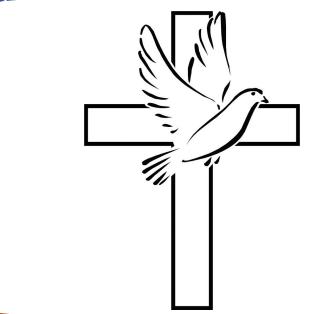
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## THE DIALOGUE June 2018

## **Education Sunday**



# Music Ministry Sunday

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### From the Pastor:

Life is always in transition, as we continuously begin and conclude seasons in our journeys. Change is a part of our human journey, albeit a sometimes difficult part.

In our church family, we faithfully celebrate the arrival of new members into the community and we faithfully grieve as members leave us to head on into the new and different places that life takes them.

As you may be aware, Sherri Shumate has been our Christian Education Director since 2014, having previously served here in that role from 2008 to 2010.

Through Sherri's tenure our church has been blessed by her spirit of joy and compassion, her witness to the power of our gentle God, and her creativity in offering a wide variety of avenues for spiritual formation. Our children and youth have grown in faith under her leadership and care.

We have been deeply blessed.

Sherri is in a season in which she will be seeking full-time employment, and we will bid her farewell on June 10<sup>th</sup>. We hold her and her beautiful family: Dan, Joey, Bradley and Riley in our loving prayers in this season of transition.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is working with Drew Theological Seminary to seek a candidate for the position of Director of Christian Education, and will keep you apprised of all updates.

As we make our way through life, we are accompanied by a faithful God who is steadfastly by our side in every season: including the places and times when something new is unfolding. It is on this God whom we are leaning now.

Peace;

Shawn Callender Hogan, Pastor



**Lunch and Learn: Save the Dates!** 

Join in a 5 week lunchtime Bible study!

Bring your lunch if you wish, or just join for the study: we meet 5 Tuesdays from 12 noon to 12:45 pm in the Conference Room—take your lunch break with us!

We will work with five chapters of the text
"We Make the Road by Walking," by Brian McLaren,
a resource which provides
a brief thoughtful reflection for each week,
accompanied by scripture passages and discussion questions.

Interested? See me and I will pass along the materials!

Tuesdays July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 12:00 – 12:45 pm

> Shawn Callender Hogan Pastor

### PRAYER IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY:

Five days: **Monday June 18 through Friday June 22,** you are invited to participate each day in 15 minutes of guided prayer: with a choice of times:

7:45 - 8:00 am *or* 7:45 - 8:00 pm

The prayer experience takes place through conference call.

You call the number below\* at 7:45 am or 7:45 pm, and Pastor Hogan will guide us all in a form of prayer that is silent and individual, even as we are collectively praying for those 15 minutes.

Pastor Hogan will offer prompts for your own silent prayer, and the time will end in sharing in the Lord's Prayer at 8:00 (am or pm). Join us!

\*Call: 515-604-9643

Enter access code: 319155#

(It is not necessary to announce yourself at the start of the call, even if the system invites you to do so.)



The time is here again!

The way we enable our church to thrive is through the shared gifts and insights of all of our members and friends. Each year, in order to structure our church life for effective ministry, the Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) is responsible for reviewing the gifts of the community and the needs of the church.

While much of our work focuses on equipping our existing organizational/committee life, we are also eager to assist all members in getting connected with ministries in which they can live out joyful discipleship.

In the next weeks and months our Nominations Committee will be reviewing our needs for leadership in the church's ministries. We do not know where everyone's gifts and interests lie, so we need you to tell us the dimension of church life in which you would be eager to take part!

I encourage you to take a look around the church community to identify the gifts of those you see, also examine your own gifts and discern where your own enthusiasm lies,... and give me a call with your thoughts!

Pastor Hogan



### CHALKBOARD CONVERSATIONS RESUME!

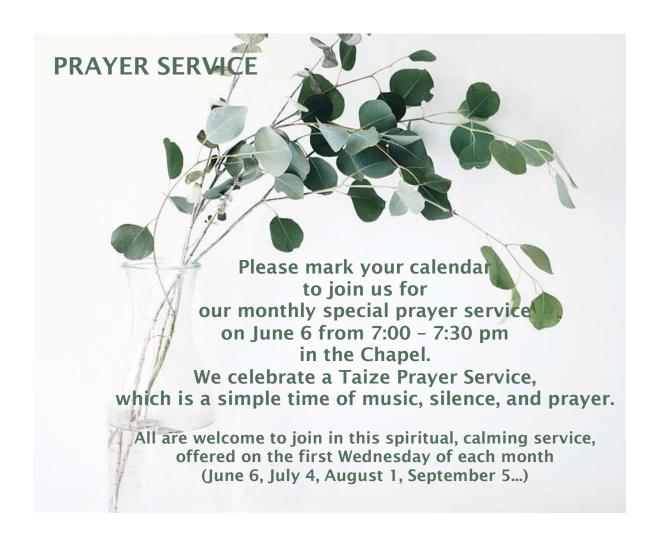
"What brings you joy?"
That was the very first question on the very first week of the very first year of our Chalkboard ministry.

This year will mark **the fifth year** of this wonderful community activity.

In **the last week of June**, we will once again position our large chalkboard outside of the church, and will post a weekly question on it for community response. The chalkboard will be in place **until the end of August.** 

Wander by regularly to reflect on the question posted, add your response to the board, and review the responses of others! (And if you would like to be part of the team that oversees the weekly "refreshing" of the board, please speak with Pastor Hogan).

And then make your way a few steps over to our Community Garden!



As a faith community we mourn **the death of Bill Houpt**, longtime member of our congregation. Bill entered God's heavenly home on Saturday, April 21, 2018. **A memorial service** will be held on **Sunday, May 27, 2018**, followed by a memorial tea.



### **Monday Morning Yoga** Mondays 7:45 – 8:45 am in the Green Room

Start off your week with relaxing yoga!

Bring a mat and comfortable clothes as you are shown relaxing breathing and stretching by a yoga practitioner.

All experience levels welcome.

This activity is open to the public and free. Free will offering welcome.













### A WESLEY CIRCLE CHURCH

We praise God for your 100% Shared Ministry Giving in 2017.

### **UMC of Summit**

### THANK YOU

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

Brian Roberts

Cape Atlantic District Superintendent

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Robert Dietz
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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 superintendent, peer congregations and the entire denomination, thank you for supporting this connection by fulfilling 100% of your shared ministries commitment in 2017.

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

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### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION





It's barely been two months since my life changing Heartbeat Camino Peace Pilgrimage experience. If you haven't already done so, please view this video of photos from my trip: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/YpzYO1T33j0w6GM72">https://photos.app.goo.gl/YpzYO1T33j0w6GM72</a> Thank you for your role in making this incredible experience possible for me!

During this pilgrimage, I spent a lot of time praying about the next steps in my faith journey. One of the clear confirmations I received during this time apart was that it's time for me to pursue new ways to serve God and God's people.

I have formally announced that June 10th will be my last Sunday as Director of Christian Education. We have a reached a point where I need to pursue more full-time employment to help support our family. It has been a blessing and gift to serve all these years. Please keep us in prayer in this season of transition. I will always be praying for all of you. Thank you for being the blessing and gift you are.

One step at a time may we find peace for the next steps of our journey. In lieu of gifts, please consider honoring my service at Summit by helping children in need. Please take a moment to check out my GoFundMe campaign. I am raising money for CUMAC: <a href="https://www.gofundme.com/d73ae-running-for-peace?pc=em\_co\_shareflow\_m&rcid=r01-152547711635-2a4c86ec547748fd">https://www.gofundme.com/d73ae-running-for-peace?pc=em\_co\_shareflow\_m&rcid=r01-152547711635-2a4c86ec547748fd</a>

Every gift helps make sure children and families in need have food this summer. Thank you so much!

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

### "A BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY"

Sherri Shumate **April 2018** 

The gift this is, the blessing we are, the joy and the sorrow and the bountiful possibility of it all. The heartfelt carrying of each other's deepest joys and bravest pain are life lived together one wild, precious moment at a time. Everything is here. Everything is waiting in one muddy uphill step at a time toward peace.

### **HEART HEALING**

Place your hands on your heart. Breathe in. Name your gratitude. Breathe out. Name people you love. Breathe and rest and relax. Bring to mind the things you care for and are passionate about. Breathe. Quiet your body and mind. Rest. Breathe in peace. Breathe out love.

Heart healing is a practice I created, which is adapted from Greg Brayden's research as part of a movement called Heart Math. This spiritual practice has been life-changing for me. Anyone can embrace this simple and powerful spiritual tool. I offer you this simple practice as a way to stay connected and hold each other through this season of transition and change.

Read more about Heart Math research here: https://www.heartmath.org/

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

### FEASTING ON THE WORD 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.

Sunday school takes a break for the summer and resumes in September.

Age	Teacher	Helper			
Children Pre K-3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rotating Schedule				
Tweens 4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Volunteers Welcome				
Teens 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>	Contact the church off	ice if interested			

June 3 Meet in the Sanctuary at 9:30am to prepare for *Education Sunday*June 10 Children singing will practice in the Sanctuary at 10:00am

### Our new Sunday school curriculum:

 $\underline{https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Default.aspx?ContentID=10113\&Title=Feasting-on-the-Word-Curriculum}$ 

https://www.feastingontheword.net/Content/Site118/Basics/1780FotW2017201 00000025896.pdf

#### **VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**

Interested in helping us choose a more contemporary name for our Sunday morning time of growing in faith we currently call Sunday school? 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

Save the Date: Christian Education is Sunday, June 3rd

### COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Central Presbyterian Church July 30-August 3, 2018

8:30am -12:00pm, \$25 per child

Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. <a href="https://youtube/9H7joG1wK64">https://youtube/9H7joG1wK64</a>

Register here: <a href="https://vbspro.events/p/events/199ee6">https://vbspro.events/p/events/199ee6</a>



### WOW IT'S WEDNESDAY 4:30-6:00pm on Wednesdays

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.

The Last WOW for the season will take place on May 30 - WOW breaks for the summer and resumes in the fall

#### **WOW Schedule**

4:30-4:55pm Story, Snacks, & Sharing

5:00-5:15pm Devotions Together in the Chapel

5:15-6:00pm Adult Conversations in the Fellowship Room

5:20-6:00pm Singing Praises Together in the Chapel

#### YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Registration for the 2018 **IGNITE World Changers** conference opens on April 1. Be sure to register your youth ahead of time for the best possible price. Held at the Wildwoods Convention Center **September 28-30**, this year's IGNITE conference is all about recognizing the divine spark within. http://www.ignitenj.org

Congratulations to our graduating seniors and church scholarship recipients!

We are proud of you and will be praying for you in this next season of your journey.

### **HELP OUR GARDEN GROW!**





It's growing time! Our garden started with a seed and one person's great idea. Many hands have helped to tend and toil and harvest these past years. Many more hands are invited to join in the joy this small plot of soil shares. This garden belongs to us all. All are welcome to play in the dirt, to water, to pull weeds, to enjoy the harvest. Stop by ANY

time. You'll always be blessed by something you find: the cilantro that's always quietly growing on its own, the feel of the earth in your hands, the smell of growth, the subtle presence of God that's always right there just waiting for you to pause and look.

Contact the church about how you can get involved or just stop by and check it out any time. More Photos: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/SovuLvrnILwlpoCZ2">https://photos.app.goo.gl/SovuLvrnILwlpoCZ2</a>



#### **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.* **The last rehearsal for the season is May 30.** 

### **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.

The last rehearsal for the season is June 9.

### **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.

The last rehearsal for the season is June 3.

### **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*.

The last rehearsal for the season is June 3.

### **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.* 

The last rehearsal for the season is June 10.

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

### Mark Your Calendars:

### SUNDAY, JUNE 3

June 3 is our Christian Education Sunday. The Wesley Choir, Singing Believer Ensemble and our Chancel Choir will be praising God through song.

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 10**

June 10 is the celebration of our Ministry of Music. Our choirs: Wesley, Singing Believers, Bell Choir, Contemporary Ensemble, Chancel Choir as well as our Instrumentalists will be sharing their gifts of music throughout our worship services. Our Lord will be praised through word, song and instruments. Please come and share a praise-filled worship.

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 17**

On June 17, which is **Father's Day**, we need all singing Methodist men to lead worship through song. *Rehearsals are June 10 following worship and June 17 at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.* Lift your voice in song. Please come and enjoy singing with your fellow Methodist men.

### 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!

We deliver your donations to "Loaves and Fishes". "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.

### WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Since World Environment Day occurs on Tuesday June 5th there will be *a walk, bike, take mass transit or carpool to worship event* on **June 3rd**. (If you choose to ride your bike to church please park it in the rear section of the Social Hall along the wall where the chairs are stored. Please leave a reasonable distance between your bike and the exit.)

### 11TH ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH

**DATE:** Sunday, June 10

**TIME:** 2 - 6pm

**PLACE:** Upper playing fields at

Kent Place School

(across the street from the church)

Our cricket tradition is always a well attended event and fun for all the family. *If you are interested in playing or intend to watch, please let Neil or Adrian know,* so that we can plan accordingly.

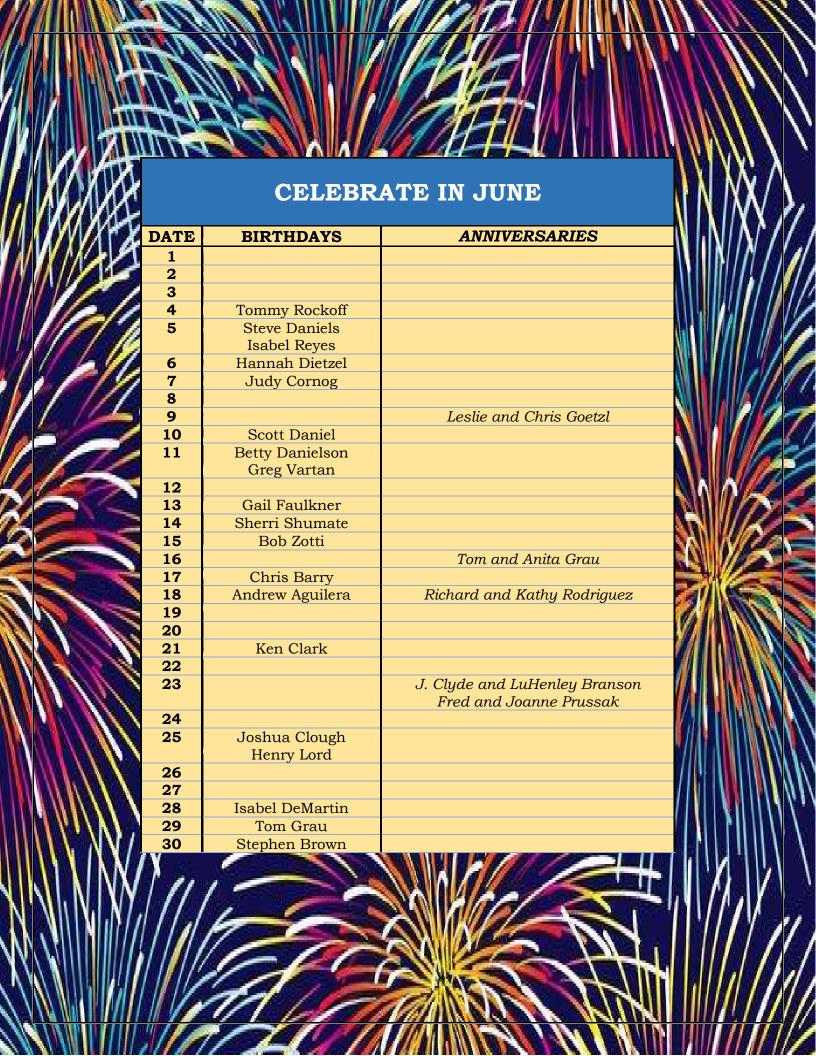


Refreshments will be available but we encourage spectators to bring along drinks and snacks to share.

For those of you not familiar with the national pastime of your fellow members hailing from England, the West Indies, Canada, India and many other countries around the world, cricket is a wonderfully social game and a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

It is the second most popular spectator sport in the world and we will be happy to explain the rules as the afternoon unfolds!





### **JUNE 2018**

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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					Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	Singing Believers 11:45 am		
3 EDUCATION SUNDAY  "Came to Believe" - 1:00pm (Chapel)	4 Monday Morning Yoga – 7:45am (Green Room) Ad Council – 7:30pm (Fellowship Room)	5	Taize Service 7:00pm (Chapel)	Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	Singing Believers 11:45 am		
10 MUSIC MINISTRY SUNDAY  Cricket Match 2-6pm (Kent Place School)	Monday Morning Yoga – 7:45am (Green Room)	Nominations Committee Meeting - 7:30pm (Conference Room)	13	Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	16		
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