

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT
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THE DIALOGUE

June 2017



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PRAYER IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY:

Five days: **Monday June 12 through Friday June 16**, you are invited to participate each day in 15 minutes of guided prayer (**7:45 – 8:00 am**), done by conference call.

You call the number below* at 7:45 am, and Pastor Hogan will guide us all in a form of prayer that is silent and individual, even as we are collectively praying for those 15 minutes.



Pastor Hogan will offer prompts for your own silent prayer, and the time will end in sharing in the Lord's Prayer at 8 am. Join us!

*Call: 515-604-9643

Enter access code: 319155#

(It is not necessary to announce yourself at the start of the call, even if the system invites you to do so.)



The Gospel according to Pixar: A Sermon Series

June 18 – July 9

Come and explore the Christian themes found in some popular animated movies!

4 Sundays:

June 18: "Finding Nemo"

June 25: "Toy Story"

July 2: "Up"

July 9: "Inside Out"

(And each Sunday, you are welcome to bring a bag lunch and stay after worship to watch the movie of the day!)



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A Sesquicentennial Celebration! 150 Years of Sharing God's Love!

Methodists have been gathering together in Summit since 1867,
and we are enjoying this year of celebration!

Former pastors and associate pastors from the United Methodist Church and the Oakes Memorial United Methodist Church have been invited to choose a Sunday in this calendar year to come and offer the morning message. Check out the church's website homepage for information on upcoming guest preachers.

On Sunday, **September 17, 2017**, our worship service at 10:30 will celebrate the anniversary, followed by a brunch from 12:30 – 3:30 pm at the Grand Summit Hotel.

Tickets will be \$40 each, children 6-12 years \$15, (under 6 years free).

The brunch will include a time of celebration, including honoring persons who have been members here for 25 years or more.

Invitations are being sent to those on our mailing list;
if you do not receive one, please call the church office!

We will extend the celebration across other Sundays:

on Sunday, September 24, 2017,

we will honor those who have been members here up to 25 years,

on Sunday, October 1, 2017, we will honor those who were married here,

and on Sunday, October 15, 2017, we will honor those who were baptized here.

Spread the word to your family and friends:

Being together brings great joy to so many!

We look forward to seeing you!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY: HONORING WESLEY CENTER PRESCHOOL

**On Sunday, June 11, 2017,
our worship service will include our gratitude for
the wonderful ministry of Wesley Center,
as we give thanks for the heritage of nurture and
education it has offered.**



**Wesley's Executive Director and teachers
have been invited to share their reflections.**

Additionally, we will celebrate our high school seniors, as well as our Sunday School teachers and learners, noting the breadth of avenues through which we grow in faith through our church educational ministries.

The service will use a sandcastle theme of honoring and letting go. Just as all sandcastles offer beauty to the world and then eventually return to the sea, every season of our lives is an ending and a new beginning. We will honor this season and the gifts it has offered, even as we open ourselves to the new dreams God is inviting us to embrace.

**Please invite your friends and all for whom Wesley Center
holds a special place in their hearts!**

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!



Improve your health while feeding others:

***Join in caring for our
Community Garden!***

<https://umcommunities.org/blog/human-health-improved-gardening/>

"The American Horticultural Therapy Association cites the following benefits of horticultural therapy:

- Enhance self-esteem
- Alleviate depression
- Improve motor skills
- Provide problem-solving opportunities
- Encourage work adjustment
- Support social interaction

Gardening as a means of physical and occupational rehabilitation was employed in U.S. Veterans Administration hospitals for returning World War II veterans. The idea of using nature to improve human health and well-being gained credibility through research in the '70s and '80s."

You are welcome at any time to enjoy the produce of the garden, and/or you can join our gardening ministry by volunteering to water and weed our small plots!

Call the church office, or reach out to Wendi Barry or Steffi Mansilla for more information!

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

PRAYER SERVICE

Please mark your calendar to join us for our monthly special prayer service on
June 7 at 7:00 – 7:30 pm
in the Chapel.

We 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!



“What brings you joy?”

That was the very first question on the very first week of the very first year of our Chalkboard ministry.

This year will mark the fourth year of this wonderful community activity.

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, please speak with Pastor Hogan).

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Time is a funny thing. Some days feel like a lifetime and years pass like the blink of an eye. Ancient Greeks had two words for time: *kairos* and *chronos*. *Chronos*, we still use today; it refers to clock time – time that can be measured – seconds, minutes, hours, and years. *Chronos* time is quantitative, *kairos* is qualitative. *Kairos* time measures moments, not seconds. It refers to the right moment, the opportune moment, the perfect moment. It is as if the world takes a breath, and in the pause before it exhales, fates can be changed.

Summer is a time of possibility: time in between school years, time in between busy seasons of our church. How will you use this time? How will you balance the *chronos* and the *kairos* time? What could this be the right moment for in your season of faith?

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school is an opportunity to share our ideas, our questions, our hopes and our prayers. It's a place where all are welcome and where we grow in faith together.

We resume in September, 9:30-10:15am Sunday mornings. Would you be interested in teaching or helping? Have a new idea you'd like to share? Contact me!



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

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 **beginning September 17th**, on Sundays from 9:00am-10:15am and in the Hospitality Room in the rear of the Sanctuary from 10:20-11:30am! There is a live video showing the worship service with more room for kids to move and wiggle than in our pews. 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 and Christa. Please contact me if you have questions. sherri.shumate@gmail.com.



Save the Date: Bridges Run **Wednesday, June 21, 5:30-8:30pm**

We have reserved space for 6 people to accompany Bridges Staff in helping deliver meals to homeless persons in New York. (Ages 14 and Up).

We also need helping making 75 sandwiches and bagged lunches to deliver that day. Contact me for more information.

<http://www.bridgesoutreach.org/what-is-a-run/>

FAITH PARTNERS

Several years ago, we started a program called Faith Partners where people were paired to commit to praying for each other weekly. We particularly made an effort to ensure that all children who wanted a Faith Partner received someone to hold them in prayer. Some of my children's Faith Partners have become some of our dear friends, celebrating special occasions with us, listening to our children sing, taking time to say hello or occasionally sitting together in church. As a parent, it means so much to me to have people committed to praying for my children and growing in faith with us.

Over the years, some of our Faith Partners have moved, some have gone home to be with God, and we've also had new members start attending. This month, we will be relaunching a new round of Faith Partners. If you'd like to become a Faith Partner, please let me know. If you already have a Faith Partner, you're welcome to keep that relationship and continue praying for each other. The only requirement to be a Faith Partner is agreeing to pray for each other regularly. Interested in being a Faith Partner? Contact me; sherri.shumate@gmail.com

Faith Partners continue throughout the year. Wherever your summer plans take you, make a few minutes to hold each other in prayer.

Parents' Night Out: Resumes in September



Drop off your children for an evening of fun. 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. Suggested donation \$15/child, max \$40/family. This money goes to purchase supplies for our Bridges lunches that we donate to homeless families.

September Date: TBA, Please sign-up via email: sherri.shumate@gmail.com

Suggested donation \$15/child; max \$40/family. Meet in the Social Hall.

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

Please note: WOW takes a summer break and resumes on September 20th

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.

4:30-4:55pm *Story, Snacks, & Sharing*
5:00-5:15pm *Devotions Together* (in the Chapel)
5:15-6:00pm *Adult Conversations* (in the Fellowship Room)
5:20-6:00pm *Singing Praises Together* (in the Chapel)

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the year we make an effort to attend our children and youth's 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

- ✓ Sunday, **June 7**: *Teen Manhattan Bagel Trip*, 9:30am
- ✓ Sunday, **June 11**: *Education Sunday (honoring graduates and the Wesley Center)*
- ✓ Wednesday, **June 21**: *Bridges Run (to deliver meals)*, 5:30-8:30pm



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

Singing is so much fun! We learn songs about Jesus and how to follow his teachings in our lives. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at **5:20pm 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 **1:00pm on Saturdays in the Chapel** for youth grades 3 through high school.

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". Rehearsal are **Sundays at 12:15pm in the Music Room**. Come and share your musical gifts and enrich your faith.

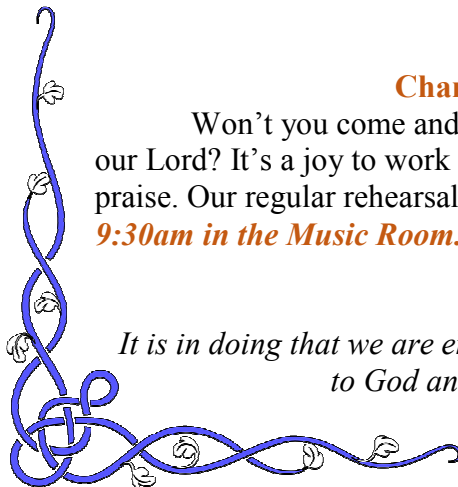
Bell Choir

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. Rehearsals are **Sundays at 11:45am 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 are on **Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Music Room**.

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



Mark Your Calendars:

Sunday, June 4th

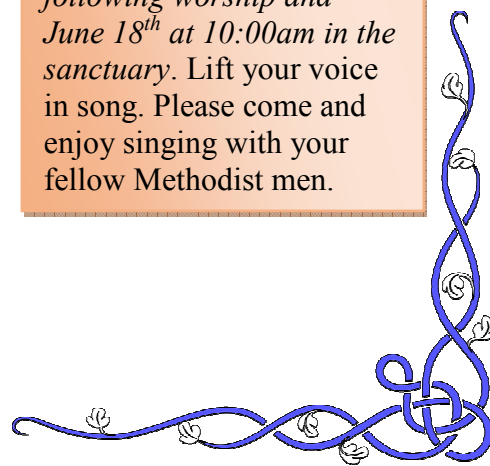
June 4th is the celebration of our **Ministry of Music**. Our choirs: *Wesley, Singing Believers, Bell Choir, Contemporary Ensemble and Chancel* will be sharing their gifts of music throughout our worship services. Our Lord will be praised through word, song and instruments. Please come and share a praise-filled worship.

Sunday, June 11th

June 11th is our **Christian Education Sunday**. The *Wesley Choir and Singing Believer Ensemble* will be praising God through song. Come and support our children and youth choirs as they sing praises to our Lord.

Sunday, June 18th

On June 18th, which is **Father's Day**, we need all singing Methodist men to lead worship through song. *Rehearsals are June 11th following worship and June 18th at 10:00am in the sanctuary*. Lift your voice in song. Please come and enjoy singing with your fellow Methodist men.



MUSIC NOTES

I would like to thank our Music Makers for their dedication and devotion
to their church and to the glory of God.
Heartfelt gratitude for sharing your wonderful gifts of music
throughout the year.

WESLEY CHOIR and SINGING BELIEVERS

Amanda Brown
Adam Daniel
Lucas Daniel
James Goldman
Kayla Goldman
Maddie Johnson
William Johnson
Caroline Relf
Oliver Relf
Joshua Reyes
Bradley Smith
Joseph Smith
Riley Smith
Melissa St. Louis
Diane Wagnac

HANDBELL CHOIR

Alison Johnson
Chris Barry
Gregg Buttermore
James Goldman
Kayla Goldman
Kim Goldman
Ximenita Gonzalez
William Johnson
Emily LaJeunesse
Jayme LaJeunesse
Adrian Phillips
Dwayne Phillips
William Teubner

CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

Beverly Alexis
Gregg Buttermore
Bernice Griffith
Ximenita Gonzalez
Emily LaJeunesse
Jayme LaJeunesse
William Teubner

CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano

Bernice Griffith
Latonia Hall
Maddie Johnson
Emily LaJeunesse
Sherri Shumate
Shela Waldron

Alto

Beverly Alexis
Kayla Goldman
Ximenita Gonzalez

Tenor

Gregg Buttermore
William Johnson
William Dembaugh
William Teubner

Bass

Thomas Benton
Stephen Brown
William Glancy
James Goldman
Neil Johnson
Jayme LaJeunesse
Adrian Phillips
Dwayne Phillips

VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS

Chris Colabaugh, *Trombone*
William Dembaugh, *Tenor*
Jordyn Gallinek, *Bassoon*
Jocelyn Gallinek, *Flute*
Ximenita Gonzalez, *Alto*
Bernice Griffith, *Soprano*
William Teubner, *Trumpet*

With much love,

Joanne Teubner Prussak, Director of Music

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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!](#)

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Since World Environment Day occurs on Monday, June 5th there will be a walk, bike, take mass transit or carpool to worship event on **June 4th**. (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).



SEEKING A COMPUTER!

Do you have a good, used computer to donate to the church? It will be used by our Finance Secretary in her weekly work on the church's behalf.

We are seeking a PC (Windows 7 or higher) with internet capability. (It is an extra plus if it has Microsoft

Word and Excel programs installed.)

Contact the church office to let us know if you can help out!

EXTENDING OUR MINISTRY

Are you interested in joining the **Extending Our Ministry committee** as we start our planning for the 2017 - 2018 school year? Please join us on **June 19th at 7:30 pm** in the Fellowship for a looking forward brainstorming session.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

OPEN MIC NIGHTS

Here's what took place from September to May:

- 9 Friday nights
- 50+ people enjoying the ambience and local talent each month
- Bags and bags of popcorn
- Performers from ages 6 to 60+
- First and final performances
- Selections from: *Wicked*, *Hamilton*, *The Great Comet of 1812*, *Evan Hansen*, *Oklahoma*, *42nd Street*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*
- Best from the alternative, pop, rock, country, and Great American Song Book scenes
- Original works about honesty, family, persevering against unbelievable odds, friendships found and then let go
- Laughter, tears, applause, and community



**Open Mic Nights will take a break for the summer
and will resume on September 29th.**



PRAYING PSALMS IN NATURE

Briant Park, Summit
June 25th @ 12:30 pm

Need an excuse to "Just Be" outside?

Please join us in the beautiful setting of **Briant Park** in Summit to reflect on nature-inspired Psalms. We shall meet at the Gazebo to start the walk at 12:30 pm along the wide and meandering path.

This will be a family friendly and multi-generational event where we hope to form various paced groups. Our previous walks were enjoyed by all ages, and all paces, making restful stops as needed along the 1 mile loop. ***We will provide printed psalms if you wish for a more individual time of reflection!***

Bring a picnic lunch if you wish to eat together before we get going! Feel free to bring chairs, a blanket, your family and friends! We wish to grow this event and encourage wider community participation - All are Welcome!!

If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will reschedule at another time.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

10TH ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH

DATE: Sunday, June 11

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!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



Save the Date

United Methodist Church of Summit
ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH
Celebrating 150 years

Sunday, September 17, 2017
12:30pm to 3:30pm
(for ticket information please call the church office)

The Grand Summit Hotel
570 Springfield Avenue
Summit, New Jersey

If you are unable to attend the brunch kindly send a note, a video clip or USB
by August 15, 2017 that can be used in our celebration collage.

Kindly mail to:

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JUNE

“To Do” List:

MEETINGS:

“Obstacles” Group – 6/4
Outreach Committee – 6/4
Nominations – 6/7 & 6/21
Trustees – 6/9
Worship Committee – 6/11
Ad Council – 6/12
Extending Our Ministries – 6/19

MINISTRY:

Taize Service – first Wednesday of each month
Knitting Ministry – Thursdays and Fridays
Guided Prayer – 6/12 through 6/16
Praying Psalms in Nature – 6/19
Bridges Run – 6/21

AND MORE:

Music Ministry Sunday – 6/4
Christian Education Sunday – 6/11
Annual Cricket Match – 6/11
“The Gospel According to Pixar” – 6/18 – 7/9
Care for our Community Garden
Chalkboard Conversations – begin last week in June

JUNE 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30am – Sunday School (all grades) 9:30am – Chancel Choir 10:30am – Worship 11:30am – Refreshments and Fellowship 11:45am – Bell Choir 12:15pm – Contemporary Ensemble				1 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	2 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	3 Singing Believers 1:00pm
4 Ministry of Music Sunday Outreach Committee Meeting – 11:45am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> “Obstacles” Group – 11:45am <i>(Chapel)</i>	5	6	7 Last Wow, It’s Wednesday (until the fall) Taize Service 7pm <i>(Chapel)</i> Nominations Committee 7:30pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	8 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	9 Trustees’ Meeting 7:30am <i>(Conference Room)</i> Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	10
11 Christian Education Sunday Worship Committee Meeting - 9:30am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Cricket Match 2-6pm	12 Guided Prayer (7:45am) Ad Council Meeting - 7:30pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	13 Guided Prayer (7:45am)	14 Guided Prayer (7:45am)	15 Guided Prayer (7:45am) Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	16 Guided Prayer (7:45am) Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	17
18 “Finding Nemo” 12-2pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	19 Extending Our Ministries Meeting – 7:30pm <i>(Fellowship</i> <i>Room)</i>	20	21 Bridges Run to deliver meals - 5:30-8:30pm Nominations Committee 7:30pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	22 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	23 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	24
25 “Toy Story” 12-2pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Praying Psalms in Nature – 12:30pm <i>(Briant Park)</i>	26	27	28	29 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	30 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	

JUNE Birthdays and *Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Enjoy Your Day!				1	2 Jim Kennedy	3
				8	9 *Leslie and Chris Goetzl	10 Scott Daniel
4 Tommy Rockoff	5 Steve Daniel Isabel Reyes	6 Hannah Dietzel	7 Judy Cornog	15 Bob Zotti	16 *Anita and Tom Grau	17 Chris Barry
11 Betty Danielson Greg Vartan	12	13 Gail Faulkner *Ann and Bill Haupt	14	22	23 *J. Clyde and LuHenley Branson *Fred and Joanne Prussak	24
18 Andrew Aguilera *Richard and Kathy Rodriguez	19	20	21 Kenneth Clark	29 Tom Grau	30 Stephen Brown	
25 Joshua Clough Henry Lord	26	27	28 Isabelle DeMartin			