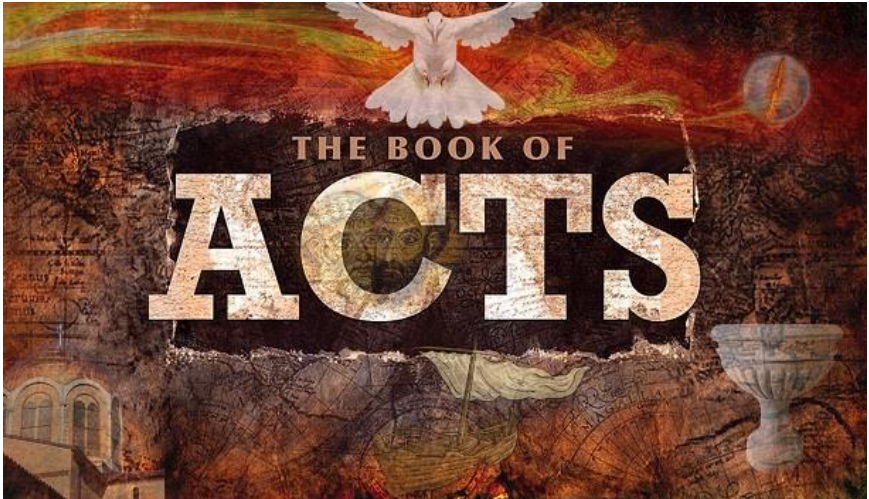




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August 13th, 2023

Eleventh 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

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Traditional spiritual, setting by John Carter

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Latonia Hall

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Here we find silence,

People: And here we find light.

Leader: Here we find music,

People: And here we find grace.

Leader: Here we find life,

People: And here we find hope.

Leader: Here we find God,

People: Let us worship!

*CENTERING PRAYER: *(in unison)*

Latonia Hall

Lord, we come before you this day with all our faith and doubt, in all our strengths and in all our weaknesses; we humble ourselves before you. We have come from different places, carrying different burdens, different expectations, and different hopes, but together we pray: God of miracle transformations, shatter our complacency, disturb our certainties, and open our hearts to new possibilities. Transform us this hour with your unwavering love. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray, AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN: *(please remain standing as you are able)*

"We Thy People Praise Thee"

UMH #67

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laura Steele

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Beverly Alexis

New Testament: Acts 10:9-16 (NRSV)

Latonia Hall

About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while it was being prepared he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*

People: Thanks be to God.***HYMN OF PREPARATION***"Where the Spirit of the Lord Is" (sung 2x) TFWS#2119***SERMON** *"We're Gonna Need a Bigger Table"*

Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION** *"Etude in F" Loeschorn****DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)**"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95****CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)**"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love" TFWS#2223****BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE:** *"Lord, We Are Your People"*

Mark Patterson

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

A Few Important Messages.....

A very special thank you to our substitute pianist Karen Berry!

Please note Pastor Laura will be on vacation August 21st-September 4th. If you need pastoral care, please call Lay Leader Beverly Alexis.



Please note the church office will be closed August 28th-August 31st. If you have an emergency, please contact Facilities Manager Geraldo Rivera: facilities@umcsummit.org

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

David Griffith, Pauline Griffith, Kaye Griffith, The Rivera family, Irma George, Oscar Gonzalez, Dillan, Anabelle, 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, Mike (MaryEllen DeJohn's brother), Carmel Christensen, John Jennings, Chris Zotti and son Jack, gun violence in America and Bob Reed

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, August 13:

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, August 14:

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 15:

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 16:

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

Thursday, August 17:

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

Friday, August 18:

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

Saturday, August 19:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Let Justice and Peace Flow

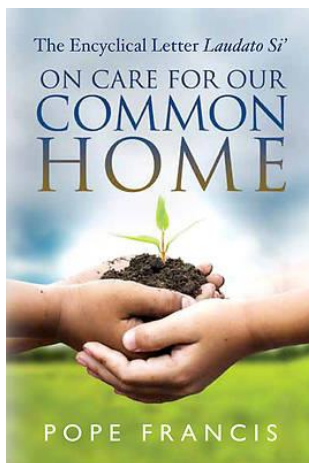
Season of Creation 2023

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

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.