

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT
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THE DIALOGUE

June 2019



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The word "Celebrate" is rendered in large, white, 3D block letters. It is surrounded by a dense cloud of small, multi-colored confetti pieces in shades of red, blue, yellow, and pink. The background is white, and the overall effect is festive and celebratory.

Celebrate

**Please join us for a special luncheon
honoring Pastor Shawn**

(Hosted by the Staff/ Parish Committee)

Date: Sunday, June 16, 2019

Time: 11:30am *(after worship)*

Place: Social Hall

Please see Craig Burns for more details

FROM THE PASTOR

Sunday, June 9, is the Day of Pentecost,
the day on which we celebrate the surprising power and presence of God's Spirit.



Come to worship wearing RED, the color for the day!

Pentecost is the day that reminds us to claim and be claimed by this challenging Spirit of fire. The word Pentecost means "fifty", and for us it is the name given to the fiftieth day after Easter.

In worship, we will distribute paper "flames" and invite you to write down what God has done in your life during our time together.

As I prepare to draw my time as your pastor to a close, let's take this opportunity to celebrate what God has been up to in our shared life.

**How has God been at work in your life during these years
we have been in ministry with one another?**

What new discoveries, insights, experiences have you embraced?

When and where have you sensed the activity of the Spirit of God across these years?

We will gather up the flames and celebrate the great fire of God's mighty Spirit.

Shawn Callender Hogan, Pastor

More from Pastor Hogan:

With Gratitude

It has been a great run.

Eleven years has flown by, the longest I have ever served a congregation, and I am grateful for all that this generous season has held:

~ Grateful for the welcome of your middle school students and parents as their math teacher became their fellow worshiper...

~ Grateful for the bonds we have made over the course of life's gifts and changes...

~ Grateful for the faithful ways we have navigated the challenges brought on as the world/economy/denomination/culture has dramatically shifted in unanticipated ways...

~ Grateful for your trust in welcoming me into the tender places life has taken you each and taken us all...

This time together has included laughter and tears, traditions and new creations. We celebrated the church's 150th anniversary, and we honored sacred endings and holy beginnings. We bid a sad farewell to a number of beloved things, such as the Preschool, the shower ministries, and the rummage sale; we continued a number of long-standing ministries, such as our support of SHIP and Family Promise and our Wednesday Lenten services; and we welcomed a number of new things, like the Open Mic Night, the knitting/crocheting groups, the Jefferson

School Easter Dinners and the Came to Believe service. We established chalkboard conversations and extended our bible study opportunities. We have baked bread and discussed movies and sculpted rocks and grieved and eaten and welcomed Flat Jesus and studied and cared for the earth and given and sang and prayed and hosted guests and tried to learn the rules of cricket and cared for our building and cared for one another and cared for the stranger in our midst...

And amid it all we have discerned and have been living into a call from God to be a source of renewal in the larger community.

You gave me permission to try things we had not tried before and you welcomed new voices into leadership across the life of the church. I am deeply grateful for your patience and encouragement on this journey, and am grateful for God's nudges along the way.

My last Sunday with you will be June 16th, and I will remain on call for all pastoral emergencies through June 30th. Lay Leader Beverly Alexis will preach on June 23rd, and the Rev. Gary Frieze will preach on June 30th. As of July 1st, the Rev. Christina Lelache will be your pastor, and I know you will welcome her with eagerness, joy, and love.

In order for us to insure a healthy time of change, here are the Conference guidelines for pastoral transition:

As of the effective date of a new appointment, a pastor shall immediately cease all pastoral counseling and pastoral visitation with members of member families in the previous appointment.

Pastors shall have a clear understanding with former congregations that they will not return to officiate at baptisms, weddings, and funerals, or do pastoral counseling or pastoral visitation in that parish. Pastors, active or retired, shall respectfully decline to participate in such duties when invited by members of a former congregation. Declining all such invitations is the responsibility of the previous pastor.

The District Superintendent must be consulted by the previous pastor in advance of any return for pastoral functions. Such visits to former church shall require the advance approval of the District Superintendent. The present pastor should never be under any pressure to invite the previous pastor. Pressure to involve the previous pastor should not be generated by either the congregation or the previous pastor.

Beloved friends, in keeping with the wisdom of these guidelines, I endeavor to do nothing that would interrupt, undermine, or impede the ministry of the pastor who follows me. To do so would potentially slow down the new pastor's connection with and participation in the lives of those to whom she now offers care. Out of my love for you I will honor the healthy boundaries we are given.

**And so in this time of sacred transition, the most precious gifts I can offer are my commitments to continue to pray for you and to love you.
With gratitude and love to God and to you each, I bid you farewell.**

Shawn Callender Hogan





2019 GNJ Annual Conference Wrap Up

“They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending its roots by the stream.” Jeremiah 17:8

United Methodists in Greater New Jersey demonstrated their leadership in the denomination, their love of Christ and their commitment to our mission to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world at the 2019 Session of Annual Conference.

Episcopal Address

In his opening address, Bishop John Schol celebrated the ministries of congregations in Greater New Jersey, sharing ways that clergy and congregational leaders have demonstrated their love through mission and outreach. He shared the good works of GNJ’s vital mission partners who witness to our communities through mission, financial management, engaging young disciples and serving housing needs. In a personal and emotional witness to the state of the church, he shared his commitment to explore new expressions of Methodism in the wake of current disagreements over homosexuality. “Let me be clear, I am not interested in changing a few paragraphs in The Book of Discipline and then call it a day. The Gospel demands more of us, of me and of you as leaders of the church of Jesus Christ. God is ready to do new things through us and while it will not look the same, it will be Wesleyan, it will be connectional, it will be transformative and it will turn the church outward.

Bishop Schol called for 50 congregations to volunteer to pilot the next Methodism. He called for others to continue to move our mission forward: 75 congregations who are interested in becoming the next Hope Center, 30 congregations who want to partner to start and grow a youth ministry program. 100 congregations who are ready and willing to be the next miracle in the Miracles Everywhere Campaign, 10 congregations ready to invest with the Stewardship Foundation to move us forward into what is next and 10 congregations who are ready to start a new worship experience.

Clergy General Conference Delegates

GNJ elected new delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church for 2020.

Drew Dyson, Chair of the Clergy Delegation

Héctor A. Burgos

Kaleigh Tomich Corbett

Jennifer Cho

Clergy Jurisdictional Conference Delegates

Catherine Williams
Thomas Lank
William Williams, III
Eunice Vega-Perez

Clergy Reserves

Tanya Linn Bennett
Robert Costello
Sang-Won Doh

Laity Delegates to General Conference**Bethany Amey, Chair of the Delegation**

Judy Colorado
Harriett Olson
Stephen Quigg

Laity Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference

Dale Caldwell
Cynthia Kent
Moselle Jules
Carolyn Pendleton

Laity Reserves

Jane Ehlers
Creed Pogue
Andrea Wren-Hardin

Bethany Amey will serve as Chairperson of the delegation, while Drew Dyson will serve as chair of the clergy delegation.

Worship

We had powerful worship experiences starting with an ordination service on Sunday night which saw 18 newly commissioned and ordained clergy and one missionary who will serve in Mongolia for the Board of Global Ministries. We celebrated the ministries of 21 clergy who retired representing 549 years in ministry with the people of Greater New Jersey. Bishop Ernest Lyght delivered a powerful sermon for our Service of Remembrance where we honored 28 clergy, clergy spouses, and lay members who passed in the last year.

Leadership

GNJ leaders shared the fruits of our ministry and the steps we have taken to fulfill our 2023 Strategic Plan including resources like Leadership 100, the Pathway to Discipleship, the Breakthrough Worship Series, the Clergy Leadership Development Initiative, Clergy Coaching, PaCE groups, Team Vital, the Congregational Leadership Development Initiative and more.

Outside of regular sessions, United Methodists served communion on the beach and boardwalk, meditated in communal prayer at our prayer stations, shared fellowship at one of the group or general meals and packed 30,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger.

GNJ received a generous offering of \$31,281.50 from our congregations for the Miracles Everywhere Campaign which is supporting our partnership with Tanzania and Puerto Rico, Next Generation Ministries and A Future With Hope.

Desegregation of NJ Schools

Sammy Arroyo, GNJ representative in the NJ Schools Desegregation Coalition, shared an update on the work being done as part of the efforts GNJ initiated last year through a historic lawsuit against the State of New Jersey that calls for the desegregation of public schools in the state. Next steps include a partnership with The Latino Action Network Foundation and the Salvation and Social Justice for program planning, outreach and organizing.

Cultural Competency

Kristina González, Director of Innovation for an Inclusive Church for the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area of the UMC, led us in a teaching session in cultural competency and the intersections with emotional intelligence to further our commitment to our ten-year cultural competency plan. Small group sharing brought home her message with a hands-on exercise to encourage conversation.

The Way Forward

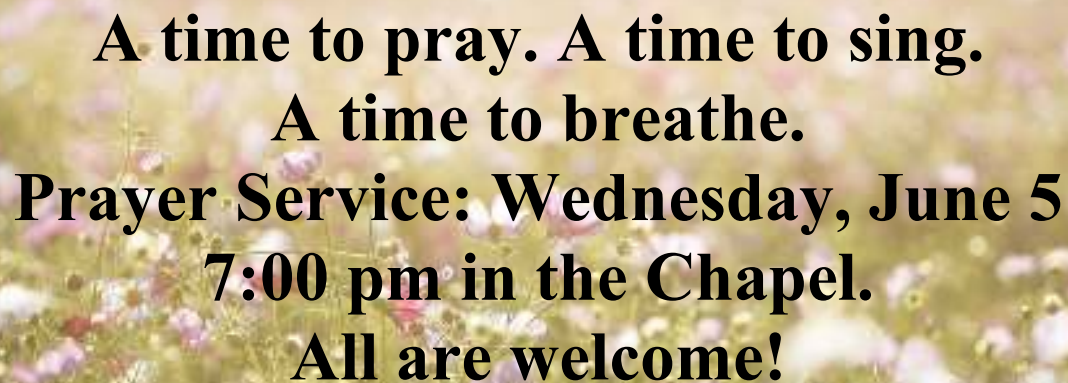
Holy Conferencing took on new meaning Tuesday as the conference discussed the work of The Way Forward Team. Bishop John Schol invited all members of the Way Forward Team to join him in sharing their work, by focusing on the tools of having an outward mindset. David Wherle, the vice chair of the Wesleyan Covenant Association and Amanda Hemenetz, the chair of Reconciling Ministries, both gave witness to how the team is lifting them up and giving them hope for a way forward. Members of the body stepped to the microphones to share where they saw themselves in the boxes that kept us inward and where in our lives we experienced outward ministries.

The conferencing concluded at the table that Jesus set for us. We held communion as Bishop Schol proclaimed the mystery of our faith and the fragility of all of us in this liminal 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 9th.***

(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.)



**A time to pray. A time to sing.
A time to breathe.
Prayer Service: Wednesday, June 5
7:00 pm in the Chapel.
All are welcome!**

**(This will conclude the Taize Prayer Services for the season;
Prayer Services will resume on October 2nd)**

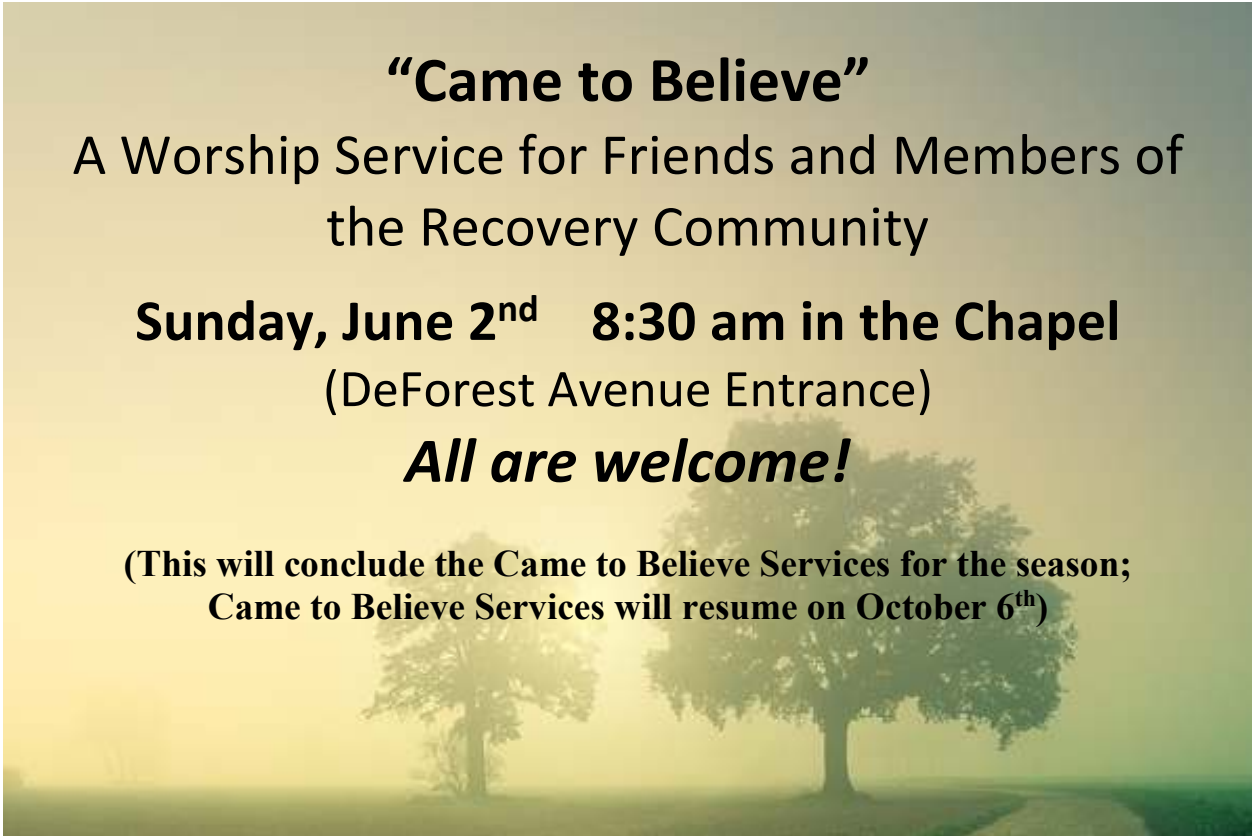
“Came to Believe”

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

**Sunday, June 2nd 8:30 am in the Chapel
(DeForest Avenue Entrance)**

All are welcome!

**(This will conclude the Came to Believe Services for the season;
Came to Believe Services will resume on October 6th)**



The background of the entire page is a vibrant, abstract graphic featuring a large, winding blue treble clef staff. Scattered throughout the staff and the background are numerous musical notes in various colors, including blue, green, purple, and yellow. The notes are of different sizes and orientations, creating a sense of movement and rhythm. The overall color palette is soft and pastel, with a gradient from light blue at the top to light pink and yellow at the bottom.

Music Notes:

Joanne Teubner Prussak
Music Director

Pastor Shawn's Final Sunday Preaching

Please join us Sunday, **June 16** at **9:30am for a rehearsal** in the Music Room as we prepare the anthem "*Children of Promise*", which is so close to Pastor Shawn's heart.

Calling All Methodist Men

On **June 16**, which is **Father's Day**, we need all singing Methodist men to lead worship through song. Please come and enjoy singing with your fellow Methodist men. We will be signing "*Great is Thy Faithfulness*".

I would like to thank our wonderful Music Makers for their dedication and devotion to their church and to the glory of God. Heartfelt gratitude for sharing your inspiring gifts of music.

SINGING BELIEVERS

Adam Daniel
Vanessa Feltis
Caroline Relf
Oliver Relf
Joshua Reyes
Felix Schneck

HANDBELL CHOIR

Gregg Buttermore
Adam Daniel
Lucas Daniel
Sarah Daniel
Kim Goldman
Isabel Gonzalez
Ximenita Gonzalez
Latonia Hall
Lois Honchurak
Adrian Phillips
Joshua Reyes
Carol Tanner
William Teubner

CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

Beverly Alexis
Gregg Buttermore
Ximenita Gonzalez
Emily La Jeunesse
Jayme La Jeunesse
Carol Tanner
William Teubner

INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS

Jocelyn Gallinek, *Flute*
Poppy Schneck, *Harp*
William Teubner, *Trumpet*

CHANCEL CHOIR

Soprano

Jean Dembaugh
Margaret Edwards
Bernice Griffith
Latonia Hall
Emily La Jeunesse
Shela Waldron

Alto

Beverly Alexis
Ximenita Gonzalez

Tenor

Gregg Buttermore
William Dembaugh
Parker La Jeunesse
Kuda Mtisi

Bass

Thomas Benton
William Edwards
William Glancy
Neil Johnson
Jayme La Jeunesse
Adrian Phillips
Dwayne Phillips
William Teubner

--Joanne Teubner Prussak,
Music Director



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 sixth 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 Debbi Picorale).

CONDOLENCES

It is with sadness that we announce the death of member **Don Hagner** and former member **Kay Wallis**. We hold the Hagner and Wallis families in our prayers in this time of loss.

CALLING ALL TABLECLOTHS!

We are so blessed with folks providing weekly refreshments following our worship services, and often the hosts, with care and love, take the tablecloths home to wash them-- thank you! Now we need the tablecloths to find their way back to the kitchen-- can you help? Thanks!



12TH ANNUAL CRICKET MATCH

DATE: Sunday, June 9

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!

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 **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.

JUNE

"To Do" List:

MEETINGS:

Outreach Committee – 6/2

Ad Council – 6/3

Worship Committee – 6/9

MINISTRY:

"Came to Believe" Service – 6/2

World Environment Event – 6/9

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

Knitting Ministry – Thursdays and Fridays

AND MORE:

Cricket Match – 6/9

Luncheon for Pastor Shawn – 6/16

Bible Study – Tuesdays at noon

Chalkboard Conversations – Begins at the end of June

CELEBRATE IN JUNE

DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
1		
2	Jim Kennedy	
3		
4	Tommy Rockoff	
5	Steve Daniel Isabel Reyes	
6	Hannah Dietzel	
7	Judy Cornog	
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9		<i>Leslie and Chris Goetzl</i>
10	Scott Daniel	
11	Betty Danielson Greg Vartan	
12		
13	Gail Faulkner	
14	Sherri Shumate	
15	Bob Zotti	
16		<i>Tom and Anita Grau</i>
17	Chris Barry	
18	Andrew Aguilera	<i>Richard and Kathy Rodriguez</i>
19		
20		
21	Kenneth Clark	
22		
23		<i>J. Clyde and LuHenley Branson Fred and Joanne Prussak</i>
24		
25	Joshua Clough Henry Lord	
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27		
28	Isabelle DeMartin	
29	Tom Grau	
30	Stephen Brown	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30am – Sunday School (all grades) 10:30am – Worship 11:30am – Fellowship and Refreshments						1
2 “Came to Believe” 8:30am <i>(Chapel)</i> Outreach Committee Meeting – 11:30am	3 Ad Council Meeting – 7:30pm	4 Bible Study – 12:00pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	5	6 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	7 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	8
9 Worship Committee Meeting – 9:00am Cricket Match – 2-6pm	10	11 Bible Study – 12:00pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	12	13 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	14 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	15
16 Pastor Hogan’s final Sunday with us <i>(Special lunch after worship)</i>	17	18 Bible Study – 12:00pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	19	20 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	21 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	22
23	24	25 Bible Study – 12:00pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	26	27 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	28 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm <i>(Fellowship Room)</i>	29
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