

United Methodist
Church of Summit

STAR WORDS

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January 15th, 2023

EPIPHANY 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

Processional in A major

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alison Johnson

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Arise! Shine! For your Light has come!

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Leader: Arise! Shine! For your Light has come!

People: God's light pierces the darkness that covers the world.

Leader: Arise! Shine! For your Light has come!

People: Like travelers from afar, we come following the Light. May we behold the gift of a Savior. Arise! Shine!

AMEN!

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

Alison Johnson

God of hope, we come to you in the midst of a world fraught with troubles. Although the darkness is powerful, open our eyes, Lord, to the powerful light that comes with Your abounding presence in our lives. Through your Holy Spirit shape us daily into hope-filled disciples. May we discover and rediscover in each moment the simplicity of lives tuned into Your wonder. Let your Spirit spark a fire within us that burns with a desire to get to know you better this year. In the name of the One who is the Light we pray, Amen

***OPENING HYMN:** *We Three Kings (vv. 2-5)*

UMH#254

(please remain standing as you are able)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM: *Christ the Lord*

Latonia Hall Soprano
Ximenita Gonzalez Mezzo Soprano

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Alison Johnson

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6 (NIV)

The Glory of Zion

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. “Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

New Testament: Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

The Magi Visit the Messiah

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: “‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where

the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Star-Child* TFWS #2095

SERMON: “*A Long Time Ago in a Galilee Far, Far Away*”
Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING:

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION *Gabriel's Trumpet* William Teubner

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

***CLOSING HYMN:**
I want to Walk as A Child of the Light UMH#206

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *What Star is This?*

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

John Jennings, Christine Zotti, her husband Chris and son Jack. 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. Mary Ellen DeJohn's brother Mike. Andy Menandez struggling with cancer.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, January 15:

- 9:30am-10:00am Instrumentals (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am-10:30am Vocal Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:30am-12:30am Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
- 5:00pm-6:30pm Johanna/Pickle Ball (Social Hall)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, January 16:

Martin Luther King Jr. Day- Office Closed

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

Tuesday, January 17:

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

Wednesday January 18:

- 9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall)
- 1:00pm-9:30pm Debbie' Dance (Dance Studio)
- 7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Thursday, January 19:

- 12:00pm-1:00pm Staff Christmas Party
- 3:30pm-9:00pm Debbi's 'Dance (Dance Studio)
- 7:30pm-9:00pm Finance Committee Meeting (Fellowship Room)

Friday, January 20:

- 9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, January 21:

- 8:00am-3:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
- 9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall)
- 2:00pm-8:30pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Education Programming Begins Sunday, Jan. 29th, 9:30AM

The Christian Drama Club & Children's Sunday School will resume regular programming on Sunday, January 29th. Christian Drama Club meets at 9:30AM in the Green Room (second floor Education building). Sunday School meets during Sunday morning worship.



Volunteers Needed!

Children's Sunday School & Christian Drama Club need YOUR help! If you are a parent or a volunteer who enjoys working with children, please consider signing up to join our growing class of young disciples. We would love for our parents and volunteers to commit two Sundays

this Spring season. Please see CYF Minister Natalie Palacio for more information. Or email: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org



NEW!

Contemporary Worship Service

"Waves of Grace"

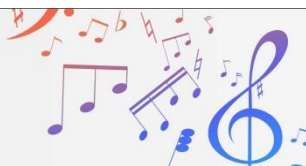
Thursday, 2/2, 7PM

Join us for our new, contemporary worship service the first Thursdays of the month.



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MUSIC MINISTRY



Our choir and ensembles will resume on:

Saturday Jan 28th

11:30am Singing Believers

12:00pm Chancel Choir

Sunday Jan 29th

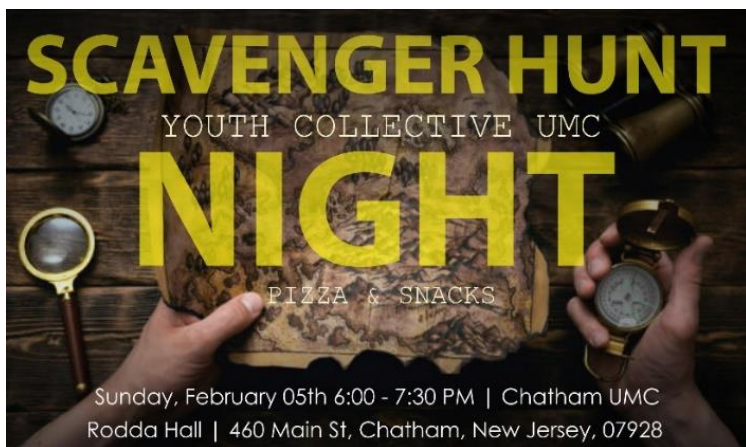
9:30am Chancel Choir

11:30am Bell Choir

12:00pm Singing Believers

12:20pm Contemporary Ensembles

For more information please contact Director of Music JoAnne Teubner Prussak at 908-277-1700 or office@umcsummit.org



YOUTH GROUP Kick-Off

Sunday, February 5th 6PM-7:30PM

Join our Meadowlands Youth Collective as we kick-off 2023 with a Scavenger Hunt Night at Chatham UMC! All youth middle-school through high-school are welcome to attend! As a reminder,

Confirmation Class meets at 5PM at Summit UMC and leaders will drive any Confirmation Class participants to Chatham UMC.

MLK Day of Service Events In and Around Summit

9:00am – 12 noon

Area Baby Center, Drop off at Twin Maples (rear), 214 Springfield Ave.

Drop off diapers (sizes 3 to 6) and baby wipes.

9:00am – 12 noon

"Thank You to Our Essential Workers"

Sponsored by Reeves-Reed Arboretum, 165 Hobart Ave.

Stop by the Stackhouse Education Center to pick up supplies to create a Valentine Card for our community's essential workers who help our community on a daily basis. Supplies will include paper, ribbon, yarn and other decorations. Complete your card at home and return it to the Arboretum any time before February 8th and place it in the container outside the Stackhouse Education Center. Cards will be delivered to local essential workers.

10:00am – 12 noon: "Ending Homelessness Together: A Service Event For Families"

Central Church Auditorium, 70 Maple St.

Sponsored by Bridges Outreach, Central Church and Short Hills Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Families are invited to a time of service, kit making, learning, community art exploring the causes of homelessness and how we can work together toward solutions. Register for a time slot at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044ba8a929a5ff2-bridges2#/>

10:00am and 11:00am (Two 45-minute sessions)

"Through a Dog's Eyes!"

The Connection, 79 Maple Street

Co-hosted by The Seeing Eye. A fun opportunity for families to meet puppies & their raisers, and learn how dogs can enhance independence, dignity and self-confidence of the blind.

12:00pm – 2:00pm

TryCAN Mentor Training

Summit Community Center, 100 Morris Avenue

Interested in volunteering to work alongside children with special needs in various classes ranging from social skills and reading to sports and yoga? Become a trained mentor and positively impact these children's lives! Contact dquidajr@cityofsummit.org.

1:00pm – 2:00pm

"Heart and Sole, Valentines for Warmth"

Sponsored by GRACE at The Cornog Field House, 5 Myrtle Avenue, Memorial Field

All are welcome to make valentines and wrap new socks to warm the hearts and soles of our entire beloved community.

1:00pm – 4:00pm

"Thanking People Who Work for Social Justice"

The Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, 68 Elm Street

All ages and families are welcome to make a thank you card on site. The cards will be mailed to organizations which do social justice work in New Jersey. All materials and supplies will be provided. VACNJ teaching artist and art therapist, **Megan Tuttle**, will be on site to assist with materials and ideas. Registration link: <https://www.Eventbrite.com/e/mlk-jr-day-of-justice-equality-and-service-to-others-2023-tickets-495005012317>

1:00pm – 6:00pm: Community Blood Drive

Christ Church, Barnwell Hall, 561 Springfield Avenue

Sponsored by The Summit-New Providence Rotary Club and The American Red Cross. Blood donors must be aged 16+. Folks are encouraged to register in advance at

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Christ%20Church>

2:00pm – 3:00pm

"Honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Blueprint for a Non-violent Life

Sponsored by Calvary Episcopal Church and Interweave, 31 Woodland Ave. Guild Room

Join us as we reflect on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech: **"What Is Your Life's Blueprint?"** Dr. King's poignant words to the students at Barratt Junior High in 1967 hold a powerful message for us at any age. Discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

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