

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

## **March 2020**



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## **From the Pastor**

Lent is a season marked by intention, mystery, and possibility. For 40 days, we enter into a season of self-reflection, intentionally giving up something or perhaps taking on a spiritual practice in order to draw closer to God and reflect on where we are in our spiritual journeys. What this has translated into practice in my own life hasn't always looked, on the surface, much different than making a New Year's resolution.

Whether it was giving up chocolate or soda, the changes I made seemed like small things, and while I couldn't always articulate a deep reason for that change, it was rooted in a desire for something to be different. But somehow, engaged in the rhythms of church community—going to worship, participating in small groups, getting out and helping others in service—these little changes became so much more. Suddenly, my routine wasn't punctuated by the things I had given up, but by the things I was rediscovering about myself, about God, and about the ways in which God was moving in my life.

Our Lenten journeys are uniquely our own, and yet, as we journey this season together, we (re-)discover that we are loved and shepherded by a God of forgiveness and transformation. Such work is not always easy, and Lent will often take us to spaces where we not only become more aware of our shortcomings and brokenness, but confess that we want these pieces to be different. Fortunately, God does not leave us there, and over the course of 40 days as we journey towards the promise of Easter, God opens up possibilities for healing, renewed connection, joy, and transformation that we might not have realized were there.

How are you planning on journeying with God this Lent? As we enter into this season together, I hope that you will pair your individual practice with a renewed commitment to participating in our community life together. The pages of this newsletter are filled with a variety of opportunities in which to do so, and they range from worship to mission opportunities for all ages. God has something in store for you, for me, and for our church this Lenten season! Know that I am praying for you and for our church, and I look forward to hearing what possibilities God is revealing to you.

Deep Blessings,  
Pastor Christina

## Lenten Worship

### New Sunday Sermon Series: "A Little Less"

With so much filling up time in our busy lives, making changes to meet our longing for deeper connections, wholeness, and fulfillment can feel so hard to achieve. Jesus' ministry, however, shows us the potential that little changes have to open up space for us to experience more compassion, more healing, and more connection. Join us this Lent as we journey with Jesus to connect more fully with the abundant life God offers all of us! The new sermon series begins Sunday, March 1.



### Midweek Lenten Worship: "The Table"

Are you hungering for something more this Lent? If so, join us Wednesday nights, beginning March 4, around the table as we reflect on the meals Jesus shared throughout his ministry to see how we can learn to savor the goodness of this life in a way that deepens our connection with God and each other. Worship begins at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.



### Lenten Psalm Readings

This Lenten season, people of all ages are invited to read and pray on a psalm as part of their Lenten practice. Reading one psalm each day is a small opportunity to connect with God, with ourselves, and with those around us.

Daily reading guides are available in the Sanctuary and by the church office. Contact Pastor Christina at [clelache@umcsummit.org](mailto:clelache@umcsummit.org) for a digital copy or if you would like suggestions for reading options for children and teens who would like to participate.



## Mission Opportunities

### Family Promise

We are preparing to host our Family Promise guests beginning March 15, and we need your help to provide hospitality to our guests! A list of needed food items is available in the Social Hall, and we are also looking for overnight hosts on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21. If you are interested in staying overnight, or have any questions, please contact Myrene Reyes at [myrene.reyes@gmail.com](mailto:myrene.reyes@gmail.com).



### Loaves & Fishes Food Collection

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 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.

### UMCOR Sunday – March 22

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a program by the General Board of Global Ministries taking action when disaster strikes around the globe. UMCOR acts as the hands and feet of Christ’s church, moving towards the most vulnerable in their time of need.

On Sunday, March 22, we’ll be joining with United Methodist congregations around the globe in taking up a special offering to support the work of UMCOR and help share compassionate relief in the midst of devastation. Our generosity as a church will help cover the operating budget of UMCOR, enabling them to send 100% of other donations received throughout the year directly to relief efforts.



Until then, let’s be praying for UMCOR, their volunteers, and the lives and communities they impact. If you want to learn more about the work of UMCOR, visit [www.umcsgiving.org/UMCOR](http://www.umcsgiving.org/UMCOR).

### Food Pantry Trip

The Outreach Committee is organizing a trip to CUMAC, a food pantry in Paterson, on March 28. If you would like to participate, please contact the church office at 908-277-1700 or [office@umcsummit.org](mailto:office@umcsummit.org) by March 5th.



<b>Donations:</b>	Accepted until March 27
<b>Date:</b>	March 28
<b>Time:</b>	10:00am – 12:00pm
<b>Who Can Participate:</b>	12 years old and up
<b>Address:</b>	CUMAC, 223 Ellison St, Paterson, NJ 07505
	Carpooling will be available

**Volunteers needed!**

## **Additional Opportunities**

### **Came to Believe – March 1**

First Sunday of the month at 8:30am in the Chapel.

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

### **Open Mic - March 27**

Doors open at 8:00pm *(in the Social Hall)*

Bring your talent along to our monthly 'Open Mic Nights'.

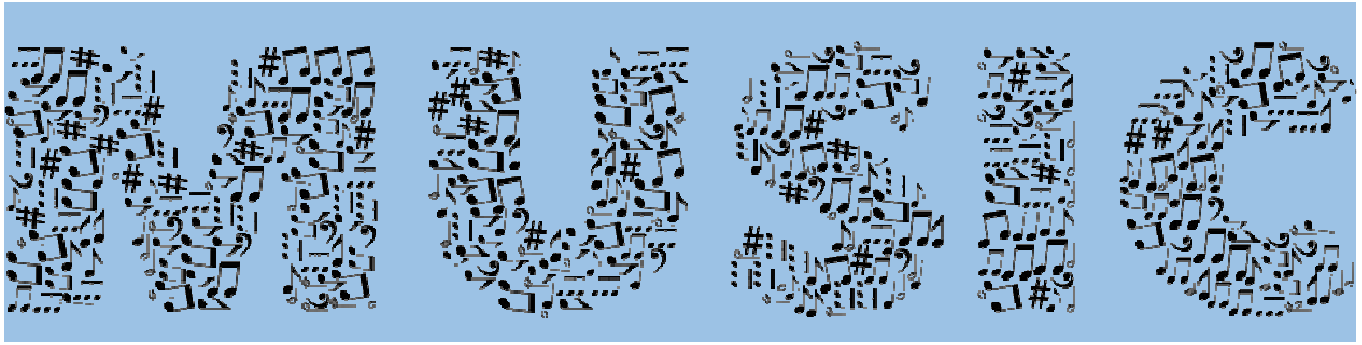
In the intimate, safe and loving environment of the UMC Summit's Social Hall, let your talents run free and allow the community of Summit to enjoy what you like to express!

*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.*



### **Sermon Videos Available on Youtube**

Missed a sermon, or want to rewatch one? You can catch replays of each sermon on the church's YouTube page every Monday morning! Search "United Methodist Church of Summit" on YouTube to find us. Sermons are also shared on the church's Facebook page on Monday mornings and mid-week in our weekly email.



## NOTES

Joanne Teubner Prussak, *Music Director*

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

## WESLEY CHOIR

All children are invited to join our new children's choir, which meets on Sundays after worship. Children will have fun singing together while learning songs about Jesus and how to follow his teachings. **Rehearsals will take place immediately after worship** – please come up to the piano to join in!

## SINGING BELIEVERS YOUTH 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.**

## 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 for Palm Sunday worship, April 5 and Easter Sunday, April 12.**

## CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

Our Contemporary Ensemble is studying music from the contemporary hymnal "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 worship April 5.**

## CHANCEL CHOIR

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 at the **Maundy Thursday Service on April 9; 7:00pm Good Friday service on April 10** – rehearsal at 6:30pm; **Easter Sunday service on April 12** – rehearsal at 9:30am.

As is our tradition, we will be singing the Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah" by Georg F. Handel. 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!"*

# Repair Café

*Toss it? No way!*

## Repair Services Available:

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



## 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 Building from New England Avenue*



[GreenSummitNJ@gmail.com](mailto:GreenSummitNJ@gmail.com)

[www.greensummitnj.org/repair-cafe](http://www.greensummitnj.org/repair-cafe)

[www.greenfaith.org](http://www.greenfaith.org) • [www.repaircafe.org](http://www.repaircafe.org)

## WHEN?

**Date:** March 28, 2020

**Time:** 11AM to 2PM



# EASTER BASKETS 2020

## For the Jefferson Elementary School Community

*Jefferson Elementary School has some unique needs for support, and we can make a difference. Our donation of Easter dinners last year brought much-needed provisions and joy to ten families; so we are once again arranging **Easter dinners for 2020.***

## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

### Easter Meals:

We will put together Easter dinners for families in need. All Easter dinner donations will be gathered by **March 29**, and delivered to and distributed by Jefferson School.

*Below is a list of food items needed for the meals; **you can sign-up in the Social Hall:***

### Items Needed:

Rice – 2 lb. bag	Can of Frosting
Potatoes – white	Canned Pineapple
Sweet Potatoes/Yams	Canned Beans
Canned Green Beans	Peeps Marshmallow Chicks
Canned Corn	PAAS Egg Dye
Cake Mix	

### Special Offering:

On Sunday, **March 15** we will have a special offering envelope in the Sunday bulletin for you to give funds that will be transformed into food and gift cards to families in need.

### Dates:

<b>March 22</b>	<i>Food drop off</i>
<b>March 29</b>	<i>Food drop off</i>
<b>March 29</b>	<i>Easter dinner gift boxes assembled</i>
<b>March 30</b>	<i>Easter dinner gift boxes delivered to Jefferson School</i>
<b>**volunteers needed**</b>	
<b>April 12</b>	<i>Easter Sunday</i>

*These acts of care and generosity will go a long way in helping families in our community to have a holiday of joy and abundance.*

**Please sign up in the Social Hall beginning March 1.**

**For more information please see *Debbi P.* or contact the church office.**

## Volunteers needed for food delivery!

## **EASTER FLOWERS 2020**

***Contributions for Easter Flowers will be received until April 5.*** 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 12th, 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!

**Your**

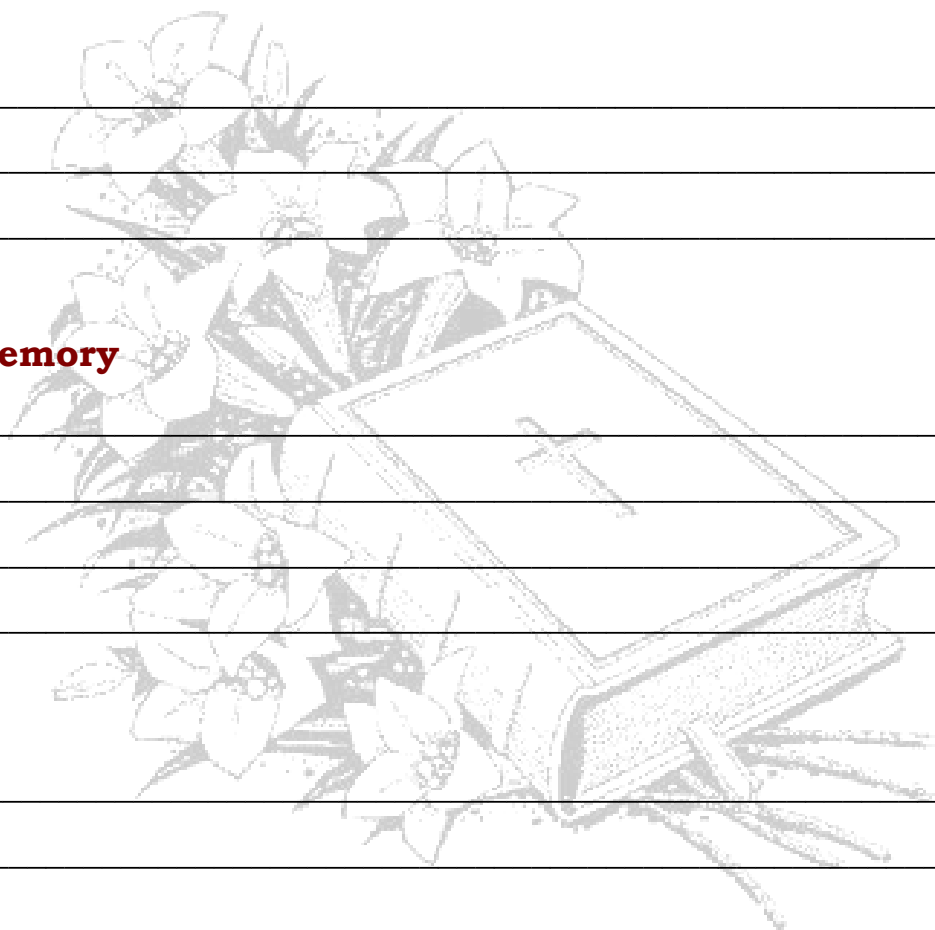
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**In Loving Memory**

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**In Honor**

**of:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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# **March**

## *"To Do" List:*

### **MEETINGS**

### **MINISTRY:**

**Came to Believe Service** – 3/1 at 8:30am

**Midweek Lenten Worship** – Wednesdays at 7:00pm

**UMCOR Sunday** – 3/22

**Trip to CUMAC** – 3/28

**Loaves and Fishes** –

Donations accepted on the first Sunday of each month

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

### **AND MORE:**

**Family Promise Guests** – 3/15 -3/22

**Open Mic Night** – 3/27, doors open at 8:00pm

## CELEBRATE IN MARCH

DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
1	Terry Schaefer Abbey Smith	
2	Heather Fern	
3		
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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 Laurie Monroe	

# MARCH 2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>Came to Believe-</b> 8:30am <i>(Chapel)</i>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Bible Study –</b> 12:00pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	<b>4</b> <b>Midweek Lenten</b> <b>Worship</b> 7:00pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	<b>5</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm	<b>6</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Bible Study –</b> 12:00pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	<b>11</b> <b>Midweek Lenten</b> <b>Worship</b> 7:00pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	<b>12</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm	<b>13</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Family Promise</b> <b>Guests Arrive</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Bible Study –</b> 12:00pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	<b>18</b> <b>Midweek Lenten</b> <b>Worship</b> 7:00pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	<b>19</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm	<b>20</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>UMCOR Sunday</b> <b>Family Promise</b> <b>Guests Leave</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Bible Study –</b> 12:00pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	<b>25</b> <b>Midweek Lenten</b> <b>Worship</b> 7:00pm <i>(Chapel)</i>	<b>26</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 1:00pm	<b>27</b> <b>Knitting Ministry</b> 7:00pm <b>Open Mic Night –</b> 8:00pm	<b>28</b> <b>Trip to CUMAC</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Bible Study –</b> 12:00pm <i>(Conference Room)</i>	<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</b> <b>9:30am</b> – Sunday School <b>11:30am</b> – Coffee Hour <b>9:30am</b> – Chancel Choir <b>11:30am</b> – Wesley Choir <b>10:30am</b> – Worship <b>11:45am</b> – Bell Choir <b>12:15pm</b> – Contemporary Ensemble			