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THE DIALOGUE

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It is with joy that we announce that, effective July 1st, we will welcome the Rev. Christina LeLache as our new pastor.

Rev. LeLache is currently serving as the Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation at the Haddonfield United Methodist Church.

She received her Masters of Divinity from Methodist Theological School in Ohio, where she also served as the Student Assistant Pastor at William Street UMC.

At the Conference level, Christina serves on the Board of Ordained Ministry.

She has a heart for learning, engaging spirituality through creativity, and helping people deepen their love of God. Christina enjoys reading, exploring the wonder of God's creation through photography, and spending time with her husband and daughter.

We are eager to see what God will do in this next season of our church life!

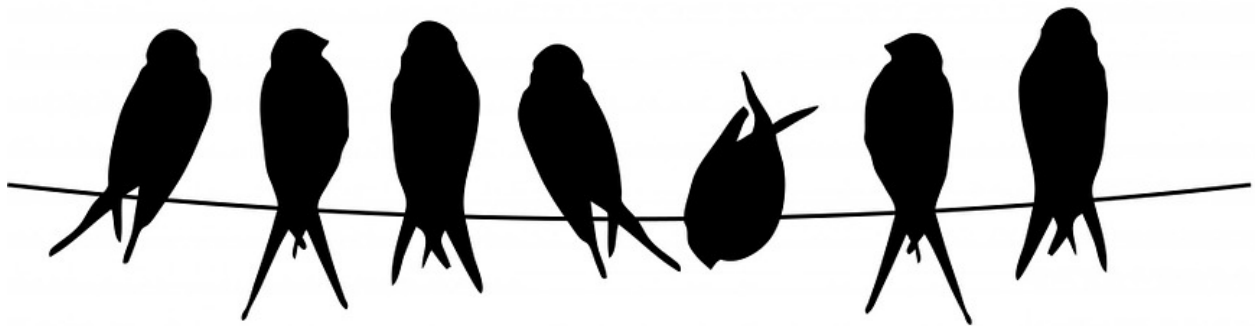


FROM PASTOR HOGAN

This Lenten season we will take a deeper look at some of the dimensions of our faith that make us look pretty *wéird* to the world!

For instance, isn't it strange to choose forgiveness in a world that prefers retribution? Isn't it a bit odd to follow a Savior who opts for leadership through servanthood, rather than overpowering others? And why choose hope over cynicism?

On Sunday, March 10th we will distribute Lenten devotional materials for your use following the Sunday themes, and our Wednesday night services will continue the weekly emphases as well.



THE PANCAKES WILL BE READY!

Join us as we prepare for Lent by sharing in a Pancake Supper, **Sunday, March 3rd, 6 pm** in the Social Hall.

Traditionally, before Lent begins households used up all the rich foods in their cupboards, preparing for the Lenten season of fasting. Pancakes are a great way to accomplish this goal!

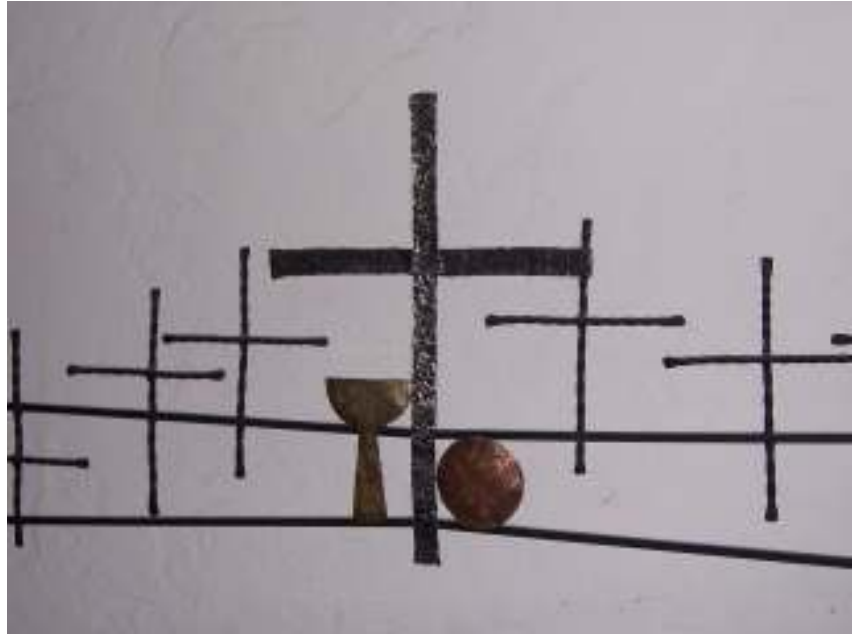
Join in the fellowship!

The sign-up sheet is in the Social Hall, or you can sign up by contacting the church office.

ASH WEDNESDAY
March 6, 2019
Service 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.

WEDNESDAYS THROUGHOUT LENT
(March 6th through April 10th in the Social Hall)

7:00 Worship (in the Chapel)

Each Wednesday evening **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. Each Wednesday evening service will reflect further on the topics of the prior Sunday.

Lunch and Learn

Bring your lunch if you wish, or just join for the study:
Tuesdays throughout March (March 5, 12, 19, 26) (four sessions)
from 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm

in the Conference Room—take your lunch break with us!

We will continue our work with materials from 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!

Let’s gather to MAKE BREAD TOGETHER on

Sunday, March 31, 2019

1:00pm – 3:00pm in the Social Hall

As we create delicious loaves: adding yeast, kneading the dough, letting it rise, baking the bread, and then enjoying the delicious results, we will reflect on life in transition.

The time will be one of conversation, reflection, and fellowship! As we move through the steps of bread-making, we will find that each step invites us to think about our lives and be fed on many levels.

You’ll need to bring a few things:

- a large bowl for mixing
- a cloth to cover it while the dough rises
- a loaf pan in which to bake your bread!
- and a friend to join us in the fun!

Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Social Hall by March 24th (so that sufficient materials can be made available)



On Sunday, March 10th we will receive a special UMCOR offering.

UMCOR Sunday calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. Your gifts to UMCOR Sunday lay the foundation for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to share God’s love with communities everywhere. The special offering underwrites UMCOR’s “costs of doing business.” This helps UMCOR to keep the promise that 100 percent of any gift to a specific UMCOR project will go toward that project, not administrative costs.

What is UMCOR?

UMCOR is the humanitarian arm of The United Methodist Church. UMCOR’s work reaches people in more than 80 countries, including the United States. UMCOR provides humanitarian relief when war, conflict or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities cannot recover on their own. Learn more at www.umcor.org.



CAME TO BELIEVE:

**A Service of Worship for Friends and Members
of the Recovery Community**

**Sunday, March 3
8:30 am in the Chapel**

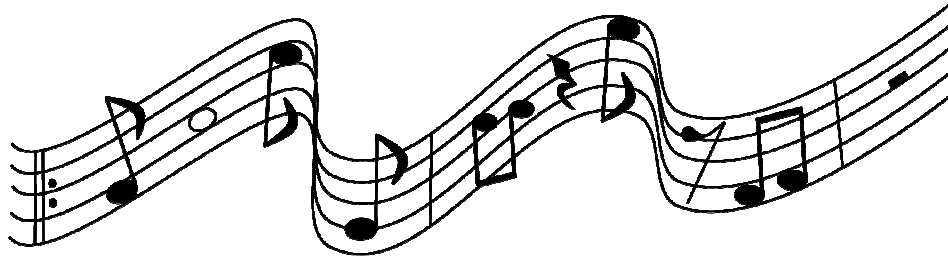
All are welcome!



Wondering how the church handles cancellations for inclement weather?

First and most importantly:
in the event of poor weather,
please make wise choices
about your own travel decisions—
your safety is of utmost importance!

In the rare event that we need
to cancel a planned program or service,
we would post the cancellation on our church's Facebook page,
and would record the news on our church's answering machine.
Call the church (908-277-1700) and listen to the recorded message,
or check out any updates on Facebook.
Be safe, for you are beloved!



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 1:00pm 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:

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Friday, March 29 2019

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.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Attention Graduating Seniors:

The United Methodist Church offers two scholarships for graduating students who will be attending an institution for higher education in the fall. These scholarships have been made possible by the compassion of Ms. Evelyn Welsh and Ms. Mildred Wyckoff. To apply for a scholarship you need to submit the following by **April 30th**:

- **A two page essay** highlighting your community, church and school involvement. Please also explain your economic need.
- **Proof of enrollment** from the university/college you will be attending in the fall.

Applications can be submitted to the church office or by email to noellebenton1@gmail.com

For additional United Methodist scholarship opportunities, visit this website.

GNJ scholarships:

<https://www.gnjumc.org/higher-education-and-campus-ministries/2019-scholarship-opportunities>

Prayers for Bill Wallis and his family on the death of his sister, Kay; the Goldman family on the death of Eric’s mother; Steve Daniel’s mother.
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Repair Café

Toss it? No way!

Repair Services Available:

- Sewing/Textiles
- Wood/Furniture
- Plants/Gardening
- Bicycles
- Jewelry
- Electronics



Repair Café is:

- Repairing broken items together
- Professional advice
- A community effort
- Inspirational encounters

Repair Cost:

A voluntary contribution & cost of part(s) if applicable.



What to Bring:

Your broken but beloved items, that can be carried in by yourself.

WHERE?

Location: Christ Church
Address: 561 Springfield Avenue, Summit
*Corner of Springfield and New England Avenues,
Enter from New England Avenue*



GreenSummitNJ@gmail.com
www.greensummitnj.org/events
www.greenfaith.org • www.repaircafe.org



WHEN?

Date: Saturday, 3/23/19
Time: 1PM to 4PM

MARCH

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS:

MINISTRY:

Came to Believe – 3/3

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

Knitting Ministry – Thursdays and Fridays

Lenten Services – Wednesdays in March

AND MORE:

Lunch and Learn – Tuesdays in March

Pancake Supper – 3/3

Ash Wednesday – 3/6

Open Mic Night – 3/29

Bread Baking – 3/31

CELEBRATE IN MARCH

DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
1	Terry Schaefer Abbey Smith	
2	Heather Fern	
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7	Beverly Brown Aiden Curtis Richard Rodriguez	
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9	Joshua Reyes	
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12	Waveny Hall	
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15	Adam Fern	
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17	Karen Toulon	
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26	Bradley Smith Riley Smith	
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30	Cynthia Post Jenna Vartan	Jay and Natalie Flamme
31	Louis DeMartin	

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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					1 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	2 Singing Believers – 12:30pm
3 Came to Believe – 8:30am <i>(Chapel)</i> Pancake Supper – 6pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	4	5 Lunch and Learn 12:00pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	6 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	7 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	8 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	9 Singing Believers – 12:30pm
10 Special UMCOR Offering	11	12 Lunch and Learn 12:00pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	13 Lenten Service 7:00pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	14 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	15 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	16 Singing Believers – 12:30pm
17 Family Promise Guests Arrive	18	19 Lunch and Learn 12:00pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	20 Lenten Service 7:00pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	21 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	22 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	23 Singing Believers – 12:30pm
24 Family Promise Guests Leave →	25	26 Lunch and Learn 12:00pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	27 Lenten Service 7:00pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	28 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	29 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i> Open Mic Night – 8pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>	30 Singing Believers – 12:30pm
31 Bread Baking – 1pm <i>(Social Hall)</i>						