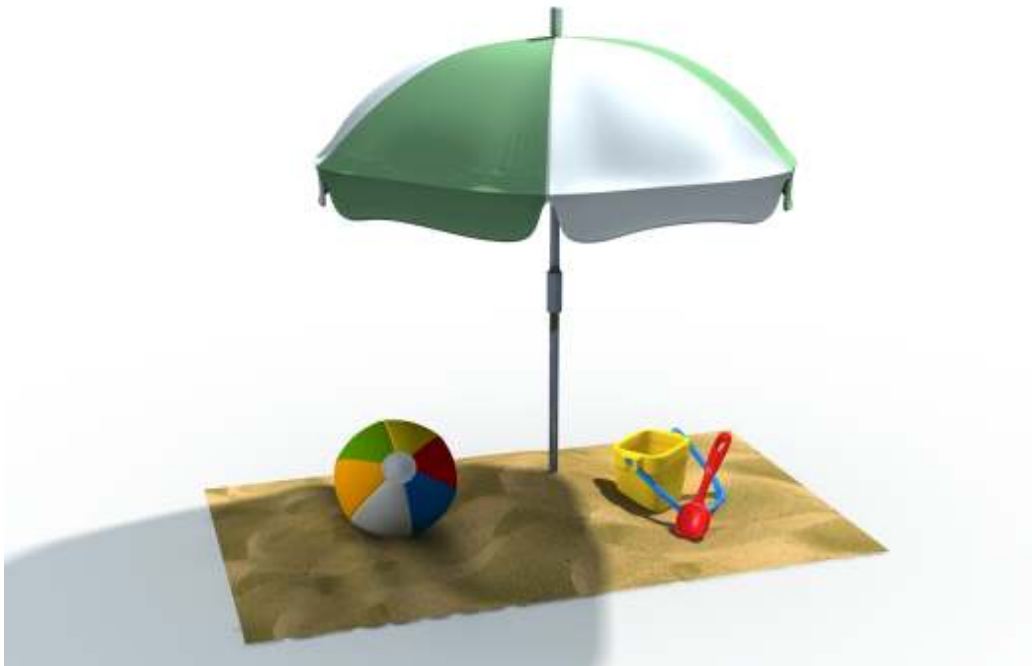


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THE DIALOGUE

Summer 2014



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WHY DO WE DO “BIBLE STUDY”?

Because God speaks to us through the scriptures! Imagine that: God is revealing God’s self to us as we explore what the Bible has to say.

Check out how the United Methodist Church sees the authority of the Bible:
<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/our-christian-roots-the-bible>

Given the great gift God offers when we open this precious book, join us in growing in faith as we study together:



ISAIAH: A Work In Progress **Bible Study for Adults**

5 Sundays at 4:00 pm.

In the Fellowship Room

June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20

Led by Pastor Hogan

It is Isaiah’s poetry we revisit when we sing “Holy, Holy, Holy!”
and “Here I Am, Lord.”

It is Isaiah’s dream we share when we envision a world in which
“the wolf shall live with the lamb.”

It is Isaiah’s voice we hear when we describe Jesus’ final suffering on our behalf.

So much of our faith imagery comes from the Book of Isaiah!

This five-week study will invite you to an exploration of
the setting in which Isaiah lived and led.

In addition to providing background information and basic understanding,
the study will provide devotional opportunities based on Isaiah’s message.

All are welcome!

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT SUNDAY SCHOOL

As this year's educational program comes to a close, the Education Committee moved into a long and deep discussion regarding the needs of our community. We have identified a transition in the church life that calls for a change in our Sunday School schedule in the coming year.

Starting September 21st, all Sunday School classes will be held from 9:30 - 10:15am.

We will continue to offer three classes (for children preK through 3rd grade, for 'tweens 4th through 7th grades, and for teens 8th through 12th grades). While frequent Adult studies will continue to be offered throughout the year on Sundays at 4pm, it is our hope that additional adult opportunities can take place at 9:30 am to invite adults to learn as kids learn.

The decision to move the youngest Sunday School class to 9:30am comes as a result of balancing the broad needs of a diverse community, joined with a growing recognition of the power of worship for the whole church family.

Recognizing that this shift creates adjustments and may not serve every household's needs, there will be options available for those households choosing alternate care during the worship hour.

Starting in the fall of 2014, our **child care services** will take on a new form:

You may be aware that from 9:00am-11:30am we utilize the gifts of paid staff care providers to offer child care. While children are always eagerly welcome in worship, this fall we will offer extended options for childcare for those families that desire another alternative. Childcare will be provided in the following way:

- 9:00am-10:45am: Our staff care provider will be available in the church nursery to care for children whose parents are involved in early Sunday morning activities.
- 10:45am-11:30am: After the children's message in worship, families are welcome to send their children (preK - 3rd grade) to the Green Room with a parent volunteer to meet our staff care provider and the children from the nursery. Together, the staff care provider and the parent volunteer will offer the children activities in the Green Room while the worship service continues.

As the Committee that is vested with responsibility for the church's educational ministry, we are excited about this new season of providing Christian formation, and we look forward to joining with the whole congregation in living out God's call to learn and grow!

The Education Committee

READING SCRIPTURE

*Would you be interested in reading scripture
in the Sunday worship service?*

How wonderful it is when we involve many voices
in our weekly worship service!

If you would like to read scripture,
you would always be informed by mid-week as to
what passage is selected,
so you would have plenty of time to become familiar with it.

If you are interested in participating in skits or other readings,
as occasional opportunities come up that fit with the worship theme,
you would work with others well in advance.

If you have interest, or questions, please be in touch with Pastor Hogan.

2014 GREATER NEW JERSEY ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Dear United Methodist of Summit
Community,

It was my great honor, pleasure, and joy to represent our faith community at this year's Annual Conference of the Greater New Jersey area. It was my first time representing the congregation and I hope it will not be the last. The conference was once again held at Wildwood, New Jersey, a southern Jersey Shore town with beautiful beaches, a legendary boardwalk, and great conferencing facilities. I am happy to report that the conference was both productive and enjoyable – affording me the opportunity to work with over 1,500 attendees on important legislation, while also allowing me to reconnect with old friends and connect with new folk from our region.

Highlights of the conference included fantastic worship led by Mark Miller, an act of repentance for and with Native Americans of New Jersey and the United Methodist Church, as well as the

analysis of, discussion on, and voting for important legislation. Various clergy of the Greater New Jersey conference were ordained, commissioned, or celebrated as retirees. We also heard touching reflections from individuals associated with UMC church closings – including some churches that opened during the early 19th century.

The theme throughout the conference was Isaiah 61:1, “Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” For more on the conference please visit the conference overview ([Click here to view](#)), and/or watch the annual conference video wrap-up ([Click here to view](#)).

Again, it was an enjoyable time and I hope to be able to partake in many annual conferences going forward. I go forward with a spirit filled again, hoping to shine in the glory of God and be a beacon for those in need, always reflecting the love of God.

All the best,
Brian James Tipton

For the years 1997 - 2001, the **Rev. Leon Weaver** served as the pastor here at the UMC of Summit.

As many of you know, he is also an accomplished playwright and actor. This July he will be offering his one-person show "The Box" in the Pax Amicus Castle Theater in Budd Lake, and his show "The Secret" will be part of the NYC International Fringe Festival in August (see below for more information).

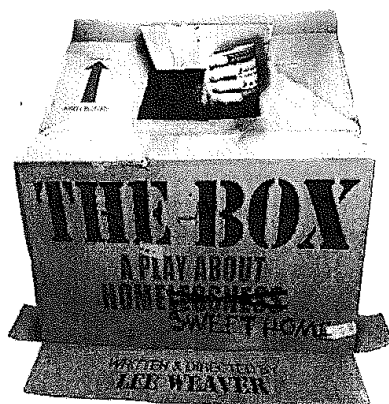
Lee will also be preaching here at the UMC on Sunday, July 20; come and welcome him back!

Lee Weaver brings "The Box" to New Jersey

Pax Amicus Castle Theater
23 Lake Shore Rd., Budd Lake, New Jersey

and

LEE WEAVER PRESENT



JULY 25 & JULY 26

Friday & Saturday - 8:00 p.m.

Reservations: (973) 691-2100; Admission: \$20

Questions? LeeFWeaver@gmail.com

Lee Weaver, retired UMC clergy, Greater New Jersey Conference, is enjoying a second career as playwright and actor. He has been performing all over the country, receiving considerable acclaim for his last three dramas, which he wrote and presents as One Person Shows. He received, in 2013, recognition as North Florida's Outstanding One-Person Show Presenter.

Weaver has been selected to present his *The Secret - The Spanish Inquisition in Old St. Augustine* at the 2014 NYC International Fringe Festival this August. This is an extraordinary honor bestowed on a very few select artists.

In his latest, *The Box*, which he will be presenting this summer at Pax Amicus Castle Theater in Budd Lake, NJ, "Jack" lives in the woods of St. Augustine, FL, and calls his box, "Home Sweet Home." He is coaxed out of his box to give an interview to WGAC's Sandy Shores (Lee's wife, Nanette, heard but not seen). During the inter-view he relates his tales of life on the road. He is a philosopher, a theologian, a humorist, a lover and a fighter and all of his stories come through his PTSD ravaged mind.

The Box has been filmed by Eclipse Recording Studios, using five cameras and is now in post-production. A late summer release is anticipated.

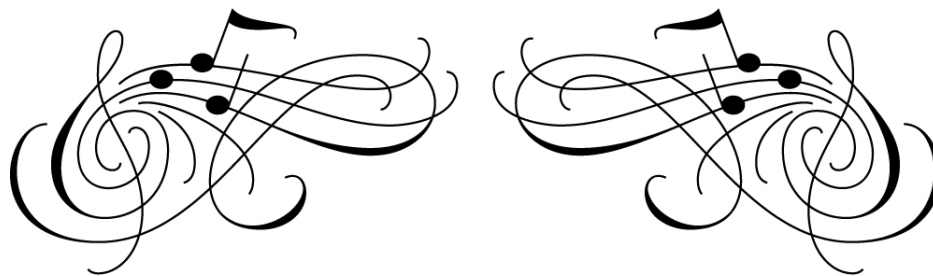
Bob Feldheim, North Florida's premier reviewer wrote the following:

"Weaver commands the stage for two intense, brilliant, soul-and society-searing hours, in two acts, recounting his story. It's an unforgettable emotional powerhouse, a mind-bending experience, a theatrical work of towering genius."

Weaver wisely interjects periodic humor for relief. Jack has come to terms with life. He spends a good deal of his time in the library. He's conjured clever, effective panhandling signs. He explains his personal religious philosophies. Jack pulls no punches; he survives."

The Box brings the very timely issues of homelessness and PTSD to the stage in a uniquely sensitive and informative way. *The Box* will make you laugh and cry, think, question and perhaps commit in new and profound ways. Persons of all faiths, it has been suggested, need to see this extraordinary theatrical event.

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MUSIC NOTES

Thank you for sharing your most wonderful gift of music this season:

CAROL/WESLEY/SINGING BELIEVERS

Amanda Brown
Lucas Daniel
Sarah Daniel
James Goldman
Kayla Goldman
Maddie Johnson
William Johnson
Alec LaJeunesse
Parker LaJeunesse
Ayana McMillan
Caroline Relf
Oliver Relf
Isabel Reyes
Joshua Reyes
Bradley Smith
Joseph Smith
Riley Smith

HANDBELL CHOIR

Chris Barry
Davis Barry
William Dembaugh
James Goldman
Kayla Goldman
Kim Goldman
Deanna Hoffman
Rachel Hoffman
Alison Johnson
William Johnson
Emily LaJeunesse
Jayme LaJeunesse
Adrian Phillips

CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

Beverly Alexis
Bernice Griffith
Alison Johnson
Emily LaJeunesse
Jayme LaJeunesse
Jesse Reyes
Myrene Reyes
Andrew Sperry

Brian Tipton
Christine Tipton

CHANCEL CHOIR

Sopranos

Bernice Griffith
Latonia Hall
Emily LaJeunesse
Shela Waldron
Jacqueline Wasniewski

Altos

Beverly Alexis
Ximenita Gonzalez
Ann Houpt

Tenors

William Dembaugh
William Houpt
Samuel Quashie

Baritones

William Glancy
James Goldman
Adelmo Guidarelli
Neil Johnson
Jayme LaJeunesse
William Teubner

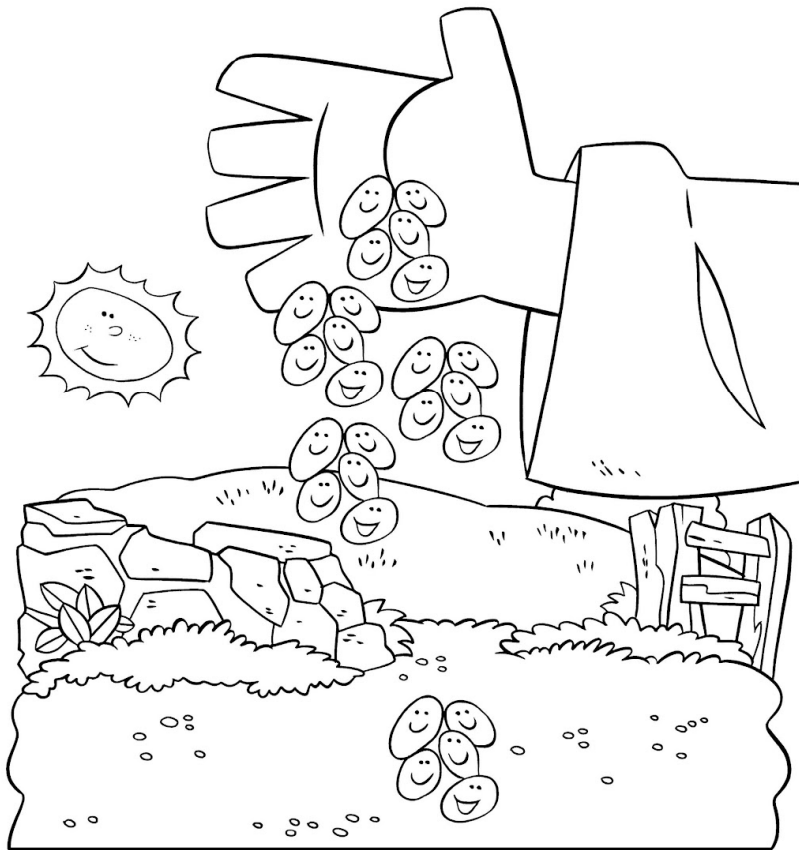
VOCAL & INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS

William Dembaugh, *Baritone*
Jocelyn Gallinek, *Flute*
Jordyn Gallinek, *Bassoon*
Ximenita Gonzalez, *Alto*
Bernice Griffith, *Soprano*
Adelmo Guidarelli, *Baritone*
Latonia Hall, *Soprano*
Jesse Reyes, *Guitar*
William Robinson, *Tenor*
William Teubner, *Trumpet*
Jacqueline Wasniewski, *Soprano*

--Joanne Teubner Prussak, Music Director

CHILDREN'S

The Parable of the Sower

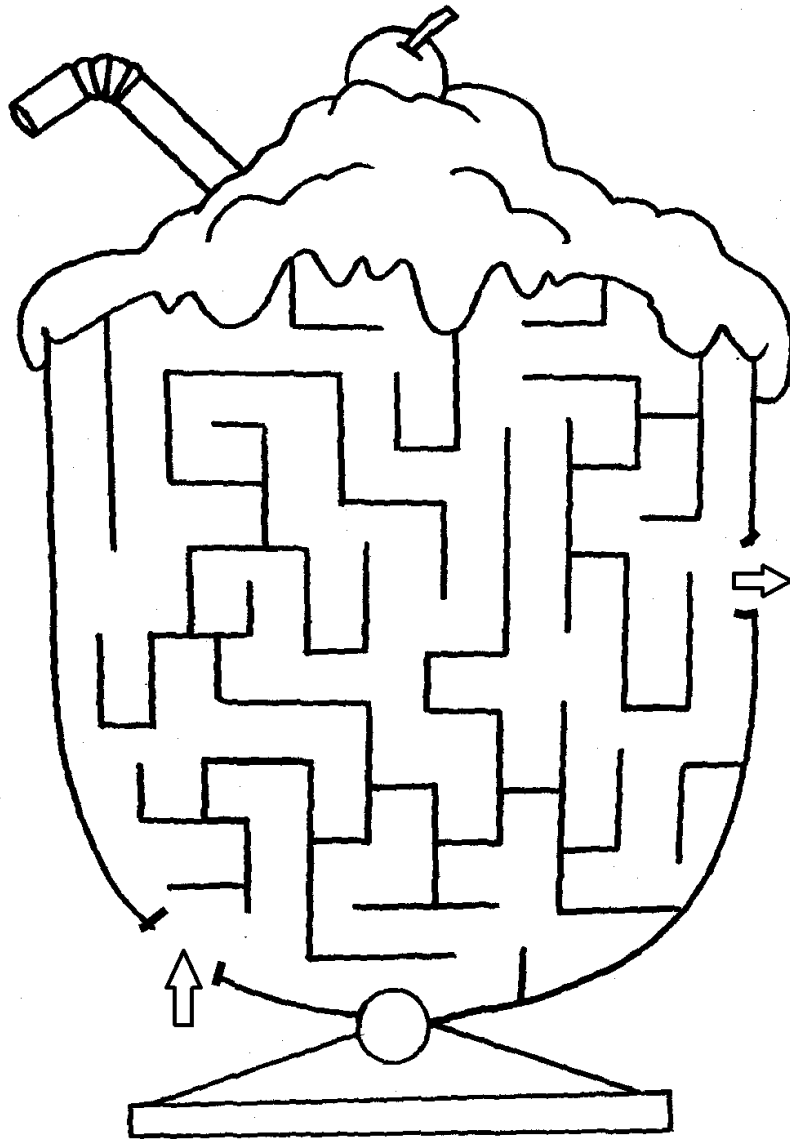


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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



SUMMER WORSHIP

This summer, the Sunday worship services will be focusing on the stories of:

Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, and Esau,
as told in the book of Genesis.

Take some time to read Genesis chapters 12 through 32!



SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

From **July 6 through August 31** we worship at 10 am.

While we do not provide nursery care during these months,
the nursery is available for all to use



SUMMER SOLOIST SCHEDULE

Wednesdays at 5:30pm
& Saturdays at 2:00pm



DIALOGUE

There will be no August Dialogue.

Articles for the September Dialogue are due on August 15.



2014 RUMMAGE SALE

Mark you calendars for the fall rummage sale!

Pre-sale on Friday, **October 24th** from **6-8pm**

Regular sale on Saturday, **October 25** from **9am-2pm**

Please, no donations before September 15

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, and educational materials. Additionally, each weekend Pastor Hogan posts an article that invites you to participate in discussions about current events, theological issues, and community life.

[Join us in our Facebook conversation today!](#)

BIRTHDAYS & *Anniversaries* in:

July

1	Fritz Dorninger	13	Johanna Aguilera
3	Megan Champney		Don Wernsing
6	Ryan Wilkins	21	Jayme & Emily LaJeunesse
9	Charles Lord	25	Parker LaJeunesse
10	Sam Quashie		Cliff & Laura Wilkins
11	Leslie & Susan Williams	30	Julia Dunnder
12	Jesse Reyes	31	Ellen Dunnder
			Jayme LaJeunesse
			George & Sarah Shuttleworth

August

5	Susan Daniel		
7	Mary Ellen DeJohn	22	Bob Reed
	James Somers	24	Lisa Burns
8	Andrew Aird	28	Doug DeMartin
9	Jim Schaefer		Melissa Tassé
11	John Blossom		Andie Vida
14	Craig & Lisa Burns	31	Sam Russell
16	Alf Edwards		

UPDATES:

KNITTING/CROCHET MINISTRY

It is been a little over a year since we started the Knitting/Crochet Ministry and we are not quite finished yet. We are moving along beautifully with many projects on the horizon for charity.

Our last donations were wonderfully accepted by “Bridges” and home bound members of our church.

We would love your assistance in many ways to help us continue this ministry:

- **Monetary donations** will be appreciated but there are so many other ways to give.
- **Yarn is needed.** If you have yarns that you are not using and would like to donate, please do not hesitate.
- **Yarn Coupons** (although many are severely date limited) will be most welcome for stores like Michaels, AC Moore which sometimes give out fifty percent (50%) off coupons.
- Also, many friends (some in our congregation and some outside of our congregation) **donate squares** to our efforts, so much so that we have quite a few squares. We would love your assistance in putting them together. Can you donate a Thursday (11 am to 1 PM) or Friday evening (7 PM to 9 PM) to assist with putting squares together? If these times do not meet your busy schedule, you can take them home to assemble the blankets. We are glad to work with you.

[Luke 10:2](#)

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

We hope that you will help us to continue this wonderful harvest that we have been blessed with.

WHEN FISH'N TURNS OUT TO BE JUST WISH'N.

As the eight intrepid kayakers made their way down the Delaware River thrashing and casting about, the fish known to populate the muddy waters managed to stay just one step ahead of us. While our best fishing lures did not yield any trout or bass, we had a marvelous time navigating the ten miles of river and enjoying the local bird life (bald eagles and great blue heron) that kept us company.

Placing trust in one another, we safely made it down river, assisted by an unusually strong current. Stopping for lunch halfway provided us a needed break and allowed us to get to know each other that much better. Given the diversity of background and experience, we managed to function quite well as a group and would consider “running” the river again. So ***keep an eye for an announcement in next spring's church newsletter*** and consider trying something wet and a little wild.

Bill Hogan

GOOD LUCK DREW!



On Sunday, June 15, 2014, the United Methodist Church of Summit bid farewell to their **Director of Christian Education, the Rev. Drew Sperry**, who leaves to serve a church in the Upper New York Annual Conference. Surrounding him are many of the children who have been in his care throughout the four years he has been in Summit, offering leadership to the educational program of the church.