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THE DIALOGUE

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FASTING: A Means of Grace

"Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people."
Joel 2:15-16



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This year, our Lenten worship gatherings will focus on the spiritual discipline of *fasting*.

A **fast** is a commitment to *do without*, as an intentional avenue of spiritual growth.

A fast is an act of personal discipline, an invitation for God to bring new insight, and a reminder of our ultimate dependence upon the Lord.

On Sunday mornings, we will examine the nature and gift of fasting, and on Wednesday evenings we will consider different specific kinds of fasts (such as fasting from technology, from complaint, from hurry...)

Some people fast from **food**, from **television**, from **talking**, from **social media**, from **coffee**, from **driving**, from **complaining**...

What might it mean to fast from **email** for a day each week, or to eliminate all **'background noise'** for a day?

As you examine your life, what form of fast speaks to you?

Shawn Callender Hogan
Pastor

"Fasting is a poignant reminder that all we have is from God. When we do without, we become keenly aware that we are not self-sufficient. All that we have or need comes from sources outside ourselves. Fasting calls us back to God. Deprivation invites us to ponder what is truly meaningful and to celebrate the source of all good gifts. This practice clarifies what is essential from what is frivolous." (From the General Board of Discipleship, United Methodist Church)



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

**(March 12th through April 9th,
in the Social Hall)**

6:30 Soup Supper (Social Hall)

(The soup supper begins 30 minutes after the close of
'Wow! It's Wednesday' activities)

7:00 Worship in the Chapel

Each Wednesday evening you are
invited to gather **at 6:30 in the Social
Hall for a soup supper**
(note the new time.)

With the help of volunteer "Soup Chefs" we will share in a simple meal
as we walk through Lent:

*If you are willing to provide a simple soup supper on one of the
Wednesday nights, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the
Social Hall* so we can plan appropriately. Please anticipate at least 20
attendees. (Please consider making vegetarian options for those who
cannot eat meat.)

This is a casual, gentle way to mark the weeks of self-reflection,
recognizing that we do so as a community.

Following the supper, **at 7:00 pm we will gather in the Chapel for a
brief service of worship** (concluding around 7:30 pm), which will
usually include Holy Communion.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

On March 2, 2014 we will receive a special offering in worship for "One Great Hour of Sharing."

The funds will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Your gifts do remarkable things: feed people with food and hope, wrap babies in warmth and love, empower communities with skills and support. Gifts renew the giver, too, in spirit and in strength.



Our support of UMCOR enables the Church to respond immediately in times of critical need. With this offering, the United Methodist Church rebuilds lives and communities around the world by helping the United Methodist Committee on Relief keep its promise that 100% of your designated gift goes to specific causes. While other groups come in immediately and then leave, "UMCOR is there for the long term and does a tremendous amount of work over a long period of time."

You can use the "special offering envelope" provided in the morning bulletin for your gifts for "One Great Hour of Sharing" on March 2, 2014. (Make checks out to the UMC of Summit, with 'OGHS' in the memo).



On **Wednesday, March 5, 2014**, all are invited to begin the Lenten journey toward Easter by gathering for an **ASH WEDNESDAY** service of worship, **7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.**

We call this day Ash Wednesday because ashes have been used for centuries as a sign of remorse and repentance. Ancient Jews used to dress in sackcloth and place ashes upon their foreheads as a sign of anguish and penitence.

The Christian church took on the tradition of taking the palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday and burning them to ashes, and then on Ash Wednesday, making the sign of the cross with the ashes on the forehead on this day that starts Lent. This ritual signifies the sorrow of believers as they meditate on the sacrifice that Christ made for our sake and made efforts to deepen their commitment to discipleship.

In addition to offering the imposition of ashes, the worship service on Ash Wednesday will include the Lord's Supper. *A Lenten daily devotional guide will be distributed at the Ash Wednesday service.*

Let's gather to
**MAKE BREAD
TOGETHER**

on
Sunday, March 23, 2014
2:00pm – 4:30pm
in the Social Hall



Photo ©Alison Wonderland Tucker 2011

As we create delicious loaves: adding yeast, kneading the dough, letting it rise, baking the bread, and then enjoying the fruits of our labor, we will reflect on the Lenten Season as people of faith.

The time will be one of conversation, spiritual reflection, and fellowship! As we move through the steps of bread-making, we will find that each step invites us to think about our lives and be fed on many levels.

You'll need to bring a few things:

a large bowl for mixing
a cloth to cover it while the dough rises
a loaf pan in which to bake your bread!

Feel free to invite a friend to join us--

Please sign up by March 16 on the sheet posted in the Social Hall
(so that sufficient materials can be made available)

FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

Sandy Volunteer Day

March 29, 2014

Time: 9:00am-4:00pm (orientation & work)

Lunch will be provided!

Help Sandy Victims move back into their Homes! Everyone in our community can help!

Our church community has the opportunity -- alongside other congregations in our district -- to help rebuild homes, lives, and families - right here in New Jersey. By signing up for the **Sandy Volunteer Day**, you will be able to meet and hear about the work being done by "A Future With Hope". We'll put on our work gloves and proceed to work on several projects.

SKILLS: All skills will be utilized! When we hear about the tasks available, we will send word on any tools that would be helpful to bring.

AFTERNOON ARRIVAL: Those arriving for afternoon work will be required to view the safety video at lunch time.

ACTIVITIES: We will do a wide variety of activities. We may help do carpentry, painting, sheet rocking, taping, yard clean up, demolition, trash removal and more. Some people will provide lunch for the day.

Some individuals will offer encouragement and prayer support. You can come along, talk with the workers and the families we help. You can take pictures. Perhaps what is most important of all, you can witness what is happening and bring the stories back to your church, friends, relatives and neighbors. The District will prepare a video of the day and we'll be able to share it in our church.

EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE: Bring your old clothes and some work gloves. Bring a spirit of adventure. Bring a prayerful spirit. Bring a caring heart. Join us in helping to create "A Future With Hope".

Let me repeat - everyone can participate! All you need is old clothes, a spirit of adventure, a prayerful spirit and a caring heart.

CONTACT: Please contact **Brian Tipton** via email (brianjtipton@gmail.com) or in person if you are interested in volunteering.



MARCH EDUCATION ARTICLE

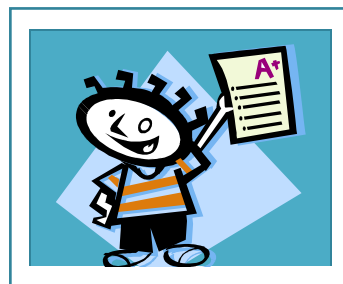
Join us **March 12th** for a **Lenten worship service**. Each year during Lent our church gathers for soup suppers and worship, and each year the youth of our church help to lead one of these worship services.

This year our **senior high class** will help prepare the service and offer their talents to God as they lead worship. The group is looking forward to this opportunity and they are excited to share with you and God what they have learned about the spiritual value of fasting. Soup Supper starts at 6:30pm and worship at 7:00pm. We look forward to journeying through Lent with you.

Attention Graduating Seniors:

The United Methodist Church offers **two scholarships** for graduating students who will be attending an institution for higher education in the fall. These scholarships have been made possible by the compassion of Ms. Evelyn Welsh and Ms. Mildred Wycoff. To apply for a scholarship you need to submit the following:

- **A two page essay** highlighting your community, church and school involvement.
Please also explain your economic need.
- **Proof of enrollment** from the university/college you will be attending in the fall.



To be considered for these scholarships all items are due by **APRIL 13th*

Ways to get involved with Summit UMC Education

Wow It's Wednesday

4:30pm Snacks & Greeting

4:40pm Wesley Choir & Homework Help

5:00pm Devotions

5:00pm Conversations with Pastor Hogan

5:15pm Singing Believers & Green Room Time

6:00pm All Adjourn

Sunday School

+Children (Pre-K-3rd)

10:45am [2nd floor]

+T'weens (4th-7th)

9:30am [3rd floor]

+Sr. High (8th-12th)

9:30am [3rd floor]



Parents' Night Out



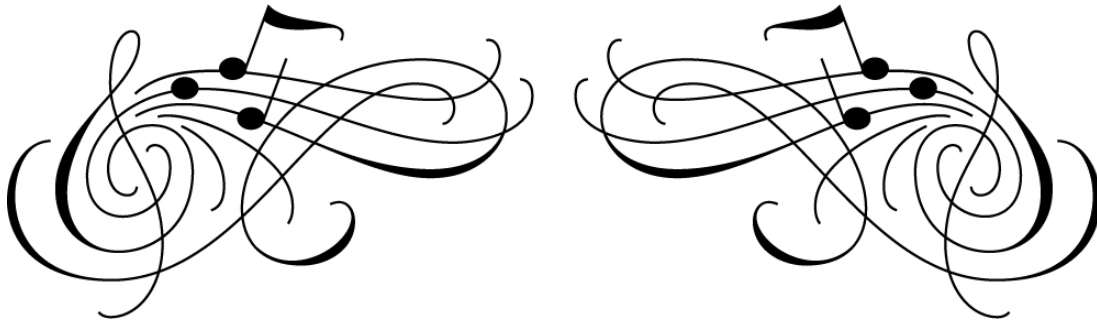
**March 14th, 6 - 9pm
In the Green Room**

Suggested \$10 donation
\$5 for every child after the first



Nursery Care

Nursery Care is available on Sundays from 9:00am until 11:30am for children 6 weeks to 2 years!



MUSIC NOTES

Joanne Teubner Prussak, Music Director

Our Journey Through Lent

Wesley Choir and Singing Believers

Our Wesley Choir meets on ***Wednesday afternoon at 4:30pm*** in the chapel. Children ages 3 through 1st grade learn songs about Jesus. Devotions are at 5:00pm.

The Singing Believers rehearse at ***5:15pm following Devotions***. The young singers study songs of the church.

Both choirs will be singing for worship on March 30th, with warm-up at 10:15am in the Sanctuary.

Believer Quartet

The Believer Quartet rehearses on ***Saturday afternoon at 12:30pm***. This youth quartet sings two- and three- part sacred music.

Contemporary Ensemble

The Contemporary Ensemble, made up of singers and instruments, ***meets after worship at 11:45am*** in the Sanctuary. Come and sing and play instruments to praise our Lord.

Bell Choir

Our Hand Bell Choir rehearses ***Sunday mornings at 9:00am*** in the Sanctuary. Come and ring with us.

Chancel Choir

Our Chancel Choir sings for worship to glorify our Lord through song. The choir rehearses ***Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Chapel***, with additional rehearsals on Saturday afternoon throughout the season. Besides Sunday worship the **choir will sing for Ash Wednesday**. Rehearsal at 6:15pm followed by worship at 7:00pm.

All our choirs welcome all who would like to share their love of music with our community of the faithful.

God is our refuge and strength!

EASTER FLOWERS 2014

Contributions for Easter Flowers will be received until April 11th.

The money collected is used to decorate the Sanctuary, with any remaining money going to provide flowers for future Sunday services. The flowers from Easter will be distributed to our home-bound and hospitalized members and others, as determined by the Pastor.

If you would like your contribution noted in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 20th, please complete the form below.

This form may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the Church Office.

Please make your ***checks payable to UMC Flower Fund.*** Thank You!

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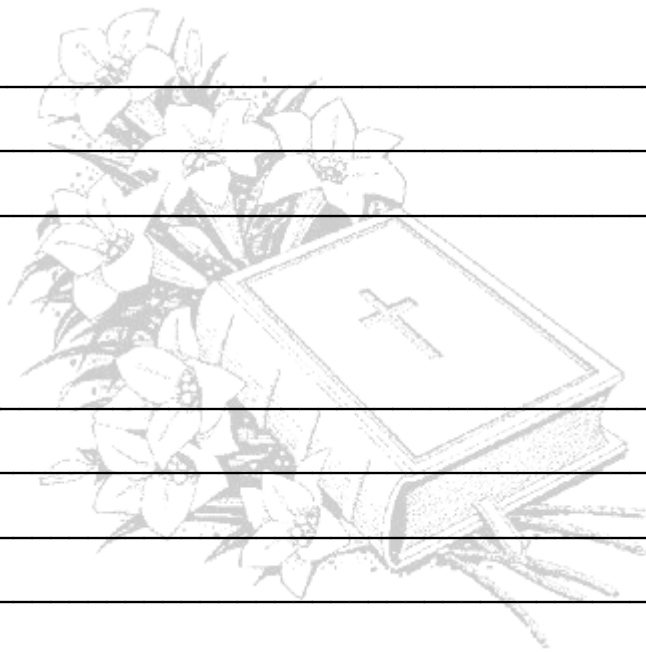
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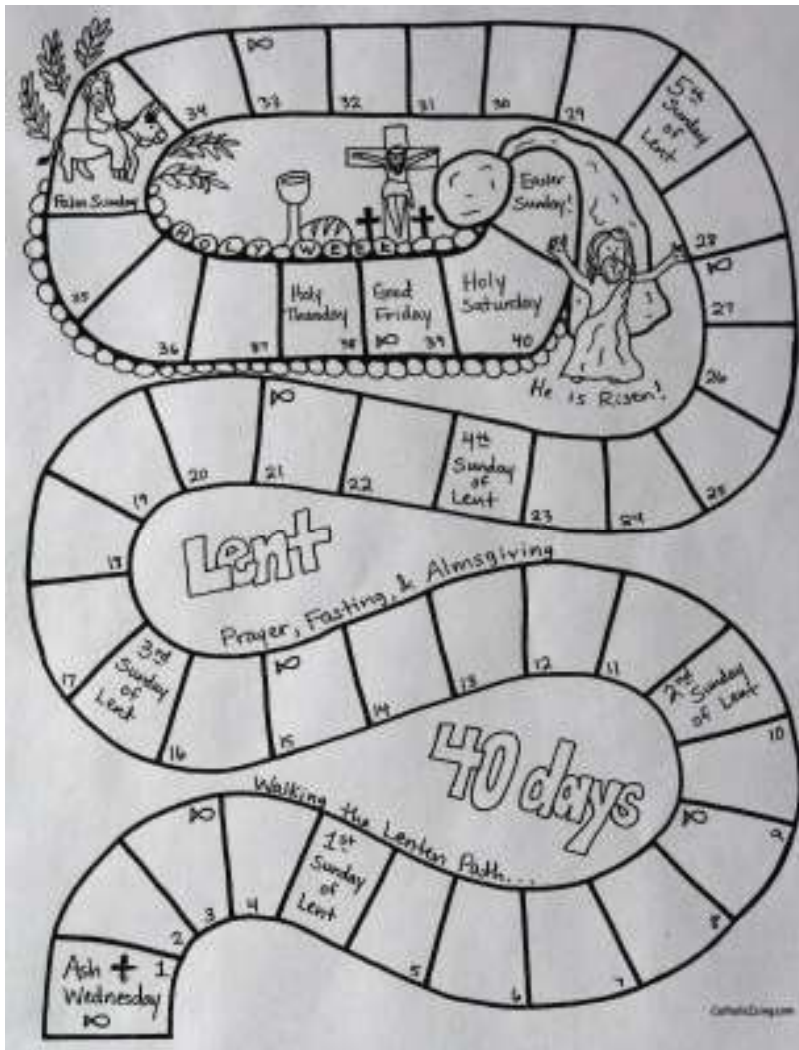
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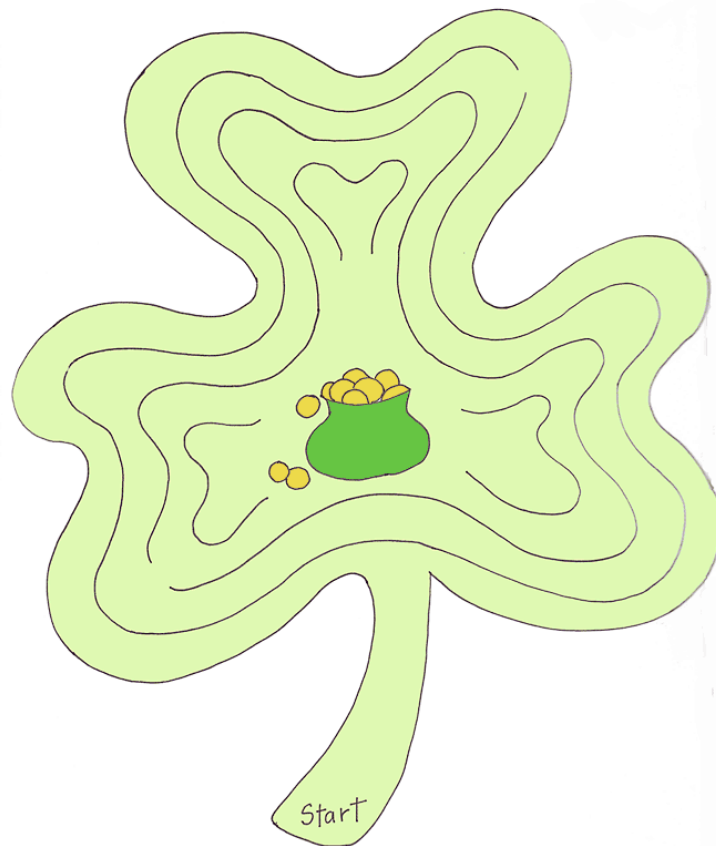


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Find the Pot of Gold.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



The *United Methodist Church of Summit* is on Facebook. Be sure to “like” us!



UMW POTLUCK DINNER

Please join us on Sunday, **March 9** for a potluck dinner. It’s been a long, cold winter and we’d like to warm up with some good food and great conversation. During the 2 hours, we’d like to discuss our group values, who we want to be, our purpose going forward and as a group complete the statement: “The UMW exists in this church so that...” We hope you’ll join us with a dish to share. Please **RSVP the church office** at 908-277-1700.

Hope to see you there....

Other upcoming events: *March 29 Mission Day*
 April 12 in-house Retreat Day



CHURCH REPAIRS

Over 15 contractors have been invited to submit a bid for the repair of the **upper bell tower**. We are hoping work can start in the spring. Work to be done is as follows:
replacement of flashing, pointing and masonry repair.



MANAGER NEEDED

The Summit United Methodist Church and SHIP seek a Program Manager ***for the weekly shower program*** currently operated at the SUMC. The program provides twice-weekly showers, including toiletries and towels for several homeless men. The program uses the shower in the bathroom off the Social Hall. The duties of the Program Manager include scheduling, monitoring, and coordination with both the church and SHIP. Anyone interested in volunteering for this should ***contact Bill Houpt for more details.***

If you have a young family and are seeking ways to celebrate
Lent at home, check out the ideas found here:
<http://pockets.upperroom.org/for-families/observing-lent-in-your-family/STUDY SERIES>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



IHN NEWS

Our Family Promise Union County Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) guests (up to 14 individuals in as many as four families) will be with us from **March 2-9** and again from **March 30-April 6**. When we host in our church we have a great deal of support from Family Promise and the local Summit community. The guests arrive on Sunday and find that their rooms on the third floor have been prepared with warm beds, towels, laundry baskets, drying racks and toiletry bags, all set up by the youth during their lockdown (or Sunday School time). Sometime during the evening the Summit Fire Department arrives and conducts a fire drill so that all the guests are prepared in case of an emergency. They usually bring a fire engine and let the kids explore, which they love. Early in the morning a hot breakfast is delivered by SHIP (Summit Helping Its People) from Calvary Episcopal Church where about 30 men and women are fed and receive bag lunches every weekday.

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, our friends from St. Teresa's RC Church provide dinner and overnight coverage. We owe them and their coordinator, Mary Kate Pach, our heartfelt thanks. They are true partners in this mission and just love our kitchen! The guests are picked up in the morning and ride to Elizabeth in the Family Promise van driven by Leon, our new friend. The Day Center in Elizabeth provides a base from which the guests go to work or school, do job searches, learn skills and have laundry and shower facilities for their use.

Being homeless is never a good situation and it takes many people, staff and volunteers, to help the families feel that they are not alone. **If you would like to know more about how you can become a more active member of the support team, see Ann Houpt.**

BIRTHDAYS & *Anniversaries* in March:

1	Terry Schaefer	17	AJ Lopez
	Abbey Smith		Karen Toulon
2	Heather Fern	20	Cynthia Post
7	Beverly Brown	25	Armando Lopez
	Aiden Curtis	26	Bill Houpt
	Rich Rodriguez		Bradley & Riley Smith
9	Joshua Reyes	30	Jay & Natalie Flammé
12	Waveny Hall		Jenna Vartan
15	Adam Fern	31	Louise DeMartin

Mad Hatter High Tea



Saturday, May 3, 2014
3pm - 5pm

At

United Methodist Church of Summit
17 Kent Place Boulevard
Summit, New Jersey 07901

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE



Summit Needs You!

SUMMIT, N.J., Feb. 20, 2014 - **The City of Summit Office of Emergency Management Police and Fire Departments** are establishing a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and recruiting volunteer participants for the eight-week training program on Monday evenings in March and April.

The goal of **CERT training** is to educate volunteers about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact the Summit area and train them in **basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations**. Using the skills learned in classroom sessions and during exercises, Summit CERT members will take an active role in disaster preparedness projects and in assisting professional emergency responders. CERT members will also help with non-emergency projects to improve community safety.

"Our goal in establishing this program is for CERT members and response personnel to work together for the benefit of the community," explains Summit Police Chief Robert Weck. "CERT training will give people the decision-making, organizational, and practical skills needed to effectively assist in emergency situations."

CERT training is free and open to all Summit residents age 16 and older. The **20-hours of training** are classroom based with few physical requirements. In the CERT training, citizens will learn to:

- Manage utilities and put out small fires
- Treat for shock and control bleeding
- Provide basic medical aid
- Search for and rescue victims safely
- Organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective
- Collect disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts

According to Police Lt. Michael Cantone, who is coordinating the CERT effort for the City of Summit, CERT teams have been established in other towns throughout New Jersey and the nation "to provide ongoing disaster preparedness and emergency support." Cantone describes CERT as "a positive and realistic approach to emergency and disaster situations where citizens may initially be on their own and their actions can make a difference."

For more information or to request an application, **contact Lt. Cantone** at CERT@cityofsummit.org or download the application online at <http://cityofsummit.org/police>

A THANK YOU LETTER
to the UMW from General Board of Global Ministries:



connecting the church in mission

General Board of Global Ministries
475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10116
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January 7, 2014

Conf-Dist-Donor:336-26-030280950

United Methodist Women
United Methodist Church of Summit
17 Kent Place Blvd
Summit, NJ 07901-1922

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide assistance for survivors of human trafficking, funding for health and development projects that alleviate hunger and poverty, holistic community-based health programs, and access to clean water and sanitation. This is just a sampling of the good works that gifts like yours make possible. Thank you for giving so generously.

Through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church, 100 percent of your contribution will go to Disaster Response, International, Advance #982430. Your gift received on 12/09/13 of \$1,000.00 is quick response to meet emergency needs around the world. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world. Thank you for joining with us to "Be Hope" to those who desperately need it.

Please let us know if you have questions and/or concerns, as we welcome the opportunity to speak with you. You can reach the Gift Processing Unit at 212-870-3611. You can find out more about UMCOR's work by visiting our website at www.umcor.org. To receive weekly updates about UMCOR's work, sign up on our website for the UMCOR Hotline, a weekly email about the latest happenings at UMCOR.

This gift will bring hope to those who need it most.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandez
General Treasurer
United Methodist Committee on Relief
General Board of Global Ministries

Shawn Bakker
Deputy General Secretary
Communications and Development

Miriam Typhoon Hatyan

Please retain this letter as your receipt. In compliance with IRS regulations, no goods or services were provided by the General Board of Global Ministries in consideration of your contribution. FEU6-200

A THANK YOU LETTER TO OUR CHURCH
from the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference



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December 31, 2013

UMC Of Summit
17 Kent Place Blvd
Summit, NJ 07901-1922

Dear UMC Of Summit,

Your contribution of \$500.00 to the A Future With Hope Mission Fund Campaign is greatly appreciated. This gift, along with others from throughout the Greater NJ Conference, moves us toward our goal of \$12,000,000 to:

- Restore homes and lives for the elderly, disabled and/or lower income families along the Jersey Shore;
- Move toward eliminating deaths from malaria in the sub-Sahara of Africa; and
- Establish mission projects in our local communities.

Mission: Globally, regionally and locally – together we are making a difference.
Together we are Church.

As required by law, The Greater NJ Annual Conference has not provided you with any goods or services in exchange for your financial support. Please retain this acknowledgement for your records. It is an important document necessary for any federal income tax deduction associated with this contribution.

Thank you,

John Cardillo
Conference Treasurer

"The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples for Jesus Christ by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church, all to the glory of God"

March

"To Do" List

MEETINGS:

Music Committee Meeting - 3/2
Staff/Parish Meeting - 3/6
Education Committee Meeting - 3/9
UMW Pot Luck Dinner - 3/9
Worship Committee Meeting - 3/16
Ad Council Meeting - 3/31

MINISTRY:


Wow, It's Wednesday - *Wednesdays*
Prayer Warriors - *Wednesdays*
Knitting Ministry - *Thursdays & Fridays*
Youth Lock-In - 3/1 through 3/2
IHN Guests Arrive - 3/2 & 3/30
One Great Hour of Sharing - 3/2
Ash Wednesday Service - 3/5
Wednesday Soup Suppers & Worship - starting 3/12
Bread Baking Event - 3/23
Sandy Mission Trip - 3/29

AND MORE:

Parents' Night Out - 3/14
Family Games Night - 3/28

MARCH 2014

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 IHN Guests arrive ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Youth Lock-In <i>(ending @10:30am)</i> Music Committee Meeting 11:30am (Conference Room)	3	4	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm (Chapel) Prayer Warriors -11:30am Wow! It's Wednesday – 4:30-6:00pm	6 Knitting Ministry 11am (Fellowship Rm) Staff/Parish Meeting 7:30pm (Fellowship Rm)	7 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	1 Youth Lock-In <i>(starting @6pm)</i> 8
9 Education Committee Meeting 11:30am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> UMW Pot Luck Dinner 4-6pm (Social Hall)	10	11	12 Prayer Warriors -11:30am No Wow! It's Wednesday Soup Supper – 6:30pm <i>(Social Hall)</i> Worship – 7pm (Chapel)	13 Knitting Ministry 11:00am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	14 Parents' Night Out 6-9pm (Green Room) Knitting Ministry 7pm (Fellowship Rm)	15
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23 Bread Baking Event 2-4:30pm <i>(Social Hall/Kitchen)</i>	24	25	26 Prayer Warriors -11:30am Wow! It's Wednesday – 4:30-6:00pm Soup Supper – 6:30pm <i>(Social Hall)</i> Worship – 7pm (Chapel)	27 Knitting Ministry 11:00am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	28 Family Games Night 6-9pm (Social Hall) Knitting Ministry 7pm (Fellowship Rm)	29 SANDY MISSION TRIP
30 IHN Guests arrive	31 Ad Council Meeting 7:30 pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	Sunday Choir Schedule: 9:00am – Bell choir 9:30am – Chancel Choir 11:45am – Contemporary Ensemble				

WOW, IT'S WEDNESDAY:

4:30pm Snacks & Greeting

4:40pm Wesley Choir & Homework Help

5:00pm Devotions

5:00pm Conversations with Pastor Hogan

5:15pm Singing Believers & Green Room Time

6:00pm All adjourn