

**THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT**  
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# **THE DIALOGUE**

## **April 2019**



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### **JOIN US THROUGHOUT HOLY WEEK**

#### **Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019**

Sunday service at 10:30 am (in the Sanctuary)  
With palms in hand we will recall Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem  
and the beginning of his journey to the cross.

#### **Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019**

7:00 p.m. (in the Chapel)  
We will gather around the table,  
remembering the Last Supper and the vulnerability of  
the night before Jesus' death.

#### **Good Friday, April 19, 2019**

7:00pm (in the Chapel)  
We will reflect on Jesus' final hours,  
expressing our gratitude for God's ultimate gift.

#### **\*\*NEW\*\***

#### **Holy Saturday, April 20, 2019**

7:00 pm (in the Memorial Garden)  
Join us in the Memorial Garden for a candlelit time of poetry, prayer and silence.

#### **EASTER SUNDAY: CHRIST IS RISEN! April 21, 2019**

We gather for worship at  
**10:30 a.m.: Easter Service (in the Sanctuary)**  
**Celebrate the Resurrection through music, prayer, proclamation,  
and sharing in the Lord's Supper!**

## **"Came to Believe"**

A Worship Service for Friends and Members  
of the Recovery Community

**Sunday, April 7**

**and the first Sunday of every month**

**8:30 am in the Chapel**

(DeForest Avenue Entrance)

United Methodist Church of Summit

Corner of Kent Place Boulevard and DeForest Avenue

***All are welcome!***



## **Celebrate God's Good Creation by visiting the Raptor Trust!**

On Sunday, **April 28, 2019** we will take a trip to the  
Trust: 1390 White Bridge Road, Millington, NJ.

*"Approximately 50 resident birds are on exhibit in large outdoor aviaries viewed by walking along the trails. Living on the campus of the Trust throughout the year is variety of raptors and birds of prey. Currently, the Trust is home to two Bald Eagles, Turkey Vultures, Barred Owls, Great Horned Owls, Ravens, Screech Owls, Red-Tailed Hawks, a Snowy Owl and many more!"*

**We will head to the Trust at noon**, and enjoy the beauty of God's work!

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: DENOMINATIONAL UPDATES

In the midst of the denominational struggle following the Special General Conference, we await the Judicial Council's ruling on the plans that were affirmed by the Conference. You can find detailed information on any of these links:

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/ask-the-umc-what-happened-at-general-conference>  
<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/general-conference-is-over-what-happens-now>  
<https://mailchi.mp/3507ea96273d/message-from-bishop-schol-concerning-general-conference-1000893?e=5d9a22d19d&fbclid=IwAR10jYsJSgghBChOvmherVcwMJ0QfbZbTeFo0ddFy mZlc8DF2u8ex9WnkLY>

In the interim, our Greater New Jersey Annual Conference has established a local team ("GNJ Way Forward").

The GNJ Way Forward Team shall be comprised of a diverse group of clergy and 19 congregational leaders that represent the rich theological, cultural and generational diversity of GNJ. The team of 20 members includes GNJ leaders of the Board of Laity, Board of Global Ministries, Board of Trustees, Board of Ordained Ministries, Connectional Table, Council for Finance and Administration, Local Ethnic Concerns Committee, Reconciling Ministries, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women, Wesleyan Covenant Association, and Youth Council.



Their task will be to identify and propose a plan to the Annual Conference Session by or before the May 2020. The proposal shall include, but not be limited to, how GNJ will:

1. support congregations in different contexts to be in ministry with the LGBTQI+ community,
2. respect and honor one another based on our theological and cultural differences, and
3. share our hopes and concerns with our United Methodist sisters and brothers around the world.

As we as the UMC of Summit collectively take this time in prayer and patience, we are reminded of the statement of welcome that has stood on our church's website for many years:

*We invite all people to participate in our community and worship life, without insisting that they become like us in order to be acceptable, including but not limited to:*

- *believers and seekers*
- *those who hope for a better world and those who have lost hope*
- *conventional Christians and questioning skeptics*
- *women, men, children, and youth*
- *those of all sexual orientations and gender identities*
- *those of all races and cultures*
- *those of all income levels*
- *those of all classes and abilities*

We continue to live into this wholehearted welcome, embracing God's presence amid the multifaceted diversity of our community.



March 1, 2019

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

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes  
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General Board of Global Ministries

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### MUSIC NOTES

Joanne Teubner Prussak, *Music Director*

*Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.*

### 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 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. **The Contemporary Ensemble will be singing at Easter worship, April 21.**

### 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 Bells will be ringing at Easter worship, April 21.**

### 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 choir will be singing for **Holy Thursday, April 18** – service at 7:00pm and **Easter Sunday, April 21** – service at 10:30am.

As is our tradition, we will be singing the Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah". Please come and join us in the chancel area. We have additional music ready for you! Come and make a joyful sound.

*"Easter is the ultimate day for singing our songs of praise and joy.  
So let us sing to the God of our joy!"*

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

## **OPEN MIC NIGHT**

**Friday, April 26, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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>



## **EASTER FLOWERS 2019**

***Contributions for Easter Flowers will be received until April 14th.*** The money collected is used to decorate the Sanctuary, with any remaining money going to provide flowers for future Sunday services. The flowers from Easter will be distributed to our home-bound and hospitalized members and others, as determined by the Pastor.

If you would like your contribution noted in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 21st, please complete the form below. This form may be placed in the offering plate or returned to the Church Office. Please make your ***checks payable to UMC Flower Fund.*** Thank You!

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**In Loving Memory**

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**In Honor**

**of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# **APRIL**

## *"To Do" List:*

### **MEETINGS:**

**Outreach Committee** – 4/7

**Ad Council** – 4/8

**Worship Committee** – 4/28

### **MINISTRY:**

**Came to Believe Service** – 4/7

**Jefferson School Food Drop Off** – 3/31 & 4/7

**Jefferson School Gift Boxes Delivered** – 4/8

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

**Knitting Ministry** – Thursdays and Fridays

### **AND MORE:**

**Lenten Services** – through 4/10

**Palm Sunday Service** – 4/14

**Holy Thursday Service** – 4/18

**Good Friday Service** – 4/19

**Holy Saturday Service** – 4/20

**Easter Sunday Service** – 4/21

**Open Mic Night** – 4/26



## CELEBRATE IN APRIL

DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
1	Elaine Cederquist-Stolpe Chris Cunningham	<i>Stephen and Beverly Brown</i>
2	Sarah Shuttleworth	
3	Joan Bollman Emily La Jeunesse	
4	Betsey Chorpenning	
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7		<i>Greg and Debbie Vartan</i>
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14	Amanda Brown Ethan Kaup	
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17	Elizabeth Koernig	<i>Dorothy and Mark Koernig</i>
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19	Hannah Flamme Kofi Quaynor	
20	Kristine Rodriguez Steven Rodriguez	
21	Alexis Bogden	
22	Ian Cunningham Allie Wernsing	
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25	Veronica Clark Graham Relf	
26	David Hughes Debbi Picorale	
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# APRIL 2019

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Lenten Service – 7:00pm (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)  Outreach Meeting – 11:30am  Jefferson School food drop off/boxes assembled	8 Ad Council Meeting – 7:30pm (Fellowship Room)  Jefferson School Easter Dinners delivered	9	10  Lenten Service – 7:00pm (Chapel)	11  Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	12  Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	13  Singing Believers – 12:30pm
14  PALM SUNDAY	15	16	17	18  HOLY THURSDAY Service at 7:00pm (Chapel)  Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	19  GOOD FRIDAY Service at 7:00pm (Chapel)  Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)	20  HOLY SATURDAY Service at 7:00pm (Memorial Garden)  Singing Believers – 12:30pm
21 EASTER SUNDAY 	22	23	24	25  Knitting Ministry 1:00pm (Fellowship Room)	26  Knitting Ministry 7:00pm (Fellowship Room)  Open Mic Night – 8:00pm	27  Singing Believers – 12:30pm
28  Worship Committee – 9:00am (Fellowship Room)	29	30	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			