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FROM THE PASTOR

About two years ago, in a time of prayer I began to perceive a call, a holy whisper from God, for our church to offer greater spiritual support to persons in recovery and their loved ones. Twelve-step programs in all forms are offering hope and renewal to countless persons in countless ways.

Through study, prayer, and the support of the Worship Committee, that inner whisper has blossomed into a new monthly worship service, which will be launched on Sunday, February 4th, at 1:00 pm in the Chapel.

For the next year, on the first Sunday of each month, we invite you to join with friends and members of the recovery community for a time of music, scripture, and poetry, during which I will offer a brief sermon and Alison Johnson will offer a response from a 12-step perspective.

I ask that you all make time to attend this new worship experience, in great part to be supportive of this new ministry we are launching. Your presence will exhibit our collective commitment to be a source of renewal to all in our community.

Shawn Callender Hogan
Pastor



HEALING SERVICE:

**Sunday, February 11, 2018
10:30 a.m. Worship Service**



An Introduction:

(resource: The United Methodist Book Of Worship)

All healing is of God.

Scripture strongly affirms ministries of spiritual healing, which in recent years have received renewed emphasis throughout Christ's holy Church. The root of the word *healing* in New Testament Greek, *sozo*, is the same as that of *salvation and wholeness*.

God works to offer persons balance, harmony, and wholeness of body, mind, spirit, and relationships, seeking reconciliation between God and humanity, among individuals and communities, within each person, and between humanity and the rest of creation. The Church's healing ministry in no way detracts from the gifts God gives through medicine and psychotherapy. It is no substitute for either medicine or the proper care of one's health. Rather, it adds to our total resources for wholeness.

Healing is not magic, but underlying it is the great mystery of God's love. God does not promise that we shall be spared suffering but does promise to be with us in our suffering. Trusting that promise, we are enabled to recognize God's sustaining presence in pain, sickness, injury, and estrangement.

A Service of Healing is not necessarily a service of curing, but it provides an atmosphere in which God's presence and healing can become known. *The greatest healing of all is the reunion or reconciliation of a human being with God.* For the Christian the basic purpose of spiritual healing is to renew and strengthen one's relationship with the living Christ.

On Sunday, February 11, 2018 our service of worship will focus on God's healing presence, and will include the opportunity for any so inclined to receive anointing with olive oil, as an act of God's touch.

Prayer Service

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

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

If so, come to the Chapel at **7pm on Wednesday, February 7th** for a special time of quiet meditation.



We will share in a prayer service in the Taize tradition—which involves silence, prayer, and songs that are simple, rhythmic and soothing. Come and let the Spirit peacefully enfold you.

(Please Note: In March our service on the first Wednesday of the month will be a Lenten service, rather than a Taize prayer service.)

Take the Lenten Journey Home with You

At each Wednesday night Lenten service
(Feb. 21 – March 21),
items will be distributed
that serve as
weekly devotional resources
for your home reflection.

Each week an object and
a coordinated reflection page
will be provided
for your personal or household use.
Gather each one
and use it as a source of inspiration
and an avenue for spiritual growth.



NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE

Between now and February 14th (Ash Wednesday), all are invited to gather nonperishable goods, which will be delivered to the CUMAC food pantry (Paterson, NJ). Bring your items in at any time! The back left corner of the sanctuary is being used for a collection site.

From Epiphany to Lent you are invited to share the love you received on Christmas Day by gathering items for those in need.

Collect as many of these items as you wish, and each day say a prayer for those in need!
Bring your donations with you to worship on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2017.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 28 Sticky Sunday– A jar of peanut butter	January 29 Medical Monday – A container of vitamins	January 30 Toothy Tuesday – A toothbrush or toothpaste	January 31 Warm Wednesday – A pair of socks or mittens	February 1 Throwback Thursday – A can of your favorite childhood soup!	February 2 Frugal Friday– Gather up all your plastic bags (the ones you get when shopping)... They are needed too!	February 3 Silly Saturday– Go “nuts” by giving a package of your favorite nuts!
February 4 Strong Sunday– A box of oatmeal	February 5 Mouthwash Monday – A container of mouthwash	February 6 Tasty Tuesday– A box of cake mix and icing	February 7 Wise Wednesday – A can of vegetables	February 8 Thoughtful Thursday – A box of cereal	February 9 Flossing Friday – a container of dental floss	February 10 Slippery Saturday – A container of cooking oil
February 11 Scarf Sunday – a scarf	February 12 Milky Monday– A container of shelf-stable milk	February 13 Tidy Tuesday– A cleanser (Fantastic, Windex, etc)	February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent Begins! Join us in worship at 7 pm and deliver your bag of donations!			



ASH WEDNESDAY February 14, 2018

**Service of Worship at 7:00 pm
in the Chapel**

Lent begins with the arrival of Ash Wednesday. We call this day Ash Wednesday because for centuries ashes have been used as a sign of remorse and repentance.

The Christian church took on the tradition of taking the palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday and burning them to ashes, and then on Ash Wednesday, making the sign of the cross with the ashes on the forehead on this day that starts Lent, marking our solidarity with the brokenness of the world, and our desire to begin anew with Christ.

In addition to offering the imposition of ashes, the worship service on Ash Wednesday will include the Lord's Supper.
(Soup Suppers do not begin until the following week, February 21st.)

WEDNESDAYS THROUGHOUT LENT (February 21st through March 21st in the Social Hall)

6:00 Soup Supper (Social Hall)

7:00 Worship (in the Chapel)

Each Wednesday evening you are invited to gather **at 6:00 in the Social Hall for a soup supper**. With the help of volunteer "Soup Chefs" we will share in a simple meal as we walk through Lent:



If you are willing to provide a simple soup supper on one of the Wednesday nights, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall so we can plan appropriately. (Please consider making vegetarian options for those who cannot eat meat.) The suppers are a gentle, casual way to mark the weeks of self-reflection, recognizing that we do so as a community.

Following the supper, **at 7:00 pm we will gather in the Chapel for a brief service of worship** (concluding around 7:45 pm), which will include Holy Communion.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Have I loved well? When is the last time you spent a few minutes reflecting on this question: have I loved well?

Valentine's candies and gifts have filled the stores since before the New Year began. Still, sugar filled sweets and made overseas stuffed animals hardly begin to capture what love is really about.

As we prepare to enter this season of Lent, a time of reflection and self-denial, what might it mean to look at love as the image of God within us?

What if we asked questions like:
How do I show love through what am I giving of myself?
Who are the people I withhold my love from?
How am I living God's love? Have I loved well?
What might it require of me to let my love grow?
Am I loving well? How could I love more?

May you find joy and blessings in all the adventures and gifts this New Year will hold!
Blessings, Sherri Shumate; Director of Christian Education, 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!

Something New:

This spring we will be trying a new Sunday school curriculum.
Check it out here: <https://www.feastingontheword.net/Curriculum/>

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

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.

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.

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*

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.

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.



Saturday, March 10th 9:00am – 12:00pm

<https://www.cumac.org/>

Join us for a day of volunteering. Meet in the church parking lot to carpool at 9:00am. Please RSVP to Sherri Shumate if you plan to attend. We are limited to 10 participants ages 12 and up. To RSVP or for more information contact Sherri: sherri.shumate@gmail.com

CUMAC is a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding people and changing lives. This team works to alleviate hunger and its root causes in Paterson, Passaic County and New Jersey.



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 as part of Wow, It's Wednesday.**

Singing Believers

Come and sing the joyful songs to God. Let us grow together in our faith through music. Rehearsals are at **11:45am on Saturdays in the Sanctuary.**

Contemporary Ensemble

Our Contemporary Ensemble is studying music from the contemporary hymnals “The Faith We Sing” and “Worship and Song”. Rehearsals 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.**

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

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:



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!

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!

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



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Friday, February 23, 2018

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

Please Note: in March, Open Mic Night will take place on March 23, so we can honor Good Friday on March 30

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

OUR CHRISTMAS FOR OTHERS



During Advent the Outreach Committee sponsored an alternative Christmas market giving our church community the opportunity to donate to several causes. This effort allowed us to make a difference to those in need on several levels: **Local** (Summit Helping Its People), **Regional** (Super Storm Sandy Relief), **National** (Hurricane Relief), and **Global** (Imagine No Malaria). Thanks to the compassion and generosity of our church family, a **total of \$1255.00** was raised to support these causes. The Outreach Committee sincerely thanks all those who donated.

AN EAGLE AMONG US

On Sunday, January 14, 2018, **Henry Lord** celebrated **earning the rank of Eagle Scout**, in a Court of Honor held at St. Teresa's Memorial Hall. Henry's Eagle project involved Phase One of the Summit Park Line, making a connection between Broad Street and Morris Avenue, with a view of the New York City skyline in the distance. We join Troop 67 in congratulating Henry on this tremendous achievement!



FEBRUARY

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS

Green Team – 2/4

Worship Committee – 2/25

MINISTRY:

Loaves and Fishes –

donations accepted the first Sunday of each month

Taize Service – 2/7 (first Wednesday of each month)

Knitting Ministry – Thursdays and Fridays

"Came to Believe" – 2/4 (first Sunday of every month)

Service of Healing – 2/11

Ash Wednesday – 2/14

Lenten Services – starting 2/21

AND MORE:

Adult Study – 2/4

Confirmation Class – 2/4 & 2/25

Soup Suppers – starting 2/21

Open Mic Night – 2/23



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				1 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	2 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	3 Singing Believers 11:45am
4 Green Team 8:30am "Came to Believe" 1:00pm <i>(Chapel)</i> Adult Study 3:30pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Confirmation Class - 5:30pm			7 Wow, It's Wednesday Lenten Service 7:00pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	8 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	9 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	10 Singing Believers 11:45am
11 Service of Healing @ Worship			14 Wow, It's Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY Service - 7:00pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	15 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	16 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	17 Singing Believers 11:45am
			21 Wow, It's Wednesday Soup Supper - 6pm Lenten Service - 7pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	22 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	23 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Open Mic Night 8-11pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	24 Singing Believers 11:45am
25 Worship Committee 9:00am <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Confirmation Class - 5:30pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>			28 Wow, It's Wednesday Soup Supper - 6pm Lenten Service - 7pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	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		



FEBRUARY Birthdays

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Davis Barry	2	3
4 Deanne Burns Brian Tipton	5 Millie Eichhorn	6 Angelika Miles Joanne Teubner-Prussak	7 Christine Tipton	8 Stacey Daniel	9	10
11	12 Audrey Boise	13 Jane Hagner	14 Daniel Tasse	15 Martha Stampes Greg Vartan III	16 Angelica Hughes Richard Hughes	17 Jane McKinley
18 Natalie Aguilera	19	20	21	22	23	24 Marg Edwards Kathy Whipps Susan Williams
25	26	27	28	Enjoy Your Day!		