



United Methodist
Church of Summit



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January 16, 2022
Baptism of the Lord

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

PRELUDE: *Processional on "Here I Am Lord"*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Alison Johnson
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: When we pass through difficulties and stress,

People: God is with us and calls us by name.

Leader: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

People: God is with us and calls us by name.

Leader: Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,

People: God is with us and calls us by name. Praise be to God!

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

O God of all creation, You came into the world so that we might know love and experience new life. Pour your Holy Spirit on your people this day, that we may fulfill Christ's command to live out the gospel message in every moment of our lives. Reassure us that we are your beloved children, called by name. Defend us against all evil and temptation. Give us grace to bear faithful witness to you. Fill us with Your love, keep us constant in prayer, and empower us for service to all the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
Spirit Song

UMH #347

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laura Steele

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alison Johnson

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7 (NRSV)

New Testament: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSV)

Alison Johnson

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
Baptized in Water

TFWS #2248

MESSAGE: *God's Beloved*
Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

(please place your weekly offering in the offering plates)

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION:

Create in Me a Pure Heart E. Espinosa
 Ximenita Gonzalez, Mezzo Soprano

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** (*please rise as you are able*)
Here I Am, Lord UMH #593

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Voluntary in F* P. Hurford

**** 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

Lindsay Fauth, Family of Christopher Juliano, Leroy, Joan D, Rick Picorale, Gregory Carter, Baby William Joseph Kenny and family for healing and strength, Jane McKinley, 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 COVID-19.

Schedule for Week of January 16, 2022**Sunday, January 16:**

9:00am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
 9:30am *Chancel Choir – TBD*
 9:30am Christian Drama Club – *Resumes February 6*
 10:30am In-person/online Worship
 10:45am Sunday School (2nd floor)
 11:30am Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
 11:30am *Bell Choir – TBD*
 12:00pm *Singing Believers – TBD*
 12:15pm *Contemporary Ensemble – TBD*
 6:00pm *Youth Group – Resumes February 6*
 7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, January 17:

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

Tuesday, January 18:

1:00-9:30pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)
 7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, January 19:

1:00-9:30pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Thursday, January 20:

3:30-9:00pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)
7:00pm Trustees' Meeting (Via Zoom)

Friday, January 21:

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

Saturday, January 22:

8:00am – 2:30pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)

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) – taking a break until February 6

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

*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

Join Our Music Ministries!**Chancel Choir: TBD**

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: TBD

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: TBD

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

Singing Believers: TBD

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: TBD

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



COVID19 Update – January 13th, 2022

The United Methodist Church of Summit has been watching the number of COVID cases and hospitalizations in our area closely over the past few weeks. Please note we are taking precautionary steps to prevent the spread of COVID19 and other transmissible viruses.

Masks and social distancing are required for all persons regardless of vaccination status at all worship services and when inside the building. At this time, we will continue in our hybrid worship style with both in-person and online worship at 10:30AM every Sunday. We will be postponing the return of all choirs until at least mid-February, please stay tuned for the official date to be announced. In the interim we will have one song leader during worship. We are also limiting the number of persons leading Sunday morning worship with only one liturgist and prayer leader each week. Our Children's Sunday School program is implementing new social distancing and cleaning protocols.

We know it's super hard, but please refrain from hugging folks outside of your immediate household at this time. We will catch up on hugs in the spring! Please self-monitor accordingly and if you have any symptoms of any kind we encourage you to worship with us virtually. Thank you so much for your cooperation in creating a safe space for our congregation and community.

Summit-wide Collection

until February 6th

**Adult Diapers
Feminine Hygiene Pads
Cleaning Supplies**

Collection sites

Beacon UU Congregation- 4 Waldron Street

Central Church - 70 Maple Street

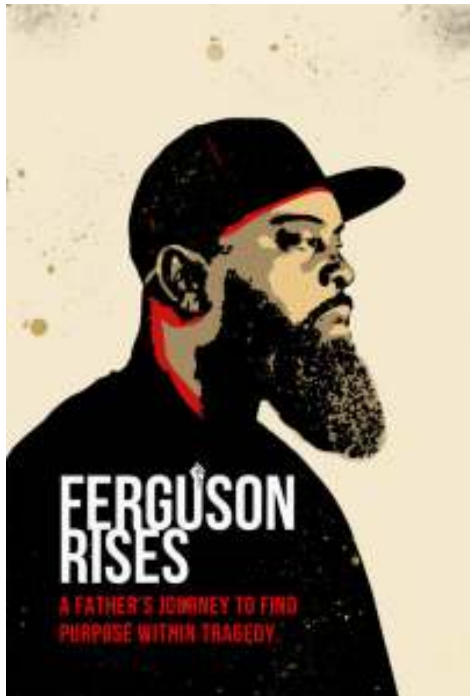
The Connection - 79 Maple Street

YMCA - 67 Maple Street

To benefit Family Promise of Union County,
Sage Eldercare, and GRACE



**Panel Discussion of the Documentary Film,
"Ferguson Rises"
Sunday, January 16 at 7pm.**



As a part of Summit's MLK Day of Justice, Equality, and Service to Others; members of the Summit Interfaith Council invite you to a FREE screening and panel discussion of the documentary "Ferguson Rises" Sunday, January 16th, at 7PM. Guest speakers include filmmaker Mobolaji Dawodu and Michael Brown Sr., father of Michael Brown Jr. Please note, once you register for the zoom panel discussion you will be given a link to view the movie on your own BEFORE the panel discussion on Sunday. Here is the zoom link to register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7842111111?fbclid=IwAR0oTvrPFNljSYxCcMgUY1k8AAwcFOAJr78Aj6tjoDDBDX1lqcRySkX3YKM>

This event is FREE and open to the public as part of Summit's MLK Day of Justice, Equality, and Service to Others. Co-Sponsored by Congregation Beth Hatikvah, Temple Sinai, Congregation Ohr Shalom, Fountain Baptist Church, and the Summit Inter-Faith Council Anti-Racism Committee.

Donations Needed for YWCA:

The YWCA's mission is to provide a safe and supportive residential program, offering a range of programs and referrals to sustain individuals and keep families strong during periods of crisis. Accommodations include private rooms for families, as well as community dining areas, and laundry facilities.

Summit UMC will begin 2022 with an ongoing outreach project to support the YWCA of Newark's mission. We will be collecting items to create welcome bags for women and families of the YWCA. **Items are: planners, lotions, shampoo, conditioner, slippers, socks, and body sprays** (please keep in mind we are looking for hair products that would serve a diverse variety of hair types and genders) Please bring in items on Sunday mornings and place them in the bins located at the entrances and exits to the sanctuary, or you can drop off donations to the box outside the church office on Deforest Ave. We are blessed to be a blessing!





Sunday School Chaperones Needed:

Thank you to all the parents and children who helped in putting together the Christmas Pageant. We could not have done it without you!

Looking towards the 2022 New Year Already! **Currently, we are short on chaperones for the start of the New Year.**

Please review the available slots on the NEW SIGN UP GENIUS

weblink: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ea5a92aa6f5c16-sunday>

If you are able, please consider volunteering for both our Christian Drama Club Hour and Sunday School Class. This would be very helpful for programming!

You have the option to switch/coordinate with another parent to switch between the morning programs too. Let us know and we will help schedule as well. Thank you!



Oh the Weather Outside is....

Here in New Jersey we get to enjoy beautiful seasonal weather changes. At the United Methodist Church of Summit, the safety and well-being of our congregation and staff is one of our most important concerns. In the case of inclement weather, the following steps will be taken to communicate any cancellations or changes to services and building usage.

In Person Sunday Worship Services: At 7:00 am on a Sunday with questionable conditions, Pastor Laura will make the decision whether or not to cancel in-person worship. This decision will be made depending on but not limited to the following conditions: If the local or state government has declared a state of emergency, if people are being warned to stay off the road, if the electricity is out, or if the heat is not working.

If in-person worship is canceled, Pastor Laura will record and upload an abbreviated worship service to our Facebook page, by noon (sermon, prayer, announcements)

Updates will be posted to our Facebook page, Website, and the church phone message will be updated with any weather cancellations: (908) 277-1700.

Committee and building groups will be canceled at the discretion of the chairpersons and leaders.

Midweek Church Office Closures: If the Summit School District is closed, and staff members are able to travel, they may choose to do so if conditions are safe. Otherwise, they may choose to work remotely.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the church office at (908) 277-1700.