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February 13, 2022

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

PRELUDE: "Canon in D for Trumpet and Organ" J. Pachelbel

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Beverly Alexis
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Come and worship this day.

People: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Jesus said to forgive those who have wronged you.

People: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Jesus said to bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

People: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Jesus said do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

People: We have come to follow Jesus.

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Beverly Alexis
O God, our Great source of Love and Life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek to follow Jesus. Help us to learn to forgive. Bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. May we be reminded this day that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love even in the midst of our pain. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
Great Is Thy Faithfulness UMH #140

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Natalie Palacio, CYF Minister

CHOIR ANTHEM "Holy Is the Lord"
Chancel Choir T. Fettke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE: Beverly Alexis

Old Testament: Psalm 37:1-8 (NRSV)

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

New Testament: Luke 6:27-38 (NRSV)

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.[a] Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
Change My Heart, O God (sung 2x)

TFWS #2152

SERMON: *Forgiveness*
Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING
(please place your weekly offering in the offering plates)

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION
Voluntary on "Our Father's Love For Us"

***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: *"Recessional in D Major"* M. Charpentier

** 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, Gregory Carter, Baby William Joseph Kenny and family for healing and strength, Kathy Whipps (Alison's mom), Walter, Doug, Jonathan, those struggling with mental health, Ken Green, Christine Zotti, Betty, Madison. *It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Doris Shallcross on January 25. Doris was the beloved sister of Irma George. Please hold Doris and her family in prayer.*

Schedule for Week of February 13, 2022

Sunday, February 13:

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

Monday, February 14:

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

Tuesday, February 15:

9:30-12:15pm Music Together (Social Hall)
1:00-9:30pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, February 16:

9:30-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
1:00-9:30pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Thursday, February 17:

3:30-9:00pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)

Friday, February 18:

9:30-12:15pm Music Together (Social Hall)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, February 19:

8:00am – 2:30pm Debbi's Dance School (Dance Studio)
9:30-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
11:30am Wesley Singers

Children, Youth and Family Ministries:

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

9:30AM-11:30AM Nursery Care Available in the Nursery

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

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

Youth Group every first Sunday of the month, 6PM-8PM

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:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LEARN with us...



New and Old Members Class:

Sunday, February 6 and 13.

Are you interested in learning more about membership at UMC of Summit? Would you like to brush up on what it means to be United Methodist? Join Pastor Laura and others as we explore Wesleyan theology and what makes the United Methodist Church special. The classes will meet at 9:30am in the Fellowship Room.

SERVE with us...

Donations Needed for YWCA:

The YWCA's mission is to provide a safe and program, offering a range of programs and and keep families strong during periods of include private rooms for families, as well as laundry facilities.

Summit UMC will begin 2022 with an support the YWCA of Newark's mission.

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!



supportive residential referrals to sustain individuals crisis. Accommodations community dining areas, and

ongoing outreach project to We will be collecting items to

GROW with us...



Ash Wednesday Service:

March 2nd, 7:00PM in the Chapel.



Easter Egg Hunt Collection

This year the Children, Youth, and Families Ministry is planning a community Easter Egg Hunt for Saturday, April 9th; and we need your help! We are collecting baskets, plastic Easter eggs, and egg fillers. There will be baskets set up to collect items at the front and back of the sanctuary. You can also drop off donations to the church office Mon-Fri. from 9am-3pm. (Egg fillers are small, individually wrapped candy – no nuts, and/or small toys)

**Parents' Night Out:
Popcorn, Movie, & Games**

Parents can drop off their kids kick back, relax, & enjoy an evening out!

Friday, March 25

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Suggested donation of \$10 per child.



Stay SAFE with us...

UMC Summit is committed to keeping our congregation and community safe. At this time, UMC Summit has agreed to follow CDC guidance on masking in worship. Until the spread of COVID19 in our area reaches the “moderate” or “low” level, we ask that you continue to mask inside the church. At this time, we will continue in our hybrid worship style with both in-person and online worship at 10:30AM every Sunday.



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.



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.

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



**UMC Summit Youth Group Summer Mission Trip
Christian Outreach Project
Sunday, June 26th – Saturday, July 2nd, 2022**

If you are a high school student or an adult interested in attending/chaperoning this event, please contact Ms. Natalie at CYFMinister@umcsummit.org

WHAT: The Christian Outreach Project is a non-profit organization, part of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. For one week each summer, Christian Outreach Project sends groups of youth and adults to houses in local communities to provide housing repairs to homeowners who are unable to handle the projects themselves.

WHEN: The week for this mission trip is June 26-July 2, 2022.

WHERE: Groups stay at Camp Hoover, Stillwater, NJ

HOW: The cost for participants is \$420. This money goes to help offset the costs incurred through use of the Camp Hoover facilities, as well as to help pay for the supplies necessary to complete the projects undertaken. Scholarships are available from UMC Summit.

WHO: High School Youth who will have completed the 9th grade through 12th grade and are 14 years of age or older by June 26th, 2022; may participate. We are also looking for adult chaperones over the age of 22-years-old to accompany the group.

SEVEN-MILE MIRACLE

JOIN US FOR OUR 2022 LENTEN JOURNEY

Each week we will explore a different spiritual discipline during worship and study the book “*Seven Mile Miracle*” during our 9:30AM Bible Study class.

The Spiritual Disciplines we will explore are:

Week 1: (week of March 6th) PRAYER

Week 2: (week of March 13th) SCRIPTURE

Week 3: (week of March 20th) FASTING

Week 4: (week of March 27th) CONFESSION

Week 5: (week of April 3rd) WORSHIP

Week 6: (Palm Sunday, week of April 10th) SILENCE



BREAK BREAD WITH US – Wednesdays during Lent

Join us **Wednesday evenings March 9th- April 13th**, as we gather together for a soup supper and worship. With the help of volunteer “Soup Chefs” we will share in a simple meal as we walk through Lent: If you are willing to provide a simple soup supper on one of the Wednesday nights, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall so we can plan appropriately. Following the supper, at 7:00PM we will gather in the Chapel for a brief service of worship.