



United Methodist  
Church of Summit

**EARN. SAVE. GIVE.**

Wesley's Simple Rules for Money

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## November 14th, 2021

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

### PRELUDE

*“Maestoso in B Flat”*

J. Haydn

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Craig Burns

*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: We gather as a community full of compassion and hope.

**People: Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly.**

Leader: By this caring and sharing we will be known as disciples of Christ.

**People: By our example may others be led to lives of peace.**

Leader: Lord, open our hearts and minds and our souls this day to your word.

**People: Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents. AMEN.**

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

**Lord of summer sunshine, autumn harvest, and winter frost, be with us this day as we gather to encounter Your word and Your way for our lives. Remind us that we can place our trust in Your eternal love. Enable us to be more effective in our witness to Your power through our words and deeds. Guide our steps and pick us up when we falter. Dust us off and place us on the pathways of grace and service. These things we pray in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

#### \*OPENING HYMN:

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*  
*(please remain standing as you are able)*

UMH # 399

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laura Steele, Pastor

### CHOIR ANTHEM

*“Your Help Comes from the Lord”*  
Chancel Choir

M. Hayes

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Alexis

### SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Proverbs 3:5-10 (NRSV)

New Testament: Matthew 6:19-21 (NRSV)

Craig Burns

#### \*HYMN OF PREPARATION: *(please rise as you are able)*

*More Precious than Silver (sung 3x)*

TFWS # 2065

### SERMON:

*First Fruits: Earn. Save. Give.*  
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### OFFERING

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

*Voluntary on "Our God Above"*

**\*DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)*

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH # 95

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*

*Blessed Assurance*

UMH # 369

**\*BENEDICTION**

**BELL CHOIR**

*Go Now in Peace*

**POSTLUDE**

*Variations on "God of Grace"*

**\* 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**

Baby William Joseph Kenny and family for healing and strength, Jane McKinley, Marg Edwards, Kathy Whipps (Alison's mom), family of Dara Callender, Walter, Doug, Jonathan, Tina Marie, those struggling with mental health, Family Promise Team, Ken Green, Rosa Smith, Christine Zotti, Betty, Madison, all those suffering from the effects of COVID19.

### **Schedule for Week of November 14th**

#### **Sunday, November 14th:**

9:00am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)  
9:30am Bible Study (Chapel)  
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 (Social Hall)  
11:45am Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
12:00pm Singing Believers (Sanctuary)  
12:15pm Contemporary Ensemble (Sanctuary)  
1:00pm – 3:00pm Youth Prepare and Deliver Meals  
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

#### **Monday, November 15th:**

7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)  
7:45-9:30pm GA (Chapel and Fellowship)

#### **Tuesday, November 16th:**

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

**Wednesday, November 17th:**

12:00pm Bible Study (Fellowship Room)  
1:00-9:30pm Debbi's Dance Classes (2nd floor)  
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)  
7:30-9:30pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

**Thursday, November 18th:**

3:30-9:00pm Debbi's Dance Classes (2nd floor)

**Friday, November 19th:**

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

**Saturday, November 20th:**

8:00-2:30pm Debbi's Dance Classes (2nd floor)  
11:30am Wesley Singers (Sanctuary)  
7:00pm Youth Lock-In

**WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Turkey Drive for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey:**

Did you earn a free turkey this year? Not sure what to do with it? UMC Summit is collecting frozen turkeys to support the Community Food Bank of NJ. Please drop off your turkeys to the church by November 21st, 2021. Let's be a blessing to our community!



**Prepare and Deliver Meals:**

**Sunday, November 14 from 1-3pm**

Youth will bring dishes from home to prepare, package and deliver to families from Family Promise.

**Youth Lock-In:**

**Saturday, November 20 from 7:00pm - Overnight**

Youth to bring in tents, sleeping bags & necessities for Saturday evening into the Sunday morning Youth Service!

**Hanging of the Greenery:**

**Sunday, November 28**

Join us Sunday, November 28th, for our annual Hanging of the Greenery during the 10:30AM worship service. Evergreens are a symbol of the eternal coming of God to dwell among us as the Word made flesh. They are a sign of life and resurrection as we overcome the cold of winter. Join us as we kick off the Advent season in anticipation of the arrival of Emmanuel: God with us.

## 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.

### **Christmas Concert:**

**Sunday, December 5 at 3:00pm**

Come hear the sounds of the season in our beautiful Sanctuary, featuring the choirs of the church as well as professional soloists.







## **To Mask or Not to Mask?**

### **Update on COVID19 Safety Protocols:**

#### **Masking in Worship**

As of Monday, November 1st, 2021; the Administrative Council of SUMC agreed the church should follow CDC recommendations for masking during Sunday morning worship based on the published COVID -19 transmission rate for Union County. For **low and moderate** transmission rates, the CDC recommends all unvaccinated persons wear masks while vaccinated persons may attend unmasked (if so desired) as the risk for infection is considered low. For **substantial and high** transmission rates, the CDC recommends ALL persons wear a mask regardless of vaccination status to mitigate the risk of infection.

As of November 1st, the transmission rate in Union County was moderate. However, as of November 4th, the rate of transmission for COVID-19 in Union County has increased to "substantial". As a result, we will continue to require everyone to wear a mask during Sunday morning worship until the Union County transmission rate drops back down to moderate or low.

Many Blessings,

Pastor Laura