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THE DIALOGUE

May 2018



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From the Pastor



On **May 20, 2018**, this year's class of students: Kudakwashe Mtisi, Joshua Reyes, James Wattick, Audrey Wattick, Caroline Relf, and Oliver Relf, will be **confirmed** in their Christian faith!

Come and celebrate with us!

Together we celebrate God's work in the lives of our young disciples. They have faithfully journeyed through class lessons, worship, homework, discussions, and reflection. They have benefitted from the care and support of their families and friends who have journeyed with them in this process of spiritual growth, and they have developed individual **statements of faith** in response to the curriculum topics.

Spiritual growth is a life-long journey, and confirmation is one vital season in this journey. Learning about the scriptures, discovering how God is at work in the world, and finding insights about the meaning of discipleship, continue throughout *every* age and stage of a Christian's life.

As you review the past 2-5 years of your life, what insights has it held?
With what faith questions do you wrestle?
How has your prayer life evolved?
In what ways do you find your abilities being used on behalf of the Gospel?

As disciples, we are each called to a lifelong, living relationship with God.

Below you will find the framework each student has used to create their statements of faith, which are posted on the wall in the Social Hall. How would you respond to these questions?

Two of my favorite images of God and here's why:

In the past year I have discovered about God:

The Trinity is a hard concept to grasp. In fact, much of our faith is mysterious and hard to explain. When things are not straightforward and clear, I feel:

Some questions I have about God are:

If I could talk to the world about sin, I would say:

My own definition for the word 'grace' is:

What I think is so amazing about the "amazing grace" of God is:

United Methodists believe that our salvation is a gift of God's grace. For me to say "I'm saved by grace" means that:

My most favorite worship service this year was:

My least favorite worship service this year was:

To me, the point of worship is:

Pick one of the seasons of the Christian year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Ordinary Time). One way I would decorate the church if I were in charge of preparing the sanctuary for that season is:

My favorite Bible story is: because:

If I am the scripture reader in worship, what I am doing for God and for the congregation is:

The best time and place for me to pray is: because:

Some suggestions I would have for others who want to pray are:

For me, Holy Communion means:

For me, Baptism means:

I believe that during communion, God is:

I believe that during Baptism, God is:

One thing about John Wesley that I think is important to know is:

Thinking about the way our church is structured for getting ministry done, I would give the following advice to the church:

In class we said "You can't do works of mercy without doing works of piety, and there is no point in doing works of piety if you are not going to follow it up with works of mercy." This means:

I see our church helping people grow in their relationship to God in the following ways:

The United Methodist Church celebrates diversity of thought and expression of faith.

The way I feel about this is:

My commitment to God will show in the following ways:

My commitment to the Church will show in the following ways:

As our young people enter this next season of their spiritual lives, let us join them on the journey.

Shawn Callender Hogan, Pastor



Monthly Prayer Services Continue:

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 at **7pm on the first Wednesday night of each month (May 2, June 6, July 4....)**
to the **Chapel** 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 peacefully enfold you.



“Came to Believe”

A Worship Service for
Friends and Members of
the Recovery Community

May 6th

(and the First Sunday of Every Month)

1:00 pm in the Chapel
(DeForest Avenue Entrance)



OPEN MIC NIGHT

Friday May 25, 2018

8:00pm – 11:00pm (*in the Social Hall*)

(We will then take a summer break, and resume on September 28th)

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



LETTER OF THANKS:



SUMMIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Jefferson School • 110 Ashwood Avenue • Summit, New Jersey 07901-1702 • 908-273-3807

Mr. Joseph A. Cordero, Principal

April 4, 2018

United Methodist Church of Summit
17 Kent Place Boulevard
Summit, NJ 07901

Dear Congregation:

I would like to thank you for your continued generosity during the Easter Holiday. It means so much for our families who find themselves in need to receive support from the community in which they live. To know that others around you care can make all the difference.

Thank you for continuing to assist our Jefferson family. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cordero', is written over a light blue horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Joseph Cordero

LETTER OF THANKS:



CONNECTING THE CHURCH IN MISSION

General Board of Global Ministries
400 Providence Lane, Atlanta, GA 30308
404-460-7489 • www.umc.org

April 3, 2018

Conf-Dist-Donor: 116-26-000002412

Summit United Methodist Church
17 Kent Place Blvd
Summit, NJ 07901

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own.

Through the compassion and solidarity of faithful friends like you, UMCOR is able to provide comfort to those impacted by disasters like earthquakes and storms, food for the hungry, and healthcare to those who otherwise would have none. These are just a sampling of the good works that gifts like yours make possible. One hundred percent of your gift through The Advance, the designated giving channel of the United Methodist Church, will go directly to the people who need it most. Thank you for giving so generously.

Project #	Project (Missionary Name)	Country/State	Amount	Date
3023600	UMCOR Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Program	Global	\$30.00	03/01/2018
901670	Disaster Response, United States	United States	85.00	03/01/2018
999895	Undesignated - UMCOR	Global	730.00	03/01/2018

Please let us know if you have questions and/or concerns about your gift, as we welcome the opportunity to speak with you. You can reach the Gift Processing Unit at 404-460-7489. You can find out more about UMCOR's work by visiting our website at www.umcor.org. To receive weekly updates about UMCOR's work, sign up online for the UMCOR Hotline, a weekly email about the latest happenings at UMCOR.

This gift will bring hope to those who need it most.

Gracia and Peace,

Rafael Fernandez
General Treasurer
United Methodist Committee on Relief
General Board of Global Ministries

Russell Pierce
Executive Director of Communications, Advance & Fundraising
General Board of Global Ministries

Please retain this letter as your receipt. In compliance with IRS regulations, no goods or services were provided by the General Board of Global Ministries in connection with your contribution. PR11-11

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Looking ahead and looking back. We do it all the time. It's part of who we are as human beings and Christians remembering and learning from the sacred stories of our ancestors. Sometimes though it's good to pause wherever we are and simply be.

Sometimes it's wise to simply be present in this moment here and now.

In this day and age where we can do and plan so much ahead of time, I write this having no idea what will actually be happening in May 2018 when we all open this newsletter and read this. I will have returned from a 100 mile pilgrimage walk in Spain as the same person, working the same jobs, living the same life, but I'm sure also somehow changed and different from all those little moments where I showed up to experience the gift of God's presence and Divine surprise in between. For all our planning and preparing, life happens and God is always surprising us. Pause to savor and experience the moments of grace and blessings between.

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** 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 Sherri Shumate sherri.shumate@gmail.com if you have questions.

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.

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

- May 6 Acts 10:44-48 Peter and Cornelius
- May 13 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Matthias chosen to replace Judas
- May 20 Acts 2:1-21 The Coming of the Holy Spirit
- May 27 Isaiah 6:1-8 A vision of God in the temple

https://www.feastingontheWord.net/Content/Site118/Basics/1780FotW2017201_00000025896.pdf

Something New:

Our new Sunday school curriculum. Check it out here:

<https://www.feastingontheWord.net/Curriculum/>

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 Sunday June 3rd

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*

WOW! It's Wednesday will continue through May 30th, then resume on September 26th.

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, water, pull weeds and 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 me for more information about how you can get involved or just stop and check it out any time. sherri.shumate@gmail.com

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. sherri.shumate@gmail.com

IGNITE

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 Sept. 28-30, this year's IGNITE conference is all about recognizing the divine spark within. <http://www.ignitenj.org>

Youth Lock-In

May 5 – May 6

Contact Sherri if you're interested in helping or attending.



Saturday May 5, 6PM- Sunday 11:30AM
Bowling, Food, Fun & More
Ages: Middle School & High School
17 Kent Place Blvd. Summit, NJ 07901

Meet at church at 6PM. We will carpool together to Bowling and return to church for separate middle & high school events.

Please bring: money for food and bowling (suggested \$25) change of clothes, sleeping bag, toothbrush, snack & drink to share, permission slip, anything else you need

Bowling Address: 300 Main St, Madison, NJ 07940, <http://stryxe.com/>
To RSVP or for more info: Sherri Shumate, Director of Christian Education
Sherri.shumate@gmail.com ;
908 277-1700

Youth Lock-in, May 5, 6PM –Sunday, 11:30AM
UMC of Summit: 17 Kent Place Blvd. Summit, NJ
<http://umcsummit.org/>

Youth Lock-In Permission Slip

To attend this event, please complete the form below and return to Sherri Shumate.

Without a permission slip you cannot attend. Parents will be expected to stay for the first 10 minutes to create and sign a group behavior covenant.

Person(s) attending: _____

Emergency contact name: _____

Contact phone: _____

Any Allergies/Special Needs? _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend _____

I give permission for my youth to carpool for bowling _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to be photographed _____

Parent signature: _____

Parent name: _____

I will show respect for leaders, participants, and the building and stay with our group at all times:

Youth signature: _____



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.**

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 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.

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!

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.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the **Jefferson School Easter dinners**. Your response was overwhelming! With your help, ten families were able to enjoy Easter dinner. We look forward to helping more families in the near future. – *The Jefferson School Committee*

WORD IS GETTING OUT!

Our on-line and print advertising is paying off! More and more people are hearing about all the wonderful events at the United Methodist Church. If you feel there is something special that we should let the public know about please see Debbi Picorale.

Currently we advertise in:

*NJ.COM
Star Ledger’s Community Calendar
Summit Patch
Summit Times
TAPintoSummit
The Collection*

We are looking into:

*Google Business Page
Google Plus*

Any new ideas about getting the word out about our church are most welcome!

MAY

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS:

Music Committee – 5/13

Education Committee – 5/13

MINISTRY:

Loaves and Fishes –

donations accepted the first Sunday of each month

Taize Service – 5/2 (first Wednesday of each month)

Knitting Ministry – Thursdays and Fridays

"Came to Believe" – 5/6

Family Promise Guests – 5/13

AND MORE:

Youth Lock-In – 5/5 through 5/6

Confirmation Class – 5/6

Confirmation Sunday – 5/20

Open Mic Night – 5/25



CELEBRATE IN MAY

DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
1	Dorothy Koernig	
2		
3		
4		
5	Leslie Williams	
6		<i>Steffi and Nick Mansilla</i>
7		
8		
9		<i>Neil and Alison Johnson</i>
10	Ann Houpt	<i>Kim and Eric Goldman</i> <i>Kenny James and Alicia Solomon</i>
11		<i>Dan and Mary Jane Somers</i>
12		
13		
14		
15	Bryson James	
16	Austin Fern Nick Mansilla	
17	Maria Hughes	
18	Carlos Aguilera	
19		
20	J. Clyde Branson	
21		
22	Irma George	
23		
24	Bette McDermott Camille Tasse	
25	Benjamin Burns Kimberly Vida	
26	Gabriel Tasse	
27		
28		<i>Susan and Scott Daniel</i> <i>Bob and Dotti Zotti</i>
29	Doug Rockoff	
30	Dwayne Phillips	
31	Robert Somers	

MAY 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		1	2 Wow, It's Wednesday Taize Service 7pm (Chapel)	3 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	4 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	5 Singing Believers 11:45 am Youth Lock-In
6 Youth Lock-In Ends "Came to Believe" – 1:00pm (Chapel) Confirmation Class 5:30pm (Social Hall)	7	8	9 Wow, It's Wednesday	10 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	11 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	12 Singing Believers 11:45 am
13 Family Promise Guests Music Committee Meeting – 9am Education Committee Meeting (after worship)	14	15	16 Wow, It's Wednesday	17 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	18 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	19 Singing Believers 11:45 am
20 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY	21	22	23 Wow, It's Wednesday	24 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	25 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Open Mic Night 8:00pm (Social Hall)	26 Singing Believers 11:45 am
27	28 Memorial Day Office is Closed	29	30 Last Wow, It's Wednesday until September	31 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>		