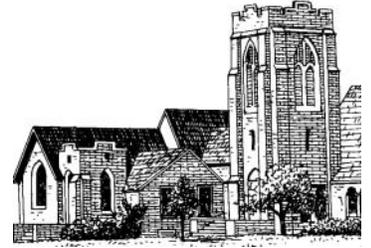


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October Sermon Series

Shocking Reversals Lead to True Discipleship!

The tenth chapter of Mark is a critical transition between the transfiguration of Jesus and the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. After Peter named Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, at the transfiguration, Jesus elaborated on what following him would require. This ensuing journey toward Jerusalem contains a collection of teachings about the nature of true discipleship. It is based on a life contrary to the perspectives and priorities of the world and is more in line with the kingdom of God. In a sense, the values of the kingdom seek to turn the world upside down. Each of these texts reveals a different way that God inverts the culture at large and requires us to live a life “upside down.”

Where the Children Are Blessed (Mark 10:2-16)

Jesus welcomes children, the lowest in society, and calls them great.

October 7

Where the Last Are First (Mark 10:17-31)

A rich man asks Jesus how to inherit the kingdom and is saddened by Jesus' answer.

October 14

Where the Least are the Greatest (Mark 10:35-45)

James and John argue over who will be first in the kingdom.

October 21

Where the Blind Can See (Mark 10:46-52)

Bartimaeus shows honor where there would be shame; Jesus brings light to the darkness.

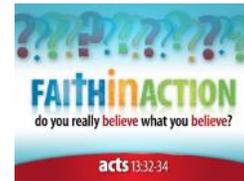
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Serving Schedule is located on the reverse of the September Calendar page.

*He has showed you, O Mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord **require** of you?
Just this: To do Justice; To love Kindness; and to walk, humbly, with your God.*



OUTREACH—Touching Lives for Christ

For as much as you have done unto these, you have done unto me.



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

October 2018

Let me start out with a correction to last month's Caller. The Gun Violence Awareness Day sponsored by the Chester/Delco Chapter of Heeding God's Call to End Gun Violence has been rescheduled from Sunday, October 21 to Sunday, November 4, 2018 and it will take place in Swarthmore. Further details will be announced in coming weeks. The T-shirt Memorial to the Lost will be on display at Collenbrook United in Drexel Hill for the next several weeks and then will move on to Trinity Episcopal in Swarthmore at the end of the month. HGC will also be starting up the second series of workshops for families who have been touched by gun violence with the Celebration of Life Portrait program. Participants will work with an art therapist and local artist to create a portrait in remembrance of their loved one. There is still time to enroll in this project and it is free to participants. Please contact Ralph Ciampa if you would like more information on any of these events.

PBJ Night will continue on October 17 at 7:45 p.m. in the Centennial Room. Please bring two loaves of sliced bread and we will provide the peanut butter and jelly. Sandwiches made go to the Life Center of Eastern Delaware County and City Team in Chester.

It is hurricane season again and there has already been devastation across the south from Hurricane Florence. We invite you to donate cash to UMCOR for hurricane relief. We will plan to assemble Cleaning Kits, AKA Flood Buckets, with the money donated. Please make your donation to SUMC with a notation that it is for hurricane relief. We will be collecting the money from now through the first three Sundays of October. The suggested value of one Cleaning Kit is \$75 but our pennywise Outreach shoppers can usually purchase supplies for less. Thanks for your generosity.

We are continuing to support City Team Ministries in Chester with weekly food collections and items for mothers and babies. The collection table is in the narthex. You will also notice that we are hosting donation space for Cradles to Crayons.

SUMC Book Club Dates

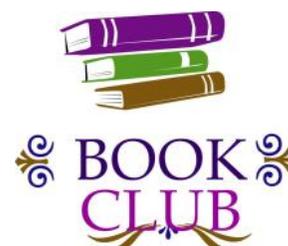
Meetings are the **second Wednesday** of each month at 7:30pm

SUMC book club will meet on October 10 at Carol Carr's home, address below:

209 Cooper Drive, Wallingford, PA 19086.

Our discussion book is as follows:

Lazaretto by Diane McKinley Whetstone





**All the World's a Stage
Theater Groups at SUMC**



MARPLE-NEWTOWN PLAYERS—SPOTLIGHT THEATER

Performances at Swarthmore UMC

Young Frankenstein

Book by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan

Music and Lyrics by Mel Brooks

Original Direction & Choreography by Susan Stroman

Presented through special arrangement with MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (MTI)

Directed by Joe Ward

October 19, 20, 21*, 25, 26, 27, 28*, 2018

Evenings at 8 PM – Tickets \$20.00

*Matinees at 2 PM – Tickets \$15.00

From the Pastor's Desk

My goal as your pastor is for the church to fulfill its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. In practical terms, this means mission and ministry are always at the center of who we are as a faith community. Since even before my arrival, I have been in discussion and discernment with church leaders about how to best organize ourselves to fulfill our mission. The organizational chart on the back cover is the result of our work. Organizing ourselves this way allows us to be a vibrant and lively church both efficiently and effectively. For those who are interested, it is a combination of the Simplified Governance Model and the N.O.W. Model of Ministry (Nurture, Outreach, Witness). Such an organizational structure is encouraged, especially for smaller churches, by the United Methodist Church. Over the next several months, as we live into our new way of being the church together, may God continue to bless us as we move forward together in faith.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SUMC

Please join us for the following events:

October 17: PBJ Night @ 7:45pm

October 21: Pastor Kevin's Installation Service, Reception to follow — Centennial Room

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Deadline for the November Caller is Tuesday, October 16th

Be sure and let the Church office know about any events you would like published



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