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November 12th, 2023

Stewardship Week Two

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

PRELUDE Variations on the tune “*Materna*”
for Trumpet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Carol Conway
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: God has revealed the good news of Jesus Christ to all!

People: We have heard the news of the boundless riches of Christ.

Leader: God has revealed a hidden mystery: We all have a place in God’s plan.

People: We will offer ourselves to God with boldness and confidence through faith in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, fill us this day with the blessings of God.

People: Let us worship with praise and thanksgiving!

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

Loving God, may you remind us this day of the great gift you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ. Help us to know and recognize that all of creation comes from you. Lead us to be good stewards of our resources of time, talent, and treasure so that we might be a blessing to others. Today we will strive to focus on growing in righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness, as we remember all that you have provided. We ask knowing that all things are possible for those who love you. In His name we pray, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
"Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carrie-Lee Farnham, CYF Minister

ANTHEM "Lord, Here Am I" John Beck
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE: Carol Conway

Old Testament: Proverbs 13:10-18 (NIV)

Where there is strife, there is pride, but wisdom is found in those who take advice. Dishonest money dwindles away, but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow. Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life. Whoever scorns instruction will pay for it, but whoever respects a command is rewarded. The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, turning a person from the snares of death. Good judgment wins favor, but the way of the unfaithful leads to their destruction. All who are prudent act with knowledge, but fools expose their folly. A wicked messenger falls into trouble, but a trustworthy envoy brings healing. Whoever disregards discipline comes to poverty and shame, but whoever heeds correction is honored.

New Testament: Ephesians 3:7-12 (NIV)

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in

Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"More Precious than Silver" TFWS #2065

SERMON

"The Gift of God's Grace" Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Voluntary on the Tune *"God of Grace"*

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)*

"Freely, Freely"

UMH#389

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *"Maestoso in F Major"*

** 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

Adrian, Ricky for a new heart, Neil with pneumonia, Irma, 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, November 12:

9:00am-9:30am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:15am Chancel Choir (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)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, November 13:

5:30pm-6:30pm Trustees Meeting (Social Hall)
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room and Chapel)

Tuesday, November 14:

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

Wednesday, November 15:

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

Thursday, November 16:

3:30pm-9:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
1:30pm-5:00pm CPR Class (Chapel)
7:00-8:00pm Christian Yoga (Chapel)

Friday, November 17:

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

Saturday, November 18:

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



United Methodist Student Sunday November 19th, 10:30AM

It's that time of year again when the children and youth lead worship! United Methodist Student Sunday is next Sunday, November 19th, during the regular 10:30am worship service. Through United Methodist Student Day offerings, you engage in building a spirit of wisdom and revelation for young leaders, equipping them to pursue God's call in their lives. Please join us as we support our youngest disciples and the importance of education.

YOGAFAITH

Christian Yoga Classes Thursdays 7PM and Fridays 11AM-12PM

Join us 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



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! Photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Bakers needed! Please sign-up in the Social Hall.



Annual Hanging of the Greenery and Talent Show!
Join us on Sunday, **Dec. 3rd**, for our annual Hanging of the Greenery during the 10:30AM worship service and our church-wide **Talent Show and Potluck to follow**. Do you have a special talent you want to share? Please sign-up in the social hall to participate.

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.



Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

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

If you have any questions, please email our Children, Youth, and Families Minister, Carrie-Lee at: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org



Will you help the children put on **THE BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER?!?!?** We still

have some openings in our Christmas Eve Pageant. Maybe you can recall your Christmas Eve pageant days and the pageants that the church has put on. There are openings for both

speaking and non-speaking roles. If you are interested, please reach out to CYF Minister Carrie-Lee at cyfminister@umcsummit.org.

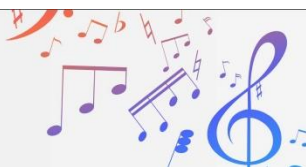
PLEASE NOTE: Youth Group will not meet on the 1st Sunday of the month this November. Instead, we will be participating in a church-wide service project on November 19th, for the Summit Warm Hearts program.





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MUSIC MINISTRY



This is a wonderful time to consider sharing your musical gifts as we prepare for Advent and Christmas! Our Christmas concert will be on Sunday, December 17th at 3pm.

The Music Ministry rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Saturdays: 12:00pm-1:00pm Chancel Choir

1:00pm-1:45pm Contemporary Ensemble

2:00pm-3:30pm Instrumental

Sundays: 9:30am-10:15am Chancel Choir, 10:30am Worship

11:45am Bell Choir, 12:15pm Singing Believers Youth Choir

For more information please email JoAnne Teubner Prussak.

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Stewardship

talents, money and other material gifts of all sort. Together, we do more.

Our annual **Stewardship Campaign** kicked off last week. Please keep an eye out for pledge cards and letters coming in the mail. This year's theme is "Stewardship: Sustainable Actions, Sustainable Future". God calls us to be good stewards of all we are given – creation, relationships, our bodies, our



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.



FREE
Prom
Shop

APRIL 6TH,
2024
10AM-2PM



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New! Free Prom Shop

The UMC of Summit is hosting a free “Prom Shop” this Spring for local students and we need your help! Do you have formal wear and/or accessories that you no longer need? Please consider donating to this new initiative and make this event season unforgettable! We are accepting donations for both young men and women. Please drop off donations to the church Monday-Friday from 9AM-1PM, or bring them in on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please see Faye Cunningham.



Join us this Advent and Christmas season as we embark upon the “Let Peace Begin with Me” campaign. When it seems like the world is in chaos, how can we seek out and offer that peace that surpasses our understanding? **Join us Sundays at 10:30AM and on Christmas Eve at 10:30AM and 7:30PM.**



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Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 17th at 3.00pm

*Featuring the choirs of the church
& professional soloists*



Free and open to all. Donations are welcome.

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