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Witness

LAITY SUNDAY

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October 15th, 2023

Laity 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

“Adagio in F Major”
for Trumpet and Organ

G.F Handel

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Karen Berry

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: May we be open to hearing God's voice.

People: May we be open to following the path God has for us.

Leader: May we share the love of God with everyone we encounter.

People: May we go where God sends us and be faithful witnesses to God's love!

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

Karen Berry

Good and gracious God, as we gather this day, we give you thanks for the many blessings with which you have showered us. We thank you especially that you love us and continue to love us, even when we are least deserving of your grace. Help us this day to see others with your eyes, that we might not miss any opportunity to share your great love with those we meet on our journey. May we treat all your children with dignity and respect, love, and grace as we surrender ourselves to your love and forgiveness. Send us into your world as witnesses who bring the healing balm of love in your

name wherever our footsteps carry us. We ask this with humble and thankful hearts in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH #334

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION

Rev. Laura Steele

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Beverly Alexis

I present Karen Berry through Transfer of Membership.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? ***I do.***

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

(the pastor addresses the entire congregation)

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and Earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. On the third day**

he rose again, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

(the pastor addresses the candidates)

As a member of Christ's universal church will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries through your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness, so that together we may grow stronger in expressing God's love for all creation? ***I will.***

(the pastor addresses the congregation)

Members of the household of God, I commend Karen Berry to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness so that in everything, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carrie Lee-Farnham

ANTHEM

"We Are Called"
Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alison Johnson

SCRIPTURE:

Karen Berry

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:9-10a (NRSV)

Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true." You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen.

New Testament: Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSV)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is the Word of God, for the people of God;

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"(sung 3x) TFWS#2193

SERMON

"Heavy Lifting"

Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION *"Gabriel's Oboe"*

William Teubner, Trumpet

*DOXOLOGY *(please rise as you are able)*

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

*CLOSING HYMN: *(please rise as you are able)*

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH#431

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Voluntary on “Amazing Grace”

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



Get to know our newest church member! Karen is a life-long Methodist who grew up in the Midwest, but has enjoyed calling the Northeast home most of her adult life. She has been involved in numerous church activities but feels most called to share her musical gifts and to teach the next generation of disciples, both introducing children to Bible stories and helping teens make sense of them. And, of course, as a Methodist, she values service projects and good table fellowship. Karen also enjoys travel, foreign languages and foods, musical theater, games and laughter!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Victims of violence in the Middle East and around the world, Millie,
Family and friends of Janet Skakum, David Griffith, Pauline Griffith,
Kaye Griffith, The Rivera family, Irma George, Oscar Gonzalez,
Dillan, Anabelle, Guy Brasteid

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 15:

9:00am-9:30am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:15am ChancelChoir (Sanctuary)
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
11:30am-12:30am Coffee Hour(Social Hall)
11:45am-12:15pm Bell Choir(Sanctuary)
12:15am-12:45pm Singing Believers(Sanctuary)
6:00pm-8:00pm Candlelight Vigil(Summit Green)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, October 16:

7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room and Chapel)

Tuesday, October 17:

1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
9:30am-10:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, October 18:

1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:15pm-9:15pm Toastmasters (Social Hall)

Thursday, October 19:

3:30pm-9:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
6:00pm-7:00pm Trustees Meeting (Social Hall)

Friday, October 20:

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

Saturday, October 21:

8:00am-3:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
9:00am-12:00pm Music Together (Social Hall)
12:00pm-1:00pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
1:00pm-1:45pm Contemporary Ensemble(Sanctuary)
2:00pm-3:30pm Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
2:00pm-11:00pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Vigil in Solidarity with
ISRAEL

Lamenting the Tragedy
Standing for Justice
Praying for Peace

SUNDAY, OCT. 15
6:00 PM
Summit Village Green

 Sponsored by
Summit Interfaith Council



Candlelight Vigil **Sunday, Oct. 15th** **6:00PM**

The Summit Interfaith Council invites you to join us for a vigil in solidarity with Israel this Sunday, October 15th at the Summit Village Green as we stand for justice and pray for peace.

Fall 2023 Lay Servant Ministries

Are you interested in becoming a Lay Servant? A United Methodist Lay Servant is an active member of a local church or charge who is ready and desirous to serve the



Church and who is well informed on and committed to the Scriptures and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of The United Methodist Church and who has received specific training to develop skills in witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communications, church and community leadership, and care-giving ministries. Lay Servants serve by leading, caring and communicating. The GNJ Conference will be offering classes this Fall. Visit: <https://www.gnjumc.org/news/fall-2023-lay-servant-ministries-class-schedule/> for more information and to register.



Children, Youth, and Family Ministries are BACK!!

The UMC Summit Children's Programming is back in action with our Drama Club meeting during the 9:30AM hour and our Sunday School program

during the regular worship hour. As a reminder, children begin in worship at 10:30AM and are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Message. Drama Club and Sunday School meet on the second floor of the Education Building. If you have any questions, please email our Children, Youth, and Families Minister, Carrie-Lee Farnham, at: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org.

The CYF Sunday line up is as follows:

9:30AM-10:15AM: Christian Drama Club for ages K-5th

10:30AM-10:45AM: Worship in the Sanctuary

10:45AM - 11:30AM: Sunday School for ages K-5th grade

11:30AM: Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall

12:15AM: Singing Believers Children's Choir

9:30AM-12:30PM: Nursery Care Available every Sunday for babies and toddlers in the Nursery Room

6:00PM-8:00PM: YOUTH GROUP First Sunday of the Month in the Green Room (Starting October 1st, 2023)



Our Fall Season has begun, this is a wonderful time to consider shaving your musical gifts as we praise Our Lord!

The Music Ministry line up is as follows:

Saturdays: 12:00-12:00 Chancel Choir

1:00-1:45 Contemporary Ensemble

2:00-3:30 Instrumental

Sundays: 9:30-10:15 Chancel Choir, 10:30 Worship, 11:45 Bell Choir, 12:15 Singing Believers

For more information please email JoAnne Teubner Prussak.
office@umcsummit.org

YOGAFAITH

Christian Yoga Classes Every Friday, 11AM-12PM

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. To donate, please click the link [HERE](https://www.umcsummit.org). Please see Pastor Laura for more information or email: pastor@umcsummit.org



Save the Date!! Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Walk Saturday, December 2, 2023 10am – 4pm

Cookies, vendors, and fun for the kids! Join us for this fun, annual event!



Coffee Hour Hosts NEEDED!

The Hospitality Team is in need of volunteers to help host Coffee Hour each Sunday. All you have to do is bring some refreshments for folks to share and we'll do the heavy lifting! There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. For more information or if you have any questions, please see Debbi Picorale.

Support Family Promise

Donations Needed

October 15th-November 12th

Our church has a long-standing history of supporting and hosting Family Promise. Family Promise is an organization whose mission is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community based response.

UMC Summit has been a “host church” for Family Promise for many years. As their model of helping families has changed, UMC Summit has committed to continuing to support Family Promise through monetary donations. We will be collecting three times a year to support this initiative. If you’d like to support this collection please write “Family Promise” on your check or envelope. You can also give online at umcsummit.org.



Summit Warm Hearts Service Project Opportunity November 19th, 12:30PM

Join us as we prepare meals for the Summit Warm Hearts program. Our church in partnership with GRACE (Giving and Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials) and

the Summit Interfaith Council will prepare “Ma Oakes Meatloaf” which is a reference to the Oakes Center which was another Methodist congregation in Summit until the late 1980’s when our congregations merged. We will also prepare mashed potatoes, and a vegetable. If you would like to donate some of these items please contact Pastor Laura at pastor@umcsummit.org or CYF Minister Carrie-Lee Farnham at CYFMinister@umcsummit.org. If you’d like to volunteer, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Social Hall.