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July 30th, 2023

Ninth 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 *"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"*
for Trumpet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Emily La Jeunesse
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Shout to the Lord your praises!

People: Sing to the Lord the joy of this day!

Leader: For God's might and power are established in the universe!

People: God's transforming love beckons us.

Leader: Come, let us worship God whose Light bursts through darkness!

People: Let us praise the God of salvation who brings us home.

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Emily La Jeunesse

God of majesty and power, you amaze us every day. The mountains tremble, and the seas roar at the sound of your name! Yet you have chosen to come to us in love and tenderness. You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace and justice in your world. Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear your word, and having heard it, to act in ministries of hope and peace for all the earth. These things we pray in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
"This Is The Day" (sung 3x) UMH #657

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Alison Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Faye Cunningham

SCRIPTURE:

Emily La Jeunesse

Old Testament: Psalm 96 (NRSV)

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord; bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

New Testament: John 3:16-17 (NRSV)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*
People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN SING SUNDAY

(please share your favorite hymns for us to sing)

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Voluntary on “Give Me Jesus” 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)*

“Pass It On”

UMH#572

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

“Joyous Praise”

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

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, July 30:

9:30am-10:00am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
10:00am-10:30am Summer Choir (Sanctuary)
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, July 31:

9:00am-3:00pm Applause Theater (Social Hall)
7:00pm-9:00pm Contemporary Worship Rehearsal (Social Hall)
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room and Chapel)

Tuesday, August 1 :

9:00am-3:00pm Applause Theater (Social Hall)
9:00am-3:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
9:30am-10:30am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, August 2:

9:00am-3:00pm Applause Theater (Social Hall)
7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

Thursday, August 3:

9:00am-3:00pm Applause Theater (Social Hall)

Friday, August 4:

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

Saturday, August 5:

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The Rivera family, Irma George, Oscar Gonzalez, Dillan, Anabelle, Guy Brasteid, Family of Betty Zabrucky, family of Norma Dowe, the Hasem family, Tamisha Ramsay, Janet Skakum, Jessica, the Miles family, the Menendez and Aguilera family, Mike (MaryEllen DeJohn's brother), Carmel Christensen, John Jennings, Chris Zotti and son Jack, gun violence in America and Bob Reed

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Let Justice and Peace Flow

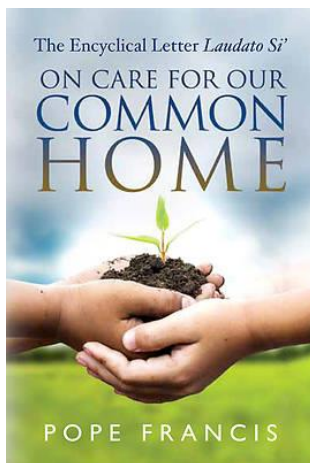
Season of Creation 2023

Creation Worship Series
September 10th-October 15th
Sundays 10:30AM

Join us for our annual Season of Creation worship series! Every September our church takes time to reflect on our call as people of faith to responsible stewardship of the Earth. This year's theme is based on Amos 5:24 *"let justice roll down like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!"*

**New! Six-Week Season of
Creation Study**
"On Care for our Common Home"
**Wednesdays @ 7PM in the
Fellowship Room**
September 6th - October 11th

Join us as we journey through Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si*. There are six copies available in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Laura at: pastor@umcsummit.org.



Children, Youth, and Families Summer Update

Please note the Nursery, Sunday School, and Youth Group programming will be taking a break for the summer. Children are invited to remain in worship and praise God together.



Mark your calendars!
Homecoming Sunday Worship and Picnic
Sunday September 17th, 2023
10:30AM

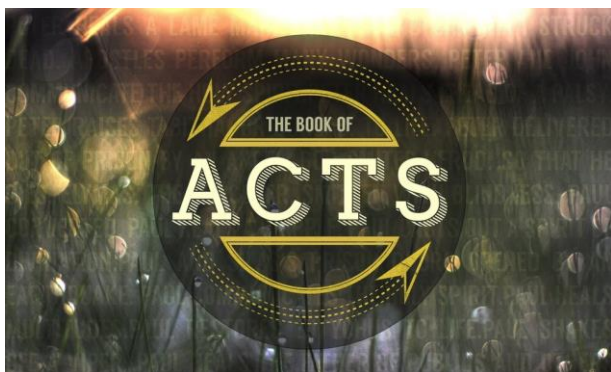
Join us as we kick-off the new year in church programming with our annual Homecoming Worship and Picnic! Our Children and Youth Ministries and our Music Ministries will begin once again as we celebrate the great work God is doing in our faith community. All are welcome, invite a friend!

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:

pastor@umcsummit.org



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.

Green Team Update

Good News! In order to reduce waste The Green Team will begin providing reusable coffee mugs and drinking glasses during coffee hour effective July 2nd. Please consider helping us improve our environmental stewardship, one coffee cup at a time.





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.



Please note our Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, Bell Choir, and Contemporary Ensembles will be taking a break for summer. Check back in September for upcoming schedules. If you're interested in joining our informal Summer Choir, please see Director of Music Joanne Teubner-Prussak. This choir rehearses at 10AM each Sunday during the summer months.