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THE DIALOGUE

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WHO IS WELCOME HERE?

Everyone. That's right: *everyone*.

And to make this point particularly clear, the Administrative Council has approved an addition to our website: we are adding the following statement so that all who visit the site will see our understanding of full welcome:

We invite all people to participate in our community and worship life, without insisting that they become like us in order to be acceptable, including but not limited to:

- *those who hope for a better world and those who have lost hope*
- *believers and seekers*
- *conventional Christians and questioning skeptics*
- *women, men, children, and youth*
- *those of all sexual orientations and gender identities*
- *those of all races and cultures*
- *those of all income levels*
- *those of all classes and abilities*

The statement was originally created by the Greater New Jersey Conference in 2005, and we here at UMC of Summit celebrate how well it states the invitation we seek to offer—the invitation we seek to *embody*—in our life together.

We believe that this statement expresses our desire to live fully into the “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors” slogan of our denomination, and it expresses the kind of grace-full invitation that our Savior offers to all.

Shawn Callender Hogan
Pastor



picture by G. E. R. Williams



Photo by Jim Champion

On **May 19, 2013**, this year's class of students: *Natalie Aguilera, Kayla Goldman, Owen Fern, Will Johnson, and Henry Lord*, will be **confirmed** in their Christian faith! ***Come and celebrate with us!***

Together we celebrate God's work in the lives of our young disciples. They have faithfully journeyed through class lessons, worship, homework, discussions, and reflection. They have benefitted from the care and support of their families and friends who have journeyed with them in this process of spiritual growth, and they have developed individual **statements of faith** in response to the curriculum topics.

Spiritual growth is a life-long journey, and confirmation is one vital season in this journey. Learning about the scriptures, discovering about how God is at work in the world, finding insights about the meaning of discipleship continue throughout every age and stage of a Christian's life.

As you review the past 2-5 years of your life, what insights has it held? With what faith questions do you wrestle? How has your prayer life evolved? In what ways do you find your abilities being used on behalf of the Gospel? As disciples, we are each called to a lifelong, living relationship with God. **Below you will find the framework each student has used to create their statements of faith, which are posted on the wall in the Social Hall. How would you respond to these questions?**

As our young people engage this season of spiritual growth, let us follow their lead and review our season of faith as well.

What are two of your favorite images of God and why they are your favorites?

What have you discovered about God in the past year?

How would you describe Jesus to a 4 year old?

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

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

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

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

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

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

What does Holy Communion mean to you?

What does Baptism mean to you?

What do you think God is doing during communion?

What do you think God is doing in a Baptism?

The Church is involved in four main activities: Proclamation, Education, Fellowship, and Service.

Name one way you see the church here involved in each of these ministries.

My commitment to God will show in the following ways:



May Education Article



This has been a great year for education. We have seen growth in our Sunday school attendance and adult study opportunities. Our kids have enjoyed learning the stories of our Scriptures and teachings of Jesus.

In our **children's class** this semester Ms. Tipton helped our students learn about Jesus' death and resurrection, the teachings of Paul and what it means to be a community of believers.

In our **'tweens class** Ms. Johnson led the group in discussion about suffering, resurrection, overcoming doubt, the power of the Holy Spirit and welcoming everyone.

Mr. Tipton and I guided our **seniors** on a journey about being disciples of Christ. We discussed unity in our community, humility and being "too blessed to be stressed".

We give a big thanks to all of **our teachers** who have helped make this a meaningful year. Also for making it a successful year of education for young members of our church.

On **June 2nd** we will celebrate **Christian Education Sunday** in our worship hour. The service will be led by the many participants of our education programs. The topic will be the value of education in the lives of Christian discipleship. Please join us for this exciting service.

Ways to get involved with Summit UMC Education

<p><u>Wow It's Wednesday</u> <i>*Caring for our Community</i> 4:30-5:15pm <i>*Wednesday Conversations</i> 5:15-6:00pm <i>*Hour of Music</i> 5:15-6:00pm <i>Not Just for Kids!</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday School</u> Children (Pre-K-3rd) 10:45am [2nd floor] +T'weens (4th-7th) 9:30am [3rd floor] +Sr High (8th-12th) 9:30am [3rd floor]</p>	<p><u>Parents' Night Out</u> May 17, 6pm-9pm In the Green Room Suggested \$10 donation \$5 for every child after the first</p>	<p><u>Nursery Care</u> Nursery Care is available on Sundays from 9:00am until 11:30am for children 6 weeks to 2 years!</p>
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This Just In.....Mission Minutes!

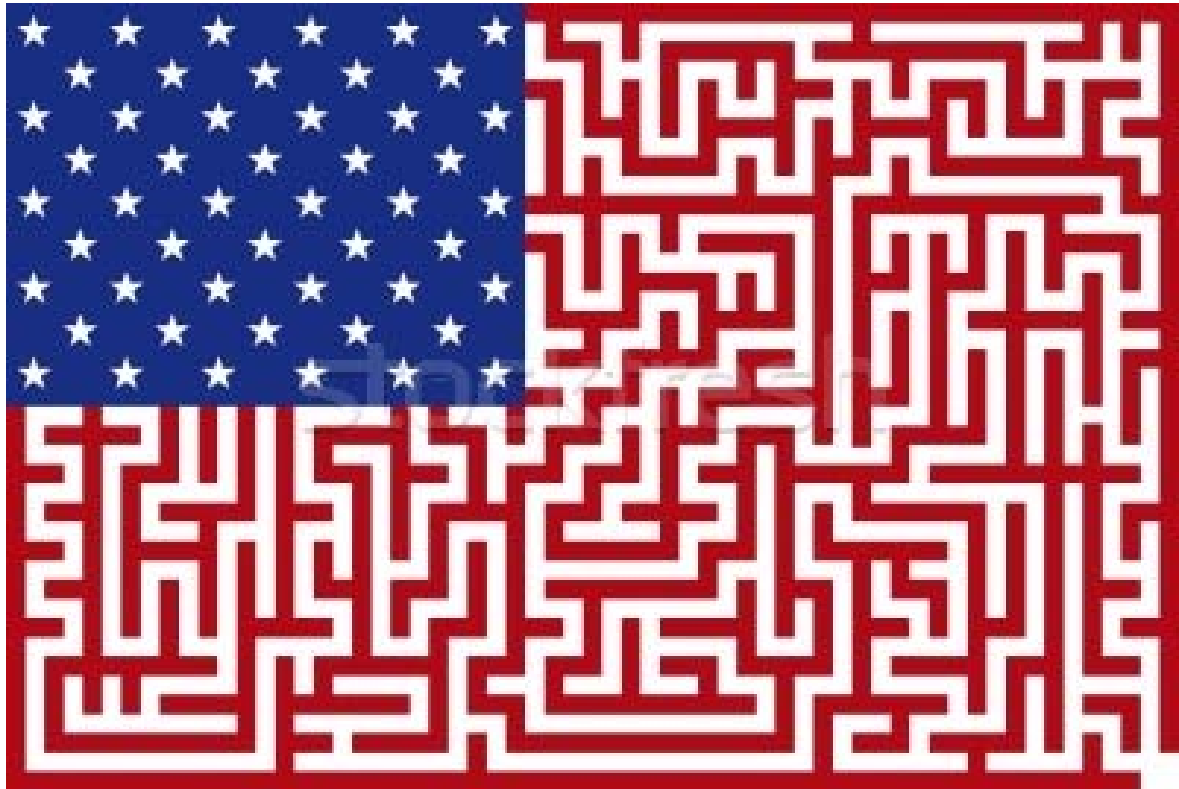
Our mission trip was from April 5 through the 7th. It was a big success! Thank you to all those people who helped support the event through their generosity and prayers. A special thanks to all those who attended the trip, and worked hard to serve our brothers and sisters on the shoreline.

Between the collective efforts of our church and the Green Village United Methodist Church we were able to make an impact on the Sandy clean-up in Red Bank and Brick, New Jersey. Those communities send us great thanks and joy for all our hard work!



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Find your way to the 50 states/stars.....



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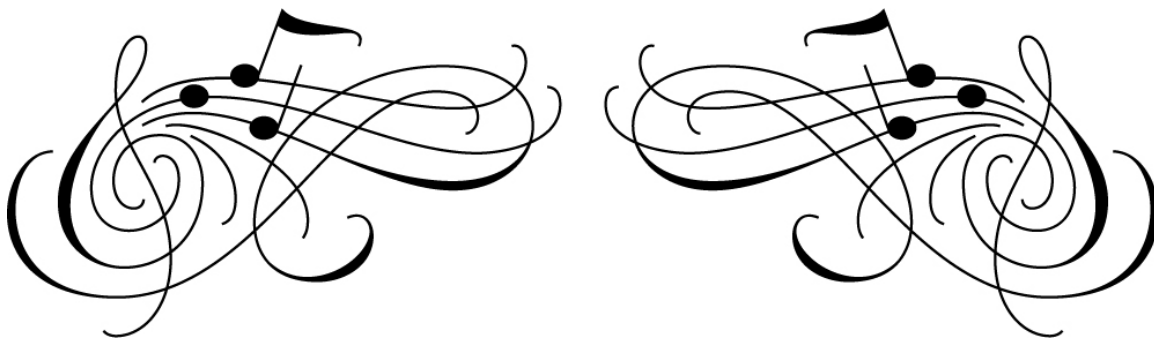
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MUSIC NOTES

Joanne Teubner Prussak, Music Director

Youth Choir Ministry

The Wesley Choir (which is part of Wow, It's Wednesday!) rehearses on Wednesdays at 5:15pm in the chapel. The choir will be singing at worship on May 12th, Mother's Day. Please have your robe on and be ready for warm-up at 10:00am in the sanctuary.

The Singing Believers, which is a 2 and 3 part choir, rehearses on Tuesday afternoons at 4:00pm in the chapel. The Singing Believers will be singing a combined anthem with the Chancel Choir on Mother's Day, "*We are the Children of Promise!*" Please be ready to rehearse with the Chancel Choir at 10:10am, May 12th in the sanctuary.

Bell Choir

Our Bell Choir rehearses at 8:50am Sunday mornings in the sanctuary. We are preparing anthems for bells alone and anthems with the Chancel Choir as well. Join the fun.

Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble rehearses after worship at 11:45am in the chapel. Join us as we discover the new music in the contemporary song book, "Worship and Sing!"

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir rehearses Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the chapel. Please join us as we raise our voices in praises.

Thank you all for sharing your wonderful gifts with us as we worship.

THANK YOU!



Hallelujah! He Did It!

YOU WERE ALL WONDERFUL

Thank you to our choir members for sharing their gifts of
singing and speaking the Lord's praises,
and for all the hard work and extra time and effort
to prepare this Easter Musical Celebration!

Choir Members:

*Amanda Brown
Lucas Daniel
Sarah Daniel
James Goldman
Kayla Goldman
Maddie Johnson*

*Will Johnson
Ayana McMillan
Caroline Relf
Oliver Relf
Isabel Reyes
Joshua Reyes*

Announcements

Thank You!!

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed
to the **Jefferson School Easter dinner**.

Your response was overwhelming.
Ten families have enjoyed Easter dinner.
We look forward to helping more families
in the near future.

– The Jefferson School Committee

THE RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING

WHEN: Friday, October 4
Saturday, October 5

WHERE: Summit United Methodist Church

WHAT: *Household items, clothes, boutique and
more...*

MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

The Bereavement Ministry of the Church of the Little Flower
Loss of a Child Prayer Service
Sunday, **May 5th** at 2:00 pm
310 Plainfield Avenue
Berkeley Heights, NJ
908- 464-1585

You may have a lost a child before birth, at birth, or after he or she was born. Whether your child died in the past year or many years ago, the loss is still in your hearts. Please join us to acknowledge your loss and offer consolation and support through this prayer service.

Mad Hatter High Tea



Saturday, May 18, 2013

3pm - 5pm

At

United Methodist Church of Summit
17 Kent Place Boulevard
Summit, New Jersey 07901
908-277-1700

Hats Optional
Live Entertainment

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



SHIP – (SUMMIT HELPING ITS PEOPLE)

SHIP was established more than twenty years ago by the Summit Interfaith Clergy in response to the population of mostly men who were homeless or at risk of homelessness in our community.

The all-volunteer organization has as its mission feeding and providing access to social services for those in need. The programs are administered by a Board of Directors made up of members of Summit congregations. For many years Bill Houpt served on the board and was the chair for two terms. Our church does not currently have a representative on the SHIP board - anyone who is interested should see Bill for details.

The **feeding programs** have two components. On weekday mornings between 6:00 and 7:30 am, volunteers cook breakfast and prepare bag lunches for about 25 patrons at Calvary Episcopal Church. When the IHN guests are in a Summit congregation, the cook prepares a hot breakfast which is delivered to the hosting congregation. On Saturday and Sunday afternoons a full dinner is prepared by volunteers and served at the Oakes Center for about 15 to 20 guests. Both programs allow time for participants to socialize, bathrooms are available and at Oakes there is a television for entertainment.

When **the shower** was installed in our church to accommodate our IHN guests it was also made available to SHIP patrons twice a week. This program is supervised by Bill Houpt and Ken Clark and male **volunteers are needed** for this program also.

Volunteering at any of the programs of SHIP is very rewarding as the patrons are very appreciative of our efforts and new connections are made. ***If anyone is interested in finding out more about volunteer opportunities, see Bill.***

From the Outreach Committee

BIRTHDAYS & Anniversaries in May:

1	Dorothy Koernig	17	Maria Hughes
5	Mike Irving	18	Carlos Aguilera
	Leslie Williams		<i>Elwood & Judy Cornog</i>
6	David Landvater	20	J. Clyde Branson
	<i>Nick & Steffi Mansilla</i>	22	Irma George
	Jim Robertson	24	Bette McDermott
7	Marge Robertson		Camille Tassé
9	<i>Alison & Neil Johnson</i>	25	<i>Rick & Beverly Alexis</i>
10	<i>Kim & Eric Goldman</i>		Kimberly Vida
	Ann Houpt	26	Gabriella Tassé
	<i>Kenny James & Alicia Solomon</i>	28	<i>Susan and Scott Daniel</i>
11	<i>Mary Jane & Dan Somers</i>		<i>Bob & Dotti Zotti</i>
15	Bryson James	29	Doug Rockoff
16	Austin Fern	30	Dwayne Phillips
	Nick Mansilla	31	Robert Somers

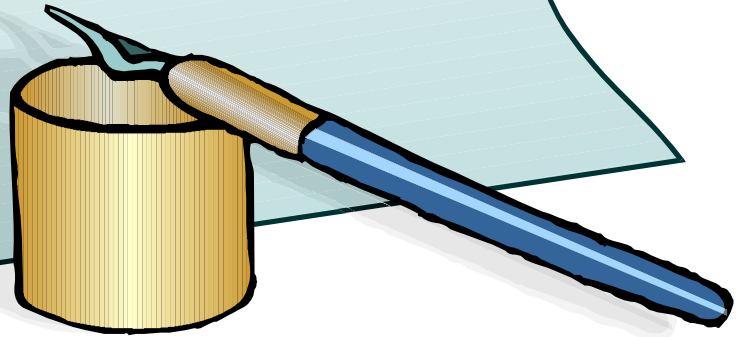
MAY "TO DO" LIST:


Help your church...help others
Help your church...help others



*Remember:
The Church is on **Facebook!**
Become a fan!*

- *Parents' Night Out – 5/17*
- *Mad Hatter Tea – 5/18*
- *Confirmation Sunday – 5/19*
- *Worship Committee Meeting – 5/19*
- *Volunteer with SHIP*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Choir Schedule: 8:50am - <i>Bell Choir</i> 9:30am - <i>Chancel Choir</i> 11:45am - <i>Contemporary Ensemble</i>		Sunday Schedule: 9:30am - <i>Sunday Sch. (gr. 4-up)</i> 10:30am - <i>Worship</i> 10:45am - <i>Sunday Sch. (PreK-3rd)</i> 11:30am - <i>Coffee Hour</i>	1 Prayer Warriors 11:30am Wow, It's Wednesday	2	3	4
5 Confirmation Class 4:30-5:30pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	6	7 Singing Believers 4:00pm	8 Prayer Warriors 11:30am Wow, It's Wednesday	9	10	11
12	13	14 Singing Believers 4:00pm	15 Prayer Warriors -11:30am Wow, It's Wednesday	16	17 Parents' Night Out 6-9pm	18 Mad Hatter Tea 3-5pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>
19 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY Worship Committee Meeting -11:30am	20	21 Singing Believers 4:00pm	22 Prayer Warriors 11:30am Wow, It's Wednesday	23	24	25
26	27  Memorial Day Office is Closed	28 Singing Believers 4:00pm	29 Prayer Warriors 11:30am Wow, It's Wednesday	30	31	