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October 16th, 2022 Nineteenth 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

"Lord. Be With Us"

J.S.Bach

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Dadi Hove

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: How beautiful is the word of the Lord!

People: Through the Lord's guidance, we gain

understanding

understanding.

Leader: Through God's wisdom, we find Truth.

People: The Lord is our God; we are God's people. Leader: God's Word lives within us, for it is written on our

hearts.

People: Living Word, Great Teacher, lead us and guide us! Amen.

*CENTERING PRAYER: (in unison)

Dadi Hove

Lord, we want to follow where you lead us; we pray for your guidance this day. As we listen for your direction, may we tune out the other voices that compete for our attention. May we remember to turn to You instead of the teachings that suit our desires. May our thoughts focus on your truth. Holy One, open our hearts and minds. By your Spirit, encourage us; teach us, correct us, and inspire us; in only the ways you can. Transform us this day with your grace we pray, AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN: (please remain standing as you are able)
"For the Healing of the Nations" UMH #428

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM

"Lord, Here Am I" Chancel Choir John Beck

Dadi Hove

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alison Johnson

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament: Psalm 119:97-104 (NRSV)

Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

New Testament: Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge
Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always
and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge
who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city
there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me
justice against my accuser.' For a while he refused, but later he
said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for
anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant
her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually
coming.' "And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge
says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to
him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you,
he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man
comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

"Change My Heart, O God"

TFWS #2152

SERMON: Persistence in Prayer Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Voluntary on "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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)
"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" UMH #581

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Recessional in F Major"

*Please rise in body or spirit as you are able Please join us after service for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall.

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Christine, 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.Arthur Sinski, Warren Pearc

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 16:

9:00am -10:00am Instrumentals (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:30am Chancel Choir (Chapel)
9:30am-10:15am Drama Club (Green Room)

10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)

10:45am-11:30am Sunday school (2nd Floor Education Building)

11:30am-12:30am Coffee Hour (Social Hall) 11:30am-12:00am Bell Choir (Sanctuary)

12:00pm-1:00pm Singing Believers (Sanctuary)
12:15pm-1:15pm Contemporary Ensemble
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, October 17:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #3 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, October 18:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #3) 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, October 19:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #3)

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

Thursday, October 20:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #3)

11:00am-12:00pm Staff Meeting (Fellowship Room) 3:30pm-9:00pm Debbie's Dance (Dance Studio)

Friday, October 21:

9:00am Rummage Sale Set up (Social Hall)

9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall & Playground) 9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #3)

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

Saturday, October 22:

10am-4pm Rummage Sale (Social Hall) 8:00am-3:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)

9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social & Playground)

12:00pm-1:00pm Chancel Choir

11:30am-12:30pm Wesley Choir (Sanctuary)

2:00pm-9:30pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE! Rummage Sale October 22nd 10AM-4PM

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*

Join the Friends of the Drew Forest Oct. 27th, 7PM

Co-sponsored by the Summit Area Green-Faith Circle, the Summit Public Library, and the Summit Environmental Commission: Ecologist Dr. Sara Webb will be discussing this rich natural woodland, and speak about efforts to curtail logging of New



Jersey's public forests in this time of climate change. Dr. Webb is Professor *emerita* of Biology and Environmental Studies and director of the Drew University Forest Preserve's restoration project. Visit summitlibrary.org to register or call: 908-273-0350, option 3.



NEW! Hands-On Mission Opportunity! Sandwich Making for Bridges Outreach First Wednesdays of the Month – 6:30PM

Nov. 2nd, 2022; UMC Summit will be hosting a multi-generational hands-on mission opportunity every first Wednesday of the month. We will be putting together sandwiches and lunches for Bridges Outreach Inc., located right here in Summit. Bridges ends homelessness through volunteer-driven outreach and individual case management focusing on health, housing, and independence. We will put the lunches together and also share in a meal together! All ages are welcome. The UMC Circle Three ladies will be sponsoring this first sandwich making event. If you have any questions, please contact Lay Leader Beverly Alexis



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 questions



Summit Psychological Services is presenting a complimentary Caregivers Workshop on Sunday October 23, 2022 at 2:00pm – 4:00pm at The United Methodist Church of Summit to assist family caregivers. The Facilitator for Caregiving for Loved Ones: The Trials and Tribulations will be Dr. Michael Keren Ph.D. The workshop is geared toward all types of

caregivers. Please register for the workshop by calling SummitPsychological Services at 908-273-5558 x 0





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.

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. 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.

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