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October 23rd, 2022 Twentieth 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

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Darren Halverson

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: We come this day humbling ourselves in God's presence.

People: God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

Leader: None of us is perfect and without blemish.

People: Yet God has called us and asked us to be compassionate and responsible in our caring and witness.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God who offers us redemption and healing.

People: Thanks be to God who accepts us as we are and restores us with His grace. AMEN.

*CENTERING PRAYER: (in unison) Darren Halverson Lord our God, strengthen us this day with your Holy Spirit we pray. May we come to you in humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Accept us as your beloved children. In the name of Christ we pray, AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN: (please remain standing as you are able)
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" UMH #158

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM "You Are Mine" arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE: Darren Halverson

Old Testament: Old Testament: Psalm 65 (NRSV)

Thanksgiving for Earth's Bounty

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

New Testament: Luke 18: 9-14 (NRSV)

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector
He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that
they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two
men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a
tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus,
'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues,
adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give
a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off,
would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his
breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this
man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all
who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble
themselves will be exalted.

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

"Spirit of the Living God" (2x) UMH #393

SERMON: "Good Man Lost, Bad Man Saved"

Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Variations on "Near to the Heart of God"

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)

"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

UMH #352

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Voluntary on "Standing in the Need of Prayer"

*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

Bob Reed, Christina, 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, Christina Teubner Donetti.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 23

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 24:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
7:00pm-9:00pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal (Social Room)

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

7:45pm-9:30pm GA (Chapel and Fellowship Room)

Tuesday, October 25:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2) 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 26:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)

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 27:

9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)

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

Friday, October 28:

9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall & Playground) 9:00am-5:30pm Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)

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

Saturday, October 29:

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 (Social Hall)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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. A sign-up sheet will be set up in the Social Hall by Nov 1st 2022. We ask that you let us know what cookies you will be making in order to assure that we have a variety of cookies for purchase. Homemade cookies preferred –5 dozen or more cookies per one recipe (Doubling the recipe works) NO Slice and Bake. Cookie Delivery: Friday December 2, 2022 if you have to deliver on Saturday December 3rd no later than 7:30am. Thanks in advance for your help! Kim Goldman, Faye Cunningham, Debbi Picorale



Toy & Food Drive Fixings This Coming Advent Season the UMC of Summit Youth Group is Hosting a

Stocking Stuffer Event & Christmas Party on **Sunday, December 4th**. The UMC Youth Collective will be coming together to prepare gifts of toys & fixings for Family Promise Families. Please join us in our cause! Let us know if you'd like to take care of one family, be in charge of one large stocking, donate a gift for a child, or contribute towards our food drive. Thank you for your generosity and cheerful giving as a testimony of God's love towards our neighbors. Please see CYF Minister Natalie Palacio for more info.



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! Lunch Making for Bridges Outreach First Sundays of the Month After Church

UMC Summit will be hosting a multi-generational hands-on mission opportunity every first Sunday of the month. We will be putting together sandwiches and lunches for Bridges Outreach Inc., located right here in Summit. We need your help with donations: "pop-top, ready to eat" shelf stable protein item tuna or chicken salad, fruit cups, Nuts, trail mix, Goldfish, or pretzels A granola/nutrigrain bars, 8oz bottles of water



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





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 in the Chapel. Additional Saturday afternoon rehearsals will be in the Sanctuary. 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.

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 Rehearsal of the fall season will be on Sundays 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. All are welcome. Please contact Director of Music JoAnne Teubner Prussak 908-277-1700 or office@umcsummit.org