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# **THE DIALOGUE**

## **November 2017**



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## 150 ACTS OF KINDNESS

Let's finish out our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year with vigor, "giving back" the joy we have received!

**Here's the challenge: we'll collectively perform 150 Acts of Kindness!**

The far wall in the Social Hall (which divides the Hall from the Music Room) will be adorned with 150 post-it notes.

For each act you do, take a post-it, write on it the act of kindness you performed, and stick the note back on the wall!



(Don't sign your name, just let us know the action).

**Can we accomplish this challenge by Thanksgiving Day? I am sure we can!**

Our collective kindness will spread to others the joy we have been given!

## COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Two weeks ago, we celebrated Commitment Sunday, during which we offered to God our commitment of financial support for the coming year. I celebrate your generosity! (If you have not yet sent in your Commitment Card, please do so as soon as possible.)

I pray that, having made this commitment, you are experiencing a sense of awe for God's work in your life, as well as the sense of freedom and lightness that comes with generosity.

Here's my question for you:

**What is your greatest hope for what God might do with the gifts you give?**

Where do your dreams take you as you imagine what God will bring to life with what you give?

I encourage you to stay alert—all your senses awake—for hints of what God is doing.

As Jesus used Peter's boat (Luke 5), it became a floating pulpit, a vehicle for the message of love to be heard; then it became a vessel for abundance, weighed down with so many fish that the nets were ready to burst!

Then, as the boat drooped under the weight, it became an invitation to others to join in, giving what they had as well.

Peter let Jesus use his boat, and look at what happened!

**What will God do with the gifts you are giving?**

Shawn Callender Hogan  
Pastor



## TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

Do you need a few minutes just to  
*breathe?*

Could you use a small corner of space to be  
*quiet and still?*

Do you hunger for the chance to be in prayer  
*with no expectations* on you?

Are your days full, rushed... do you have a lot on your mind?

If so, come to the Chapel at **7pm on the first Wednesday night of each month**  
(November 1, December 6, January 3...) for a special time of quiet meditation.

On these evenings we will have a prayer service in the Taize tradition—which  
involves silence, prayer, and songs that are simple, rhythmic and soothing.

Come and let the Spirit enfold you with peace.

## ALL SAINTS DAY

On Sunday, **November 5, 2017**  
we will celebrate All Saints Day,  
giving thanks for Christian loved ones  
whose lives have ended.

It is an important day of remembering  
those who have shared life with us, as  
we proclaim our faith in the life to  
come.

To mark this holy day is to acknowledge  
both our gratitude and our grief.

In worship we will read the names of  
those who have died,  
and gather around the Lord's Table to share in communion, declaring that  
we share the meal "with all the company of heaven."





**Commission on Archives and History**



October 13, 2017

Dear Pastor,

The Greater New Jersey Annual Conference Commission on Archives and History wishes to extend its congratulations to you and your congregation in celebrating your recent milestone. We know that your church has grown and changed over the years, but remains steadfast in its devotion to producing disciples for Christ, and extending God's love to your community.

Please accept the enclosed certificate of appreciation from the Commission and display it proudly somewhere in your church. We pray for you and your congregation as you continue to spread the Word of Jesus Christ in the years to come.

In Christ's Holy Name,

Frank E. Friend, III  
Secretary  
Commission on Archives and History

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# Recognition of Anniversary - 2017 -

This recognition is awarded to

Summit United Methodist Church

For its one hundred and fiftieth anniversary in ministry to the greater Summit community,  
contributing the work of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference,  
and adding to the history of the United Methodist Church.

The Greater New Jersey Annual Conference  
Commission on Archives and History

John Callanan

Rev. John Callanan, Chair

Frank E. Friend, III

Frank E. Friend, III, Secretary

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## Praise God!

Praise God! Praise is the theme we will explore in Sunday school during the month of November. Praising God and giving thanks may sometimes feel easier when the weather is good, the path is clear, and things are going smoothly. As followers of Christ, we are called to praise always, even when the weather is rough, times are bad, and the path is uncertain. How are you praising God? How might you explore different ways for expressing your thanks and gratitude this season?

Blessings, Sherri Shumate; Director of Christian Education, [sherri.shumate@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.shumate@gmail.com)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school is an opportunity to share our ideas, our questions, our hopes and our prayers. It's a place where all are welcome and where we grow in faith together. Would you be interested in teaching or helping? Have a new idea you'd like to share? Contact me!

### Volunteers Welcome!

Interested in helping our young people grow in faith? We could always use additional helpers to assist with Sunday school for children, tweens, and youth. Wow It's Wednesday, and Parents' Night Out. Please contact Sherri Shumate if you're interested.

Age	Teacher	Helper
Children Pre K-3 <sup>rd</sup>	Noelle Benton	Myrene Reyes
Tweens 4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Alison Johnson	Cara Verma
Teens 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Susan Woolever	Sherri Shumate

**November 5**

*Psalm 150, Lesson 9*

**November 12**

*David Dances, Lesson 10, 2 Samuel 6:11-15*

**November 19**

*The Valley of Praise, Lesson 11, 2 Chronicles 20: 14-21*

**November 26**

*Give Thanks and Praise, Lesson 12, 2 Ezra 3: 10-14*

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & POTLUCK DINNER

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm**

Come experience the joy of this season as children tell the story of Jesus' birth in simple readings and songs. The pageant will take place on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm followed by a simple potluck dinner. All are welcome to join in and participate.

**We will start rehearsing on December 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>  
during Wow It's Wednesday**

## 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** on Sundays from 9:00am-10:15am and in the Hospitality Room in the rear of the Sanctuary from 10:20-11:30am! 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: Please contact me if you have questions.

**We are currently looking for a second nursery caregiver for Sunday mornings 9am – 12pm.**

## 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. **WOW will not meet on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

WOW Schedule:

4:30-4:55pm *Story, Snacks, & Sharing*

5:00-5:15pm *Devotions Together*

5:15-6:00pm *Adult Conversations*

5:20-6:00pm *Singing Praises Together*

## 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.

✓ **November 16-18, 7:30pm Summit high school fall play**





## **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 Music Room.**

### **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 Sanctuary.**

### **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.**

We are preparing for our **Thanksgiving and Advent** worship services, as well as our **December 17 Christmas Concert.**  
Let us continue to make a joyful sound!

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

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



## **HOLIDAY BAZAAR & COOKIE WALK**

**Saturday, December 2 from 10:00am through 4:00pm**

Come do your holiday shopping with us! Vendors, food and more! Five dollars lets you fill up a box with homemade cookies. Hurry before the goodies run out! Please contact the church if you are interested in being a vendor.



## **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!](#)



## **LOAVES AND FISHES**

**On the first Sunday of each month**, we invite you to bring nonperishable food items to worship, that we might feed others!

“Loaves and Fishes” is a vital ministry of care for those in great need and is located at St. Teresa’s Roman Catholic Church, Summit, NJ.

If you wish to contribute, you can bring **bags of non-perishable food** to the sanctuary on the first Sunday of each month, or you can leave bags in the kitchen at any time.



## **OPEN MIC NIGHT**

**Friday, November 24, 2017**

**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](mailto:umcopenmicnight@gmail.com) or call the office at (908) 277-1700.*

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

## Creating Community through Shared Stories



### **Summit Interfaith Council** Annual Thanksgiving Celebration - Music, Snacks, Fellowship

**Sunday, November 19, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Congregation Beth Hatikvah**  
**36 Chatham Road, Summit**

The Summit Interfaith Council's annual Thanksgiving celebration will include time for sharing personal and family stories of migration. Everyone has a story of moving to a new place. We hope to discover common ground and increase understanding and empathy as we share what our families left behind and what we encountered in our new homes.

## Thanks-Giving

*Give Thanks*

# NOVEMBER

## *"To Do" List:*

### MEETINGS

**Finance Committee** – 11/1  
**Worship Committee** – 11/5  
**Staff/Parish Committee** – 11/15  
**Education Committee** – 11/19  
**Ad Council** – 11/27

### MINISTRY:

**Loaves and Fishes** –  
donations accepted the first Sunday of each month  
**Taize Service** – First Wednesday of the month  
**Knitting Ministry** – Thursdays and Fridays  
**Family Promise Guests** – 11/12 through 11/19

### AND MORE:

**All Saints Sunday** – 11/5  
**Confirmation Class** – 11/5 & 11/19  
**Laity Sunday** – 11/12  
**Open Mic Night** – 11/24





# NOVEMBER 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</b> <b>9:30am</b> – Sunday School (all grades) <b>9:30am</b> – Chancel Choir <b>10:30am</b> – Worship <b>11:30am</b> – Refreshments and Fellowship <b>11:45am</b> – Bell Choir <b>12:15pm</b> – Contemporary Ensemble			<b>1 All Saints Day</b> <b>Wow , It's</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>Taize Service</b> 7:00pm (Chapel) <b>Finance Committee</b> – 7:30pm (Conference Room)	<b>2</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	<b>3</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	<b>4</b> <b>Singing Believers</b> – 1:00pm
<b>5 All Saints Sunday</b> <b>Worship Committee</b> <b>Mtg.</b> - 9:00 am <b>Confirmation Class</b> 5:30-6:30pm (Social Hall)	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <u><b>No Wow , It's</b></u> <u><b>Wednesday</b></u>	<b>9</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	<b>10</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	<b>11</b> <b>Singing Believers</b> – 1:00pm
<b>12 Laity Sunday</b> <b>Family Promise</b> <b>Guests Arrive</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Wow , It's</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>Staff/Parish</b> <b>Meeting – 7:30pm</b> (Fellowship Room)	<b>16</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	<b>17</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	<b>18</b> <b>Singing Believers</b> – 1:00pm
<b>19</b> <b>Education Committee</b> – 11:30am <b>Interfaith</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> <b>Celebration</b> 5:00pm @ Congregation Beth Hatikvah <b>Confirmation Class</b> 5:30-6:30pm (Social Hall)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <u><b>No Wow , It's</b></u> <u><b>Wednesday</b></u>	<b>23</b> <u><b>Thanksgiving Day</b></u> <u><b>– Office is Closed</b></u>	<b>24</b> <u><b>Office is Closed</b></u> <b>Open Mic Night –</b> 8-11pm (Social Hall)	<b>25</b> <b>Singing Believers</b> – 1:00pm
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Ad Council</b> <b>Meeting - 7:30pm</b> (Fellowship Room)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Wow , It's</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)		

# NOVEMBER Birthdays and \*Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Enjoy Your Day!			1 Matt Kaup	2 Alex Bradach	3 Craig Burns Liz Martin	4 Dylan Miles  <i>*Daniel and Melissa Tasse</i>
5 Emily Koernig	6	7	8	9 Kim Mandel	10	11
12	13	14	15 Bob Florindi	16 Anne Engelhardt Myrene Reyes	17	18
19	20	21 Gail Champney	22 Neil Johnson Phoebe Rhinehart	23 Janice Conti	24 Sarah Goetzl	25 <i>*Denea and Matt Kaup</i>  Fred Prussak
26	27	28	29 Kyla Goldman	30		