



United Methodist
Church of Summit



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**November 21st, 2021
Commitment Sunday
UM Student Sunday**

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

GREETERS

Sunday School Children

PRELUDE

Voluntary on the Hymn "Aurelia"
Bell Choir

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Parker LaJeunesse

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Awesome God, we gather together today seeking signs of your presence among us.

People: Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so that we can walk in your ways.

Leader: We gather together with hope and anticipation that Christ is coming.

People: Teach us your paths.

Leader: We gather with the longing that you will enrich our capacity to love others.

People: Lead us in the Spirit of truth.

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

Parker LaJeunesse

Gracious God, thank you for continually helping us to grow. You give us wisdom to help us in the future. Today we celebrate the children and students in our faith community.

May you continue to fill us with curiosity, hope, and kindness. May we continue to listen for your voice. Sustain us by your Spirit with creativity, patience, peace, and joy.

Continually guide and bless all students, children, families, caretakers, and the whole congregation as we grow in Christian fellowship together. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who asked and answered many questions. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:**

This Little Light of Mine UMH # 585
(please remain standing as you are able)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Caroline Relf

ANTHEM

"Jesus is Savior to All, Lord of Heaven and Earth"
Contemporary Ensemble

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alec LaJeunesse

SCRIPTURE:

Josh Reyes

Old Testament: Proverbs 11:23-25 (NIV)

New Testament: Matthew 19:13-15 (NRSV)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
"We Are the Church" (vv. 1 & 4)
Wesley Singers
UMH # 558

MESSAGE: *For the Kingdom of God Belongs to Such as These...*
Rev. Laura Steele, Pastor

OFFERING Sunday School Children
(please place your weekly offering and your 2022 pledge cards in the offering plates)

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION
Voluntary on "Children of the Heavenly Father"

***DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)*
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
UMH # 95

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*
Freely, Freely
UMH # 389

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Maestoso" Robert Wetzler

*** 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

Gregory Carter, 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 21st

Sunday, November 21st:

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

Monday, November 22nd:

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

Tuesday, November 23rd:

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

Wednesday, November 24th:

12:00pm Bible Study (Fellowship Room)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)
7:30-9:30pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

Thursday, November 25th: *Thanksgiving Day – Office is Closed*

Friday, November 26th: *Office is Closed*

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

Saturday, November 27th:

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

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!



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:

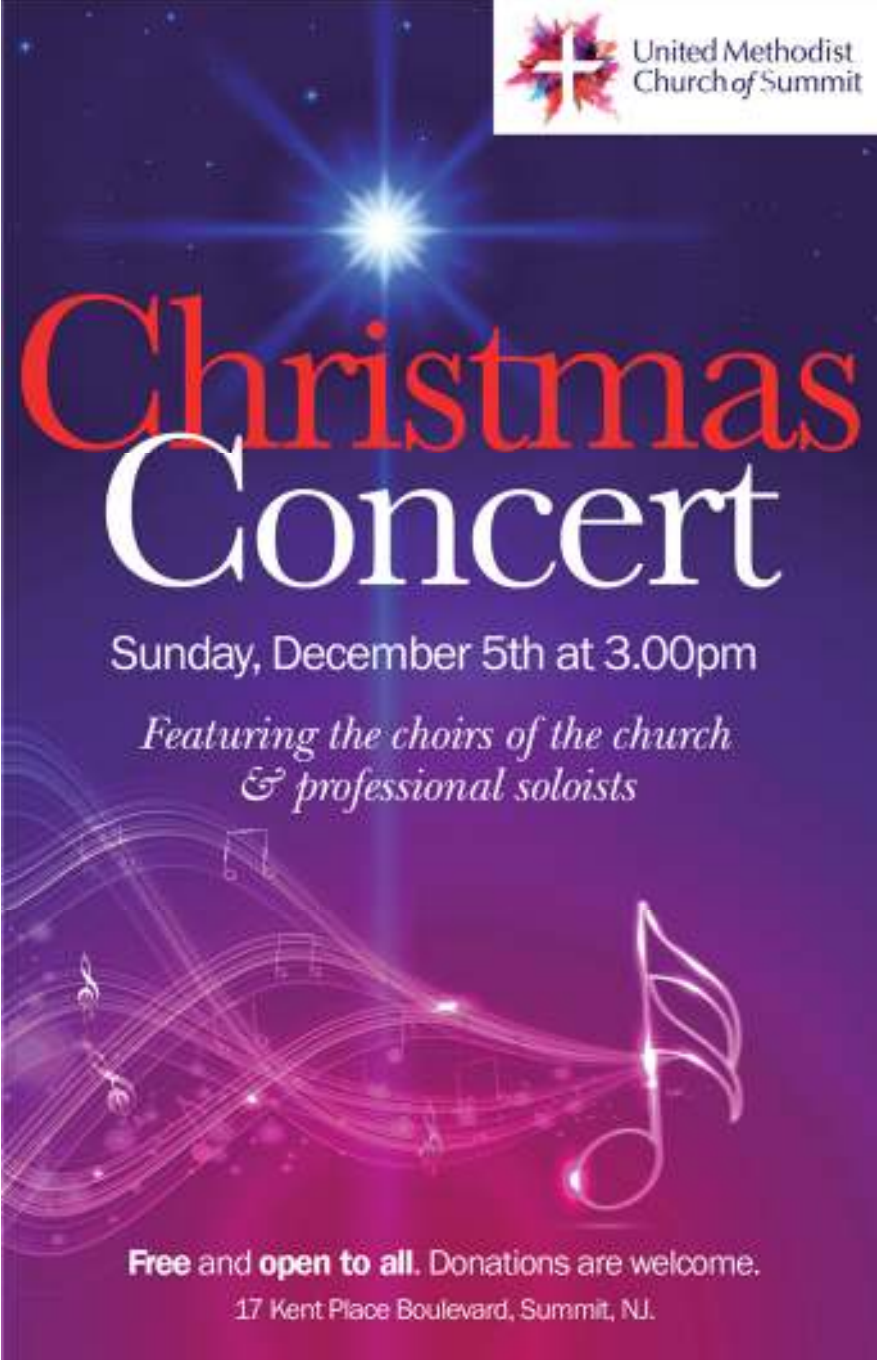
We welcome all children 4 years old and up, to sing joyful songs of the church each Sunday at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. Please have a snack at coffee hour, then come back to church to share fun songs of faith.

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.



The poster features a dark blue to purple gradient background. At the top center is a bright, multi-pointed starburst. In the top right corner, there is a logo for the United Methodist Church of Summit, which consists of a white cross with colorful, flame-like or leaf-like extensions in red, orange, and yellow. Below the logo, the text "United Methodist Church of Summit" is written in a white, sans-serif font. The main title "Christmas Concert" is prominently displayed in the center, with "Christmas" in a large, red, serif font and "Concert" in a large, white, serif font. Below the title, the date and time "Sunday, December 5th at 3.00pm" are written in a white, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the text "Featuring the choirs of the church & professional soloists" is written in a smaller, white, italicized serif font. The bottom half of the poster is decorated with glowing, white musical notes and flowing lines that create a sense of movement and sound. At the very bottom, the text "Free and open to all. Donations are welcome." is written in a white, sans-serif font, followed by the address "17 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, NJ." in a smaller white font.

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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

*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





**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

STUDENT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 21



When you give to the special offering on United Methodist Student Day, you invest in a channel of hope for young leaders who bring their Wesleyan values into their schools and professions.

“The scholarship has blessed me beyond comprehension. God has used that money in my life to truly transform my college experience and allow me to pursue opportunities I never thought possible.” – Gift of Hope Scholar Katrina Lewis

“The scholarship helped relieve a lot of the financial stress on my life as I entered college. After I finish my studies at the University of Iowa, I plan to attend seminary to pursue my goal of becoming a United Methodist pastor.” – Gift of Hope Scholar Tyler Hungate

“It is my dream to one day start a nature research, rehabilitation and education center. There, I will share my love of wildlife and their habitats with others, teach everyone to love all of God’s creatures and bring people to God’s temple— the great outdoors.” – Gift of Hope Scholar Andrhea Massey



PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY!

One of six denomination-wide Special Sundays, the United Methodist Student Day offering funds a channel of hope for young scholars.

The burden of taking on prohibitive amounts of debt can feel overwhelming. It limits bright, qualified students from bringing their full selves into the professions they feel called.

Supporting United Methodist students gives them a financial boost. It helps them realize their dreams while giving them a spiritual boost. Your contribution is an acknowledgment that the church has confidence in them and in their abilities.

Please help deserving, young adults continue their education and their faith journeys. United Methodists are striving to make a difference in the world and discerning what God has called them to do.

Gifts to the United Methodist Student Day offering help send young leaders into the world with the justice-seeking, healing and compassionate values that have been instilled in them over the years.

Please give online at [UMC.org/SSGive](https://www.UMC.org/SSGive) or mail checks to:

United Methodist Student Day GCFA

PO Box 340029

Nashville, TN 37203

Checks can also be directed through your local church by writing "UMSD" in the memo line.