



United Methodist
Church of Summit



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February 6, 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: "Andante Moderato" J. Haydn

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION

(if you had/have a birthday or anniversary in January or February please come forward and grab a flower as we celebrate together)

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Carol Conway

Leader: Love divine, all loves excelling,
People: Joy of heaven, to Earth come down,
Leader: Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
People: All thy faithful mercies crown.

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Carol Conway
God of Gods: We come to worship today to hear your good news, to hear of faith, hope and love ringing out from your kingdom. We know that doubt, fear and hatred can shake even the strongest. Shape us into faithful and hopeful people, fill us with your love that surpasses all understanding. We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (vv. 1-3) UMH #384

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Laura Steele

CHOIR ANTHEM "I Love You, and You Are Mine"
Chancel Choir M. Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE: Carol Conway
Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NRSV)
New Testament: 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13 (NRSV)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
Bind Us Together (sung 2x) TFWS #2226

SERMON: *The Greatest Love Story Ever Told*
Rev. Laura Steele

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

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

"I Will Follow" C. Tomlin, R. Morgan, J. Ingram
Lou Steele, Tenor

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

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

I Love to Tell the Story

UMH #156

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

"Joyous Recessional"

J. Head

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

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

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.

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, Kathy Whipps (Alison's mom), Walter, Doug, Jonathan, those struggling with mental health, Family Promise Team, Ken Green, Christine Zotti, Betty, Madison, all those suffering from the effects of COVID-19.

Schedule for Week of February 6, 2022

Sunday, February 6:

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
12:00pm Singing Believers
12:15pm Contemporary Ensemble
6:00pm Youth Group (at Madison UMC)
7:30-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, February 7:

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

Tuesday, February 8:

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 9:

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 10:

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

Friday, February 11:

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

Saturday, February 12:

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: Resuming February 12

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 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!





GROW with us...

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)

TONIGHT Combined Madison, Chatham, & Summit UMC Youth Group Gathering!

Sunday, February 6, 2022

6:00pm-8:00pm

The United Methodist Church of Madison

24 Madison Ave

Madison, NJ 07940



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



**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.

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.