



United Methodist Church of Summit



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June 18th, 2023
Father's Day
Juneteenth

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

PRELUDE

"Moderato in G"
For Trumpet and Organ

Cesar Franck

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

(if you have a birthday or anniversary in the month of June please come forward)

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Ximenita Gonzalez

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Gracious God, today we celebrate the unconditional, parental love you provide to each and every one of us.

Many: We thank you God for the people in our lives who comfort and encourage us.

Leader: We thank you God for the people in our lives who help us to build character and inspire us to greatness.

Many: We thank you God for reminding us that through Christ Jesus, we are all one family.

CENTERING PRAYER: *(in unison)

Ximenita Gonzalez

Loving God, you who are our father and our mother, we thank you for showing us how important it is to follow your example as we grow in faith. Teach us to be obedient to your will. Thank you for your mercy when we go astray. Strengthen us to face the challenges of this world, honoring your name and trusting in your grace. In the Name of your Son Jesus we pray, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
"This is my Father's World" UMH #57

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

"Love, Love, Love, That's What It's All About"
Singing Believers

ANTHEM *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* William Ranyan
Singing Methodist Men

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Steele

Litany for Father's Day

One: Heavenly Father, we pray this day for those fathers who have given us life and love, may we honor them with compassion and care.

All: Holy God, hear our prayer.

One: For those who may or may not have children of their own, but offer advice, support, nurturing, and love to those in need.

All: Holy God, hear this prayer for all father figures.

One: For step-fathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own, and created a new family.

All: Holy God, hear our prayer.

One: For adoptive fathers, who have heard the call from God to lovingly step forward for those that need their care.

All: Holy God, hear our prayer.

One: For fathers who have lost a child through death, we pray that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends may support and console them.

All: Holy God, hear our prayer for those who mourn.

One: For those who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction. For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed.

All: Holy God, have mercy on those who struggle.

One: For those father figures in our church, that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship. For those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord.

All: Holy God, we lift up our family of faith.

One: Creator God, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these persons, that they may be strengthened as faithful parents. Let the example of their unconditional love shine forth. Grant that we, your children, honor them with a spirit of profound regard. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE:

Ximenita Gonzalez

Old Testament: Psalm 116 (NRSV)

I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord; I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

New Testament: Matthew 9:35-10:8 (NRSV)

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. *This is the word of God for the people of God;*

HYMN OF PREPARATION: *(please rise as you are able)*
"Father, I Adore You" TFWS#2038

SERMON "Divine Love" Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION
"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"
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)*
"Lift Every Voice and Sing" UMH #89

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

** Please rise in body or spirit as you are able
Please join us after service for our end of year picnic!*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Cary Hall, Guy Brasteid, Family of Betty Zabrocky, family of Norma Dowe, the Hasem family, Tamisha Ramsay, Janet Skakum, Jessica, the Miles family, the Menendez and Aguilera family, Lisa Wood, Mike (MaryEllen DeJohn's brother), family of Linda Dawson, Carmel Christensen, John Jennings, Chris Zotti and son Jack, gun violence in America and Bob Reed

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, June 18:

9:00am-9:30am	Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:30am	Drama Club (Green Room)
10:00am-10:30am	Singing Methodist Men (Sanctuary)
10:15am-10:30am	Singing Believers (Sanctuary)
10:30am-11:30am	In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45am-11:30am	Sunday School (2 nd Floor Education Building)
11:30am-12:30pm	Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, June 19:

10:00am-11:00am	Play and Say (Playground)
7:00pm-9:00pm	Contemporary Worship Rehearsal (Social Hall)
7:45pm-9:30pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room and Chapel)

Tuesday, June 20:

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, June 21:

5:00pm-7:00pm	Girl Scouts (Social Hall)
7:15pm-9:15pm	Toastmasters (Social Hall)

Thursday, June 22:

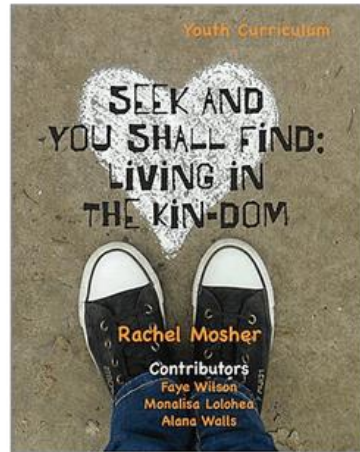
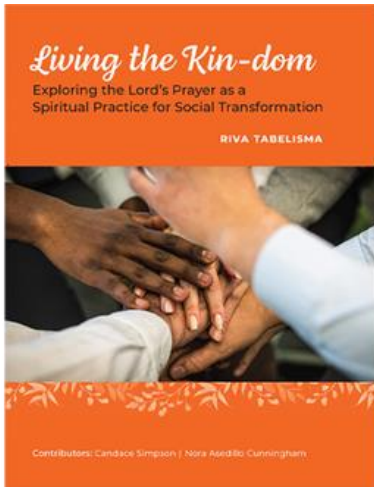
Friday, June 23:

9:00am-12:00pm	Music Together (Social Hall)
11:00am-12:00pm	Christian Yoga (Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, June 24:

9:00am-12:00pm	Music Together (Chapel)
12:00pm-2:00pm	Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
2:00pm-11:00pm	EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Mission U to explore Living the Kin-dom

GNJ's United Women in Faith (UWF) will offer Mission U in two sessions during July—first onsite and then online. With the theme “Living the Kin-dom,” attendees will study the Lord's Prayer using the original Aramaic words of Jesus and discover a fresh vision for those seeking to be in mission today. The sessions will be held in-person July 14-15, at Centenary University's Lackland Center in Hackettstown, and then virtually via Zoom July 21-22. Visit the <https://gnjumw.org> to learn more.

YOGAFAITH

New! Christian Yoga Classes Fridays @ 11AM

Join us Friday mornings at 11AM as Pastor Laura leads a new, Christian Yoga class in the Chapel. All levels are welcome, no previous experience necessary. Suggested donation of \$10 per class. Please see Pastor Laura for more information or email:

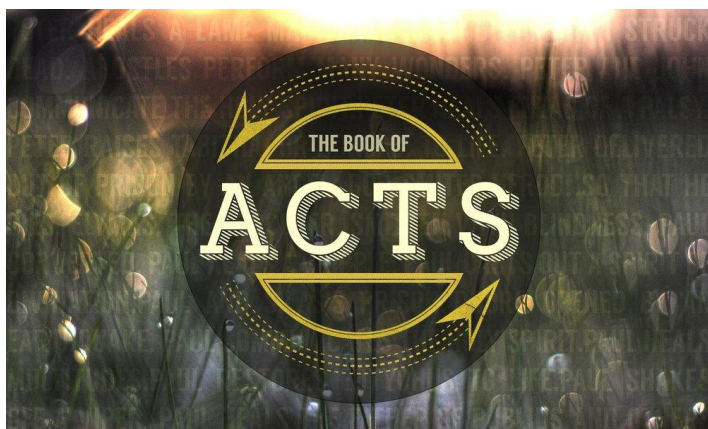
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Journey Through the Bible, January 4-14, 2024

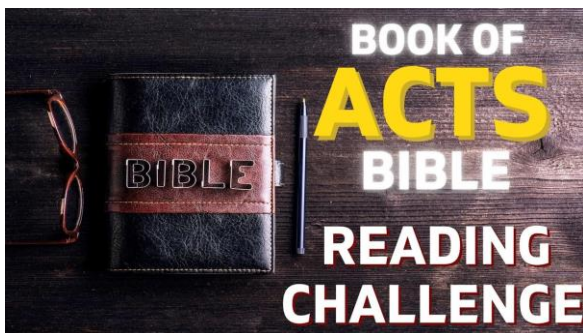
Explore the Holy Land with Bishop John Schol and United Methodists of Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey for 11 days. The Journey Through the Bible

Tour leaves from New York, Newark and Philadelphia, departing on January 4, 2024. All starting at \$3,398. Scholarships are available. Visit: <https://www.epaumc.org/news/bishop-invites-all-on-2024-holy-land-pilgrimage>



Summer Worship Series: The Book of Acts **June 25th – August 27th**

The combination of God's purpose, power, and presence is vital to our life as a church. Throughout the New Testament Book of Acts, we find the themes of mission, prayer, discipleship, and evangelism that help us to wrap our minds around a larger expression of God's mission here on earth. We see how the Holy Spirit empowers the early church to overcome hard times, persecution, turmoil, and pressure. How can we, as the church, live into the pressures of our times using the example of the Apostles? Join us this summer as we explore the world of the Book of Acts.



Book of Acts Summer Reading Challenge!

This summer, Pastor Laura is challenging the congregation to read through the Book of Acts. The Book of Acts has 28 chapters, and with 14 weeks until Labor Day, your challenge is to read two chapters a week.



Last Day of Sunday School and Nursery Care

This Sunday, June 18, the Children's Sunday School will be having its End Of Year Party. With that said, this will be the last week of Sunday School and Nursery Care for the Summer. Programming will be taking a summer recess and begin again on Sunday, September 17th.



Annual School Supply Drive June 11th-August 20th

Our annual Jersey Cares School Supply Drive begins next Sunday, June 11th. Each year, thousands of New Jersey children attend their first day of school without basic educational tools such as backpacks, notebooks, and calculators. These under-resourced children struggle to succeed academically. Jersey Cares works with dozens of schools, children's shelters, and community centers with the goal that no children in New Jersey will have to experience a first day of school without these basic necessities. With your help we can bridge the gap between disadvantage and academic success.

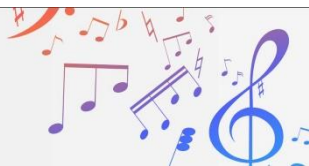
Items ACCEPTED for the School Supply Drive include:
Backpacks (may be new OR gently used), 1, 3, and 5 Subject Notebooks, Composition Notebooks, 2-Pocket Folders, Pencil Cases, #2 Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Erasers, Pens, Hi-lighters Crayons, Washable Markers, and Colored Pencils, Book Covers, Calculators, Child Safety Scissors, Glue, Rulers (12"), Headphones, Visa or Amazon Gift Cards.

Please bring in items and place them in the bins at the back and/or front of the sanctuary. Or, you can drop off/send items to the church office Monday-Friday from 9AM-1PM.



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MUSIC MINISTRY



"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity as you follow Jesus Christ, so that with one heart and voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" Romans 15:5

Chancel Choir:

It's a joy to work together and lift our voices in praise. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Saturdays at 12:00pm and on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. Both rehearsals are in the chapel. Come and share your voice with your church friends to sing God's praises.

Calling all Children and Youth!

Our Singing Believers rehearse on Sundays at 12:10pm in the chapel, following coffee hour. Let us grow together through the songs of the church.

Bell Choir:

Making a joyful sound is the mission of our Bell Choir. Now is a wonderful time to come and ring Hand Bells and Hand Chimes with your church friends. Rehearsals are on Sunday's following worship in the Sanctuary. Please come right over to the Bell tables and Debbie will have coffee hour waiting for us after rehearsal. Please come and join with your church friends this Sunday to ring bells.

Contemporary Ensemble:

Our Contemporary Ensemble shares music for Holy Communion each month. Come and share your gifts of singing and instruments. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 12:30pm in the chapel. Come and share your musical gift and enrich your faith. Looking forward to Praising God together.

With much love,
JoAnne Teubner Prussak
Director of Music

Sunday School is Out - *Summer* *Worship is In*

RULES FOR GOD'S HOUSE

Church Manners for Kids



Spend Time in
Scripture



Join the Choir



Sign Up to Read &
Participate



Follow Along in
Readings



Listening Ears
for Sermons



Worship with Your
Family



Spend Time in Prayer



Whispers & Smiles
Quiet Play

