

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

## **September 2019**



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## **Pastoral Letter**

Friends,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the all the ways in which you have welcomed me and my family as we have settled in over the past couple of months! Your generosity, kindness, and helpful recommendations have gone a long way into making Summit feel like home for us already. We are grateful to be here, and are looking forward to sharing in the upcoming fall season with you.

I hope that you have been able to find some space over the summer to breathe, play, and enjoy the beauty of God's creation in ways that have renewed your spirit. I am amazed at how quickly the fall season seems to arrive each year and, with it, the return of full days and our regular rhythms. Students return to school, work schedules return to their normal pace, and a new church year filled with worship, spiritual formation, mission, and fellowship begins.

One of the things I've enjoyed hearing over the past couple of months has been all the reasons why you are a part of this church community and what these various ministries mean to you and your families. No matter our age or upbringing, we are all searching for meaningful community and ways to do good in the world around us. Yet, with school, work, family, and other commitments, we seem to have little time and an overabundance of options for what we can do. Church can often seem like one more option to try and fit in to our already busy schedules.

With so many ways to fill our time, I'm grateful that you continue to choose church—coming to worship, helping provide food and fellowship for the families who stay in our building as part of Family Promise, enjoying fellowship together, creating beautiful music, caring for the children, making sandwiches, providing spaces for spiritual renewal and creative expression, and all the ways, both large and small, that you share God's love in the course of a day. In all these ways and more, as you choose to come together and live a life of love, you are the church, sharing a message of hope and love our world desperately needs to hear.

As we kickoff a new church year, the pages that follow are filled with a variety of ministry and mission opportunities—I invite you to join us in these ministries as we share the journey of faith together. I'll also be preaching a new series called "Be the Church," where we will reflect together on what type of church and community God is calling us to be in the world around us. I'm glad to be the church with you, and look forward to being in ministry and community with you this fall!

Deep Blessings,

Rev. Christina Lelache

# KICK OFF SUNDAY!

## September 15, 2019



**JOIN US**  
**on September 15**  
**as we kick off**  
**a new church year!**

### **New Sermon Series: Be the Church**

On Kickoff Sunday, we will begin a new sermon series: **“Be the Church”**. Over four weeks, we will explore what kind of community and church Jesus calls us to be in our spiritually-hungry and hurting world. By rethinking what it means to be church, we can better live as a community that helps each other and the world around us live a life of love. Church isn’t just one option among many other options and commitments—it’s a way in which we live out our faith together, in every aspect of our lives.

### **Children’s Sunday School**

We are kicking off a new year of Sunday school on **September 15!** All children are invited to come and join Pastor Christina that morning as we get to know one another, share our hopes and ideas for the year ahead, and have some fun together! Sunday school is at *9:30am* on the second floor.

If you’re interested in helping with Sunday school, or have an idea you’d like to share, please contact Pastor Christina at [clelache@umcsummit.org](mailto:clelache@umcsummit.org).

### **Picnic on the Point**

Please join us **after worship** on **Sunday, September 15** for a picnic on the Point. Bring your friends, family and a blanket and come join the fun. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the Social Hall with a list of foods needed. *Volunteers needed to help grill.*

For more information please see Debbi P.



## WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:

### **September 1 — Worship begins @ 10:30am**

*Scripture*

Rev. Dr. Jennifer Quigley

Assistant Professor of New Testament & Early Christian Studies

Drew University Theological School

### **September 8**

*"Back at the Wheel"*

Jeremiah 18:1-6

Rev. Christina Lelache

### **September 15 — Kickoff Sunday**

*"Be the Church Where Everyone Belongs"*

Ephesians 2:14-22

Rev. Christina Lelache

### **September 22**

*"Be the Church Rooted in Love"*

Ephesians 3:8-21

Rev. Christina Lelache

### **September 29**

*"Be the Church Supporting Goodness"*

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

Rev. Christina Lelache

### **REMINDER:**

**Worship** moves back  
to **10:30am** starting  
**Sunday, September 1**

### **TAIZE SERVICE**

**First Wednesday of the month.**

Resumes **October 2** at **7:00pm** in the Chapel.  
Come 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 SERVICE**

**First Sunday of the month.** Resumes **October 6** at **8:30am** in the Chapel.

A casual monthly service of worship for Friends and Members of the Recovery  
Community.

### LIKE AND FOLLOW OUR CHURCH'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Be sure to like The United Methodist Church of Summit on Facebook! Our page shares reminders about upcoming activities and events, updates about our ministries, and other stories and resources to nourish your faith. It's a great way to stay connected with the church wherever you are!

### WEEKLY EMAIL

Are you signed up to receive our weekly email? The email contains the latest information on upcoming events, worship notes, and other timely and important information. Please be sure to subscribe so you can stay up to date on what's happening in the life of the church. Send an email to Polly at [umcofsummit@gmail.com](mailto:umcofsummit@gmail.com) to get on our email list today!

### BIKE, WALK, OR CARPOOL TO WORSHIP - SEPTEMBER 15

On September 15, you are invited to walk, bike, take mass transit, or carpool to worship! Bicycles should be parked in the Social Hall near the wall where the metal chairs are stored. Please leave a reasonable distance between the bikes and the exit. Thank you for helping to care for God's creation as we reduce our carbon footprint!

### 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.

### OPEN MIC NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 27, 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.*



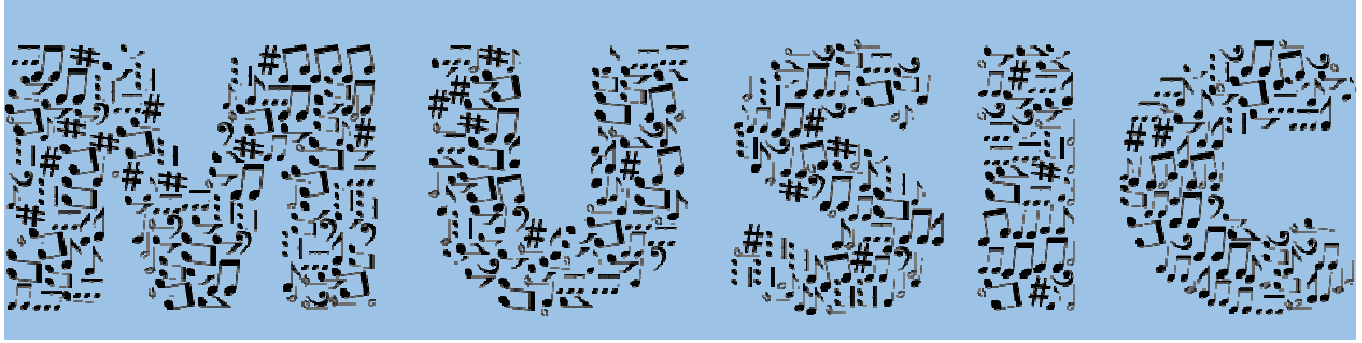
### ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE — SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date! Our annual Church Conference will be held on **Saturday, November 2, from 8:45 - 10:30am at Morrow Memorial UMC** (600 Ridgewood Road, Maplewood, NJ 07040). This is an important opportunity to share highlights of our ministry together from the past year, elect new leaders, and celebrate where God is moving in our midst.

As part of the clustered Church Conference format, we will be gathering with other churches following our business meeting for shared worship together. The schedule for that day will be:

- 8:45am — Registration
- 9:00am — Church Conference meeting
- 10:00am — Worship

All are welcome to attend, and all members of the church have voting privileges. Please plan on joining us for this important meeting!



## 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 Sanctuary and resume on September 21.**

## 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 and resume on September 22.** 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 and resume on September 22.**

## 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 organizational meeting will be on Sunday, September 8 at 9:30am** to prepare for Kick-Off Sunday on September 15. **Our regular rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Music Room and resume on September 15.**

*Come! There is power and importance  
in sharing your faith through music.*

# SEPTEMBER

## *"To Do" List:*

### **MEETINGS:**

**Ad Council** – 9/9 at 7:30pm

**Staff/Parish** – 9/10 at 7:00pm

**GreenFaith Circle** – 9/11 at 7:15pm

**Worship Committee** – 9/22 at 9:00am

### **MINISTRY:**

**Family Promise Guests** - 9/1 – 9/8

**Loaves and Fishes** –

Donations accepted the first Sunday of each month

**Knitting Ministry** – Thursdays at 1:00pm  
Fridays at 7:00pm

### **AND MORE:**

**Kick Off Sunday** – 9/15

**Open Mic Night** – 9/27, doors open at 8:00pm

## CELEBRATE IN SEPTEMBER

DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
1		
2	Theodore Burns	
3	Matthew Dietzl James Goldman	
4		
5	Macklin Dunnder	
6	Owen Wilkins	
7		
8	Erin Goetzl	
9	Bob Hugin Alex Rosnowski	
10	Leslie Goetzl	<i>Chris and Rica Vida</i>
11	Norma Dowe	<i>Bob and Davie Nycum</i>
12	Chloe Mansilla Marcia Martin	
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14	Bob Koernig	<i>David and Maria Hughes</i>
15	Marty Miles	<i>Faye and Chris Cunningham</i>
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21	Max Mansilla	
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23	Leighton Andersen	
24	Richard Keating	
25	Dan Smith	
26	Laura Wilkins	
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30	Christopher Dunnder Bill Glancy	<i>Bob and Carole Reed</i>



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  <b>Family Promise</b>	2  <b>Labor Day - Office is Closed</b>	3	4	5  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm	6  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm	7
8  <b>Family Promise</b>	9  <b>Ad Council Meeting</b> 7:30pm	10  <b>Staff/Parish Meeting - 7:00pm</b>	11  <b>GreenFaith Circle Meeting - 7:15pm</b>	12  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm	13  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm	14
15  <b>KICK OFF SUNDAY</b>  <b>Picnic on the Point - 11:30am</b>	16	17	18	19  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm	20  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm	21
22  <b>Worship Committee Meeting - 9:00am</b>	23	24	25	26  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm	27  <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm  <b>Open Mic Night -</b> Doors open at 8:00pm	28
29	30	<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</b> <b>9:30am</b> - Sunday School (all grades) <b>9:30am</b> - Chancel Choir <b>10:30am</b> - Worship  <b>11:30am</b> - Refreshments and Fellowship <b>11:45am</b> - Bell Choir <b>12:15pm</b> - Contemporary Ensemble				