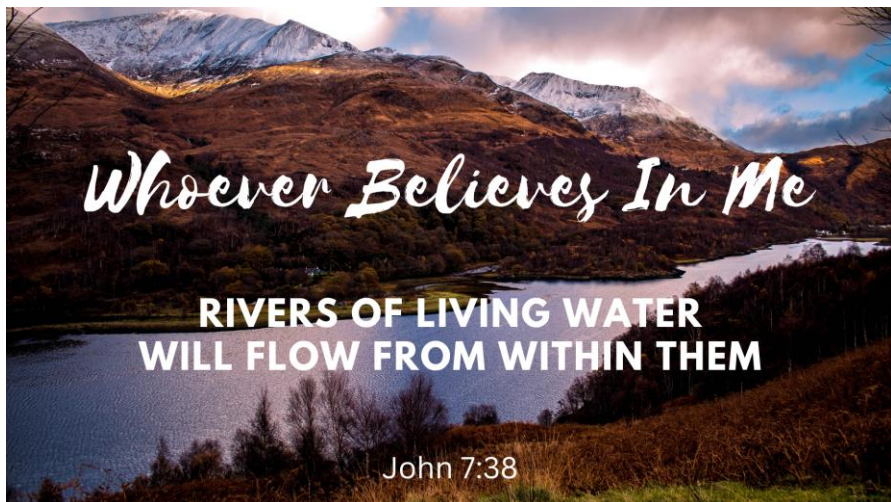




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**September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

**PRELUDE**      *Festival Prelude on “Thaxted”*      Gustav Holst

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

## PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Darren Halverson  
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: As rivers merge together into the sea,

**People: We have come together to worship our God.**

Leader: We come to worship you, O Lord, the fountain of living water.

**People: As we worship in Spirit and in Truth, let our hearts overflow with praise.**

Leader: Let us be cleansed this day by the waters of God's grace and forgiveness.

**People: Let us be refreshed and restored by Jesus Christ, the Water of Life.**

**\*CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Darren Halverson  
**God, our Creator, whose glory fills the Earth, help us to discern your vibrant presence among us. Help us to stand in solidarity with those in Creation who are suffering. Help us to become fountains of your living water and to show your love and kindness to others in the midst of a thirsting world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ, who reconciles and renews all things, AMEN.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*  
*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* UMH #400

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Natalie Palacio, CYF Minister

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alison Johnson

**ANTHEM** *“God of Wonders”* by H. Hindalong; Lou Steele, Tenor

### SCRIPTURE:

Darren Halverson

#### **Old Testament: Genesis: 1-10 (NRSV)**

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

#### **New Testament: John 7: 37-39 (NRSV)**

##### **Rivers of Living Water**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’ ” Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

*“Water, River, Spirit, Grace” (sung 3x)”* TFWS #2253

#### **SERMON:**

*Living Waters*

Wren Hillis

#### **OFFERING**

#### **MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

*Voluntary on “God Only Wise”*  
William Tuebner, Trumpet

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

*"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH #94

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

*"Baptized in Water"*

TFWS #2248

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Majestic Recessional*

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

*Please join us after service in the Social Hall for coffee hour!*

## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday, September 18:**

9:30am Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)  
10:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:30am Coffee Hour (Social Hall)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Monday, September 19:**

7:00pm-9:00pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal (Social Hall)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)  
7:45pm-9:30pm GA (Chapel Room)

### **Tuesday, September 20:**

9:15am-10:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall & Playground)  
12:30pm-3:00pm Circle Group (Social Hall)  
1:00pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Wednesday, September 21:**

1:00pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)  
1:00pm-2:00pm Creation Bible Study (Fellowship Room)  
7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Thursday, September 22:**

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

### **Friday, September 23:**

9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall & Playground)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Saturday, September 24:**

8:00am-3:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)  
9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social & Playground)  
11:30am Wesley Choir (Sanctuary)  
2:00pm-9:30pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Family of Marlene Frere, Warren Pierce, Jamie Noonan, The Vance Family, K.S., Norma, The Miles Family, Bertha, Mervin The Boggan Family, The Reyes Family, Jerry Gaston, Ukraine, family of Clyde Branson, Helga Ruttkamp, the family of Adrea C. Linder: Joseph, Joshua, and Hannah, family and friends of Mike Cruz, family of Christopher Juliano, Joan D, Gregory Carter, Kathy Whipps, Walter, Doug, Jonathan, those struggling with mental health Christine Zotti, Betty, Madi, Mrs. Judith Ventura, Dadi Hove and family loss of mother, Mary Ellen De Johns brother Mi

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Homecoming/Fall Kick-off Sunday!**

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

Join us on September 25<sup>th</sup>, for our Homecoming/Fall Kick-off Sunday. We will kick-off the church year with the beginning of our Fall Music and

Educational Programming. We will celebrate with a church-wide picnic after worship. Welcome back church family!!



### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Rummage Sale October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

White Elephant-Furniture, Appliances, Kitchen ware, Kids Toys

No Clothing! Drop off will begin on Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>

Volunteers needed. Please see Faye Cunningham, Kim Goldman or Debbi Picorale for more information.

### **UPCOMING MEETING REMINDERS:**

#### **Church Conference Paperwork Due:**

9/19/22 through GNJ Arena Website

#### **Church Conference**

Administrative Council Members

10/15/22 – 12PM – via ZOOM





**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Kick-Off Sunday!**

**Drama Club and Sunday School**

Join us as we kick-off the year of Children and Youth programming! Our Christian Drama Club meets upstairs in the Green Room from 9:30am - 10:15AM and Children's Sunday School meets during the service from 10:45AM - 11:30AM. Children start in worship at 10:30AM and are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Message.

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**

**Youth Group Kick-Off Lock-in!**

Join our newly formed Youth Collective with youth from Maplewood, Chatham, Summit, Green Village, and Madison; for this awesome kick-off youth lock-in at Morrow Memorial United Methodist Church, 600 Ridgewood Rd, Maplewood, NJ 07040. For more details, contact CYF Minister Natalie Palacio: [CYFMinister@umcsummit.org](mailto:CYFMinister@umcsummit.org)

**UPDATE: IGNITE YOUTH  
Conference Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

Have you been interested in IGNITE but not quite sure about the whole weekend? Well, we have great news!

The Meadowlands District Youth Collective and UMC

Summit are putting together a day trip to Ignite for **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. We hope this will be a great way to introduce IGNITE to our youth! This event is open to all students grades 6-12 along with their fearless leaders!

For more info contact Natalie Palacio at:

[CYFMinister@umcsummit.org](mailto:CYFMinister@umcsummit.org)



**Calling All 6th-12th Graders!!  
Youth Group Kickoff Sunday!!  
9/25/22  
7PM-10PM**

**Morrow UMC in Maplewood**

In celebration of National Comic Book Day, we will have our own gathering heroes. Gather your youth, have them bring their favorite comics (or not), and join us for a night of hero adventures, games, challenges, conversations and of course food. Dress for comfort and movement. Please contact Natalie Palacio at: [CYFMinister@umcsummit.org](mailto:CYFMinister@umcsummit.org) for more information.



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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Holiday Bazaar & Cookie Walk**  
**Saturday, December 3, 2022 10am-4pm**

**CALLING ALL BAKERS!** It's time to reconvene for your favorite time of year! You guessed it.....

**UMC of Summit's Annual Cookie Walk....**

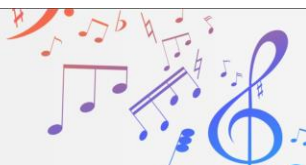
After our 'brief' layoff we will commence with our 5<sup>th</sup> year of hosting this event and will once again need your generous help for continued success. This year the cookie walk will be on **Saturday December 3rd, 2022** So mark your calendars, check your recipes and dust off those cookie sheets. The time will be here before you know it. Thanks in advance for your help! *Kim Goldman, Faye Cunningham, Debbi Picorale*





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## MUSIC MINISTRY



### **Welcome All Music Makers!!**

#### ***Chancel Choir***

Won't you come and join us as we sing joyful songs to the Lord? It is a joy to work together and lift our voices in praise.

Our organizational rehearsal will be on Sunday September 18th at 9:30 am in the Music Room to prepare for our Home Coming Sunday on September 25th. The Chancel Choir rehearsals continue at 9:00am each Sunday, Additional Saturday afternoon rehearsals will begin in October. Come Before His Presence with Singing!

#### **Calling all Children!**

##### ***Wesley Choir***

Calling all children to come and sing joyful songs of the church. Let us grow together in our faith, through music. Rehearsals are at 11:30 am on Saturday mornings in the Sanctuary. Our first rehearsal will be on Saturday September 24th, Come and make music to the Lord.

##### ***Bell Choir***

Making a joyful sound is the mission of our Bell Choir. Come and try ringing Hand bells and Hand chimes with your church friends.

Rehearsals are Sunday's following worship in the Sanctuary and we will begin on Sunday, October 2nd.

##### ***Singing Believers***

All children 4 years old and young people are invited to learn the youth songs of the church. Let us share the light of Christ through music. Our first Rehearsal of the fall season will be on Sunday, October 2nd at 12:00 noon in our beautiful Sanctuary. Come and sing "We are the Church Together"

##### ***Contemporary Ensemble***

Our Contemporary Ensemble share music for Holy communion each month. The Ensemble prepares music from the contemporary hymnals. "The Faith We Sing" and "Worship and Song". Rehearsals are at 12:15 in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals resume October 2nd. All are welcome.

Please contact Director of Music JoAnne Teubner Prussak 908-277-1700 or [office@umcsummit.org](mailto:office@umcsummit.org)

## Meet our new Church Staff Members!



### **Meet Guy Braisted - New Contemporary Worship Director**

Guy is our new contemporary worship director and will be leading our new monthly Contemporary Worship Service set to launch Thursday, October 13th. Guy grew up at the Jersey Shore where he has been involved in many facets of the entertainment business from musical theatre to international touring musician and everything in between. He has studied

privately in voice, guitar and piano and was formally educated at Boston Berklee College of Music. Guy came to know the Lord in 1985 and has served on worship teams, as a worship leader and composer of Contemporary Christian Music. He lives in Morristown and loves his job working at UMC family and is super excited to be involved in our night of contemporary worship.

### **Meet JoAnn Profita - New Admin Assistant/Office Manager**

JoAnn grew up in the area of Vailsburg Newark and has close ties to Seton Hall University where she was married and spent 21 years working in the Facilities Engineering Department. She has a wonderful family life with and a daughter who attended Seton Hall. She enjoys being semi-retired and spending much of her time with her two grandchildren and her little Maltese named Hoppi.. She is very happy to be here at UMC Summit and has already met so many wonderful people!



### **Meet Geraldo Rivera – Facilities Manager**

Geraldo is a bilingual "jack of all trades" who is self-sufficient, utilizing innovation to solve problems. Geraldo possesses exceptional project management skills with 15 + years' experience managing a diverse team of operations. He is extremely goal oriented and consistently exceeds expectations. Geraldo's previous employment includes Long Island University, Columbia University, Radio City Music Hall, and my most recently managing the campus at Liquid Church



***The Burning Bush***

Ex 3:1-12

## ***Listen to the Voice of creation*** **SEASON OF CREATION 2022**

### **Season of Creation 2022 Schedule and Events**

Join the United Methodist Church of Summit this September as we celebrate "The Season of Creation". The Season of Creation offers worshipers an opportunity to turn their full attention toward God the Creator and toward their relationship with all of Creation. Below, please find the worship schedule, Bible study schedule, and events schedule for the 2022 Season of Creation. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Laura: [pastor@umcsummit.org](mailto:pastor@umcsummit.org).

#### **Week One**

Sunday 9/4 –Season of Creation Starts 10:30AM Worship

Wednesday 9/7 – Creation Bible Study 1PM

#### **Week Two**

Sunday 9/11 – Forest Sunday 10:30AM Worship

11:30AM FREE Ice Cream and Friends of Drew Forest Presentation

Wednesday 9/14 – Creation Bible Study 1PM

#### **Week Three**

Sunday 9/18 – Water Sunday 10:30AM Worship

Wednesday 9/21 - Creation Bible Study 1PM

#### **Week Four**

Sunday 9/25 – Garden Sunday - 10:30AM Homecoming Sunday!

11:30AM Picnic and Dedication of New Prayer Garden

#### **Week Five**

Sunday 10/3 – Humanity Sunday – 10:30AM Worship

World Communion Sunday

**CREATION BIBLE STUDY:** Weds. September 7th – October 5th  
1PM Every Wednesday

Lunch and Learn Creation Bible Study: Pack a lunch or pop by on your lunch break for this weekly Creation Bible Study! For more information email: [pastor@umcsummit.org](mailto:pastor@umcsummit.org)



## **NEW! Outreach Opportunity Pluckemin Medical Equipment Ministry**

Life takes unexpected turns and at one time or another we find ourselves needing or know someone who needs some piece of medical equipment. Many times it comes as an out of pocket expense that is difficult to afford. The Pluckemin Medical Equipment Ministry is there to help provide what you need at no cost.

***Hospital beds, wheelchairs, scooters motorized wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, commodes, lifts, adult diapers, shower seats, bed rails, rolling tables, transport chairs, CPAP and BiPAP machines...***

The Medical Equipment Ministry was started in 2010. It is dedicated to improving the life of our clients and their families through the redistribution of used medical equipment at no cost to them. Please visit: <https://ppcmem.org/> for more!

If you are interested in donating, please drop items off to the church office Mon-Fri from 9am-1pm or Sunday mornings clearly marked: "Pluckemin Equipment Ministry". Please contact Darren Halverson if you have any questions.