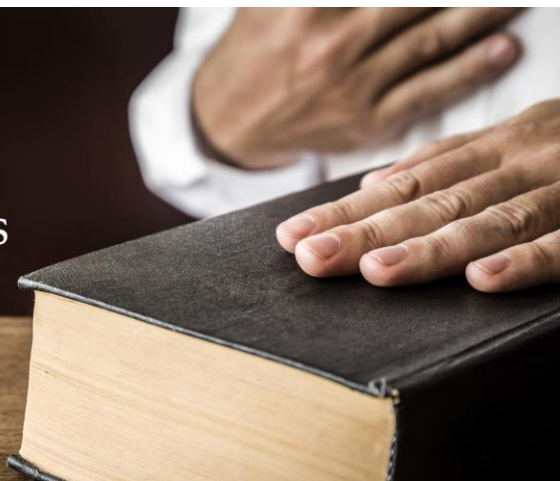




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November 20, 2022
Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE *“And God Will Raise You Up on Eagle’s Wings”*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Beverly Alexis

Leader: Lord, we come before you today from all walks of life.

People: No matter where we may be, the Holy Spirit calls to us.

Leader: We bring our open hearts to this time and place – hearts holding both joys and sorrows as well as questions and wonders.

People: No matter what we are going through, Jesus walks with us.

Leader: We come to the altar, offering whatever we may have to give: our time and our talents, our gifts as well as our imperfections, our faith and our doubt, our hope and our witness.

People: Let us give thanks to the God of blessings and affirm our commitment to the ministry to which God has called us.

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

Loving and Gracious God, bless us as we build up our church as a home for all people to be transformed by our love. Help us to provide for your children a place where you will reveal our presence, a place where your holy words will be proclaimed and lived out, a place where disciples will be fed by grace and strengthened for service. By the gift of your Holy Spirit, enable us to be living examples of our glory. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH #399

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Natalie Palacio

ANTHEM *"Your Help comes From the Lord"* Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alison Johnson

SCRIPTURE: Beverly Alexis

New Testament: Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

The Parable of the Bags of Gold

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

"Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *(please rise as you are able)*
Bind Us Together (sung 2x) TWFS #2226

SERMON: *What’s In It For Me?* 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)*
Blessed Assurance UMH #369

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Recessional in A 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

Rikki, 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 Donett, Family of Brook Lewis.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, November 20:

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 21

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 22:

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 23:

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, November 24:

Office is Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 25:

Office is Closed

Saturday, November 26:

8:00am-3:30pm	Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
9:00am-12:00pm	Music Together (Social & Playground)
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”) t hank you in advance for your help. If you have any questions you can contact the Church Office at (908) 277-1700





Coming Soon!

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?



Annual Stewardship

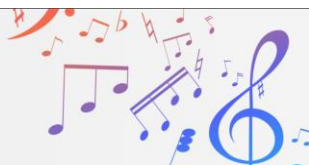
Campaign: November 6th-

20th, "Pledges vs. Promises" A Promise? A Pledge? What's the difference? We will explore what it means to offer our whole selves to God this season. Please turn in your 2023 pledge cards today during service or mail your pledge

card back to the church office: 17 Kent Place Blvd., Summit, NJ, 07901



MUSIC MINISTRY



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. Or Saturday 12 noon 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