

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT
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THE DIALOGUE

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When Noelle was a couple of months old, Ryan and I began establishing a bedtime routine for her. In the haze of adjusting to life with a baby, we decided to keep the routine simple — we would change and feed her, read a book together, and then pray together. The way we approached our family prayer time felt simple — what was one thing that was on our hearts, and what was one thing we were grateful for? And, for a few days, it was simple, because it was easy to name the things we were grateful for — Noelle's presence in our lives, for a nice nap while she slept, for one another's help, for a good meal. After a couple of weeks of this, though, in an effort to not repeat ourselves, we began to look more closely to see what else we were grateful for. As I looked around her nursery, and saw all the things within it — books, clothes, toys, blankets, and more — I realized that behind each item was a person who had gifted it to her. Someone who had supported us in this new journey, loved us, cared for us, and prayed for us. Realizing this brought me to tears, as it became clear how much her life, and our lives, were marked by the imprint of others' gratitude, generosity, and love.

November is often celebrated as a month of gratitude, where we pause to give thanks and to celebrate with family and friends. Taking time to express our gratitude may seem simple, but it can lead us to a deeper awareness not just of all of the blessings in our lives, but how we are marked by God's love and the love and generosity of others. In the life of the church, we acknowledge this in a variety of ways, including expressing our grief and gratitude for the saints of our lives who have shaped us, celebrating the ministries of this congregation that have impacted us and others, and committing our presence, gifts, time, and talents so we can pass on this legacy of love to new disciples of all ages. All that we are, and all that we are able to do, is through what we give and share with one another, and through God's gracious love.

What are you grateful for? This month, as we journey through our sermon series 'Grateful', I invite you to reflect on that question and look more closely around you for what you're truly grateful for. You may be surprised what you find--and where you see God moving in your life!

Deep Blessings,
Pastor Christina



NEW SERMON SERIES — “GRATEFUL: LIVING A LIFE OF GRATITUDE”

With social media and increased connectivity throughout the day, it is easier than ever to start our day off by encountering a stream of controversial topics, frustration, and combativeness. Negativity seems to trend, but our scripture tradition reminds us that joy can be found in rejoicing and giving God thanks, no matter our situation or circumstances. By claiming this and starting from a place of gratitude, we can find that gratitude can have a profound impact on our outlook, our daily attitude, and the way we interact with others. In this series, we’ll explore ways to be grateful so that we can be more aware of the blessings around us and see the possibilities of what God may already be doing in our midst.

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

November 3, 2019 — All Saints Day

“Thank You”

Luke 17:11-19

November 10, 2019

“In All Things”

1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

November 17, 2019 — Commitment Sunday

“Give It Away”

2 Corinthians 9:8-12

November 24, 2019 — Thanksgiving Sunday

“Legacy”

Luke 6:1-14

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME — NOVEMBER 3

Don’t forget — Daylight Saving Time is Sunday, November 3. Remember to set your clocks and alarms back an hour, and **enjoy the extra hour!**

ALL SAINTS DAY — NOVEMBER 3

All Saints Day is an important day in the life of the church, where we pause to remember and give God thanks for the saints of this congregation and all those who have impacted our life and faith journeys. We will be remembering and honoring our saints in worship on November 3. If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last year and would like them remembered during our All Saints Day service, please contact the church office to share with us their name. You are also welcome to drop off a small framed picture of them to include in our worship space that day.

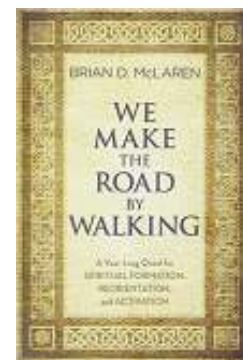


COMMITMENT SUNDAY — NOVEMBER 17

On Sunday, November 17, we will receive and celebrate financial commitments to support our mission and ministry for 2020. **Commitment cards are available in the church office and the Sanctuary**, as well as digitally on our website. Our church makes a profound impact on the lives of our members and neighbors in the community and around the world. All of what we do is possible because of you and others who choose to invest in and support our mission and ministry. We encourage you to commit your support for the coming year so we can continue and expand our ministries. Thank you for choosing to be a part of this community and what God is doing in our midst!

LUNCH & LEARN BIBLE STUDY

Take your lunch break with us as we grow together! The group will meet Tuesdays from 12:00 - 12:45pm in the Conference Room. No advance prep is necessary—bring your lunch or just join us for the study. The group will be working through *We Make the Road by Walking* by Brian McLaren. If you are interested, or would like a copy of the book, please contact Pastor Christina at clelache@umcsummit.org.



CHAPEL AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUAL PRAYER

Need a space to pray, reflect, rest, or worship during the week? Our chapel is available to all in need of such space. The chapel is open for individual prayer during church office hours (M-F, 9am-3pm). Those wishing to practice music or use the piano may use the chapel between 9am-12pm Monday to Friday.

OUTREACH

FAMILY PROMISE – NOVEMBER 10

2 overnight hosts are needed to stay at the church on Saturday, **November 16** when our Family Promise guests are here. This is a great opportunity to provide hospitality so our guests feel at home while also getting a chance to know them. If you are interested in staying overnight, or have any questions, please contact Myrene Reyes at myrene.reyes@gmail.com.



OPEN MIC NIGHT – NOVEMBER 29

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", a vital ministry of care for those in great need located at St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Church, Summit, NJ.

You can also leave bags in the kitchen (on the steps to the pantry) at any time.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING – DECEMBER 22

After worship, on the Point.

Get into the holiday spirit and join the United Methodist Church of Summit in singing traditional carols and holiday favorites outside the church. Afterwards, warm-up with hot chocolate, hot cider and cookies.



MEETINGS AND MORE

Annual Church Conference — 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!

CARIBBEAN LUNCHEON & FUNDRAISER — NOVEMBER 10

Enjoy some delicious food and help support the Music Ministry, who has been invited to perform at the 2020 Advent Sing Festival in Vienna, Austria! The luncheon, which will follow worship, is free. Donations are welcome, and take-out is available at cost.

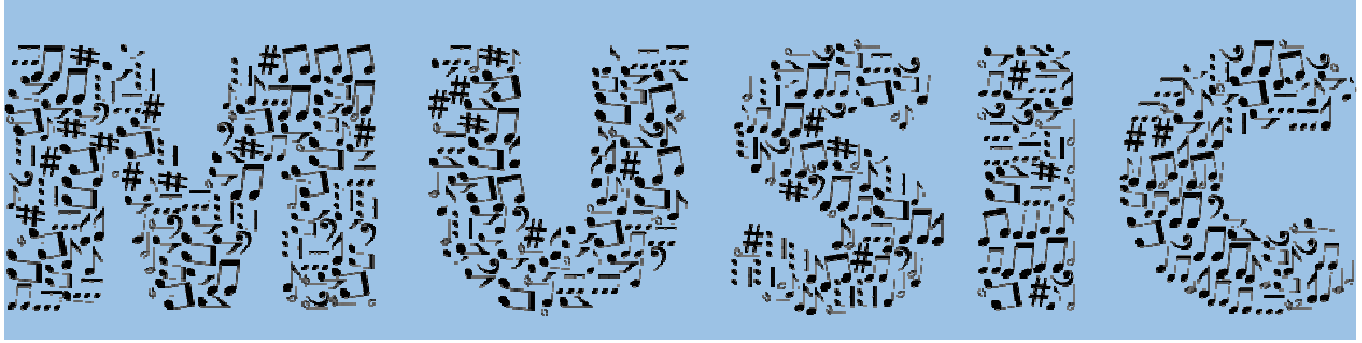
All proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards the 2020 Vienna Trip.

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 Office@umcsummit.org to get on our email list today!



NOTES

Joanne Teubner Prussak, *Music Director*

*“On your feet now – applaud God! Sing yourselves into His presence”
– Psalm 100*

SINGING BELIEVERS CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Come and sing the joyful songs to God. Let us grow together in our faith through music. **Rehearsals are at 1:30pm on Saturdays 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.** We are preparing anthems for Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and our Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15 at 3:00pm

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 12:00pm 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 12:30pm in the Music Room.** Come and share your musical gifts and enrich your faith.

VIENNA TRIP INFORMATION

Updated information about the Music Ministry trip to participate in the 2020 International Vienna Advent Sing Festival **is available in the church office!** Our Music Ministry will be sharing their musical gifts with enthusiastic audiences in several historic venues, while also enjoying the fellowship and camaraderie of other choirs from around the world. Singers, family members, and non-singing attendees are invited and welcome to attend.

The updated information includes the costs for the trip, itinerary, travel dates, and a commitment form. If you plan on participating in the trip, **please return your \$200 deposit and commitment form to the church office by December 1, 2019.**

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



Calling All Bakers!

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SUMMIT
is hosting its

4TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK


on

Saturday, December 7th, 2019

For the Holiday Bazaar

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF:

 *Homemade cookies (varieties encouraged)*

 *At least 5 dozen or more for each recipe
(Just double your favorite recipe)*

DELIVER ALL COOKIES ON:

Friday, December 6th, 2019

*to the UMCS kitchen with the words "Cookie Walk"
and the type of cookie on them.*

*Please tell your friends and post on your social media.
Looking forward to a great turn out!*

Thank you in advance for your help!
Any questions please contact Kim Goldman at Kymburlig@comcast.net

NOVEMBER

"To Do" List:

MINISTRY:

Came to Believe Service – 11/3 at 8:30am

Taize Service – 11/6 at 7:00pm

Family Promise – 11/10 through 11/17

Commitment Sunday – 11/17

Loaves and Fishes –

Donations accepted on the first Sunday of each month

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

AND MORE:

Animate Bible Class – Sundays at 1:00pm

Bible Study – Tuesdays at 12:00pm

Church Conference – 11/2 at Morrow Memorial UMC

All Saints Day – 11/3

Caribbean Luncheon – 11/10 after worship

Open Mic Night – 11/29, doors open at 8:00pm

CELEBRATE IN NOVEMBER

DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
1		
2	Alex Gibbons	
3	Craig Burns Liz Martin	
4	Dylan Miles	<i>Melissa and Daniel Tasse</i>
5	Emily Koernig	
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9	Kim Mandel	
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15	Bob Florindi	
16	Anne Engelhardt Myrene Reyes	
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21	Gail Champney	
22	Neil Johnson Phoebe Rhinehart	
23	Janice Conti	
24	Sarah Goetzl	
25	Fred Prussak	
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29	Kayla Goldman	
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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	2 Annual Church Conference
3 All Saints Day Came to Believe- 8:30am (<i>Chapel</i>) Animate Bible – 1:00pm (<i>Fellowship Room</i>)	4	5 Bible Study – 12:00pm (<i>Conference Room</i>)	6 Taize Service 7:00pm (<i>Chapel</i>)	7 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm	8 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm	9
10 Caribbean Luncheon Animate Bible – 1:00pm (<i>Fellowship Room</i>) Family Promise	11	12 Bible Study – 12:00pm (<i>Conference Room</i>)	13	14 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm	15 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm	16
17 Commitment Sunday Animate Bible – 1pm (<i>Fellowship Rm</i>) Family Promise	18	19 Bible Study – 12:00pm (<i>Conference Room</i>)	20	21 Knitting Ministry 1:00pm	22 Knitting Ministry 7:00pm	23
24 Animate Bible – 1:00pm (<i>Fellowship Room</i>)	25	26 Bible Study – 12:00pm (<i>Conference Room</i>)	27	28 <u>Thanksgiving –</u> <u>Office is Closed</u>	29 <u>Office is Closed</u> Open Mic Night – 8:00pm	30