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# THE DIALOGUE

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I am so grateful for so many things. May I share a few of these things with you?

I am grateful for those who joined me on September 22 for the "walkabout" we walked through all the rooms and halls of the church, hearing stories of ministry and life, and sharing visions of more to come...

I thank God for this church home.

I am grateful for the people that come together for bible studies—forging a community of discovery, questions, and faith.

I thank God for what happens when we allow study to deepen us.

I am grateful for the little girl who came to our Rummage Sale, bringing donations of toys to add to our efforts, and purchasing a princess costume that she proceeded to wear throughout the evening.

I thank God for angels in our midst, reminding us of the joy of sharing.

I am grateful for the ongoing faithfulness of financial support of all who give to the church, and for the varied ways in which our giving is growing. I thank God for places where we take the risks that strengthen us.

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I thank God for you.

Shawn Callender Hogan Pastor



#### Thanksgiving Interfaith Service Sunday, November 24, 2013 5:00 pm Central Presbyterian Church

Join your neighbors in giving thanks to God at the Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Summit Interfaith Council.

We will celebrate the ministry of Family Promise, a Summit-based interfaith ministry that has spread across the country, providing temporary shelter for homeless families. The organization's founder, Karen Olsen, and a recent participant in the program will speak briefly. You will have the opportunity to give a special offering to support the reopening of the Union County chapter of Family Promise.

We will also hear from several congregation's choirs and musical groups, presenting favorite musical selections.

The service will be followed by light refreshments.

#### The Joy and Power of Giving!

Last month you were invited to complete a pledge card, indicating the ways in which you will commit your spiritual and financial resources to the work of the church in the coming year.

If you have not had an opportunity to send in your commitment card, there are extra copies on the back table of the sanctuary.

Your response enables the church to plan appropriately,

knowing what resources are available for the ministry we share.

Please send in your pledge card,

that together we may bring life to God's dreams.

You may also email your giving plans to umcsummitpledge@gmail.com

# The people of the United Methodist Church are called to mission!



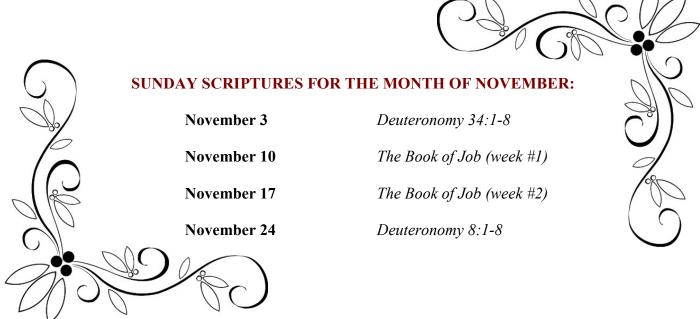
#### "A Future with Hope Mission Fund

**Campaign"** is a 3-year conference-wide effort to raise more than \$12 million for local church mission, Imagine No Malaria, and Sandy Relief. People need us more than ever right now:

- 650,000 people will die of malaria this year alone; every \$10 saves a life!
- more than 22,000 of our neighbors are still displaced from their homes nearly a year after the storm; our combined efforts will enable 500 families to have their homes repaired and get their lives "back to normal; and;
- our local community has needs that only we can fill: 25% of every dollar we raise will go to the great work of "SHIP" (Summit Helping Its People)

Thank you for all the donations of items that will help relief volunteers which were brought to worship on October 13<sup>th</sup>!

Our Outreach Committee has dedicated 1/3 of its annual budget for each of the next three years toward this combined effort! Additionally, plans are being made to hold an event called "Our Christmas for Others" in December to augment our support. Keep on the alert for ways to be involved!



## November Education Article

This year's Education programs have started off with a bang. Our Sunday school classes have enjoyed lots of fun learning and growing in faith.

**The children's class** has already learned so much! They know all about King David's life, from being anointed by Samuel, beating Goliath, and even how he danced for God.



**The t'weens** have done a lot too! They have learned about their talents, the importance of working together, and how God provides for us.

**The seniors** also have had a good time together learning about Abraham, his wife Sarah, and his sons Isaac and Ishmael. The seniors have read between the lines of this story to uncover God's willingness to keep promises despite our doubt, hardship, and mistakes.

Wow it's Wednesday is back too! It is a great time for everyone to get together to learn and play. (See below for the schedule.)

During the month of November there will be **Christmas pageant rehearsals** built into the WOW activities. Therefore please plan on attending WOW if you want to be in this year's Christmas pageant. If you are not able to attend WOW but want to be in our Christmas Pageant, please speak to Drew Sperry as soon as possible and a role will be reserved for you. Official dress rehearsals will be announced closer to the pageant and are mandatory for participation in pageant.

### Ways to get involved with Summit UMC Education

#### Wow It's Wednesday



4:30pm Snacks & Greeting

4:40pm Wesley Choir or Homework help

5:00pm Devotions

5:15pm Singing Believers or green room time

5:00-6:00pm Wednesday conversations

#### **Sunday School**

+Children (Pre-K-3<sup>rd</sup>) 10:45am [2<sup>nd</sup> floor]

**+T'weens(4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>)** 9:30am [3<sup>rd</sup> floor]

**+Sr. High(8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)** 9:30am [3<sup>rd</sup>floor]



#### Parents' Night Out



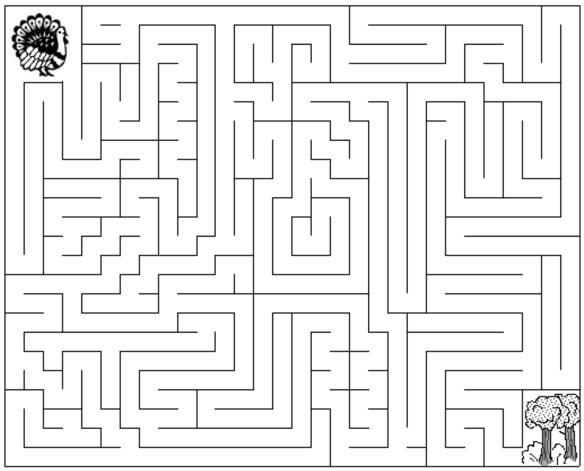
6-9pm
In the Green Room
Suggested \$10 donation
and \$5 for every child
after the first



#### <u>Nursery</u> Care

. Nursery Care is available on Sundays from 9 – 11am for children 6 weeks to 2 years!

# CHILDREN'S

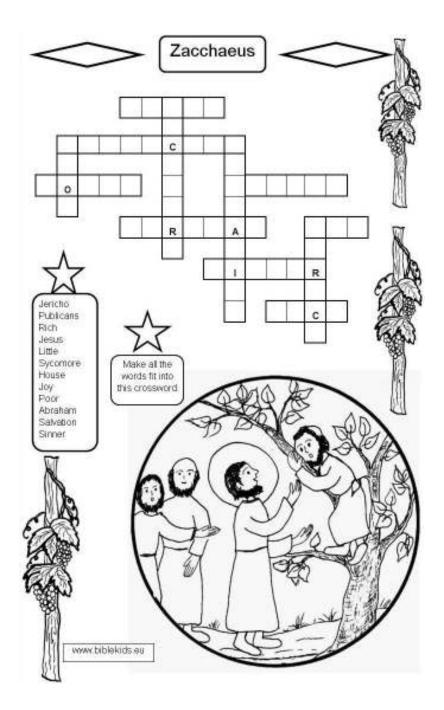


Help the turkey escape into the woods

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# CHILDREN'S





## FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

#### **RUMMAGE SALE THANKS!**

Big thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Rummage Sale a success. We made nearly \$6,000 this year.

These funds will help us in giving to missions in our area and around the world. Some of the items that were left over were given to an organization called Peace Works. We received these kind words from their Director, Jim Viroso:

"The people of Peace Works and Nicaragua thank you for your gracious support. Your items will be very helpful. Please add Peaceworks' Jim Viroso (973-822-2879) to your list of recipients for your next sale."



#### **BOOK CLUB**

Book for this month: "Destiny of the Republic: A tale of madness, medicine and the murder of a president" by Candice Millard

Date for next meeting: Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00pm

Please see Susan Daniel for more information



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

### Interfaith Lantern Walk

"May Peace Prevail on Earth"

November 10, 2013



5:30 pm Meet and Greet walk participants @

Calvary Episcopal Church (31 Woodland Ave., Summit)\*

6:00 pm Opening Ceremony and Walk Start @ Calvary Episcopal

6:30 pm Arrive at Congregation Ohr Shalom

(67 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit)

A short interfaith service will conclude our walk followed by light refreshments.

\*Parking will be available at Calvary Episcopal Church.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Whitaker, Youth-Outreach Minister at Calvary Episcopal Church (cwhitaker@calvarysummit.org) or

Janet Haag, Director of Interweave (information@interweave.org).

The Interfaith Lantern Walk is sponsored by Calvary Episcopal Church and Interweave.

## NOVEMBER

"To Do" LIST:

- 1333
  - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 11/3
  - EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING 11/10
  - INTERFAITH LANTERN WALK 11/10
  - AD COUNCIL MEETING -11/12
  - BOOK CLUB MEETING -11/19
  - PARENTS' NIGHT OUT 11/22
  - INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE 11/24

#### **NOVEMBER 2013**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Tuesday: 4:15 pm Youth Que	Wednesday: artet 4:40 pm We 5:15 pm Sin	All Saints Day  Knitting Ministry 7:00 pm (Fellowship Room)	Solo rehearsals resume @ 1:00 pm			
3 All Saints Sunday Bell Choir resumes @ 9am Contemporary Ensemble resumes @ 12 pm	4	5	6 Prayer Warriors 11:30am NO Wow, It's Wednesday	Knitting Ministry 11:00 am (Fellowship Room)	Knitting Ministry 7:00 pm (Fellowship Room)	9
Education Committee Meeting 11:30 am (Fellowship Room) Interfaith Lantern Walk 5:30pm @ Calvary	11 Veteran's Day	Ad Council Meeting 7:30 pm (Fellowship Rm)	Prayer Warriors 11:30am Wow, It's Wednesday 4:30 pm	Knitting Ministry 11:00 am (Fellowship Room)	Knitting Ministry 7:00 pm (Fellowship Room)	16
17	18	Book Club Meeting 7 pm (Fellowship Rm.)	Prayer Warriors 11:30am Wow, It's Wednesday 4:30 pm	Knitting Ministry 11:00 am (Fellowship Room)	Parents' Night Out 6-9pm Knitting Ministry 7:00 pm (Fellowship Room)	23
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service @ Central Presbyterian Church 5:00 pm	25	26	Prayer Warriors 11:30am NO Wow, It's Wednesday	Thanksgiving Day Office is Closed	Thanksgiving Friday Office is Closed	30