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THE DIALOGUE

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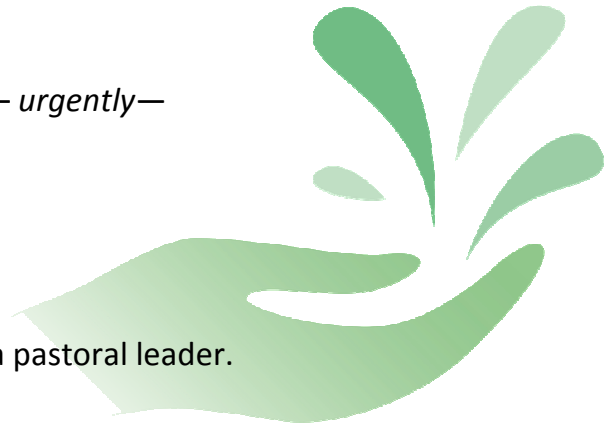
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“PSSST! COME HERE.”

Imagine a quiet voice off stage, whispering – *urgently*— and you realize the voice is talking to ***you***.

I have been in ministry since 1982,
and for the second time in my journey
I feel God inviting me to step away for
a time and renew the gifts I have for being a pastoral leader.



In 2005, I took a 4-week renewal leave, which proved to be a gift both to me and to the church I was serving. Now, nearly 12 years later, I will once again be setting aside 4 weeks for reflection, learning, and renewal.

I will be in the pulpit on Sunday, January 1, 2017, then be away Monday January 2 through Sunday, January 28, and return to the office on Monday, January 29th. This plan comes with the approval of the Staff Parish Committee, the District Superintendent, and our Administrative Council, for which I am deeply grateful. I will spend this time in focused study and prayer. A renewal leave is an intentional time to refresh the spirit.

During my leave, there will be other pastors offering coverage for pastoral care needs, and guest preachers bringing joy and wisdom on Sunday mornings. Perhaps you have questions about the leave—I invite you to join me in conversation after worship on Sunday October 30 in the Fellowship Room, and I will gladly offer whatever insight I can.

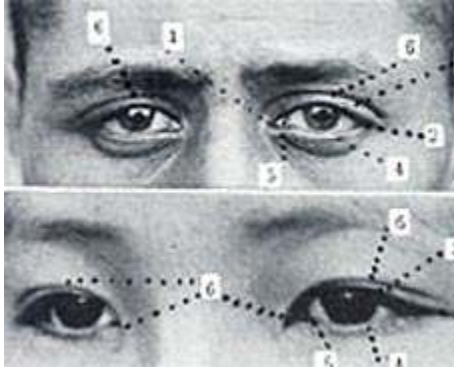
In anticipation of this leave, I invite you to think about the word *renewal*.

Think about what that word holds in our daily lives:

We renew subscriptions—telling the publisher that we want to keep on receiving the publication. We renew our vows— of membership, of marriage, of baptism... proclaiming our ongoing dedication to a covenant of love. Renewal also bears the sense of “becoming new again”—finding or claiming a fresh beginning, restored to life.

A lifetime ago God called me into a life of ministry, service, *spiritual leadership*, a call that is open to ongoing strengthening and deepening. This is a season to lean into this call in renewed ways.

Shawn Callender Hogan
Pastor



RACE – THE POWER OF AN ILLUSION

Join us for this video discussion series:
Three Sunday afternoons (3 pm -5 pm)
October 2, 9, 16 3pm – 5pm

“The division of the world's peoples into distinct groups - "red," "black," "white" or "yellow"

peoples - has become so deeply imbedded in our psyches, so widely accepted, many would promptly dismiss as crazy any suggestion of its falsity. Yet, that's exactly what this provocative, new three-hour series by California Newsreel claims.

Race - The Power of an Illusion is an educational documentary that questions the very idea of race as biology, suggesting that a belief in race is no more sound than believing that the sun revolves around the earth.

Yet race still matters. Just because race doesn't exist in biology doesn't mean it isn't very real, helping shape life chances and opportunities.

Episode 1- The Difference Between Us examines the contemporary science - including genetics - that challenges our common sense assumptions that human beings can be bundled into three or four fundamentally different groups according to their physical traits.

Episode 2- The Story We Tell uncovers the roots of the race concept in North America, the 19th century science that legitimated it, and how it came to be held so fiercely in the western imagination. The episode is an eye-opening tale of how race served to rationalize, even justify, American social inequalities as "natural."

Episode 3- The House We Live In asks, If race is not biology, what is it? This episode uncovers how race resides not in nature but in politics, economics and culture. It reveals how our social institutions "make" race by disproportionately channeling resources, power, status and wealth to white people.

By asking, What is this thing called 'race?', a question so basic it is rarely asked, **Race - The Power of an Illusion** helps set the terms that any further discussion of race must first take into account.

Check out this preview here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y8MS6zublaQ>

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016

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 these links:

<http://www.umciving.org/your-impact/P0/2750>

<http://www.umciving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday>

Our own worship service will celebrate the global church as we hear from some of our members who have roots beyond this land.



TELL ME—FOR WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL?

More specifically, if you were to offer a prayer of thanks to God, stating *where and how in the life of this church* you see faith and Christian love evidenced, what would you say?

I invite you to send your thoughts and insights to me this month, with my thanks!

Shawn

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Very soon you will receive a letter, inviting you to make a pledge of support for what God is doing through our ministries.

Please prayerfully consider God's generosity in your life, and reflect on the many ways that our community is enriched through our church's work.

Bring your commitment card to worship on **October 23**, or send it to the Church Office, and in doing so, celebrate your partnership with God in bringing new life to our world!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



One tiny seed, that's how this sunflower that grew much taller than me began. Many of you helped to dedicate our garden and planted your sunflower seed in this soil. This garden grew to be a beautiful gift to our community, helping to feed SHIP guests, and helping to feed passing strangers, including one I happened to meet collecting seeds from these very sunflowers. Sometimes we might feel like a tiny seed, but when we trust our lives to God's hands, God can grow us into incredible things.

This month our Sunday school is learning about Biblical kings and how they teach us to be faithful leaders. How does your life lead? As you watch the leaves begin to change colors and fall, what are the things changing in your spirit? What things might you need to let fall away to make more room for God's love, joy, and peace in your life? Wherever you are in your journey, we are glad you are here!

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

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 9:00am-10:15am and in the Hospitality Room in the rear of the Sanctuary from 10:20-11:30am! On weeks we worship in the Social Hall, nursery care remains in the Nursery throughout the entire time. 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: Luz and Christa. Please contact me if you have questions. sherri.shumate@gmail.com.

FAITH PARTNERS

We now have 23 pairs, and 49 people from our community who are regularly praying for each other!

Would you be interested in being a Faith Partner?

The only requirement is you make a promise to pray for your Faith Partner. Optional suggestions: Greet your Faith Partner each Sunday, occasionally sit together in worship, write or draw a letter, send a birthday note, etc. Opportunities for you to share God's love are limitless.

Contact me if you're interested in being a Faith Partner!

sherri.shumate@gmail.com or call the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30am -10:15am

Age	Teacher	Helper
Children Pre K-3 rd	Noelle Benton	Myrene Reyes
Tweens 4 th - 7 th	Alison Johnson	Dan Smith
Teens 8 th - 12 th	Sherri Shumate	Volunteers Welcome

“The Lord is King! Let the earth rejoice.” Psalm 97:1

October 2: *2 Samuel* 5:1-5, 10:7,8-16

What is a covenant? What does it mean to be anointed? Join us as we start learning about biblical kings, beginning with David. What helps you know God is with you just as God was with David?

October 9: *1 Kings* 2:1-4, 3:3-15; 4:29-34

King Solomon asks God for wisdom. Solomon could have asked God for anything, but Solomon's deepest desire is to be a good king. God is impressed with Solomon's request and grants him wisdom that helps him lead Israel well. Learning is a lifelong process and we also need God's guidance in our lives today. What is wisdom? What helps you listen to God and gain wisdom?

October 16: *2 Kings* 18-20; *2 Chronicles* 29-32

King Hezekiah is a great example of what it means to be faithful to God. He prays and listens to God's plans. He guides the people in following only God. Hezekiah trusted God when everything in his human power told him he would not succeed. He trusted God to be faithful, and believed God would protect the people. What helps you have faith? How does your life model your trust in God?

October 23: *2 Kings* 22:1-13, 23:1-30

Josiah spent his time as king trying to restore God's laws. Josiah was a young child leader and this was a difficult task. Josiah was faithful to God, and we can be faithful too. How are you a faithful leader for others? How do you inspire others to follow God?

October 30: *Luke* 1:26-33, 2: 21-22, *John* 18:36-37, *Revelation* 17:14b; 19:16

God chooses leaders based on faithfulness, wisdom, and dedication to righteousness. God placed a special anointing upon these leaders. God sent Jesus to the world with a special anointing also. Jesus was a King, and more than a King; Jesus was the King of Kings. Jesus lived as God's child in all ways and taught us how to love God and how to love others. We too have a special purpose in God's world. We share Jesus' message and live God's love in our world today. How do you need God's help to grow as a faithful leader? How is God inviting you to do God's work?

Mark your Calendar:

Education Committee Meeting Sunday, October 16

(After worship in the Fellowship Room)

Anyone interested in being a regular helper for Sunday school class?

Contact me! Sherri.shumate@gmail.com

BIBLES FOR CHILDREN

Has your child received a Bible from our church? We are ordering the Deep Blue Kids Bible to give our young disciples and would like to make sure all children who wish to receive one do so.

You can read more information about this Bible here: <http://www.deepbluekidsbible.com/>

Please contact me if you would like your child to receive a Bible from our church at

sherri.shumate@gmail.com. Thank you!

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:

Our WOW program is a hands-on, interactive way to engage the themes and stories we are learning in worship and Sunday school. One of the ways we will be aligning with our church emphasis on being a place of rest and renewal will be incorporating ways of helping our children learn strategies and experiences for rest and renewal. We make 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. Contact me for more information. sherri.shumate@gmail.com.

Please note: there is no WOW on October 12.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Saturday, October 8, 5:00-8:00pm

(Please sign-up by October 1)

Drop off your children for an evening of fun designed and lead by our youth. We offer a mix of fun and worship and 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 \$15/child; max \$40/family. This money goes to purchase supplies for our Bridges lunches that we donate to homeless families.

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.

✓ Sunday, **October 2:** *Teen Manhattan Bagel Trip*, 9:30am

✓ Sunday, **October 23:** *Wightman's Farm Trip*, 2-5pm

(1111 Mt. Kemble Ave. Morristown <http://www.wightmansfarms.com/farm-tours.html>)

✓ Friday, **October 28:** *Open Mic Night* at Summit UMC, 8-11pm



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

Endurance and encouragement -- isn't that something we all need to strive for? Let us encourage each other to share our gifts and glorify our Lord and our fellow worshipers. Please come and share your gifts in the music ministry of our church.

Wesley Choir

Singing is so much fun! We learn songs about Jesus and how to follow his teachings in our lives. Rehearsal are on **Wednesdays at 5:20pm** in the Chapel.

Singing Believers

Come and sing the joyful songs to God. Let us grow together in our faith through music. Rehearsals are at **12:45pm on Saturdays** in the Chapel for youth grades 3 through high school.

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 on **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. Our first rehearsal of the season will be on **Sundays 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.

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

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!](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

Every Monday through Friday since April **SHIP** (*Summit Helping Its People*) has been using our kitchen to provide the homeless population with a hot breakfast and a bagged lunch. SHIP serves an average of 10 people per day not only with a warm meal, but also a sympathetic ear. We are glad we are able to help SHIP continue their ministry here at the United Methodist Church of Summit. They also feed the Family Promise households that stay in our community.

Furthermore, when we opened our doors to the **Pilgrim Group**, we provided a safe place for individuals to become sober for the first time in their lives. The Pilgrim Group considers our church as their second home. Not only do they use our church for their meetings, they have supported us through attending our rummage sale, Christmas Concert, and book sale.

Do you know what is involved in hosting and caring for programs like these? It means we, the United Methodist Church of Summit, provide:

- ✓ Heating
- ✓ Electricity
- ✓ Repairs
- ✓ Supplies
- ✓ Custodial Work
- ✓ Administrative Support

Multiply this by the many others organizations we support and you understand the hard work and dedication involved!

It's worth it, and YOU make it possible. We ask that you please keep these organizations in mind as you determine your pledge for 2017.



*Do you have a talent that only rarely sees the light of day?
Have you always wanted to perform in front of a small audience?
Are you perhaps looking for that next step towards stardom?*

Whichever one of these people you might be, bring your talent along to the first of 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! Each month we will focus on certain sections of the community, such as singer-songwriters, teen rock bands, dramatic readings, dancers, but this first sessions is open to all!

For performers and visitors alike,
make a note in your calendar to join us:

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28, 2016
8:00pm – 11:00pm *(in the Social Hall)*

*If you know now that you would like to perform already,
just drop us a line at umcopenmicnight@gmail.com
or call the office at (908) 277-1700.*



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August 30, 2016

Rev. Shawn Hagan
United Methodist Church of Summit
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Dear Shawn,

I want to thank United Methodist Church of Summit for serving as a Host congregation in Family Promise's Union County program. We are so grateful for everything United Methodist Church of Summit does to make families feel welcome and at home during host week. The home-cooked meals, hospitality, and stories read to children have such a tremendous impact on our guest families.

Since opening the Union County program in 2013, we've served more than 50 families, including 85 children. We've also served an additional 450 families who were at risk of homelessness. In 2015, our 16 host and 21 support congregations generously provided 4,562 nights of shelter and more than 15,000 home-cooked nutritious meals. More importantly, you kept families together as you welcomed families into your congregational homes each night.

Through your involvement with Family Promise, you know how many different factors can cause families to become homeless. Take the Bolton family: Shawn and Kris, and their five children, Shauna, Samantha, Anthony, Kimberly and Malcolm, who lost their housing when Shawn lost his job. Through the work of congregations, volunteers, and community, the Boltons not only got back into housing, but thrived. Shauna, the oldest, will be starting college at the University of Connecticut this fall to pursue a degree in physical therapy. Shauna expressed what Family Promise, and you, mean to her:

"My family is whole again. We have a home. We got what we needed to put ourselves back together. But, we would not have this opportunity if it weren't for Family Promise."

Volunteering and giving back is one of the core principles upon which Family Promise was founded and our program relies on the tireless dedication and compassion of participating congregations and volunteers. It also requires significant resources, and, while we receive funding from several sources, your financial support is critical to ensuring our future success.


In addition to all you do for families like the Boltons, I hope you will consider including us in your year-end budgeting so we can continue to provide these critically needed services for families.

If you have any questions, or if I can provide any further information, please contact me at 908-273-1100, ext. 12, or cehlers@familypromise.org. Thank you, Shawn, for all you do.

Very best regards,



Chris Ehlers
President

Shawn,
Thank you for all the ways
Summit UMC helps our families.


BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

A RENEWING MEDITATION

October 9 @ 9:00-9:30am

UMC Chapel

Adults are invited to start your Sunday morning with a renewing meditation be refreshed and renewed! Childcare will be arranged if necessary.

Alison Johnson will lead the group through easy and helpful relaxation techniques and a guided meditation. The 'mindfulness exercise' will encourage you to use positive thoughts to reduce stress. Our goal is to have fun, feel recharged and honor our need to take time for ourselves. If you are interested in participating please sign up on the sheet in the social hall, or call the church office!

In our mission to be a place of rest and renewal for the community, the Renewal Committee wishes to grow this event and encourage wider community participation. All are welcome! Please consider joining us and bring your family and friends! We want to grow this event and encourage wider community participation.

PRAYING PSALMS IN NATURE

October 23 @ 12:30pm

Briant Park, Summit

Mark your calendars for a fall event to renew your spiritual energy! A collection of psalms will be presented at various points around the park to consider how nature can illustrate the powerful and peaceful work of God. Our inaugural event in May was thoroughly enjoyed by all ages (from newborns to seniors), and moments of reflection among the sights and sounds of nature were rejuvenating.

We encourage you to bring a picnic lunch if you wish to eat with us prior to walking! The walk will start towards the waterfall at 12:30pm. Smaller groups may be formed based on pace and there are many benches along the 1 mile path. Please consider joining us and bring your family and friends! We want to grow this event and encourage wider community participation.



OCTOBER

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS:

Focus Group "Addressing Our Obstacles" – 10/9

Education Committee – 10/16

Circle 3 – 10/18

MINISTRY:

CAUSE - donations every first Sunday

Taize Service – first Wednesday of each month

Knitting Ministry – Thursdays and Fridays

World Communion Day – 10/2

"Morning Mindfulness" – 10/9

Family Promise Guests – 10/23

Commitment Sunday – 10/23

AND MORE:

Adult Study "The Power of Illusion" – 10/2 – 10/16

Parents' Night Out – 10/8

Nature Walk "Praying Psalms" – 10/23

"Open Mic Night" – 10/28

Conversation about Renewal Leave – 10/30

OCTOBER Birthdays and *Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 <i>*John & Susan Hogg</i>	4 Janet Daniel	5	6 Chloe Tassé	7	1 Eric Goldman 8
9	10	11 <i>*Hillary Kruger & Ken Lord</i>	12 Adrian Phillips Kerry Relf	13 Emma Aird	14 Nena-Renee Smith	15 Conor Barry Kyle Dorbu
16	17	18 Adam Daniel	19	20 <i>*Jesse & Myrene Reyes</i>	21	22
23 Doug Davis Carole Reed Dominik Tassé	24	25 Will Johnson	26	27 Shela Waldron	28	29
30 Jack Schaefer	31 Denise Florindi					

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2 World Communion Day “The Power of Illusion” 3-5pm (Fellowship Room)	3	4	5 Wow , It’s Wednesday Taize Service 7pm (Chapel)	6 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	7 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	1 Parents’ Night Out 5-8pm
9 Morning Mindfulness – 9am (Chapel) “Addressing Our Obstacles” – 11:30am (Chapel) “The Power of Illusion” 3-5pm (Fellowship Room)	10	11	12 <u>No Wow , It’s Wednesday</u>	13 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	14 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	15
16 Education Committee Meeting – 11:30am (Fellowship Room) “The Power of Illusion” 3-5pm (Fellowship Room)	17	18 Circle 3 Meeting – 7:30 pm (Kitchen)	19 Wow , It’s Wednesday	20 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	21 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	22
23 Commitment Sunday Family Promise Guests Arrive (through 11/6) Nature Walk: Praying Psalms (at Briant Park) 12:30pm	24	25	26 Wow , It’s Wednesday	27 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	28 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room) “Open Mic Night” 8-11pm (Social Hall)	29
30 Conversation about Renewal Leave - 11:30 am (Fellowship Room)	31	SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30am – Sunday School (all grades) 10:30am – Worship 11:30am – Refreshments and Fellowship				