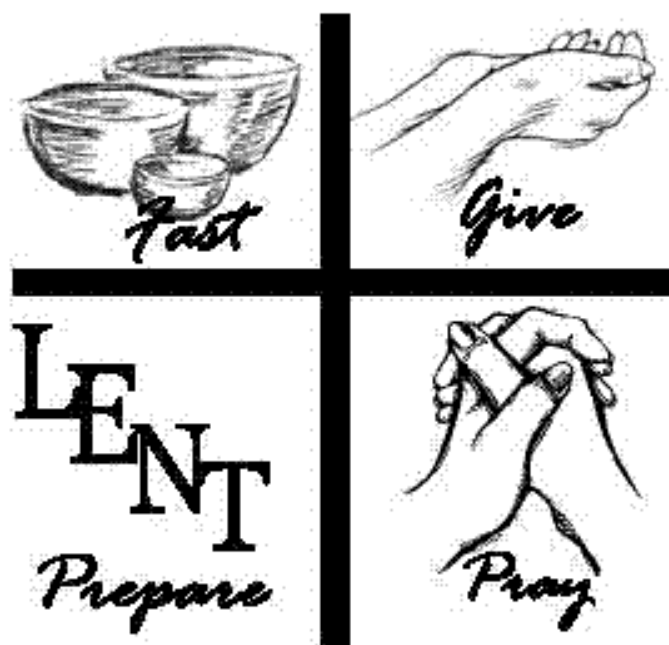


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THE DIALOGUE

March 2017



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From the Pastor

My renewal leave was just that: *renewing*
(aka “what I did in the month of January”)

A *mosaic* is the best way to describe the gifts I received
in the four weeks I spent in prayer and study.

It was a mosaic:

a collection of diverse bits and pieces that came together
in an unexpected way to create a thing of beauty.

The pieces included:

- walking labyrinths (one in San Francisco, CA and one in Aston, PA)
- lighting candles
(my own prayer candle and other candles in sacred places)
- experiencing silence and solitude
- reading books about presence, liminal space,
brokenness, recovery, joy
- attending two Annual Conference meetings
- learning about ‘the soul of a congregation’
- planning Lenten resources
- journaling
- making a stole
- attending a conference about recovery ministries
- spending time at a young loved one’s side in a
hospital intensive care unit
- praying with singing bowls
- being trained in and participating in a Quaker Clearness Committee
- reflecting on my leadership gifts and style
- planning ‘sacred space’ events for our upcoming months
- gathering poetry that speaks to me
- finding new metaphors for my sense of calling
- getting re-centered in my sources of strength
- taking pictures of things that nourish my spirit
- pondering varied works of art
- crossing paths with folks from other religious traditions
and folks with no religious tradition
- *praying for you.*

Shawn Callender Hogan, Pastor



LENT: A Season to “Taste and See!”

Through the Lenten season our worship focus will be on biblical stories of meals, and what we can learn from them.

We will connect these stories with acts of mercy, by collecting different food items each week.

The items will be donated to CUMAC (our United Methodist food pantry in Paterson), and will enable others to be nourished physically as

we are nourished spiritually. All funds in the sanctuary coin jar will also be donated to CUMAC.

Here is the schedule of weekly offerings:

March 5 (Scripture: Genesis 3:1-13: Adam and Eve)

Bring cans of applesauce or apple juice

March 12 (Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34: Jacob and Esau)

Bring cans of soup

March 19 (Scripture: Exodus 16: God sends manna)

Bring bags of flour,

**plus monetary donations for Jefferson School Easter Dinner Baskets
(see further information about the Dinner Baskets on page 21)**

March 26 (Scripture: Genesis 18:1-15: Abraham and Sarah offer hospitality to strangers) *Guests from the Peace Islands Institute will join us in worship*

One Great Hour of Sharing offering: bring UMCOR offerings;

Family Promise Guests arrive: bring Family Promise items

April 2 (Scripture: John 6:1-14: The feeding of the 5000)

Bring cans of tuna,

**plus bring items for Jefferson School Easter Dinner Baskets
(the baskets will be assembled on this day)**

April 9: PALM SUNDAY:

April 16: Easter!



ASH WEDNESDAY March 1, 2017

**Service of Worship at 7:00 pm
in the Chapel**

Lent begins with the arrival of
Ash Wednesday.

We call this day Ash Wednesday because for centuries ashes have been used as a sign of remorse and repentance. 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, marking our solidarity with the brokenness of the world, and our desire to begin anew with Christ.

In addition to offering the imposition of ashes, the worship service on Ash Wednesday will include the Lord's Supper. *(Soup Suppers begin on the following Wednesday, March 8th).*



WEDNESDAYS THROUGHOUT LENT

**(March 8th through April 5th
in the Social Hall)**

**6:00 Soup Supper (Social Hall)
7:00 Worship (in the Chapel)**

Each Wednesday evening you are invited to gather **at 6:00 in the Social Hall for a soup supper.** 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. (There will be a few nights for which soup will be provided but we need hosts to serve and clean up.) The suppers are a gentle, casual 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 7:40 pm), which will include Holy Communion.



*Let's gather to **MAKE SOUP**
TOGETHER on*

**Sunday, March 12, 2017
1:00pm – 3:00pm
in the Social Hall**

This year we are trying something different!

To support the much-enjoyed Soup Suppers that take place throughout Lent, **we are preparing some soup to be used on the week Family Promise will join us for our suppers.**

Join us in this effort!

We will bring ingredients together to fill the kitchen with delicious aromas, and as we do so we will chat about the “ingredients” we are blessed with here as a church!

The time will be one of conversation, reflection, and fellowship!

Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Social Hall by March 5th.

(rides are available for anyone who'd like to attend)



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

**Sunday, March 19, 2017
1:00pm – 3:00pm
in the Social Hall**

As we create delicious loaves: adding yeast, kneading the dough, letting it rise, baking the bread, and then enjoying the delicious results, we will reflect on the **journey of Lent.**

The time will be one of conversation, 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.

And this year the loaves we bake will be shared at the Wednesday Soup Supper meals!

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!
and a friend to join us in the fun!

Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Social Hall by March 12th

(so that sufficient materials can be made available)

(rides are available for anyone who'd like to attend)

(Our last bread-baking event was particularly popular—join us this time—
all ages are welcome!)



Adult Bible Study

Save the Date!

Our next Adult Bible Study will be four Sundays **(April 23, 2017 through May 14, 2017)** from 4pm – 5:30 pm.

We will study the prophetic book of JEREMIAH.

March 26 is “UMCOR Sunday” (the name that now replaces “One Great Hour of Sharing”)

The United Methodist Church has renamed a popular special Sunday observance that includes an offering to cover disaster relief costs.



Photo credit: Melissa Hinnen

The name of the offering has changed, but the work remains the same!

UMCOR is the [United Methodist Committee on Relief](#), a major Protestant humanitarian agency that is part of the General Board of Global Ministries. It was founded more than 75 years ago.

UMCOR's work of alleviating human suffering around the world includes disaster relief and supplies, disaster risk reduction, and humanitarian development. It also relates to the Global Ministries' unit on health.

UMCOR operates in the United States in collaboration with relief teams organized by annual (regional) conferences. On the international level, it works through partner organizations and, at times, its own country offices, depending on need. UMCOR currently has five country offices, in Sudan, South Sudan, Zimbabwe, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Haiti.

“One Great Hour of Sharing” is a traditional ecumenical designation for an offering to cover administrative costs for relief and development efforts.

UMCOR has no source of revenue for administration except from One Great Hour of Sharing (now UMCOR Sunday). UMCOR receives no money from the apportionments paid to the general church by congregations.

On **March 26**, there will be extra envelopes to receive whatever gifts you would like to make to this important relief ministry.



A WAY FORWARD

A Gathering to Discern Greater New Jersey's hopes for the future of The United Methodist Church
For more information visit: <http://www.gnjumc.org/gracefulcontroversies/>

Bishop John Schol invites all United Methodists in Greater New Jersey to join him in a gathering to Discern Greater New Jersey's hopes for the future of The United Methodist Church.

On **March 4**, clergy and laity will gather to discuss the following questions and consider the seven options below as we develop our recommendation for the Commission on the Way Forward.

- In our diverse and global existence, what is the shared mission/purpose of the Church?
- Is there a proactive way for us to live together in our differences that doesn't presume that we will resolve our differences? What would it be?
- What might be a form of unity that would empower us living together?
- What is our witness and what can be our witness to the world in relation to our differences?

The following are suggestions made by different people and groups who seek a solution for the current impasse regarding The United Methodist Church and homosexuality.

1. We continue as we are, no change to The Book of Discipline. If we chose this option, what would you need to participate in the life of the church?
2. We change The Book of Discipline to allow gays and lesbians to be ordained and to permit same gender weddings. If we chose this option, what would you need to participate in the life of the church?
3. The annual conference determines who is fit and ready for ordination and whether to allow clergy to perform same gender weddings. If we chose this option, what would you need to participate in the life of the church?
4. Local congregations decide whether they will accept an openly gay or lesbian pastor and whether their pastor celebrates same gender weddings. If we chose this option, what would you need to participate in the life of the church?
5. The church has authority on these matters by geographic region (we are organized into regions by the Africa, Asia, Europe and the United States). If we chose this option, what would you need to participate in the life of the church?
6. We divide into separate denominations based on gay and lesbian ordination and same gender marriage. If we chose this option, what would you need to participate in the life of the church?
7. Other suggested ideas.

To register for this conference-wide event:

<https://www.gnjumc.org/gracefulcontroversies/graceful-controversies-registration/>

Prior to the gathering, we suggest you read and consider the following resources:

[Wonder, Love and Praise: Sharing a Vision of the Church](#) by the The United Methodist Committee on Faith and Order:

http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/general-conference/2016/documents/gc2016-wonder-love-and-praise_final.pdf

[Be Strong and of Good Courage](#) by Gil Rendle of the Texas Methodist Foundation:

https://www.tmf-fdn.org/assets/uploads/docs/Rendle_Courage_monograph.pdf



Northeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops

The NEJ College of Bishops is made up of all residential and retired bishops who currently serve, or have served, one of the Episcopal areas of the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

February 2017

*"Give me your tired, your poor,
your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, . . ."*

These words, written by poet Emma Lazarus and posted on pedestal of the Statue of Liberty have, for decades, welcomed the foreigner to the shores of our land. They are words that have described the position of our country, a place that has welcomed the immigrant into a land of hope where a pathway to a better life could be found.

The words "give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses," sound very similar to a message that the church has proclaimed for generations:

*"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
(Matthew 11:28)*

The posture of our country in welcoming the foreigner has been compatible with the position of the church. But today there is a disconnect between the position of the country and the mission of the church. Our President's recent Executive Order suspending the country's refugee assistance program and banning visas from seven countries seems a far cry from the words "give me your tired and your poor."

The bishops of the Northeastern Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church recently met in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, a region naturally equated with farmland, Pennsylvania Dutch, and the Amish. But these perceptions do not accurately describe this area. Lancaster is America's refugee capital. It has 20 times more refugees per capita than the rest of the United States, having welcomed over 1,300 refugees since 2003. Within the city there are several United Methodist Churches that have historically modeled what it means to settle families and advocate for the immigrants in their midst.

Just outside the walls of our hotel, a place where we are safe and comfortable, there are immigrants who have become disenfranchised and afraid. Even those who legally have been given a right to become a part of our country are now wondering if they are truly safe and welcome. Others have fears about travel and future employment. Still others wonder when they will see friends and family who

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reside in another country. The huddled masses yearning to be free have all of sudden become very alone and afraid.

We write you today, the people that we serve in the northeastern section of our country, urging you to embrace the gospel message of providing rest for all who are weary in the midst of a land that has begun to build walls of division and discord. In response to Executive Orders from the President, it is our hope that you will once again embrace the mandate from Jesus to be in ministry to the least, the last, and the lost among us.

This is the time for the church to do what it does best – love our neighbors as we ourselves have been loved. We urge all United Methodists to be intentional in providing a ministry of prayer and presence in our churches and throughout our communities that bear witness to our grace and love. We implore you to preach and proclaim an alternative rhetoric to the message of fear and anger that is being generated by those with power. We invite you to step forward and provide safe places of sanctuary for those who long for a place of care and advocacy.

We believe that we have the opportunity and the call from God to welcome the tired, the poor, and the huddled masses with a message that simply says, “Come, and we will, in the name of Christ, give you rest.” May it be so.

We invite you to pray with us this prayer:

Creator God, before life began, you reached deep into the soil around the world to gather rich red clay, fertile black soil, white sand, tan and brown earth and created us; people of every hue, every culture and of every nation and called us good. We praise you for making us different. Yet through all of us, you pulsed the same red rich blood and breathed into us the same breath, your Spirit.

Redeemer God, forgive us when we allow color, culture and national boundary to become the enemy of hospitality and dignity. Forgive us for stigmatizing the name immigrant. In the midst of life's complexities, let us never give up or give in to quick fixes but to be the innovators, the creators following your example. Forgive us for forgetting that we have a rich lineage of immigrants.

Sustainer God and protector of all, sustain and strengthen us for the journey ahead. Give wisdom, and boundless love to the leaders of our nation and the leaders of our communities, schools, government and congregations. Give us the courage and humility to lead people toward security and justice, prosperity and righteousness, safe borders and safe passage.

Bless those born within our borders and those who crossed our borders to find a new home. May your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. It is in the name of Christ that we pray and commit to welcoming the stranger, loving our enemies, and praying for those who persecute us.

Amen.



UMC of Summit
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1/17/2017

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your \$300 contribution upon Rev. Bruger's speaking engagement there this month. Your gift will help us to serve so many of our clients through the cold winter months.

Your donation will also help to serve people like Alphonso. Alphonso's story is similar to so many others we have served. He is a man who never needed any help, who worked his entire life, and all of a sudden, at the age 75, finds himself in the most terrible of situations. After being forced to leave his home, and unable to find any viable housing options in Paterson, Alphonso resorted to sleeping in his car with the heat running. Praying he wouldn't run out of gas and freeze to death, Alphonso had nowhere to turn and almost no hope left. After finding a local social service agency, he was finally referred to CUMAC's Case Manager, Isaiah Jenkins.

CUMAC provided Alphonso with some food and other essentials and Isaiah was immediately able to set Alphonso up with a warm place to stay that night. "I would've died in the cold, because I had nowhere to go, says Alphonso." After weeks of taking Alphonso to do his laundry, get his medication, and participate in local programs, a plan came together and Isaiah was able to secure him a place at a local men's shelter. Knowing that could be any one of us, Isaiah was happy to be able to help. Alphonso will now be attending a local senior program every day, where he can socialize with other seniors, participate in different activities and enjoy a warm meal. "CUMAC is good place, with good people" says Alphonso. "Isaiah never gave up on me and he treated me like a brother when I had no one. I will never forget that. There are still good people in this world. God bless you all."

Each of us knows all too well how easily one's life can be turned upside down. Fortunately, clients like Alphonso don't have to face these challenges alone. Thanks to our incredible staff and supporters like you, CUMAC is here to help. We continue to serve thousands in our community each month and we're changing lives every day. Thank you for being a much needed part of the safety net for your neighbors in need! Please don't hesitate to contact me should you ever have any questions about your gift, or CUMAC's work.

Many thanks,


Stephanie Ames
Development Director

*Thank you so much, Summit UMC!
The many ways you give to our
mission make these stories possible.
"Stephanie"*

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The United Methodist Church *of Greater New Jersey*

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Dear Shawn,

Police officers in Delanco had their badges blessed by the congregation of Dobbins UMC because our first responders, much like our churches, are a vital link to our communities.

A homeless child in Atlantic City has warm socks because the Leesburg and Delmont United Methodist Churches in Cape Atlantic hold an annual Sock Rock to provide thousands of pairs of socks to the homeless each year.

Native American youth from our congregations were transformed by visiting reservations in North Dakota to deepen their faith and understanding of their heritage.

A young person in Camden is learning how to be an auto mechanic for Subaru at Respond Inc, a United Methodist social services agency which was birthed from Haddonfield United Methodist Church 50 years ago.

These ministries are just a tiny fraction of the ministry in Greater New Jersey that is being supported by your shared ministry giving. United Methodists are blessed to have the work of Church and Society through the conference and denomination to provide resources for ministries that align with our social beliefs.

Thank you and the congregation of UMC of Summit for contributing 100% of your shared ministry funds in 2016. Your service and your gifts help make sure that United Methodists are on the front lines of the ministry that is needed in today's world through the work of Church and Society, one of the many agencies that are supported by our shared ministry funds.

United Methodists are making a difference through the ministry of Christ as a result of your commitment to shared ministries.

Thank you.

In Christ,
John

John Schol, Bishop
The United Methodist Church
of Greater New Jersey

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



“We have loved being here!” That’s what our friends said about their experience singing, playing, and praying together at our first WOW It’s Wednesday of this year. Sometimes we forget how much we have to be grateful for. Sometimes we forget what a gift life is. Listening to the children ask for a chance to pray out loud together, I was reminded not to take for granted what a gift and blessing it is to come together to share our life and faith with each other. “Thank you God for food and for money to buy food. Thank you for a roof over my head, and

please take care of those who don’t have a place to live. Thank you God for doorknobs and candy,” our children prayed.

For what do you give thanks today? Where in your life is God reminding you of the simple and precious gifts of community?

Blessings, Sherri Shumate; Director of Christian Education

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 Wyckoff.

To apply for a scholarship you need to submit the following **by April 30th:**

- **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.

Applications can be submitted to the church office or by email to sherri.shumate@gmail.com.

For additional United Methodist scholarship opportunities, visit this website.

GNJ scholarships:

<https://www.gnjumc.org/resource/2017-gnj-scholarship-brochure/>



Feeding People • Changing Lives

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

CUMAC Food Pantry

Saturday, March 11

9:00am- 12:00pm

Please join us for a day of service at the CUMAC food pantry in Paterson, NJ. Ages 12 and up welcome. Please contact Sherri Shumate to sign- up or for more information. Meet at church at 8am to carpool.

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 10:20-11:30am! 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 and Christa. Please contact me if you have questions. sherri.shumate@gmail.com



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, March 18, 5-8pm

Drop off your children for an evening of fun. We offer a mix of fun and worship and make sustainable lunches for Bridges. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30am -10:15am

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

March 5: *Blessed are the peacemakers*, Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes give us instructions for how to live our lives, for how followers of Jesus should live. This way of living is different from what the world teaches, but the reward for following these teachings is great. Can you be a maker of peace this week?

March 12: *Abraham and Sarah*, Lesson 1, Genesis 12:1-9,15:1-6,18:1-15, 21:1-7

God calls Abraham to leave his country and his family, promising to make Abraham's family into a great nation. In Chapter 18, three visitors approach and although they are strangers, they run out to greet them and give them the best of what they have. These strangers bring news that Sarah will finally have a child answering her surprise by saying, "Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?" What promises are you waiting to see fulfilled? What signs of God's wonderful faithfulness do you see?

March 19: *Jacob's Ladder*, Lesson 2, Genesis 28:10-22, Psalm 46

Jacob, the favorite son of Isaac and Rebekah, tricks his older brother Esau out of the blessing he deserves. Running for his life in fear, Jacob has a strange dream. God makes a promise to Jacob: I am with you, I will care for you; I will bring you home. What promise does God make to you? Like Jacob, what promise will you make in response to all that God has given you?

March 26: *Genesis 37*, Psalm 46, Lesson 3

God is always with us. Joseph's story is filled with challenging times and bad choices. God doesn't make those bad things happen in Joseph's life or ours, but God is with us through it all. God is with us even when we don't act in the ways God would like us to act. God is with us even when we don't realize God is here. What might help you notice God's presence with you today?

Sunday, March 5 Teen Sunday School trip to Manhattan Bagel at 9:30am.

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

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 of the ways 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.

March 8th children lead the WOW Lenten Service at 7:00pm
Please note: there is no WOW on March 15.

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, **March 5:** *Teen Manhattan Bagel Trip*, 9:30am
- ✓ Saturday, **March 11:** *CUMAC Food Pantry in Paterson*, 9am -12pm
- ✓ Saturday, **March 18:** *Parents' Night Out*, 5-8pm (youth helpers welcomed)

United Methodist Women celebrate a Day of Giving

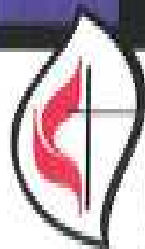
March 23, 2016

March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, to organize for mission. Celebrate as we lead up to our 150th anniversary in 2019 with a special Day of Giving, March 23.

It's easy to give!

- Online at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/legacyfund.
- By telephone at 800-278-7771.
- By checks to **United Methodist Women**, Treasurer's Office,
475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115

Support United Methodist Women's mission outreach in the future with a special gift to The Legacy Fund on March 23.



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MUSIC NOTES

Joanne Teubner Prussak, *Music Director*

***“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement,
give you a spirit of unity as you follow Christ Jesus,
so that with one heart and voice you may glorify
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” – Romans 15:5***

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.

Come! There is power and importance in sharing your faith through music.

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!](#)



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Friday March 31, 2016

8:00pm – 11:00pm (*in the Social Hall*)

Bring your talent along to 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!

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



SUMMER GARDEN

Have you stopped by the Summit UMC garden yet? If not, make your way out there next time you are at church.

The garden bed was built in April of 2015 on the lawn across the street from Winberies as a culmination of the intergenerational study about caring for creation.



Over the past two years we have had so much fun working with all ages to drill the lumber together, mix the bumper crop and soil to create a healthy garden, add nutrients to the soil, and grow beautiful flowers and yummy vegetables!

We look forward to another growing season and invite the community (that includes you!) to receive gifts of food and flowers from us, Summit UMC. As you can read on the garden sign, "Take what you need, leave some for others."

The garden is a project that requires many volunteer helpers to plant, water, weed, and harvest. Would you be willing to help?

Please contact the church office for more information on how to get involved.



COFFEE HOUR COLORING

On the first Sunday of every month, during coffee hour, everyone is invited to a time of community while coloring. Pictures of all kinds, colored pencils and crayons will be provided.

All you need to bring is your imagination and desire to color!



EASTER BASKETS 2017

for the Jefferson Elementary School Community

*Jefferson Elementary School has some unique needs for support, and we can make a difference. Our donation of Easter dinners last year brought much-needed provisions and joy to many families; so we are once again arranging **Easter dinners for 2017.***

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Special Offering:

On Sunday, **March 19** we will have a special offering envelope in the Sunday bulletin for you to give funds that will be transformed into food and gift cards to families in need. *Please make out any checks to the United Methodist Church; note in the memo "Jefferson School."*

Easter Meals:

We will put together Easter dinners for families in need. All Easter dinner donations will be gathered by **April 2**, and delivered to and distributed by Jefferson School.

*Below is a list of food items needed for the meals; **you can sign-up in the Social Hall:***

Items Needed

Rice – 2 lb. bag	Can of Frosting
Potatoes – White	Canned Pineapple
Sweet Potatoes/Yams	Canned Beans
Canned Green Beans	Peeps Marshmallow Chicks
Canned Corn	PAAS Egg Dye
Cake Mix	

Dates:

March 19	<i>Special Offering during worship</i>
March 26	<i>Food drop off</i>
April 2	<i>Food drop off</i>
April 2	<i>Easter dinner gift boxes assembled</i>
April 3	<i>Easter dinner gift boxes delivered to Jefferson School</i> <i>**(volunteers needed)**</i>
April 16	<i>Easter Sunday</i>

These acts of care and generosity will go a long way in helping families in our community to have a holiday of joy and abundance.

Please sign up in the Social Hall beginning March 19

*For more information please see **Debbi P.***

EASTER FLOWERS 2017

Contributions for Easter Flowers will be received until April 9th. 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 16th, 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!

Your

Name: _____

In Loving Memory

of: _____

In Honor

of: _____

MARCH

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS

Education Committee – 3/5

MINISTRY:

CAUSE - donations every first Sunday

Knitting Ministry – Thursdays and Fridays

Ash Wednesday – 3/1

Lenten Soup Suppers and Worship – starting 3/8

CUMAC Food Pantry – 3/11

Family Promise Guests Arrive – 3/26

UMCOR Sunday – 3/26

AND MORE:

Coffee Hour Coloring – first Sunday of the month

Soup Making - 3/12

Parents' Night Out – 3/18

Bread Baking – 3/19

Open Mic Night – 3/31



MARCH 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 ASH WEDNESDAY Worship 7:00pm (Chapel) Wow , It's Wednesday	2 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	3 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	4 Singing Believers – 1:00pm
5 Education Committee Meeting - 11:45am (Fellowship Room)	6	7	8 Wow , It's Wednesday Soup Supper – 6pm (Social Hall) Lenten Worship – 7pm (Chapel)	9 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	10 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	11 CUMAC Food Pantry 8am – 12pm Singing Believers – 1:00pm
12 Soup Making 1-3pm (Social Hall)	13	14	15 <u>No Wow , It's</u> <u>Wednesday</u> Soup Supper – 6pm (Social Hall) Lenten Worship – 7pm (Chapel)	16 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	17 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	18 Singing Believers – 1:00pm Parents' Night Out 5-8pm
19 Bread Baking 1-3pm (Social Hall)	20	21	22 Wow , It's Wednesday Soup Supper – 6pm (Social Hall) Lenten Worship – 7pm (Chapel)	23 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	24 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	25 Singing Believers – 1:00pm
26 UMCOR Sunday Family Promise Guests Arrive	27	28	29 Wow , It's Wednesday Soup Supper – 6pm (Social Hall) Lenten Worship – 7pm (Chapel)	30 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	31 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room) Open Mic Night 8-11pm (Social Hall)	

MARCH Birthdays and *Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Enjoy Your Day!			1 Terry Schaefer Abbey Smith	2 Heather Fern	3	4
5	6	7 Beverly Brown Aiden Curtis Rich Rodriguez	8	9 Joshua Reyes	10	11
12 Waveny Hall	13	14	15 Adam Fern	16	17 Karen Toulon	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Bill Houpt Bradley & Riley Smith	27	28	29	30 *Jay & Natalie Flamme Cynthia Post Jenna Vartan	31 Louise DeMartin Laurie Monroe	