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# May 19th, 2024

## Pentecost Sunday

*The United Methodist Church of Summit is a diverse church committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ, dedicated to building disciples, passionate about growing in faith, and motivated to be a voice of hope for the world. Learn, Serve, Build, Grow!*

**PRELUDE**      Variations on the tune *Mighty God*

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

**PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Kim Goldman  
*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

**People: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

**People: Let the winds of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us from complacency.**

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessings upon us.

**People: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do. AMEN.**

**\*CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Kim Goldman  
**Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples through a rush of wind and tongues of fire. These things were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. AMEN.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*  
UMH #347 *Spirit Song*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Carrie-Lee Farnham

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Alison Johnson

**New Testament: Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)**

## The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

## Peter Addresses the Crowd

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before

the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' *This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS#2237 *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

**SERMON**

*Why Are You Still Here?*

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**

*God of Grace and God of Glory* William Teubner - Trumpet

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

UMH #94 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

UMH #334 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Voluntary on *The King of Heaven*

*\*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**

Neil Johnson, Friends and Family of Dick Keating, Anne and John R., Scott and Vincent, Jerrie Bunell, Robert Curtis, Family of Martha Stampes, the family and friends of Joan Douglas, Lynn, 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, Irma, Millie, Family and friends of Janet Skakum, David Griffith, Pauline Griffith, Kaye Griffith, Irma Georg

## This Week's Schedule

### Sunday, May 19th:

9:00am-9:30am Instrumentalists  
9:30am-10:15am Chancel Choir  
10:15am-10:30am Singing Believers  
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:30am-12:30am Coffee Hour (Social Hall)  
11:45-12:15am Bell Choir (Sanctuary)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### Monday, May 20th:

6:00pm-11:00pm EMC Shalom (Social Hall)  
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship and Chapel)

### Tuesday, May 21st:

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, May 22nd:

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

### Thursday, May 23rd:

9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)  
1:30pm-5:00pm CPR (Chapel)  
1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)  
7:00pm-8:00pm Yogafaith (Social Hall)

### Friday, May 24th:

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

### Saturday, May 25th:

8:00am-3:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)  
9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)  
12:00pm-1:30pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)  
1:30pm-2:00pm Contemporary Ensemble (Sanctuary)  
2:00pm-3:30pm Instrumental Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
2:00pm-10:00pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**UMC Summit Featured on Summit Garden Tour  
Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

The Reeves Memorial Garden, a part of UMC Summit, will be featured on this year's Summit Garden Tour. Hosted by the Reeves Reed Arboretum and the Summit Garden Club. Join us as we welcome the community to our beautiful garden!

# YOGAFAITH

Christian Yoga Classes are held on Thursdays at 7PM in the Social Hall and Fridays at 11am in the Chapel. All levels welcome! Suggested donation of \$10 per class. See Pastor Laura for more information.

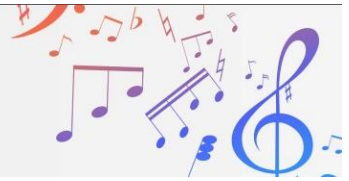
**UMC SUMMIT**  
**Children's Ministry Schedule**  
**APRIL - JUNE**

<b>May 5</b>	<b>Sunday School Lesson:</b>	Timothy
<b>May 12</b>	<b>Sunday School Lesson:</b>	Mary and Martha
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Sunday School Lesson:</b>	Pentocost
<b>May 26</b>	<b>Sunday School Lesson:</b>	Spiritual Gifts
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<b>June 9</b>	<b>Education Sunday:</b>	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL!!



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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:**

12:00pm-1:00pm Contemporary Ensemble

1:00pm-2:00pm Instrumental

**Sundays:** 9:00-9:30am Instrumental

9:30-10:15am Chancel Choir,

10:15am-10:30am Singing Believers,

10:30am Worship

11:45am-12:15am Bell Choir

For more information please see Music Director: JoAnne Teubner Prussak or email: [office@umcsummit.org](mailto:office@umcsummit.org)

### **Mental Health Awareness Month**

In recognition of Mental Health Awareness month, our church is partnering with the City of Summit to [#chalkitup](#) and [#breakthestigma](#).

The 'Chalk It Up!'

campaign invites community members to

engage in creating positive messages and artwork using sidewalk chalk available at local parks and elementary schools. This initiative includes a collaborative effort with the United Methodist Church of Summit, where a chalkboard will be placed at the intersection of Springfield Avenue and Kent Place Boulevard. This board will feature weekly prompts encouraging people passing by to express their feelings and thoughts.





## **Music Ministry Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30AM**

Join us on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, as we celebrate and recognize our Music Ministry programming and all the wonderful ways in which our various choirs and ensembles have blessed us this year!

## **Education Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM**

Join us on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate our Children, Youth, and Families Ministries. Our Sunday School children will graduate this year's Sunday School session. We will also recognize our graduating seniors and honor this year's scholarship recipients.



## **2024 Annual Conference**

The 2024 Annual Conference for The United Methodists of Greater New Jersey is set to take place from May 19-21, 2024, at the Wildwood

Convention Center, NJ. This year, on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM, Pastor Laura will be ordained as a full elder in the United Methodist Church. All are invited to tune into the livestream <https://www.gnjumc.org/ac2024/> Please be in prayer for Lay Leader Beverly Alexis, Pastor Laura, and the UMC of GNJ.