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THE DIALOGUE

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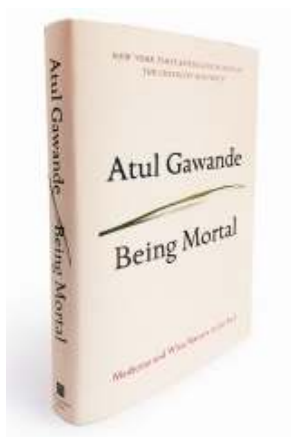
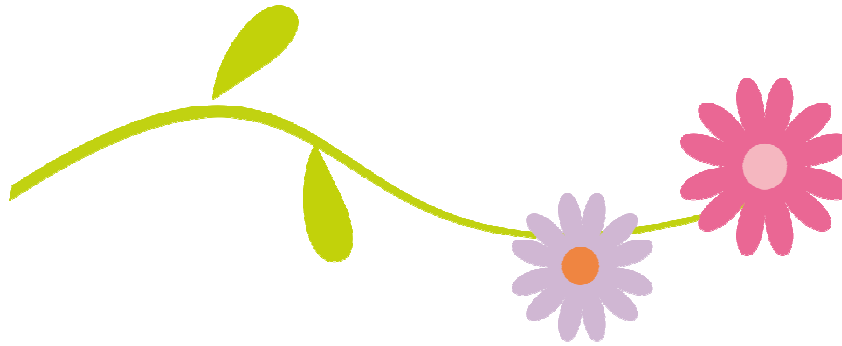
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“Being Mortal”

A study of an impactful book!

Join us as we explore together the insights
and the challenges this book presents:

May 3: Chapters 1-3

May 10: Chapters 4-6

May 17: Chapters 7-8

June 7: Conversations with Rev. Sharon Burniston,
Palliative Care Chaplain, Overlook Hospital

“Medicine has triumphed in modern times, transforming the dangers of childbirth, injury, and disease from harrowing to manageable. But when it comes to the inescapable realities of aging and death, what medicine can do often runs counter to what it should. Through eye-opening research and gripping stories of his own patients and family, Gawande reveals the suffering this dynamic has produced. Nursing homes, devoted above all to safety, battle with residents over the food they are allowed to eat and the choices they are allowed to make. Doctors, uncomfortable discussing patients’ anxieties about death, fall back on false hopes and treatments that are actually shortening lives instead of improving them. And families go along with all of it.

In his bestselling books, Atul Gawande, a practicing surgeon, has fearlessly revealed the struggles of his profession. Now he examines its ultimate limitations and failures – in his own practices as well as others’ – as life draws to a close. And he discovers how we can do better. He follows a hospice nurse on her rounds, a geriatrician in his clinic, and reformers turning nursing homes upside down. He finds people who show us how to have the hard conversations and how to ensure we never sacrifice what people really care about.” <http://atulgawande.com/book/being-mortal/>

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED!
The Administrative Council has been working with a consultant, Connie Merchant, to make strides in establishing our direction for the future.

In her full-time professional life, Connie is President of Connie Merchant Consulting, LLC. In that role, she develops and delivers programs for professionals in the areas of leadership development, change management, team building and intergenerational understanding. As she puts it, she often asked to “help grownups play nice in the sandbox”. Connie has worked with a variety of large corporations, small businesses and non-profit boards. She has a particular passion for working with groups to help them discover their focus and purpose.

Connie is currently a member and Deacon at the Flemington Presbyterian Church, in Flemington NJ. She was a long-time, active lay member of the United Methodist Church. She lives in Readington, NJ with her husband Doug. They have three grown sons and one (soon to be two) grandchild. She is an avid reader and loves the beach.

A message to you from Connie:
“I look forward to working with the leadership team of UMC of Summit to help the congregation to discern the identity of the church. I believe the process we use will put you on a path to create a strong vision and purpose for mission and ministry in the future.”

Who is God calling us to be?

As we prepare for a congregational gathering to bring clarity to our future, please join the Ad Council in meditating daily on 1 Corinthians 12:4-27

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment

of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.¹¹All these are activated by one and the



same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body.²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect;²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member,²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Be on the lookout for dates and details regarding a Congregational gathering

In December 2014, the UMC of Summit held "Our Christmas For Others," an opportunity to make holiday donations to local, regional, and global ministries. C.A.U.S.E. (a food pantry and clothing ministry in Jersey City) was one recipient of our collective generosity. In addition to the gifts noted in the following thank-you letter, our monthly collection of nonperishable food (gathered on the first of the month) also is given to C.A.U.S.E.

C.A.U.S.E.
Christian Approach to Urban Suburban Encounter
PO Box 4602 Jersey City, New Jersey 07304
Telephone No. 201-432-2824

March, 26, 2015


United Methodist Church of Summit
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Summit, New Jersey 07901

To: The United Methodist Church of Summit

Thank you so much for your contribution of \$78.00 to the CAUSE Center. It is people like you who help to make it possible for CAUSE to continue to provide food and clothing to those in need in Jersey City.

We appreciate your continuous support.

Thank you


Dorothy Tisdale
CAUSE Treasurer

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



I write this from Georgia, at a training event called “Courage to Lead.” Here spring has arrived, trees are blooming, and a new season has begun. Reflecting on the sacred spaces we created at this event, I’m excited about the opportunities this month holds for our church when I get home! On Sunday **May 31st**, we gather for **Christian Education Sunday** celebrating in worship the ways we’ve been growing in faith and service this year. You’ll hear about our experiences volunteering at the CUMAC food bank in Paterson, our trip this month to help rebuild the

Jersey shore with a Future with Hope, Sunday school, our intergenerational studies, confirmation, and other highlights of learning and sharing our faith journeys.

Our Christian Education Sunday is just a piece of exciting things coming for our church. We are in the process of discerning a church vision for our future together. What aspects of our church do you celebrate? Where do you feel God leading us for the future? What might the next season look like for our community and what is your role in creating it? Please join us to be part of these exciting conversations (dates and times to be announced).

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

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 Wycoff.

To apply for a scholarship you need to submit the following **by May 8th**:

- **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.

Graduating seniors please submit your essay and proof of enrollment by May 8th. 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:
<http://www.gnjumc.org/pages/detail/321>

Sunday School

9:30AM-10:15AM

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

“There are many members, yet one body.” 1 Corinthians 12:20
“But me! I am filled with power, with the spirit of the Lord!” –Micah 3:8

Children PreK-3rd will explore the Holy Spirit using *Grow, Proclaim, & Serve!* Gifts of the Spirit: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, Acts 6, Galatians 5:22-25, Acts 2, Acts 8.

Tweens will explore what the church is about: serving others, trusting others, authentic discipleship, welcoming others, and miraculous acts using *Grow, Proclaim, & Serve!* (Acts 3, Acts, 5 Acts 8, Acts, 11-12)

Teens are examining spiritual gifts 1 Corinthians 12-14 using *BL4Y* (Bible Lessons for Youth).
 *Pending a second adult, **May 3** Youth will meet at church & walk to Manhattan Bagel*

All are invited to read and reflect on 1 Corinthians 12 in preparation for Sunday, May 31.

Mark your Calendar: Education Committee Meeting
Sunday, May 17 after Worship, Fellowship Room

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, May 2, 5-8PM

Join us for our last Parents' Night Out until fall.

Drop off your children for an evening of *themed activities* designed and lead by our Tweens & Youth. We will do a mix of fun and worship activities. We will also 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.

Please sign-up via email: sherri.shumate@gmail.com
 Suggested donation \$10/child. Meet in the Social Hall.

Youth Opportunities

May 1	<i>“Joseph & the Technicolor Dream Coat”</i> : 7:30PM, Tickets \$10
May 2	<i>Parents' Night Out</i> : 5-8PM, youth helpers needed
May 3	<i>Manhattan Bagel trip</i> : 9:30AM
May 8	<i>District youth lock-in</i> , First UMC, Somerville, ages 12 & up
May 15 - 16	<i>Jersey shore mission trip</i>
May 31	<i>Christian Education Sunday</i>

Growing in Faith Together



Worship Together

Sunday morning all children are invited to remain in worship with their families. Worship folders for children are available in the front and rear of the sanctuary. Bathrooms are located in the back of the sanctuary. For families who chose it, staff childcare is available in the nursery on Sundays from 9:00am-Noon!

Mark your Calendar:

Sunday, May 31st *Education Sunday*, lunch & congregational experience.

Wow it's Wednesday

4:15-6:00PM

Wow It's Wednesday is an intergenerational Christian Education & music experience. All are welcome to join us for food, fun, and fellowship:

- 4:15 *Snacks: Creating & Clean-up*
- 4:45 *Wesley Choir & Homework*
- 5:00 *Adult Conversations*
- 5:05 *Devotions together in Chapel*
- 5:20 *Singing Believers Choir & Godly Playtime*
- 6:00 *Adjourn- Pick up Children*

***May 27 is our last WOW for this season --
please join us again in the fall!***

May 2 - 3

EXTREME

Gateway North
District Youth
Event: Conquering
Challenges with
God's Power

Spending a night
conquering
challenges and in
service to others

THE CHALLENGES OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILY, FRIENDS, FOES AND EVEN FAITH ARE REAL.

And so is the power of God's love. Spend a night exploring God's amazing love and power as we share stories, challenge ourselves and also work to help the church reach out this summer.

May 2-3

Youth in grades 9-12 from churches and communities in the Gateway North District are invited for an overnight retreat at Morrow Church in Maplewood, NJ.

Youth and their adult chaperones should arrive at Morrow at 5pm with a bag dinner and pillow/sleeping bag.

We will spend the night taking on challenges, reflecting on some of the challenging relationships in our life, helping create VBS materials for our district summer ministries.

We'll have lots of fun, food, wild challenges, great conversation, and do lots of good. Sign up online or email: opendoors@morrowchurch.org.



Sign up here:

<https://docs.google.com/a/morrowchurch.org/forms/d/1BqybXftrmhJPw7GgQyyA7xoU>

MUSIC NOTES

I would like to thank the following people for their dedication and devotion to our church.
Heartfelt gratitude for sharing your wonderful gifts of music throughout Lent and Holy Week.

With much love,

Joanne Teubner Prussak, Director of Music

WESLEY CHOIR & THE SINGING BELIEVERS

Amanda Brown
Adam Daniel
Lucas Daniel
Sarah Daniel
James Goldman
Kayla Goldman
Maddie Johnson
William Johnson
Alec LaJeunesse
Parker LaJeunesse
Ayana McMillan
Caroline Relf
Oliver Relf
Isabel Reyes
Joshua Reyes
Bradley Smith
Joseph Smith
Riley Smith
Emma Verma

HANDBELL CHOIR

Chris Barry
Davis Barry
William Dembaugh
James Goldman
Kayla Goldman
Kim Goldman
Deanna Hoffman
Rachel Hoffman
Alison Johnson
William Johnson
Emily LaJeunesse
Jayme LaJeunesse
Adrian Phillips

CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

Beverly Alexis
Ximenita Gonzalez
Bernice Griffith
Alison Johnson
Emily LaJeunesse
Jayme LaJeunesse
Jesse Reyes
Myrene Reyes
Brian Tipton
Christine Tipton

CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano

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

Alto

Beverly Alexis
Kayla Goldman
Ximenita Gonzalez

Tenor

William Dembaugh
William Teubner

Bass

Stephen Brown
Ian Cunningham
William Glancy
James Goldman
Neil Johnson
William Johnson
Jayme LaJeunesse
Adrian Phillips
Dwayne Phillips

VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS

William Dembaugh, *Baritone*
Jocelyn Gallinek, *Flute*
Jordyn Gallinek, *Bassoon*
Ximenita Gonzalez, *Alto*

Jesse Reyes, *Guitar*
William Teubner, *Trumpet*
Jacqueline Wasniewski, *Soprano*

Bernice Griffith, *Soprano*
Latonia Hall, *Soprano*
Sherri Shumate, *Soprano*

*Thank you to our soloists for our
Lenten midweek services:*

February 18

Sherrí Shumate

February 25

Jesse Reyes

March 4

Xímeníta Gonzalez

March 11

Johnson Family Singers

March 18

*Wesley Choir, Singing Believers,
Believer Quintet*

March 25

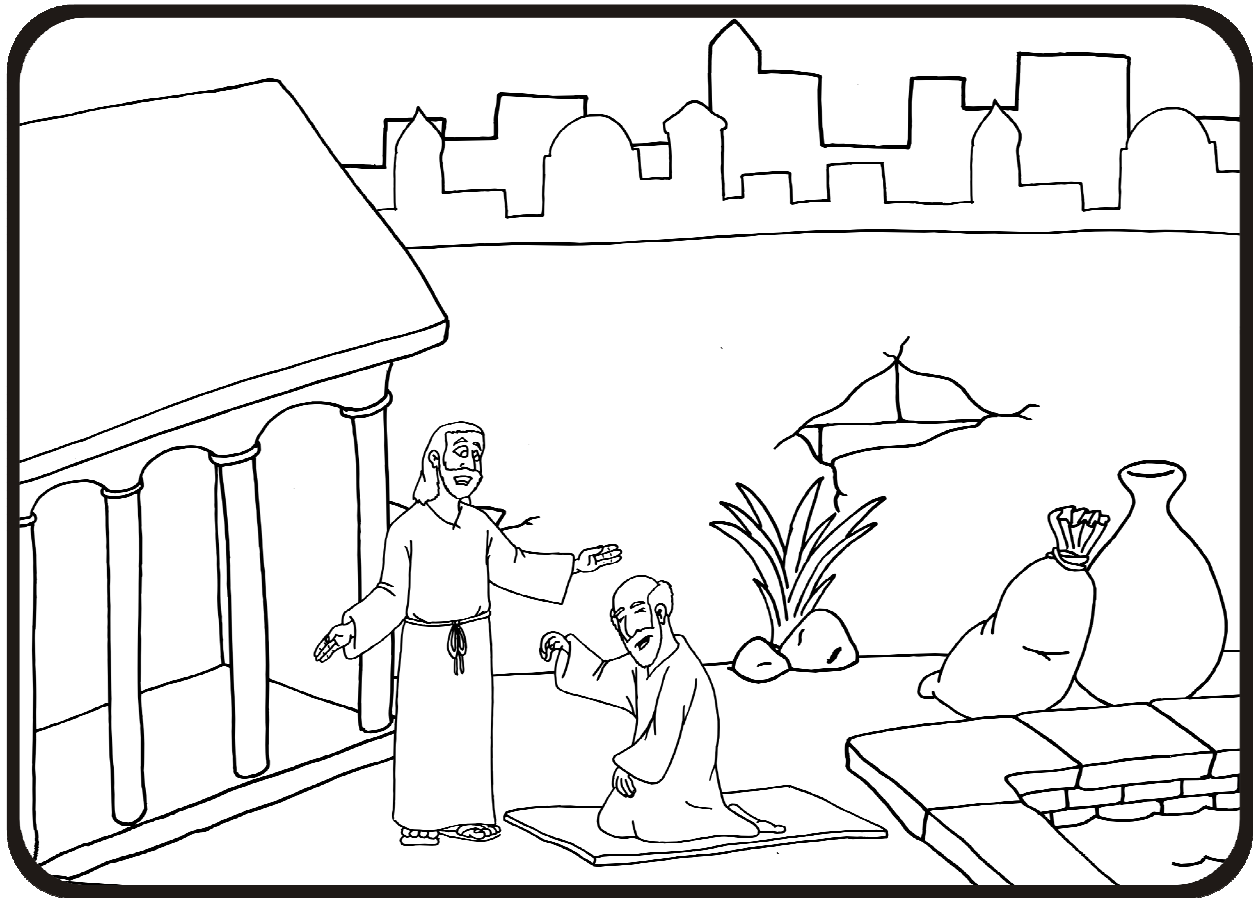
William Dembaugh

April 3

Bernice Griffith

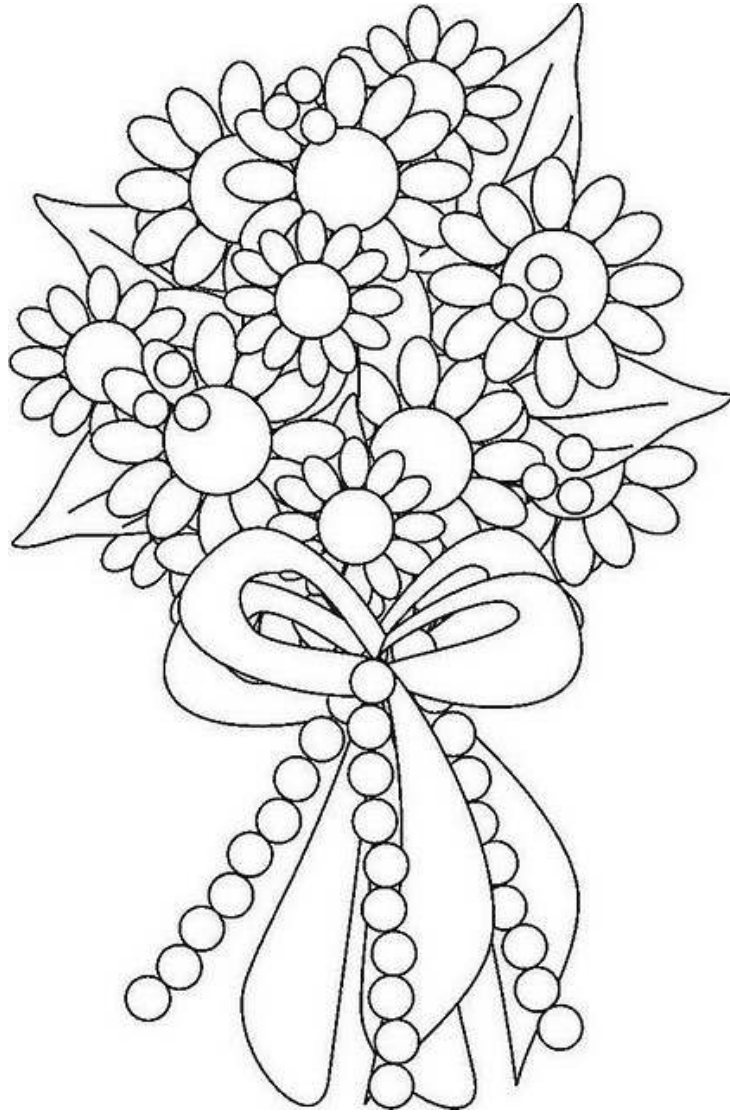
*Many thanks!
Joanne Teubner Prussak*

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!

Your patience is requested while the church transitions into a new email address (effective immediately): UMCofSummit@gmail.com
Don't forget to update your records!



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!](#)



THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the **Jefferson School Easter dinners**. Your response was overwhelming! With your help, ten families were able to enjoy Easter dinner. We look forward to helping more families in the near future.
– *The Jefferson School Committee*



TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Please mark your calendar to join us in a special prayer service on **June 3 at 7:00 pm** in the chapel. We will celebrate a *Taize Prayer Service*. All are welcome to join in this spiritual, calming service!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Rummage Sale!!!

We are trying something different this year:
Only clothes, jewelry and toys will be sold at the sale this fall.



Further information, including sale date, will be coming soon!

BIRTHDAYS & Anniversaries in May:

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

May

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS:

Education Committee – 5/17

Property Committee – 5/28

Congregational Gathering – TBA

MINISTRY:

CAUSE - donations every first Sunday

Prayer Warriors – Wednesdays

Knitting Ministry – Thursdays and Fridays

Jersey Shore Mission Trip – 5/15 & 5/16

IHN Guests Arrive – 5/17

AND MORE:

Parents' Night Out – 5/2

Confirmation Class – 5/3 & 5/17

Adult Study – 5/3, 5/10, 5/17

Ministry of Music Sunday – 5/17

Pentecost Sunday – 5/24

Christian Education Sunday – 5/31

MAY 2015

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30am – Sunday School (all grades) 10:30am – Worship 11:30am – Coffee Hour		SUNDAY CHOIR REHEARSALS: 9:30 am – Chancel Choir 11:40 am – Bell Choir 12:00 pm – Contemporary Ensemble			1 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	2 Parents' Night Out 5-8pm Believer Ensemble 12:45pm Chancel Choir 1:15pm
3 Adult Study 3pm (Fellowship Rm) Confirmation Class 5-6pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	4	5	6 Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm <i>Wow it's Wednesday</i>	7 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	8 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	9 Believer Ensemble 12:45pm Chancel Choir 1:15pm
10 Adult Study 3pm (Fellowship Rm)	11	12	13 Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm <i>Wow it's Wednesday</i>	14 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	15 Jersey Shore Mission Trip Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	16 Jersey Shore Mission Trip Believer Ensemble 12:45pm Chancel Choir 1:15pm
17 IHN Guests arrive Education Meeting Adult Study-3pm Confirmation Class 5-7pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	18	19	20 Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm <i>Wow it's Wednesday</i>	21 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	22 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	23 Believer Ensemble 12:45pm Chancel Choir 1:15pm
24 PENTECOST SUNDAY	25 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE IS CLOSED	26	27 Prayer Warriors - 1:00pm Last Wow it's Wednesday until the fall	28 Knitting Ministry 1pm <i>(Fellowship Rm)</i> Property Committee Meeting – 6pm (Conference Room)	29 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	30
31 Christian Education Sunday	May 17 is Ministry of Music Sunday May 24 is Pentecost Sunday May 31 is Christian Education Sunday					