not provide nursery care during these months, the nursery is available for all to use!

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY JUNE 5, 2016

The Book of Resolutions: God's Creation and the Church states that "As disciples of Christ we are called to be good stewards of God's Creation."

"The United Methodist Church supports the annual observance of the United Nations World Environment Day" which occurs on June 5th.

In honor of this special day we will conduct a walk or bike or take mass transit or car pool to worship event. (If you choose to ride your bike to church please park it in the rear section of the Social Hall along the wall where the chairs are stored.

Please leave a reasonable distance between your bike and the exit.)

WE GIVE

To belong to our congregation is to be a steward. Some may say that "stewardship" is just a polite way of referring to financial giving to the church. But it's far more than that.

As God's stewards we have three responsibilities:

- Receiving: We receive with joyful thanksgiving the many gifts that God showers upon us
 — time, talent, treasure, our bodies, our friendships, natural resources, and the beauty
 around us.
- *Managing:* We take good care of what we have received. We manage these resources wisely for our own good and the good of others.
- *Giving:* Out of our gratitude in receiving so abundantly, we want to share with others. Let's look at four kinds of gifts that we receive, manage, and share:

Our time

We did nothing to earn the hours, the days, the weeks of our lives. Time is a gift of God. How we choose to use it is a matter of stewardship. Some people lead lives of frenetic activity, always over-extending themselves to the point of exhaustion, while others sit around in apathetic boredom. Some spend all their hours serving the needs of others at the expense of their own, while others live only for themselves.

As Christian stewards we try to manage time wisely and in a balanced way. And we give our time gladly to family and friends, to strangers, to the community, the church, and to ourselves.

Our abilities

Do you remember Jesus' parable of the three servants who received different amounts of money to manage while the master was away? We've each received from God distinctive gifts and talents. How we develop and use these talents is a matter of stewardship. Like two of the servants in Jesus' story, we can invest them wisely — or like the third, out of fear we can hide them (Matthew 25:14-30).

As stewards, we acknowledge the gifts we have without apology. We develop them further, practicing new skills and putting our talents to work in ministry.

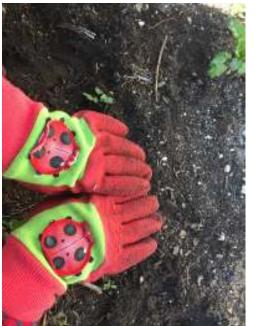
Our resources

We may think that our financial resources are our own. But when we recall that the time, the energy, the good health, and the opportunities for employment behind these dollars are all gifts from God, we see that the funds belong to God too. We are the stewards; God is the owner. So questions about what we earn, how we earn it, how we save, spend, and give it away, are all questions of Christian stewardship.

One vital aspect of our stewardship is our giving to Christ's work in the world. We've learned that giving is most effective when we commit ourselves to give a definite proportion of our income through the church. For many, this proportion is one-tenth, or a tithe. Whatever the amount, we have discovered the joy in giving to God the "first fruits," an amount "off the top" of our income, not what's left over at the end of the month.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Sometimes it's hard to believe it's been another whole year! Join us in worship June 12th as we celebrate Christian Education Sunday. We will experience a diverse group of people reflecting on how we've been learning and growing in faith together over the past year. See you there!

Sunday School, WOW it's Wednesday, Staff Nursery Care, and Parents' Night Out take a break for the summer and resume again on September 18th. Yet, there are still a variety of Christian Education opportunities offered over the summer months. Check the church website, newsletter, and bulletins for information about short-term studies and other ways to engage in July and August.

Wherever you are this summer, Faith Partners are encouraged to keep checking in with each other and

holding each other in prayer. Thank you for another beautiful year and for all the adventures yet to come!

Blessings, Sherri Shumate; Director of Christian Education, sherri.shumate@gmail.com

Sunday School

9:30am-10:15am

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

Sunday, June 5: Meet in traditional class location to prepare for Education Sunday. **Sunday, June 12:** Meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30am to prepare for Education Sunday.

THANK YOU teachers, helpers, and learners for a wonderful year! Sunday school breaks for the summer after June 12th and will resume on September 18th

Mark your Calendars:

Education Committee Meeting to approve our preschool budget: June 12, 8:30am



WORSHIP TOGETHER

We believe the body of

Christ includes all of us, bringing our gifts and growing in faith together. Sunday morning all children are invited to remain in worship with their families. Worship buckets with coloring and activities for children connected to the messages are available in the front and rear of the sanctuary. Bathrooms and a changing table are located in the back of the sanctuary.

Staff childcare is available in the nursery on Sundays from 9:00am-10:15am and in the Hospitality Room in the rear of the Sanctuary from 10:20am-11:30am! On weeks we worship in the Social Hall, nursery care remains in the nursery throughout the entire time. Parents are welcome to sign in and drop off their child or to stay with their child. Our staff nursery caregivers are paid, experienced, childcare professionals: Luz, Christa, and Heather.

Please contact me if you have questions. sherri.shumate@gmail.com

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Here are some ways our young people hope to grow in faith this year:

- *recognize what's important in God's eyes
- *appreciate God's creation
- *say blessings before meals
- *pray every night
- *tell God, "I love you"

How are you growing in faith?

WOW IT'S WEDNESDAY: 4:30-6:00pm

Wow meets June 1 and June 8. We break for the summer and resume Sept. 21st.

Wow It's Wednesday is an intergenerational Christian Education & music experience. All are welcome to join us for food, fun, and fellowship. WOW follows the Summit public school calendar. We do not meet on days the Summit public schools do not meet, have early dismissals, or have weather closings.

Our WOW program is a hands-on, interactive way to engage the themes and stories we are learning in worship and Sunday school. One way we will be aligning with our church emphasis on being a place of rest and renewal will be incorporating ways of helping our children learn strategies and experiences for rest and renewal.

We make healthy snacks related to our theme together each week. Please alert me if your children have food allergies. There is no staff supervision available until 4pm or after 6pm. Please plan accordingly. Contact me for more information. sherri.shumate@gmail.com

WOW Schedule

4:30-4:55pm Story, Snacks, & Sharing

5:00-5:15pm Devotions

5:15-6:00pm Adult Conversations in the 5:20-6:00pm Singing Praises Together

BIBLES FOR CHILDREN

Has your child received a Bible from our church? We are ordering the Deep Blue Kids Bible to



give our young disciples and would like to make sure all children who wish to receive one do so. You can read more information about this Bible here:

http://www.deepbluekidsbible.com/

Please contact me by May 30th if you would like your child to receive a Bible from our church.

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Thank you!

FAITH PARTNERS

Last month we welcomed a new pair of Faith Partners, and our first family pairing of three children and another adult Faith Partner praying for each other! We now have 23 pairs, and 49 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 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! - Sherri Shumate sherri.shumate@gmail.com or call the church office.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the year we make an effort to

attend our children and youths' concerts, plays, and special events. If your child has an upcoming event you'd like us to be part of, please let me know! We also try to plan our youth ministries around our young



people's passions, interests, and needs. sherri.shumate@gmail.com

Saturday, June 5 - *Manhattan Bagel Trip*, Meet in the parking lot at 9:25am.

Saturday, June 11 - *Rummage Sale,* in the Social Hall.

Sunday, June 12 - *Christian Education Sunday.*

MUSIC NOTES

I would like to thank our Music Makers for their dedication and devotion to their church and to the glory of God.

With much love,

Joanne Teubner Prussak, Director of Music

WESLEY CHOIR and SINGING BELIEVERS

Amanda Brown

Adam Daniel

Lucas Daniel

James Goldman

Kayla Goldman

Maddie Johnson

William Johnson

Caroline Relf

Oliver Relf

Joshua Reves

Melissa St. Louis

Bradley Smith

Joseph Smith

Riley Smith

Diane Wagnac

HANDBELL CHOIR

Chris Barry

William Dembaugh

James Goldman

Kayla Goldman

Kim Goldman

Alison Johnson

William Johnson

Emily LaJeunesse

Jayme LaJeunesse

Adrian Phillips

CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

Beverly Alexis

Gregg Buttermore

Bernice Griffith

Ximenita Gonzalez

Alison Johnson

Emily LaJeunesse

Jayme LaJeunesse

Jesse Reyes

Myrene Reyes

Christine Tipton

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sopranos

Bernice Griffith

Latonia Hall

Maddie Johnson

Emily LaJeunesse

Sherri Shumate

Shela Waldron

Jacqueline Wasniewski

Altos

Beverly Alexis

Kayla Goldman

Ximenita Gonzalez

Tenors

Gregg Buttermore

William Johnson

William Dembaugh

William Teubner

Baritones

Stephen Brown

William Glancy

James Goldman

Neil Johnson

Jayme LaJeunesse

Adrian Phillips

Dwayne Phillips

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Jocelyn Gallinek, *Flute* Jordyn Gallinek, *Bassoon*

Jesse Reyes, Guitar

William Teubner, Trumpet



MUSIC NOTES

Joanne Teubner Prussak, Music Director

Thank you to our Music Makers for your dedication and devotion to praising God through music at our worship services.

Wesley Choir

Our children and young people learn Christian songs and better understand the meaning of the text through music and rhythm. The choir welcomes all children ages three and up., as part of Wow, It's Wednesday. Rehearsals are in the chapel on Wednesdays at 5:20 pm.

Singing Believers

Our youth develop their faith and experience worship through their singing in choir, and learning the songs of the church. **Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 12:45 pm.**

Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble of singers, drum, recorder, bass and piano are praising God through music from contemporary hymnals. Rehearsals are Sundays at 12:15 pm in the sanctuary.

Bell Choir

Come and ring a joyful sound to the Lord. **Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 11:45 am in the sanctuary.**

Chancel Choir

Our Chancel Choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.

It is in doing that we are enriched and that we grow closer to God and to each other.

Additional members always are most welcome. Come, join us and make music to praise our God!



THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

It has been a wonderful season of church music at UMC Summit. Our Wesley Choir has been singing so happily and sincerely. Shela W., Moms and Dads have helped out so willingly. Our Singing Believers Choir has been singing so meaningfully their praises to God. Our joyful Bell Choir has been ringing with great passion and praise. We are blessed every week with the voices of our Chancel Choir. How fortunate we are to have such devoted vocalists sharing their voices to God's glory.

Thank you to our wonderful soloists. Our gifted soprano soloist and section leader, Jacqueline Wasniewski, will be relocating to South Carolina this summer. She has greatly blessed us with her beautiful voice as well as her devout spirit. I will miss you so very much my dear friend! When you are visiting us up north your place is always waiting for you.

Our instrumental soloists have blessed us so very much all season. Thank you for all your hours of rehearsals and lovely anthems in God's praise.

Jocelyn Gallinek, Flute Jordyn Gallinek, Bassoon Jesse Reyes, Guitar William Teubner, Trumpet

Thank you to all our musicians, singers, ringers and instrumentalists. You are an integral part of our Music Ministry by sharing your gifts of music to our Lord and Savior.

With much love and gratitude, Joanne Teubner Prussak



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!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On Saturday, **June 11th from 9:00am-1:00pm** The United Methodist Church of Summit will be holding another **rummage sale** in the Social Hall. *Please note: We are not accepting clothes or televisions.*

	BIRTHDAYS & Ann	niver	rsaries in June:
2	Jim Kennedy	1	
4	Tommy Rockoff	15	Bob Zotti
5	Steve Daniel	16	Anita & Tom Grau
	Isabel Reyes	17	Chris Barry
6	Hannah Dietzel	18	Andrew Aguilera
7	Judy Cornog		Richard & Kathy Rodriguez
9	Leslie & Chris Goetzl	21	Kenneth Clark
10	Scott Daniel	23	Fred & Joanne Prussak
	Massimo Arbo & Corie Williams	25	Joshua Clough
11	Betty Danielson		Henry Lord
	Greg Vartan	28	Isabelle DeMartin
13	Gail Faulkner	29	Tom Grau
	Ann & Bill Houpt	30	Stephen Brown

9TH ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH

DATE: Sunday, June 19

TIME: 2 - 6pm

PLACE: Upper 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** or **Adrian** 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!



Do you have a talent that only rarely sees the light of day?

Have you always wanted to perform in front of a small audience?

Are you perhaps looking for that next step towards stardom?

Whichever one of these people you might be, bring your talent along to the first of a series of monthly 'Open Mic Nights' to be hosted by the United Methodist Church of Summit.

In the intimate, safe and loving environment of the UMC Summit's Social Hall, let your talents run free and allow the community of Summit to enjoy what you like to express! Each month we will focus on certain sections of the community, such as singer-songwriters, teen rock bands, dramatic readings, dancers, but this first session is open to all!

For performers and visitors alike, make a note in your calendar to join us:

Friday September 30, 2016 8:00pm – 11:00pm

If you know now that you would like to perform, just drop us a line at umcofsummit@gmail.com or call the office at (908) 277-1700.



Dear UMC of Summit,

As many of you are aware I will be ordained on June 4th 2016. This is a moment of tremendous affirmation of what has been a life long journey. At the age of nine while attending the ordination service of a family friend, I answered an altar call for individuals who felt God was leading them into ministry. While kneeling at the altar rail Bishop Grove lifted my chin and whispered that he believed in me, my pastor also came forward and laid his hand on my shoulder. Together they affirmed my choice to answer this call at such a young age. Since then I have worked toward this moment, a moment that I am truly humbled by and grateful for. It has been by the grace of God and the help of many individuals that I have finally made it!

You all are a part of my journey and have helped to lead me to this moment-I am grateful for each of you. Collectively you all have served as a mentor offering your support, wisdom, and openness. All of which has allowed me to explore this call to ministry more deeply. I especially want to share my gratitude for my friend, mentor, and pastor, Pastor Shawn. Her guidance in my ordination process, my ministry, and my life has been invaluable. Perhaps the most important lesson Shawn taught me was to keep a sense of humor in ministry by teaching me, phrases such as "ahh the church," the best places to hide Chuckie, and how to shake my fists. Most of all I want to thank my loving wife Eileen, for whom there are no words deep enough to express my appreciation. Her support through this journey has been the greatest gift anyone could ever receive in a lifetime. I look forward to many years in ministry and will always look back on my time at UMC of Summit with the fondest of memories.

- Drew Sperry



Dear members of UMC of Summit,

We celebrate your ministry and recognize your ministry and generous giving.

The United Methodist Church is a connectional ministry. We know that together we can go further than any one church or congregation can go alone. On behalf of your district superintendent, your peer congregations and the entire denomination, thank you for supporting this connection by fulfilling 100% of your shared ministries commitment.

Our ministry together is one of the foundations of our Wesleyan faith. To recognize the importance of our commitment together, Greater New Jersey has created the Wesley Circle for congregations who meet their shared ministry commitment each year.

Your faithfulness is evident in your commitments and we are happy to acknowledge your congregation as a Wesley Circle Church. Enclosed is a certificate that we hope you will share with the rest of your congregation. Keep the faith!

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YOR R. Schol

John Schol

Bishop, The United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey

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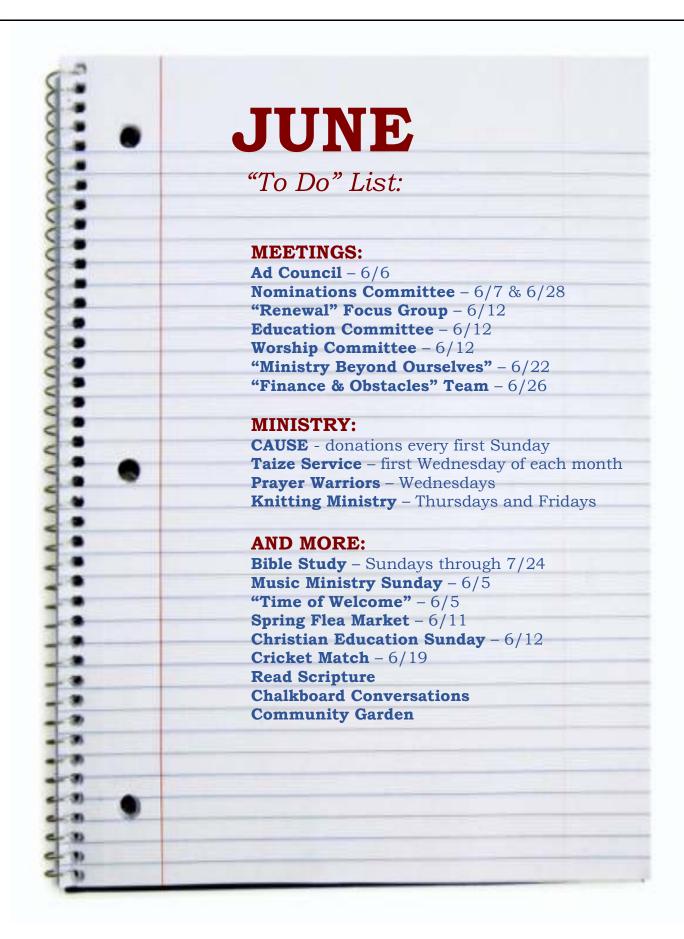
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