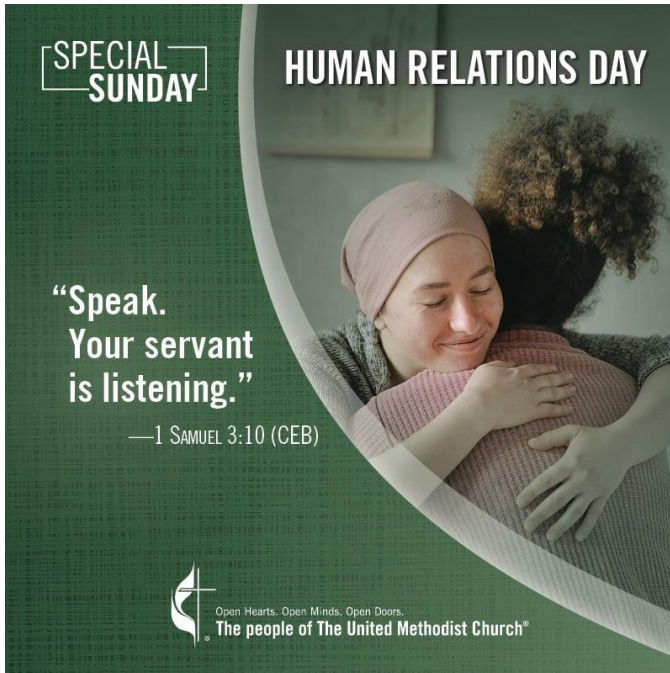




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January 14th, 2024

Human Relations 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 Voluntary on “*Here I am, Lord*”
for Trumpet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Johanna Aguilera
(*please rise as you are able*)

Leader: We gather here today with listening hearts.

People: Speak, Lord, for we are listening.

Leader: The world is filled with suffering. Many are yearning to hear God call them by name.

People: Speak, Lord. For we are listening.

Leader: Listen . . . God still speaks. Through relationship and community building, we find joy amidst the pain.

People: Speak, Lord. For we are listening.

Leader: God is speaking to you this day. Come, let us worship and listen for God’s voice.

People: Speak, Lord. For we are listening.

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

**God of community, you gather us from near and far,
transcending time and place as your beloved people.**

**Thank you for forming us in your image and sending
prophets to restore your beloved community. Pour out
your Spirit on us gathered here today as we open our
hearts and minds and souls to worship you. Strengthen
our relationships with one another and with the fullness
of humanity. May we, and many, receive the good news
of your steadfast love. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
"Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Carrie-Lee Farnham, CYF Minister

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE:

Johanna Aguilera

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NRSV)

Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli.

The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were

not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun

to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his

room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel

was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of

God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he

said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you

called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he

went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!"

Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you

called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down

again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word

of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord

called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to

Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli

perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli

said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall

say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel

went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and

stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And

Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

New Testament: Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)

So John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness,

proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of

sins. And the whole Judean region and all the people of

Jerusalem were going out to him and were baptized by him

in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was

clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Baptism of Jesus

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Sanctuary"(sung 3x)

TFWS#2164

SERMON

"Beloved"

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

Variations on *"Be Thou My Vision"*

William Teubner, Trumpet

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

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. Before the mountains were brought forth, or you had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, in whom you have revealed yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide wise people to where Christ was born; and in your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, you have led your people from far places to his light. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

And now with the confidence of children of God, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(please come forward to receive)

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

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH#593

***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

Ken and Patricia, Nancy Pasquale, Boden, Bob Z., Veronica S., Zandie S., Chris and Dot C., Rachel Calman and the Calman-Beland family, 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, January 14:

- 9:30am-10:00am Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
- 10:00am-10:15am Song Leaders(Sanctuary)
- 10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:45am-11:30am Children's Sunday School (Education Room)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, January 15:

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

Tuesday, January 16:

- 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, January 17:

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

Thursday, January 18:

- 1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
- 9:30am-10:30am Music Together(Social Hall)
- 12:45pm-1:45pm Baby Bandstand(Social Hall)
- 7:00pm-8:00pm Yoga Faith (Chapel)

Friday, January 19:

- 11:00am-12:00pm Yoga Faith (Chapel)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, January 20:

- 8:00am-3:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
- 2:00pm-11:00pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 DIRECTORY



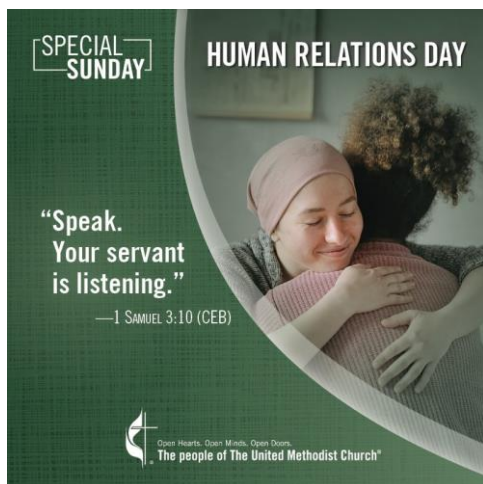
Church Directory Update

UMC of Summit is updating our 2024 Church Directory. There are copies in the sanctuary or you can check your information via the link in our weekly emails. If your information is incorrect or missing, please contact our Office Manager Joey at: office@umcsummit.org

Today is UMC's Human Relations Day 1/14/2024

The United Methodist Church's Human Relations Day is observed the Sunday before the national observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. A special offering taken on this Sunday strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico,

encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth. Please join us as we stand with other United Methodist churches to build the beloved community envisioned by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This denomination-wide Special Sunday is designed to strengthen human relationships and community outreach.



YOGAFAITH

Christian Yoga classes have resumed. Thursday evenings at 7PM and Friday mornings at 11AM in the Chapel. All levels are welcome! \$10 suggested donation.



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

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Nominations open for Lay Ministry Recognition Awards

Is there a Lay Member in our church that has shown you and the community true discipleship? The Laity Board honors GNJ laity and celebrates their ministry through the annual "Lay

Ministry Recognition Awards." To nominate an individual or group in your church for their creativity and commitment to transforming lives and making disciples of Jesus Christ, complete the nomination form by **February 1, 2024**. Learn more:

www.gnjumc.org/lay-ministry-recognition/

**New! Free
Prom Shop
April 6th, 2024**

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



**FREE
Prom
Shop**

**APRIL 6TH,
2024
10AM-2PM**



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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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES MINISTRY UPDATES



**New CYF Service Project 1/7/24-2/11/24
Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive**

Will you help the UMC Summit children and youth #tacklehunger? In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need. The UMC Summit Children and Youth will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Community Food Bank of NJ. Please place your donations in the Souper Bowl of Caring Soup pots.

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MONTH AT A GLANCE

DRAMA CLUB

NO DRAMA CLUB IN JANUARY!!
Drama Club will resume in February!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jan. 14: LESSON - Jesus in the Temple
Jan. 21: LESSON - Jesus is Baptized
Jan. 28: LESSON - Jesus Makes a Choice
Feb. 4: LESSON - RUTH



YOUTH GROUP REMINDERS

To stay updated with all things Youth Ministry related, sign up for our Youth Ministry Remind. This will be updated with friendly reminders of anything and everything youth related. <https://www.remind.com/join/ab7a3gf>