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December 3rd, 2023
Hanging of the Greenery
First Sunday in Advent

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

PRELUDE

“Jesus, Joy of our Desiring”
Trumpet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Edwards Family

Reader 1: In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out to God: *“Come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.”*

Reader 2: In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, *“Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come”.*

Congregation: We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kin-dom all around us.

Reader 1: Today we light the candle of hope as a sign of our graceful anticipation. May we stay awake to God’s activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

(Light the first candle of the Advent wreath.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Dadi Hove

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: We gather again this Advent season to wait for the Christ child anew.

People: We wait in hope of the coming of the Messiah.

Leader: We wait, and we remember the astounding things God has done to save God's people.

People: We wait in hope of the coming of the Messiah.

Leader: We wait, and we pay attention for signs of God's love and light to the world upside down.

People: We wait in hope of the coming of the Messiah.

Leader: We wait, and in our waiting, we learn to live as people of God's promises.

People: Let us worship this day in the hope of Jesus Christ, the coming Messiah. Amen.

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

Dadi Hove

God of hope, from the heavens, you rain down mercy and kindness, so that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our hearts this day in expectation, so that we may yearn for the coming of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNUAL HANGING OF THE GREENERY

LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY CANDLES

HYMN: UMH #206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

The Center Aisle Candles

Carol Conway, The Daniel Family, The Barry and Bollman Families

The Chancel Candles

Debbi Picorale, Kim Goldman

HANGING THE GARLANDS

HYMN: UMH #202 *People Look East*

The Pillar Greenery

Marg and Alf Edwards, The Cunningham Family, Kim Goldman

The Chancel Greenery

The Reyes Family, Beverly Alexis

The Choir Loft Greenery

Latonia Hall, Emily LaJeunesse

HANGING THE WREATHS

HYMN: UMH #211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

The Window Wreaths

Alf Edwards, Adrian Philips

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Steele Family

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Carrie-Lee Farnham, CYF Minister

ANTHEM: “*Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King*”

Chancel Choir

Andrae Crouch

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE:

Rev. Laura Steele

Old Testament: Isaiah 64:1-9 (NRSV)

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one

has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

New Testament: Mark 13:32-37 (NRSV)

The Necessity for Watchfulness

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his workers in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** TFWS #2095 *Star-Child*

SERMON: *“Hope that Wakes Us and Shakes Us”*
Rev. Laura Steele

OFFERING

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

***DOXOLOGY** (*please rise as you are able*)
 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH #95

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION: UMH p.13

COMMUNION MUSIC: *“Glory in the Highest”*
Contemporary Ensemble

***CLOSING HYMN:**

UMH# 196 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

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

*Please join us after service for our annual Pot-Luck and Talent Show in
the Social Hall.*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Caroline Kenny, Rick Picorale, Brandon Gomes and family, 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, December 3:

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 Pot Luck Luncheon and Talent Show (Social Hall)
11:30am-11:45am Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
3:00pm-6:00pm Geraldo's Godson Birthday (Green Room)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, December 4:

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

Tuesday, December 5:

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, December 6:

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

Thursday, December 7:

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

Friday, December 8

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

Saturday, December 9:

8:00am-3:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
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



TODAY! 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.**



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 visit www.umcsummit.org to access the virtual giving page.

College Hang Out December 18th from 6-8pm in the Green Room

For college students and young adults within the congregation to have fun and fellowship together. There will be games, tacky Christmas sweaters, and food. If interested in attending, please bring a dish or beverage to share with others.



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.

Christmas Eve Services Sunday December 24th

10:30AM and 7:30PM

10:30AM: Family Friendly
with Children's Pageant
7:30PM: Traditional
Candlelight Service with
Lessons and Carols





**Christmas Caroling on the Point
December 10th, 11:30AM**

Join us after church outside on the point next Sunday as we sing our favorite Christmas Carols for the community. This is an annual tradition of UMC Summit and all are invited to participate! Cookies and hot cocoa will be served!

YOGAFAITH

**Christian Yoga Classes
Thursdays at 7PM and Fridays at 11AM**

Join us Thursdays at 7PM or 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](#). Please see Pastor Laura for more information or email: pastor@umcsummit.org



Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

The UMC Summit Children's Programming is in full swing 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

12:15PM: 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



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: 12:00-1:00 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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United Methodist
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Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 17th at 3.00pm

*Featuring the choirs of the church
& professional soloists*

*With the Germania
Park Mixed Chorus of
Rockaway, NJ*

Free and open to all. Donations are welcome.

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