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THE DIALOGUE

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From the Pastor

*“The ritualistic tenor of Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood—the familiar wardrobe change in and out of comfortable clothes, the same opening and closing songs, the mixture of factory visits, make-believe, and perhaps a speedy delivery or two—was meant to make children (and adults) who watched feel safe.”**

The steadfast patterns of this show, built upon the steadfast patterns of Fred Rogers’ life, became the foundation of a television ministry which offered grace on a constant basis.

Mister Rogers was a living witness to the power of commitment. Day after day, week after week, his dedication to the activities and priorities he held central communicated God’s love in ways that made words secondary.



As United Methodists, we have embraced five avenues for living out our discipleship—activities through which we express our commitment to Jesus Christ and his kingdom of grace:
prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

The commitment to these paths of expressing our faith asks for the same kind of steadfastness that Fred Rogers exhibited: day after day, in all circumstances, we are called to stay true to these promises, for they too offer God’s grace.

What does Mister Rogers’ work teach us about the power of commitment to these dimensions of a faithful life? Join us as each Sunday we explore faithfulness through the lens of this humble, powerful leader.

September 30: Faithfulness According to Mister Rogers: PRESENCE

October 7: Faithfulness According to Mister Rogers: SERVICE

October 14: Faithfulness According to Mister Rogers: WITNESS

October 21: Faithfulness According to Mister Rogers: GIFTS

October 28: Faithfulness According to Mister Rogers: PRAYERS

*“Mister Rogers’ constancy is what stayed with people.”**
May our constancy have the same effect!

Shawn Callender Hogan, Pastor

* from “The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers” by Amy Hollingsworth

Lunch and Learn

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 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm
in the Social Hall—take your lunch break with us!

We will work with five chapters of the book
“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 Pastor Hogan for the materials!

Tuesdays October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
12:00 – 12:45 pm



Mark your calendars:



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 10 other churches on

Saturday, November 3, beginning at 11:45 am
at the Chatham UMC (460 Main Street, Chatham, NJ 07928)

The meeting schedule will be:

11:45 am – 12:30 pm Church Conference Meeting

12:45 pm - Devotions

Please note that at this Conference we will act on the distribution of a \$20,000 bequest
from the estate of Barbara Wallis. Please put this date on your calendar, and join in this
important annual meeting!

SPECIAL SERVICE UPDATES



Taize Prayer Services Resume: October 3

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** (October 3, November 7, ...) 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.

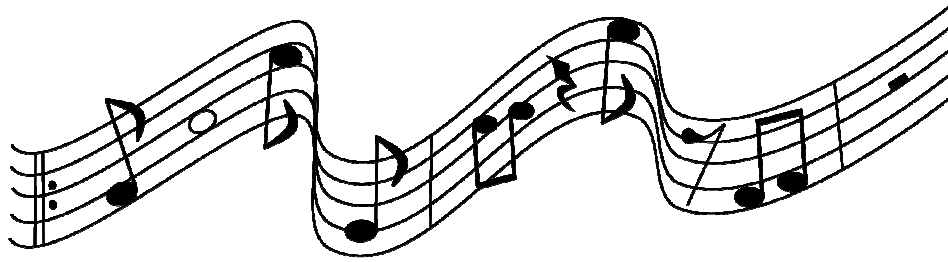
“Came to Believe”

A Worship Service for
Friends and Members of
the Recovery Community
resumes October 7th

and the First Sunday of Every Month (Nov. 4, Dec. 2...)

at a new time: 8:30 am
in the Chapel (DeForest Avenue Entrance)





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

Singing Believers

Come and sing the joyful songs to God. Let us grow together in our faith through music. **Rehearsals are at 12:30pm on Saturdays in the Music Room.**

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:

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2018

On **World Communion Sunday** Christians from all around the globe celebrate our oneness in Christ.

World Communion Sunday is an annual event that provides United Methodists with an opportunity to support the development of leaders for church and society around the world.



Our special offering on this day will provide scholarships for racial- and ethnic-minority students in the United States and international students to transform the church and communities.

To read some of their stories, check out these links:

<http://www.umcsgiving.org/your-impact/P0/2750>

<http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/world-communion-sunday>

OPEN MIC NIGHT RESUMES

Friday, October 26, 2018

Doors open at 8:00pm (*in the Social Hall*)

Bring your talent along to our monthly ‘**Open Mic Nights**’.

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.

GET READY FOR THE ANNUAL COOKIE WALK!

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Delicious home-made cookies await you, so dust off your favorite recipes and get ready to roll.

Please see Faye or Kim for more 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.

OCTOBER

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS:

Worship Committee – 10/28

MINISTRY:

Taize Service – 10/3

Came to Believe – 10/7

World Communion Sunday – 10/7

Loaves and Fishes –
donations accepted the first Sunday of each month

Knitting Ministry – Thursdays and Fridays

AND MORE:

Open Mic Night – 10/26

Faithfulness According to Mister Rogers –
Sundays, starting September 30 through October 28

Bible Study – Tuesdays in October

CELEBRATE IN OCTOBER

DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
1	Eric Goldman	
2		
3		<i>John and Susan Hogg</i>
4	Janet Daniel	
5		
6	Chloe Tasse	
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11		<i>Hillary Kruger and Kenneth Lordy</i>
12	Adrian Phillips Kerry Relf	
13	Emma Aird	
14	Nena Renee-Smith	
15	Conor Barry Kyle Dorbu	
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18	Adam Daniel	
19		
20	Cliff Wilkins	<i>Jesse and Myrene Reyes</i>
21	Don Hagner	
22		
23	Carole Reed Dominik Tasse	
24		
25	William Johnson	
26		
27	Shela Waldron	
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30	Jack Schaefer	
31	Denise Florindi	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Bible Study – 12:00pm (Social Hall)	3 Taize Service - 7pm (Chapel)	4 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	5 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	6 Singing Believers – 12:30pm
7 Came to Believe – 8:30am (Chapel) “Service: According to Mister Rogers”	8	9 Bible Study – 12:00pm (Social Hall)	10	11 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	12 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	13 Singing Believers – 12:30pm
14 “Witness: According to Mister Rogers”	15	16 Bible Study – 12:00pm (Social Hall)	17	18 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	19 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	20 Singing Believers – 12:30pm
21 “Gifts: According to Mister Rogers”	22	23 Bible Study – 12:00pm (Social Hall)	24	25 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	26 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room) Open Mic Night – 8pm (Social Hall)	27 Singing Believers – 12:30pm
28 Worship Committee Meeting – 9am “Prayers: According to Mister Rogers”	29	30 Bible Study – 12:00pm (Social Hall)	31			

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