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October 31st, 2021
All Saints Day

Welcome to the United Methodist Church of Summit! We invite you to join us on a journey of faith, worshiping and serving God.

PRELUDE *"Toccata in D Minor"* J.S. Bach

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Bill Glancy

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Faithful Redeemer, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

People: As we come before you this day, wipe away our tears.

Leader: May death and mourning be no more.

People: Make your home among us, may your presence abide within us.

Leader: Teach us to live as the saints you call us to be,

People: Living and doing your will.

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*

Loving God, we, your saints, gather to worship and praise you this day. We celebrate the saints who have been an example for us throughout the past. We give you thanks for the joy of being a part of that great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. May your Spirit live within us this day, filling us with the strength to continue being the saints you have called us to be. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:**

Forward Through the Ages UMH #555
(please remain standing as you are able)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Laura Steele

CHOIR ANTHEM *"I Love You Lord"* Laurie Klein
Chancel Choir

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS *(please see the back of the bulletin)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE: Bill Glancy

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:8-9 (NRSV)

New Testament: John 11:32-44 (NRSV)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
For All the Saints

TFWS 2283

SERMON: *All Hallows Day*

Rev. Laura Steele, Pastor

OFFERING

(Due to safety precautions, we are not currently passing the offering baskets. They are located at the entrance and exits to the sanctuary. Please leave your offering in one of the baskets as the Spirit moves you)

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Voluntary on "Blessed Assurance"

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*
For All the Saints (vv. 1-3)

UMH #711

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *"Sing, My Angel of Music"*

Andrew L. Webber

**** Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.***

Hearing Aid Receivers and Large Print Hymnals are available from our ushers.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Kathy Whipps (Alison's mom), family of Dara Callender, congratulations on your 25th anniversary to Myrene and Jesse Reyes, Walter, Doug, Jonathan, Tina Marie, those struggling with mental health, Family Promise Team, Ken Green, Rosa Smith, Christine Zotti, Betty, Madison, family and friends of William, Christopher (colon cancer), Leah (hospice), Johnny and David (car crash), Gonella/Erb family, family and friends of Audrey, Adrian, friends and family of Ruth, the people of Afghanistan, the people of Haiti, all those suffering from the effects of COVID19.

Schedule for Week of October 31st

Sunday, October 31st:

9:00am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
9:30am Christian Drama Club (Social Hall)
10:30am In-person/online Worship
10:45am Sunday School (2nd floor)
11:30am Coffee Hour (Outside)
11:45am Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
12:00pm Singing Believers
12:15pm Contemporary Ensemble (Sanctuary)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, November 1st:

7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)
7:30pm Ad Council Meeting (Hybrid: Social Hall/Zoom)
7:45-9:30pm GA (Chapel and Fellowship)

Tuesday, November 2nd:

1:00 -9:30pm Debbi's Dance Classes (2nd floor)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, November 3rd:

1:00-9:30pm Debbi's Dance Classes (2nd floor)
7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)
7:30-9:30pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

Thursday, November 4th:

10:00am Bulb Planting (Memorial Garden)
3:30-9:00pm Debbi's Dance Classes (2nd floor)

Friday, November 5th:

7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, November 6th:

8:00-2:30pm Debbi's Dance Classes (2nd floor)
9:30-11:15am Music Together (Playground)
11:30am Wesley Singers (Sanctuary)

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gift Card Drive:

UMC Summit is collecting ShopRite gift cards for Family Promise of Union County in increments of \$25. You can drop gift cards off at the church office Mon.-Fri. from 9am to 3pm, you can order online and have them mailed to the church, or you can drop them in the basket at the Sunday 10:30AM service.

Flood Buckets:

As GNJ's Disaster Response team continues moving forward with the Ida relief effort, it has become apparent that there is a great need for more cleaning buckets. Over the next few weeks, UMC Summit will be collecting buckets and supplies. **Here is a list of items needed:** 5 Gallon Buckets, 32–64 oz. bottles liquid laundry detergent, 16–40 oz. bottles liquid concentrate household cleaner, 16–34 oz. bottles liquid dish soap, 4–8 oz. pump spray air freshener, 6–14 oz. pump spray insect repellent, Scrub brushes, Re-usable cleaning wipes, Scouring pads, 50–100 ft. clothesline, 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33–45 gallon sizes), N95 particulate respirator dust masks, Kitchen gloves, work gloves.

Bulb Planting:**November 4 at 10am**

Volunteers needed to help plant bulbs in the Memorial Garden.

Webinar on Habitat Gardening:**November 30 at 7:00pm**

Have you wondered how your garden can help native wildlife thrive? On November 30, 7:00 p.m. join the Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation's webinar on Habitat Gardening for Birds, Butterflies, and Wildlife. Learn the importance of supporting our native wildlife within our gardens with Dr. Randi Eckel of Toadshade Wildflower Farm. Learn about some of some creatures that rely upon specific plants, and discuss the complexities of attracting wildlife to our gardens.

Join our Music Ministries!

Chancel Choir:

Won't you come and join us as we sing joyful and meaningful songs to the Lord? It's a joy to work together and lift our voices in praise of our Maker. The Chancel Choir rehearsals continue at 9:30am each Sunday in the Sanctuary.

Wesley Singers:

Children and youth who would like to sing songs of faith please share your gifts of music on Saturday morning at 11:30am in our Sanctuary. We will make a joyful sound to the Lord.

Bell Choir:

Come and try ringing hand bells and hand chimes with your church friends. Rehearsals are Sundays at 11:45am in the Sanctuary.

Singing Believers:

We welcome all children 4 years old and up, to sing joyful songs of the church each Sunday at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. Please have a snack at coffee hour, then come back to church to share fun songs of faith.

Contemporary Ensemble:

Our Contemporary Ensemble shares music for Holy Communion each month. The Ensemble uses music from the contemporary hymnals "The Faith We Sing" and "Worship and Song". Rehearsals will be on Sundays and 12:15pm in the Sanctuary.

Children, Youth and Family Ministries Update

Our Children, Families, and Youth Ministries programming has started once again. Each Sunday there is something for everyone! Under the direction of our new Children, Families, and Youth Minister; our new Sunday schedule for children and youth is as follows:

9:30AM-10:15AM: Christian Drama Club for ages K-12th grade (Social Hall)

10:30AM-10:45AM: Worship in the Sanctuary

10:45AM - 11:30AM: Sunday school for ages K-5th grade (2nd floor)

11:30AM: Coffee Hour Outside

9:30AM-11:30AM: Nursery Care Available every Sunday in the Nursery Room

November 7th: YOUTH GROUP FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 6:30PM-8:30PM

*Children are always welcome to stay in worship, Sunday school is optional for those families who wish to attend.

If you have any questions, please email our Children, Youth, and Families Minister Natalie Palacio at: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org

Children's Drama Club:

Our Children's Drama Club will soon begin planning and designing our Children's Christmas Pageant. We are looking for children and youth to participate in the pageant and designing the set. Drama Club meets at 9:30AM Sunday mornings in the Social Hall. If you'd like to join, please contact Natalie Palacio at: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org



Remembering Our Saints

God, today we remember teachers and storytellers who made Your stories come alive for us. We remember choir members, music directors, organists, and all the musicians who sang and played your praises. We remember preachers and lay leaders who led our worship through the years. **For their lives and love, we give thanks.**

We remember grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us. We remember children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, parents who have left us what feels like too soon. **For their lives and love, we give thanks.**

We remember the saints in our church family. We remember all those who have been a part of this community of faith. We remember our ancestors whose courage enables us to be here today. **For their lives and love, we give thanks!**

We especially remember the saints from this community who have joined that great cloud of witnesses this past year. We remember and give thanks for:

And we remember those who we name before you now, aloud or in silence.

William Faitoute
Audrey Boise

Dorothy Landvater
Dara Callender

Family of God, we remember you and we honor you. We know you are with us in spirit,

and you will not be forgotten.

Almighty God, we celebrate the lives of those we have named here today. For their witness to your love, for the ways they have inspired us to be hopeful. May we continue to be inspired by their faithful witness, that we too might join in bringing your justice, mercy, and peace to this world. As you were with them, we know you are here now. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray, Amen.