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Epiphany Sunday

PRELUDE *“Carillon on a Maravian Hymn”*
for Trumpet and Organ

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

Leader: Christ's light is shining,
People: **Calling us to respond with joy!**

Leader: Christ's light is shining,
People: Calling us to worship and praise.

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Rev. Laura Steele
God of glory and grace, shine in this place with Your presence. Shine in our hearts with Your love. Shine in our lives with Your grace, so that we may go forth with confidence to bring Your light and love to all. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
"We Three Kings" UMH #254

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Laura Steele

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE:

Rev. Laura Steele

Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-3 (NRSV)**The Glory of Zion**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

New Testament: Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)**The Magi Visit the Messiah**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

UMH#601

SERMON

"Star Words"

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

Voluntary on *"Peace"* 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)*

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

TFWS#2173

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *"March of the Kings"*

** 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 7:

9:30am-10:00am	Instrumentalists (Sanctuary)
10:00am-10:30am	Song Leaders(Sanctuary)
10:30am-11:30am	In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)
10:45am-11:30am	Children's Sunday School (Education Room)
6:00pm-8:00pm	Youth Group(Green Room)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Monday, January 8:

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

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 10:

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

Thursday, January 11:

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

Friday, January 12:

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

Saturday, January 13:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 DIRECTORY



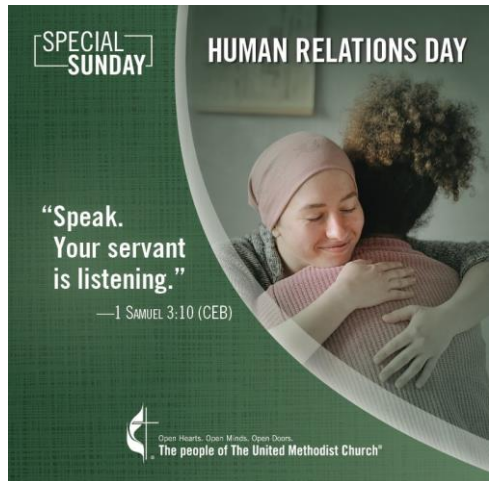
Church Directory Update

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

Next Sunday 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 next week 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 will resume this week 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.

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!!!

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

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



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>