

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT
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THE DIALOGUE

September 2017



150th
Anniversary

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From the Pastor: Our Celebration is in High Gear!

We have so much for which to be grateful as we mark our 150th year of sharing the love of God!

Join us as we celebrate the roots from which we have grown:

On Sunday, September 3:

Worship moves back to 10:30 am, and our service of communion will be based on the Methodist communion liturgy from 150 years ago!

On Sunday, September 10:

We will take a stroll through our church's history, sharing the details of our church's journey through time, and singing hymns that were written in notable years in our church's history!

On Sunday, September 17:

Join us as we pull out all the stops in celebrating our 150th anniversary!

After a joy-fill service of worship, we will head to the Grand Summit Hotel for brunch and continued celebration, honoring those who have been members 25 years or more! (Reservations required.)

On Sunday, September 24:

We will honor those who have been members up to 24 years!

October worship services will continue our season of celebration as we acknowledge those who have been baptized here, those who were married here, and welcoming the Rev. Dr. Susan Trumbetta, former pastor of the Oakes Memorial UMC!

Shawn Callender Hogan, Pastor

*"We stand at the threshold and look behind us at all that we have done,
at all that we have loved, at all that is familiar,
and our hearts fill with sadness, and with gratitude.*

*We stand at the threshold and look before us at the future we can and cannot see,
at the beginnings we can and cannot imagine, at the possibilities we can and cannot know,
and our hearts fill with fear, and with hope.*

Bless our sadness and our gratitude, our fear and our hope.

*Bless this journey, God of past and future, guide our steps,
walking beside us, before us, within us as we step across this threshold."*

By Beth A. Richardson, Alive Now, March 2017, adapted



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

For many years, your monthly donations were then brought
to CAUSE, a food pantry in Jersey City.
We have received word that CAUSE is no longer in operation,
and yet we still want to make a difference in the lives of
those who are hungry!

**Starting on the first Sunday of September, we will be bringing your
monthly donations of nonperishable foods to
LOAVES AND FISHES,
a food pantry of St. Teresa Roman Catholic Church, here in Summit, NJ.**

*"Loaves & Fishes is a long-standing outreach at St. Teresa's to help the local
needy. We maintain a food pantry in the basement of the church and stock non-
perishable food items for weekly distribution to approximately 50 local families.
Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis to pack the bags of food, distribute
the bags, oversee the pantry, stock the pantry, and qualify the patrons."*

"Loaves and Fishes" is a vital ministry of care for those in great need.

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 (on the steps to the pantry) at any time.



**Our fourth summer of
"Chalkboard Conversations"
was a resounding success!**

**Each week for ten weeks the
community responded eagerly
and vigorously to our diverse
questions.**

**If you have suggestions for
next year's posted questions,
please let the pastor know.**



Each year every United Methodist Church reviews the details of its ministry in a **Church Conference**.

All are welcome, and all members have voting privilege as we share reports of our work, elect new officers into leadership, and celebrate our life together.

Once again, our Conference is holding **clustered Church Conferences**, which means that we will gather for our annual business session with 8 other churches on

Saturday, October 21, from 11:45am – 1 pm
at the Chatham UMC
(460 Main Street, Chatham, NJ 07928)

The meeting schedule will be:

11:45 am – devotions

12:15 pm--Church Conference Meeting

1:00 – adjourn

Please put this date on your calendar, and join in this important annual meeting!

10:30



Analog or digital, here's important news:

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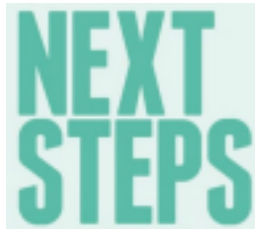
September 3, 2017,
our worship time moves to 10:30 am.
See you there!

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 each month** (September 6, October 4, November 1...) 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.



With the newly-vacant classrooms on the second floor of the Education Building, we are vested with the question:
What is next for the space?

And this juncture invites us to ask a related question:
Are there new ministries to which we are being called, whether or not they will make use of the second-floor space?

The Ad Council has begun the task of dreaming into these two questions, and you are invited to join in!

The path of discerning “what’s next” is taking several steps—and you are welcome to participate in them all:

1. Join the Ad Council on *Sunday, September 24th at noon*, during which we will continue our open-ended dreaming, adding to the lists. At the end of this meeting, we will identify the areas around which there is particular energy, and **focus our attention on the two or three ideas that have gained the most ‘traction.’**
2. On *Monday, October 16th at 7:30 pm*, we will gather to review the two or three areas of greatest interest, looking at them through **the lens of what we have discovered about our own strengths and weaknesses**. We will review the insights we gained in 2015 about our community and our church culture, reflect on what is already being offered in the community (and thus may not need to be replicated), and discern which direction seems most in tune with our sense of God’s call in this season.
3. Having recognized the ministry(ies) to which we are being called, we will **identify those who have the skills and talents best suited to get us going!**

Join us in discovering ‘what’s next’!

CONFIRMATION INVITATION

All throughout our lives we continue to grow in faith. The journey of faith is an exciting one, and at each stage the Church provides resources for enhancing growth.

Confirmation is the church's word for that place in a young person's life at which a person claims the Christian faith for him or herself, celebrating who God is in one's life.

Traditionally a student participates in the Confirmation process in 7th grade or older, while children older and younger are most welcome.

We guide our youth toward making such a discovery by many means, one of which is participating in a Confirmation Class designed to heighten the young person's awareness of matters of faith. Participation means regular worship, class discoveries, and assignments fashioned for growth.

Enrollment in the Confirmation class is already underway.

On Sunday, September 10th all participants and parents will gather for the startup meeting at 5:30 pm.

If you would like your child to be involved and have not yet let Pastor Hogan know, please call the church office immediately, so that sufficient materials will be available.



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Dear members of UMC of Summit,

We celebrate your ministry and recognize your ministry and generous giving. The United Methodist Church is a connectional ministry. We know that together we can go further than any one church or congregation can go alone. On behalf of your district superintendent, peer congregations and the entire denomination, thank you for supporting this connection by fulfilling 100% of your shared ministries commitment.

Our ministry together is one of the foundations of our Wesleyan faith. To recognize the importance of our commitment together, Greater New Jersey has created the Wesley Circle for congregations who meet their shared ministry commitment each year. Your faithfulness is evident in your commitments and we are happy to acknowledge your congregation as a Wesley Circle Church. Enclosed is a certificate that we hope you will share with the rest of your congregation.

Keep the faith!

John Schol

Bishop, The United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey

Superintendents:

Rev. Dr. Steven G. Bechtold, *Skylands*

Rev. Brian Roberts, *Cape Atlantic*

Rev. Myrna Bethke, *Gateway South*

Rev. Manuel Sardinas, *Gateway North*

Rev. Dr. Drew Dyson, *Raritan Valley*

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We praise God for your 100% Shared Ministry Giving in 2016.

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THANK YOU

The leaders of The United Methodist Church and the millions
of people that we helped together through Shared Ministry Giving.

M. Sardinas

Manuel Sardinas, Gateway North
District Superintendent

John R. Schol

John Schol, Resident Bishop

Robert W. Dietz

Robert Dietz, Council on Finance
and Administration

SELF-CARE EVENT

Seeking resources to bring more peace, more balance, more focus to your life?

As the fall gets underway, it is easy to get caught up in the whirl of our busy lives, and we risk losing touch with the things that are most important to us.

***Join us for a Self-Care Event
Sunday, October 1, 2017
1 pm – 3 pm***



The event will include tools to reflect on the things that give you meaning and balance, and re-center your spirit for the pace of life.

Please sign up in the Social Hall so that sufficient materials can be available:

It is with sadness that we share the news that Keith Miles, beloved son of Betty and Marty, died on Thursday, August 3rd, 2017. A memorial service was held on Saturday, August 12, 2017; we extend to the entire Miles family our heartfelt sympathy.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Welcome back from another season
and whatever gifts and adventures it may have
carried.

Welcome to today.

Welcome to here and now,
this moment, this breath of peace.

Welcome to what is.

Welcome to whatever is to come.
Welcome to hope and love that will carry you
through whatever is

to where your heart needs to be.

Welcome to the gift that is this life
and the infinite possibilities it holds.

Mark your calendars:

- Christian Education programs resume in September!
- Family Promise: September 10-17
- Sunday school and nursery care resume: September 17
- WOW resumes: September 20

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 beginning September 17th, 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.

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.

We resume in September 17, 9:30am-10:15am Sunday mornings. 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. sherri.shumate@gmail.com

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

September 17: *Adam and Eve: Genesis 3*

September 24: *Noah: Genesis 6-9*

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.

Schedule:

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

Please note: WOW resumes September 20.

CHURCH PROGRAMS AND POLICIES

Sunday Morning Worship:

Adult supervision required.

- A parent or pre-arranged responsible adult must be present in the building and supervising children not involved in a scheduled and supervised program.
- Summer worship time changes to 10:00 am and returns to 10:30 am in September.

Sunday School/Nursery:

Adult present on premises, 9:30 am Sundays during the school year.

- Parents can drop off their children and must return to pick up at or before 10:15 am.
- Breaks for summer and resumes September 17.

WOW It's Wednesday:

Wednesdays 4:30-6 pm.

- Does not meet on Summit school holidays, half days, or snow days.
- Breaks for the summer and resumes on September 20.
- Breaks for January.
- Parents can drop off their children and must return to pick up at or before 6:00 pm.

Parents' Night Out:

One Saturday per month, 5-8 pm.

- Parents sign-in children and drop them off.
- Parents must return to pick up children by 8:00 pm.
- Donation \$10/child, advance sign-up required.

Safe Sanctuary:

- Children should never be in any part of the church building unsupervised at any time. In church activities, children are supervised at all times by at least two adults.



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. Our first WOW will meet on September 20.**

Singing Believers

Come and sing the joyful songs to God. Let us grow together in our faith through music. Rehearsals are at **1:30pm on Saturdays in the Chapel** for youth grades 3 through high school. **Our rehearsals will begin on September 23.**

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. **Rehearsals will begin on September 24 following worship.**

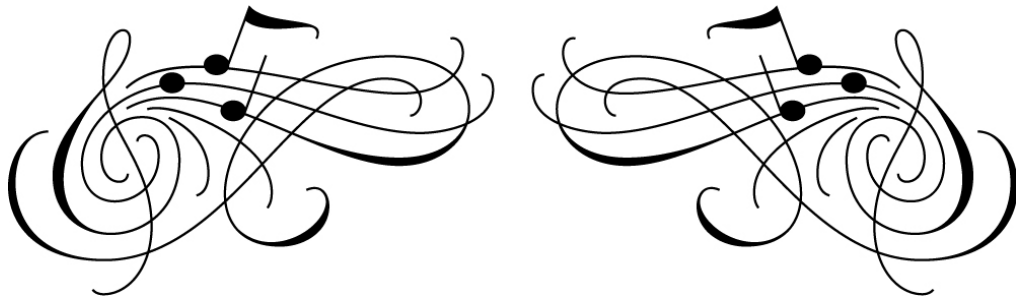
Bell Choir

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. Rehearsals will begin on September 24 following worship.**

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. Our first rehearsal of our fall season will be on September 10 at 9:30am in preparation for our September 17 Anniversary Sunday.**

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



*Thank you to our summer soloists,
vocal and instrumental,
who shared their gift of music
so beautifully.*

*Your music deepened
our worship experience so very much.*

*Thank you, again!
Joanne Teubner Prussak*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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!](#)



JOIN THE PRAYER WARRIOR TEAM

Each Wednesday at 2:00 pm this group of faithful disciples gathers via conference call for a time of study and prayer. The group reads the day's devotional found in the Upper Room, explores the questions listed, and lifts up to God the prayer concerns that have been forwarded for their care.

Interested in joining the team? *Speak with Pastor Hogan or Nena-Renee Smith;* your spiritual life will be enriched!



OPEN MIC NIGHT RETURNS!

Friday September 29, 2017

8:00pm – 11:00pm (in the Social Hall)

*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?*

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 or call the office at (908) 277-1700.

You are invited to the

150th

Anniversary

of the

United Methodist Church of Summit

September 17, 2017

10:30am Worship followed by

12:30pm Brunch

at the Grand Summit Hotel

150th Anniversary Menu

The Grand Summit Hotel

A selection of chilled juices and sodas
Sliced seasonal fresh fruits
An assortment of imported & domestic cheeses
Roasted new potato salad
Farfalle pasta salad with sun-dried tomatoes
Grilled vegetable platter with balsamic vinaigrette
Salad of American field greens with assorted dressings

A selection of assorted sweet breads, muffins,
bagels and croissants
Served with butter, cream cheese, and preserves

From our Chafing Dishes

Hickory smoked bacon & link sausage
Eggs benedict with hollandaise sauce
French toast with maple syrup
Garden fresh vegetables
Rice pilaf
Penne pasta with plum tomatoes, garlic and basil
Chicken breast Francaise
Sautéed salmon with lemon dill sauce

Omelette Station

Omelettes and egg white omelettes prepared to order

Desserts

An assortment of sweets from our pastry shoppe
to include mini-pastries

Coffee, decaffeinated coffee, assorted herbal teas

Beverage options at a supplemental charge

Bartender fee included
Wine and Mimosa \$7.50 per person
Bloody Mary and Mimosa \$7.50 per person
Wine and Bloody Mary \$7.50 per person

Happy Anniversary

SEPTEMBER

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS:

Worship Committee – 9/10

Confirmation Parent/Student – 9/10

Ad Council – 9/24

MINISTRY:

Loaves and Fishes –

donations accepted the first Sunday of each month

Taize Service – first Wednesday of each month

Knitting Ministry – Thursdays and Fridays

Family Promise Guests – 9/10 – 9/17

AND MORE:

150th Anniversary Celebration – 9/17

Confirmation Class – 9/24

Open Mic Night – 9/29

150 Years

SEPTEMBER 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30am – Sunday School (all grades) 9:30am – Chancel Choir 10:30am – Worship 11:30am – Refreshments and Fellowship 11:45am – Bell Choir 12:15pm – Contemporary Ensemble					1 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	2
3 10:30am Worship Time Resumes	4 <u>Labor Day –</u> <u>Office is Closed</u>	5	6 Taize Service 7pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	7 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	8 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	9
10 Family Promise Guests arrive Worship Committee Meeting – 11:45am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Confirmation Parent/Student meeting – 5:30pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	11	12	13	14 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	15 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	16
17 Homecoming Sunday 150th Anniversary Celebration <i>(at the</i> <i>Grand Summit Hotel)</i>	18	19	20 Wow It's Wednesday Resumes	21 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	22 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	23
24 Ad Council Meeting – 12:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Confirmation Class 5:30pm -6:30pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	25	26	27 Wow It's Wednesday	28 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	29 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Open Mic Night 8-11pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	30

SEPTEMBER Birthdays and *Anniversaries

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Enjoy Your Day!					1	2 Theodore Burns
3 James Goldman	4	5 Macklin Dunnder	6 Owen Wilkins	7	8	9 Robert Hugin Alexander Rosnowski
10 Leslie Goetzl *Chris & Rica Vida	11 Norma Dowe	12 Chloe Mansilla	13	14 Bob Koernig *David & Maria Hughes	15 *Faye & Chris Cunningham Marty Miles	16
17	18	19	20	21 Max Mansilla	22 Brian Edwards	23
24 Richard Keating	25 Dan Smith	26	27	28	29	30 Chris Dunnder Bill Glancy *Bob & Carole Reed