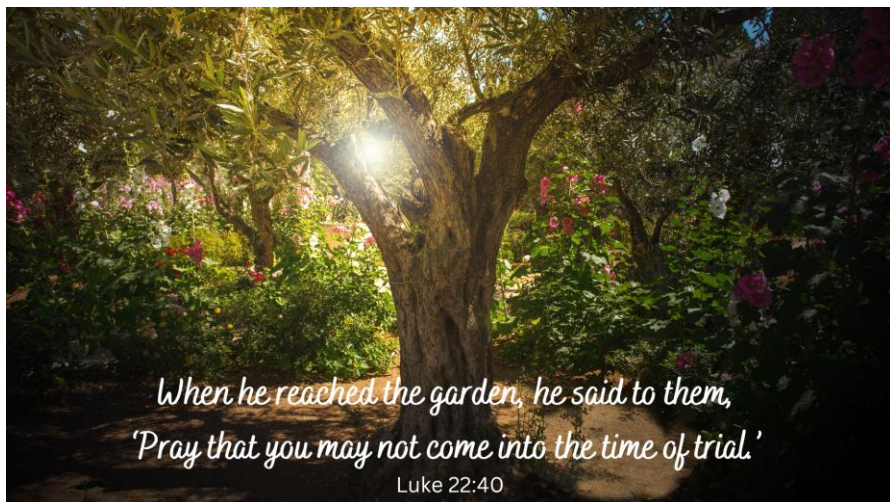




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September 25th, 2022
Season of Creation: Garden Sunday
HOMECOMING SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE *“Voluntary In D”* by Henry Purcell

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

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

Leader: Come, let us stand on Holy Ground!

People: We give thanks to You this day, O God our Creator, for many years of worship and witness in this sacred place.

Leader: For the presence of Your grace in all of Creation;

People: We give thanks to you this day, Christ our Redeemer, for calling us to work towards reconciliation.

Leader: For Your comfort, strength, and wisdom; which have guided us throughout the ages;

People: We give thanks to you this day, sustaining Spirit, for your endless power.

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

Lord, we join together this Homecoming Sunday in worship and praise. We celebrate those persons who have established this congregation, those members who have given freely of their time and gifts over the years. For all those who have preached and taught here, for all those who have been baptized and saved here, for all those today who lead in worship, witness and service; Lord we give you thanks. For all those who have served this church faithfully, who now reside in that great cloud of witnesses above, we give thanks. We celebrate this day with those who may be new to our congregation, for those seekers who will join this great fellowship, give us the assurance that we too may find the peace that surpasses all understanding through Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
"All Things Bright and Beautiful" UMH #147

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM *"Fill This House with Grace"* by Joseph Martin
UMC Summit Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE: Beverly Alexis

Old Testament: Genesis: 2:8-10 (NRSV)

And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

New Testament: Luke 22:39-44 (NRSV)

He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the garden, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *(please rise as you are able)*
"As the Deer" (sung 2x) TFWS #2025

SERMON: *In the Garden* Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Variations on "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
William Teubner, 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)*

"In the Garden"

UMH #314

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso, George F. Handel

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

***Nursery Care is available for children ages 0-4 years old every Sunday
from 9:30am-12:30pm.*

**Please join us after service for our
Homecoming Picnic and Prayer Garden Dedication!**



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Family of Marlene Frere, Dottie Zottie, 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 Mike.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, September 25: Home Coming Sunday

9:00am -10:00am	Instrumentals (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:30am	Chanel Choir
9:30am-10:15am	Drama Club (Green Room)
10:30am-11:30am	In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45am-11:30am	Sunday school (2 nd Floor Education Building)
11:30am	Home Coming Picnic (Playground)
5:00pm-8:00pm	EMC Shalom (Social Hall)
6:00pm-6:45pm	Confirmation Class (Youth Lounge)
7:00pm-10:00pm	Youth Group (Morrow UMC, Maplewood)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, September 26:

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

Tuesday, September 27:

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

Wednesday, September 28

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 29

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

9:00am-12:00pm	Music Together (Social Hall & Playground)
5:00pm-9:00pm	Applause Theatre (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, October 1:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bike, Walk, or Mass Transit to Church

Join us as we live out our call to creation care by biking, walking, or taking mass transit to church on Sunday, October 2nd. Please park bikes in the Social Hall.

SAVE THE DATE!

Rummage Sale October 22nd

White Elephant-Furniture, Appliances, Kitchen ware, Kids Toys. No Clothing! Drop off will begin on Sunday 10/16

Volunteers needed. Please see Faye Cunningham, Kim Goldman or Debbie Picorale for info.



SAVE THE DATE! Holiday Bazaar & Cookie Walk 12/3/22 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 5th 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*



UPDATE: IGNITE YOUTH Conference Oct. 1st, 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 1st**. 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.

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 of 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 for more information.



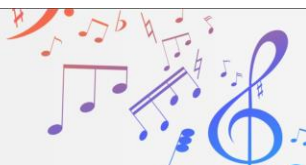
NEW! Outreach Opportunity Pluckemin Medical Equipment Ministry

Collecting: *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...* 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 question



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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 9:30am 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