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December 24th, 2023

Christmas Eve Family Service 10:30AM

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

PRELUDE *“What Star Is This with Beams So Bright”*
for Trumpet and Organ

GREETING

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Daniel Family

Reader One: To a people longing for hope and yearning for deliverance, the prophet Isaiah declared, *“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them a great light has shined...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

Reader Two: Today, we come seeking hope, peace, joy, and love, and we find these things in a child. God come to Earth as a baby in a manger. A baby who is both the beginning and the end of our salvation, who dwells with us even now, our Emmanuel, God with us.

Congregation: We live as people in the in-between who celebrate the arrival of the Light that shines in lost and broken places as we wait for the day when we will live in the fullness of God’s kingdom.

Reader Three: We light these candles as signs of our hope, peace, joy, and love. *(light four blue candles)* Jesus Christ, our wondrous Light. May the Light burning in our hearts guide us, comfort us, protect us, and tend us in all seasons and circumstances. We light the Christ candle as a symbol of Your light in the darkness and the Good News that God is with us. *(light the center white candle)*

Don Besig

Rev. Laura Steele

Leader: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

Leader: Our souls sing out God's praise!

Leader: Here, in this place, the Light of God's Love is given to us!

People: May that light shine through our lives for all the world to see.

Rev. Laura Steele

Holy God of Love, there is light in our lives because of the abundance of your steadfast love. A love so vast, so deep, so real, that you became one of us. May we live within the power of that love. And may we share its light with a world where all too many dwell in darkness. Amen.

UMH #234

Rev. Laura Steele

The Birth of Jesus

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

The Shepherds and the Angels

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord

stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

***HYMN:** *"The First Noel"* (vv. 1-3) UMH #245

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: *"Just A Little Christmas"*

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Go Tell it on The Mountain"*
Singing Believers

MESSAGE: *"Make Room"* Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

*(please place offering envelope in basket or text:
"dollar amount you wish to give" to 908-224-7670)*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION *"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"*
William Teubner, Trumpet

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Joy to the World"

UMH #246

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Maestoso in A"

A. Campra

** Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.*

Please join us after the service in the Social Hall for Coffee Hour!



Chancel Flowers at Christmas 2023



Dottie and Mark Koernig in loving memory of our mom Dorothy McGriffin and Grandma. In honor of our children Bob, Leslie and Emily and our grandchildren, Elizabeth, Sarah and Erin

Steve and Janet Daniel in loving memory of Frank, Doris, Barry, Dick and Marion

Maria Caneiro in loving memory of my husband Roberto Caneiro and his family and in honor of Gonzalez family and Veloso family

Jesse Reyes in honor of Angie Reyes

Marg and Alf Edwards in honor of our SUMC Staff

Dotti and Bob Zotti in honor of our children and grand children

Kim, Faye and Adrian in honor of Shela Waldron. XOXO
Love you to the moon and back

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, December 24:

9:30am-10:00am	Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:15am	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
9:30am-10:15am	Drama Club (Education Room)
10:15am-10:25am	Singing Believers (Sanctuary)
10:30am-11:30am	In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
7:30pm-9:00pm	Traditional Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, December 25:

7:45pm-9:30pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room and Chapel)
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Tuesday, December 26:

9:30am-10:15am	Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, December 27:

7:15pm-9:15pm	Toastmasters (Social Hall)
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Thursday, December 28:

1:30pm-5:00pm	CPR (Chapel)
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Friday, December 29

7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)
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Saturday, December 30:

2:00pm-11:00pm	EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Christmas Outreach Project

Angel Tree Christmas™ equips churches and other organizations to restore and strengthen relationships between incarcerated parents and their children and families. Every Christmas, Angel Tree mobilizes local churches and organizations to minister to hundreds of thousands of children by delivering a gift,



the Gospel message, and a personal message of love on behalf of their mom or dad behind bars. Will you help us by sponsoring a child this season? Please take an angel from the tree in the Social Hall or visit www.umcsummit.org, or simply scan the QR code above to access the virtual giving page.

Christmas Eve Services Sunday December 24th



10:30AM and 7:30PM

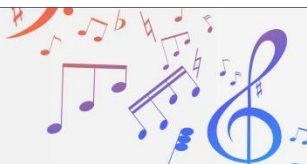
10:30AM: Family Friendly Service with Children's Pageant

7:30PM: Traditional Candlelight Service with Lessons and Carols



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MUSIC MINISTRY



This is a wonderful time to consider sharing your musical gifts as we praise Our Lord!

The Music Ministry line up is as follows:

Saturdays: 12:00-1:00 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 Children's Choir

For more information please email JoAnne Teubner Prussak.

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CYF Ministries Update

UMC SUMMIT
CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY
month at a glance

DRAMA CLUB

Dec. 17: Christmas Pageant Practice
Dec. 24: **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DAY!!!**

Dec. 31-Jan. 28: NO DRAMA CLUB!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dec. 17: LESSON - The Light of the World
Dec. 24: Family Christmas Eve Service
(No Sunday School -> Christmas Pageant)

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL New Years Eve!!!

Jan. 7: LESSON - The Wise Men
Jan. 14: LESSON - Jesus in the Temple

YOUTH GROUP

Jan. 7: Monthly Meeting
6:00-8:00 pm in Green Room
Dinner will be provided

***If your child has a part in the pageant, please have them at Drama Club (9:30-10:15 am). ***