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THE DIALOGUE

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Through the insight and work of the Ad Council, we discover we are in an exciting season, moving forward to strengthen our ministry, and *your help is needed!*

As you look at these four different topics, which one do you feel drawn to?

Let us know your interest, and you will be connected with the others who are working on that aspect of our ministry.



Strengths:

God has blessed us in so many ways!

We are a welcoming, diverse congregation.

We are a caring community, and we have strong music and children's programs, as well as a beautiful, spacious building.

Will you help us get the word out about the great gifts we have to share? Will you help us build on our strengths?

Obstacles:

We have numerous challenges.

Our large, aging building and our limited congregational resources mean that we have some serious work ahead!

Will you help us address our challenges?

Will you help us make wise, forward-moving choices?



Ministry beyond ourselves:

God has called us to be a blessing to others.

The community around us needs our care and our ministry!

Will you help us reach out to our local community?

Will you help us use the gifts we have to make a difference in the lives of those around us?

Hopes for the future:

We envision a thriving ministry, in which we eagerly provide a place of respite from the busyness of our days. We know that our culture is fast-paced, and can be stressful even in the gifts that it offers.

We envision being a place that provides avenues for rest and renewal, grounded in our faith.

Will you help us build a ministry of refreshment for all in need?

Will you help us be a place where all can come to be renewed in spirit, body, and mind?



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2015

On World Communion Sunday Christians from all around the globe celebrate our oneness in Christ.

World Communion Sunday is an annual event that provides United Methodists with an opportunity to support the development of leaders for church and society around the world.

Our special offering on this day will provide scholarships for racial- and ethnic-minority students in the United States and international students to transform the church and communities.

To read some of their stories, check out this link:

<http://www.umcsgiving.org/impact-articles/scholar-transforms-society>



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Routine tasks like changing a light bulb are far more challenging in our sanctuary and unable to be completed by a single individual. Many additional tasks/projects benefit from someone holding the base of a ladder or helping to move a piece of furniture. No special skills or tools are required.

Adding your name to our existing list provides greater flexibility and improves the timeliness of project completion. If interested, please contact the church office and ask Polly to add your contact information to our file. Thank you for your consideration.

Just like projects in your home, church projects often benefit from an extra pair of hands.

The Property Committee is looking to increase our "Building Buddy" volunteer list.

Welcome Bill Harris, our new Property Manager

Bill joined our staff on September 14th – his work schedule will be Mondays through Fridays, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm. Stop by and introduce yourself as we welcome him to our ministry!



FALL VIDEO DISCUSSION SERIES

“Wrestling with ANGELS: AN INTIMATE LOOK AT THE TOUGH QUESTIONS OF LIFE”

Sundays at 11:45 am *or* 4:00 pm (pick the time that works for you!)
October 18, October 25, November 1, November 8, November 15 in
the Fellowship Room. Facilitator: Pastor Hogan

What are the places in which you wrestle with your faith? Like Jacob wrestling the angel at Peniel, we all have different faith issues over which we struggle.

This video series provides an opportunity for us to explore some common areas in which Christians wrestle. Each week’s topic will be presented in a brief video, and then there will be ample time for discussion. (*The videos will include such leaders as Richard Foster, Philip Yancey, Lewis Smedes, Madeline L’Engle, and Keith Miller.*)

Topics:

- 10/18: “PRAYER (Why Don’t My Prayers Get Answered?)”
- 10/25: “WHY ME? (If You’re So Good, Why are Things So Awful?)”
- 11/1: “FORGIVENESS (How Do I Forgive and Get On With My Life?)”
- 11/8: “DOUBT (How Can I Question and Still Believe?)”
- 11/15: “LOVE (Why is Loving So Hard?)”

October 2015 Christian Education



More exciting opportunities for growing in faith and service together have begun. Sunday school takes place weekly at 9:30 am and our intergenerational WOW it's Wednesday program begins again Oct. 7th 4:30-6:00 pm. There are also several unique opportunities happening this month: **Church has Left the Building** (Oct. 4) and **an Equine Learning Experience** (Oct. 11). All are welcome!

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

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

This month we are exploring the stories of David: 1 Samuel 15- 17, 2 Samuel 6- 11. Leap of Faith: God's love is with me all the days of my life.

For more information: sherri.shumate@gmail.com

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 Oct. 4th *The Church has Left the Building*

Sunday, October 11th *Equine Learning Experience*, 12:30pm

Saturday, October 17th *Parents' Night Out*: 5-8pm. Youth helpers needed

“Church Has Left the Building”

**THE CHURCH
HAS LEFT
THE BUILDING**



**Sunday, Oct. 4th 10am-6pm
48 West High St. Somerville, NJ**

We have a unique opportunity to partner with First UMC of Somerville in a day of service. We will meet at First UMC in Somerville for a brief blessing, and then be sent in teams for a day of service and mission. We will gather again for dinner and share our experiences. Please contact me if your family or young people are interested in joining us.

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 9:00 am-10:15 am and in the Hospitality Room in the rear of the Sanctuary from 10:20 am-11:30 am!

There is a live video showing the worship service, but more room for kids to move and wiggle than in our pews. Parents are welcome to sign in and drop off their child or stay with their child. Our staff nursery caregivers are paid, experienced, childcare professionals: Heather, Luz, and Christa. Please contact me if you have any questions. sherri.shumate@gmail.com

Wow It's Wednesday

4:30-6:00 pm

Wow, It's Wednesday is an intergenerational Christian Education & music experience. All are welcome to join us for food, fun, and fellowship. This year we will be advertising our WOW program in the community, at the YMCA, Library, and local schools. Please contact me if you'd like a flyer to distribute in our community. **WOW resumes Wednesday, Oct. 7th** and 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 will be a hands-on, interactive way to engage the themes and stories we are learning in worship and Sunday school. We will be making 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. All are welcome and we'd love to have you join us! Contact me for more information. sherri.shumate@gmail.com

WOW Schedule:

4:30-4:55 pm Story, Snacks, & Sharing
5:00-5:15 pm Devotions Together
5:15-6:00 pm Adult Conversations
5:20-6:00 pm Singing Praises Together

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, **October 17th**, 5-8 pm.

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. Suggested donation \$10/child. This money goes to purchase supplies for our Bridges lunches that we donate to homeless families. Students may volunteer to help with these events for community service hours.

Please sign-up via email by October, 9th:

sherri.shumate@gmail.com

Suggested donation \$10/child. Meet in the Social Hall.

Equine Learning Event

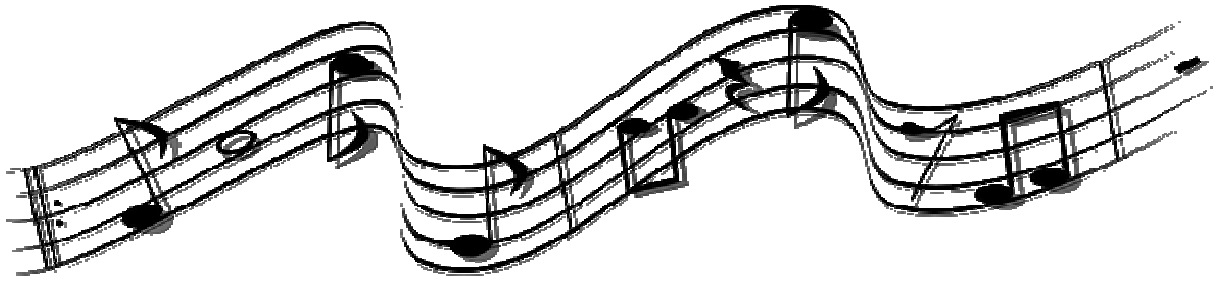
Sunday, **October 11th**, 12:30pm

All ages are welcome to join us for a spiritual learning experience assisted by horses.

Alison Johnson will guide us in an unforgettable experience of learning more about God, ourselves, and each other.

All are welcome. You must RSVP to sherri.shumate@gmail.com





MUSIC NOTES

Joanne Teubner Prussak, *Music Director*

I pray the notes and words on each page will be the song within our hearts! Being part of a choir is both a wonderful opportunity and a challenging responsibility. As we continue our fall season we are beginning preparations for our Thanksgiving Festival and Advent Christmas Concert. Yes, much preparation is required. I know our Wesley Choir, Singing Believers, Contemporary Ensemble, Bell Choir and Chancel Choir are up to the challenge.

Wesley Choir

Our children and young people learn Christian songs and better understand the meaning of the text through music and rhythm. The choir welcomes all children ages three and up.

Rehearsals are in the chapel on Wednesdays at 5:20 pm.

Singing Believers

Our youth develop their faith and experience worship through their singing in choir.

Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 12:45 pm.

Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble of singers, drum, recorder, bass and piano are praising God through music from contemporary hymnals. **Rehearsals are Sundays at 12:15 pm in the sanctuary.**

Bell Choir

Come and ring a joyful sound to the Lord. **Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 11:45 am in the sanctuary.**

Chancel Choir

Our Chancel Choir rehearses **Sunday mornings at 9:30 am.** The choir is already preparing for Advent and our Christmas Concert.

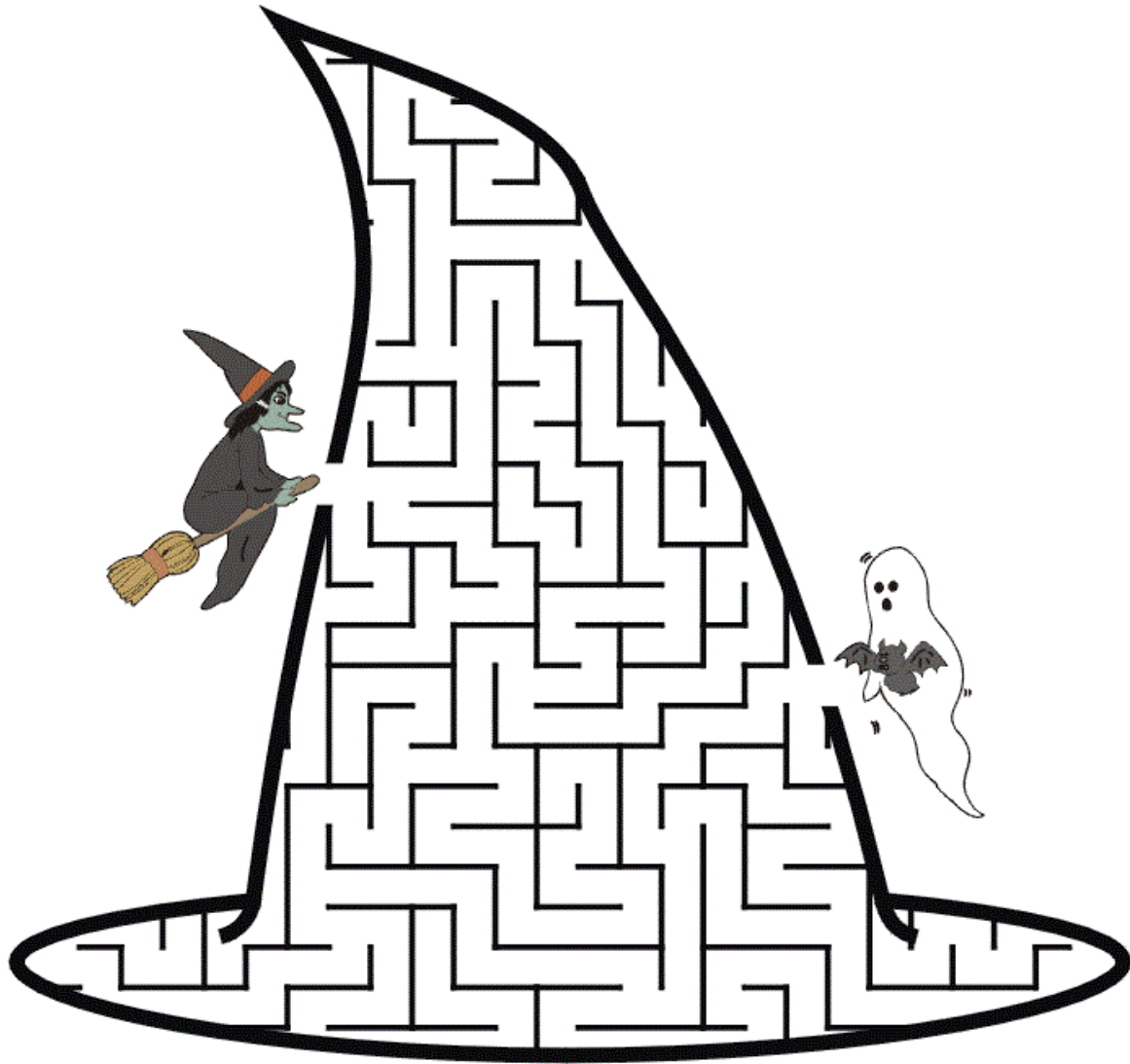
It is in doing that we are enriched and that we grow closer to God and to each other. Come, join us and make music to praise Our God!

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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!](#)

BIRTHDAYS and *Anniversaries* in October:

1	Eric Goldman	18	Adam Daniel
3	<i>John & Susan Hogg</i>	20	<i>Jesse & Myrene Reyes</i>
4	Janet Daniel	23	Doug Davis
6	Chloe Tassé		Carole Reed
11	<i>Hillary Kruger & Ken Lordy</i>		Dominik Tassé
12	Adrian Phillips	25	Will Johnson
	Kerry Relf	27	Shela Waldron
13	Emma Aird	30	Jack Schaefer
14	Nena-Renee Smith	31	Denise Florindi
15	Conor Barry		
	Kyle Dorbu		

Introducing Morgan's Closet!!

(Formerly known as the Rummage Sale)

October 9, 2015, 6-8 pm \$3 entry
October 10, 2015 9am – 5pm

Only clothes, shoes, jewelry and toys will be sold at this sale.



October

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS:

Education Committee – 10/11

Worship Committee – 11/1

MINISTRY:

CAUSE - donations every first Sunday

Prayer Warriors – Wednesdays

Knitting Ministry – Thursdays and Fridays

World Communion Sunday – 10/4

Taize Prayer Service – 10/7

Church Conference @ Livingston – 10/24

AND MORE:

Wow It's Wednesday resumes – 10/7

Morgan's Closet Sale – 10/10

Video Discussion Series – starting 10/18

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30am – Sunday School (all grades) 10:30am – Worship 11:30am – Refreshments and Fellowship		CHOIR REHEARSALS: <i>Wesley Choir</i> – begins 10/7 @5:20pm <i>Bell Choir</i> – begins 10/11 @11:45am <i>Contemporary Ensemble</i> – begins 10/11 @12:15pm <i>Chancel Choir</i> – Sundays @9:30am <i>Singing Believers</i> – Saturdays @ 12:45pm		1 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	2 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	3 Morgan's Closet Set-up
4 World Communion Sunday	5	6	7 Prayer Warriors -1pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Wow It's Wednesday resumes Taize Prayer Service 7pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	8 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	9 Morgan's Closet Pre-Sale 6-8pm Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	10 Morgan's Closet Sale 9am – 5pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>
11 Education Committee Meeting - 8:45am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	12	13	14 Prayer Warriors -1pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Wow It's Wednesday	15 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	16 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	17
18 Video Discussion Series <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	19	20	21 Prayer Warriors – 1pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Wow It's Wednesday	22 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	23 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	24 Church Conference in Livingston - 9am
25 Video Discussion Series <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	26	27	28 Prayer Warriors –1pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Wow It's Wednesday	29 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	30 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	31 Happy Halloween!