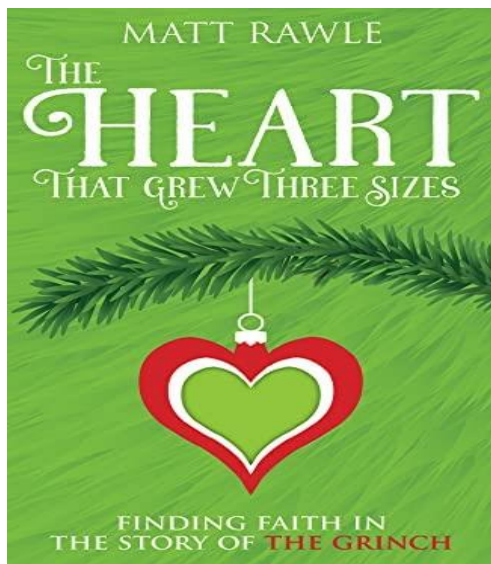




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November 27, 2022
First Sunday in Advent
Advent Worship Series:

“THE HEART THAT GREW THREE SIZES”

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

PRELUDE

“Air in f Major”

G.F. Handel

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Johnson Family

Reader One: “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’”

Reader Two: We are glad. Whether we drove in or climbed up, whether we logged on or tuned in. We are glad to be here in this community, with this family. It is a place of joyful hope, of radical welcome. It is a place where, together, we can wait in wondrous anticipation of the kingdom to come.

Reader One: “Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God’s ways and that we may walk in Gods paths’” (Isaiah 2:3 NRSV).

Reader Two: We light this candle as a sign of our hope, our joyous hope that we can be restored – our faith restored, our strength restored, our confidence restored, our joy restored as we watch and wait with all God’s people for the promise to be fulfilled. *(Light the first candle on the Advent wreath.)*

HYMN:

Advent Song (vv.1)

TFWS #2090

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Emily La Janeusse

Leader: We come from a world of darkness,

People: Into Christ’s world of light.

Leader: We come from a world of weariness,

People: Into God’s strength and hope.

Leader: We come from a slumbering world,

People: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and prepare for the coming of Christ.

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Emily La Janeusse
Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Chris our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. AMEN.
(Advent Prayer UMH#201)

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus UMH #196

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM: *"Come Down Emmanuel"* P. Choplin
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE: Emily La Janeusse

Old Testament: Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, For there the thrones for judgment were set up, Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and security within your towers." For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

New Testament: Romans 12:9-21 (NRSV)

Love in Action

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not

repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
Open Our Eyes (sung 3x) TFWS #2085

SERMON: *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year?*
Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION *"Voluntary on "Blessed Assurance"*

***DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)*
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH #94

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*
People Look East UMH #202

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *"Festive Moderato"*

** 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

Gun violence in America, The Weaver Family, Rikki, Bob Reed, Christina, Family of Marlene Frere, Dottie Zottie, Warren Pierce, Jamie Noonan, K.S., Norma, The Miles Family, Bertha, Mervin The Boggan Family, Jerry Gaston, the people of Ukraine, family of Clyde Branson, Helga Ruttkamp, D, Gregory Carter, Kathy Whipps, Walter, Doug, Jonathan, those struggling with mental health, Christine Zotti, Betty, Madi, Mrs. Judith Ventura, Christina Teubner Donett, Family of Brook Lewis.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, November 27:

9:00am-9:30am	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-11:45am	Sunday School (2 nd Floor Educational Building)
11:30am-12:30am	Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:30am-12:00am	Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
12:00pm-12:15pm	Singing Believers (Sanctuary)
12:15pm-1:00pm	Contemporary Ensemble (Sanctuary)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, November 28

9:00am-5:30pm	Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
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, November 29:

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 November 30:

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, December 01:

9:00am-5:30pm	Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
3:30pm-9:00pm	Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:00pm-9:30pm	Contemporary Service Worship (Social Hall)

Friday, December 02:

9:00am-5:30pm	Brain Train Learning Center (Classroom #2)
9:00am-12:00pm	Music Together (Social Hall & Playground)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, December 03:

8:00am-3:30pm	Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
10:00am-4:00pm	Holiday Bazaar/Cookie Walk (Social Hall)
11:30am-12:00pm	Wesley Choir
12:00pm-1:00pm	Chancel Choir
2:00pm-10:00pm	EMC Shalom Int'l (Fellowship Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



December 4th “Hanging of the Greenery”

Along with the return of an “oldie but Goodie” OUR POTLUCK LUNCHEON AND TALENT SHOW IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE. Sign-up sheets for the TALENT SHOW and POTLUCK will be in the Social Hall soon-so keep a look out. Everyone is welcomed and we look forward to 100% participation. Any questions contact Debbi Picorale, Kim Goldman or Faye Cunningham. *If you are able please bring an unwrapped toy that we can donate.



Toy and 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 at 6PM.** 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.

Saturday December 3, 2022 10am – 4pm

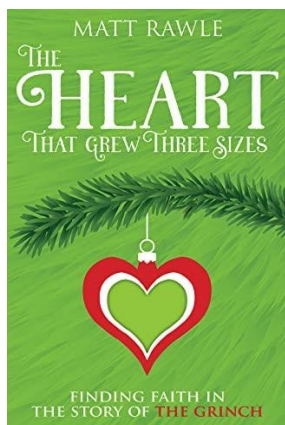
A sign-up sheet will be set up in the Social Hall by November 1, 2022. We ask that you let us know what cookies you will be making in order to assure that we have a variety of cookies for purchase. Homemade cookies preferred – 5 dozen or more

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 3, No later than 7:30 am (Leave on kitchen counter clearly marked “Cookie Walk”) thank you in advance for your help. If you have any questions you can contact the Church Office at (908) 277-1700



Angel Tree Christmas Mission

Incarceration can strain family ties to the breaking point. By providing Christmas gifts on behalf of incarcerated parents, Prison Fellowship Angel Tree allows local congregations to extend the hope of the Gospel to families with loved ones in prison. This season Summit UMC has committed to sponsoring 40 children. Will you help us sponsor one of these children this Christmas? Visit our website at: www.umcsummit.org to sponsor a child today!



NEW! Adult Advent Study

November 29th-December 20th

Join us Tuesday evenings at 7PM for a new Advent Study. We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We will explore the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*! How did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This Advent and Christmas season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith.

Holiday Bazaar

Sat. Dec 3rd, 10AM-4PM

Join us on Saturday, December 3rd, from 10am-4pm for our annual Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Walk! There will be vendors, photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and our famous Cookie Walk! Please bring a new toy for donation to Toys for Tots. For more information, please see Emily La Janeuesse, Fay Cunningham, Debbi Picorale, or Kim Goldman.





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Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 18th at 3.00pm

*Featuring the choirs of the church
& professional soloists*



Free and open to all. Donations are welcome.

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