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**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*  
UMH #206 *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Rev. Laura Steele

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Kim Goldman

**New Testament:** John 3:1-9 (NRSV)

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" *This is the Word of God, for the people of God; People: Thanks be to God.*

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS #2158 *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

**SERMON** *"Why am I 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**

Intermezzo on *In the Garden*  
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)*

TFWS #2032 *"My Life is in You, Lord"* (sung 2x)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Maestoso in F Major* for Trumpet and Organ

*\* 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**

Steve Ward, 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 George

## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday, June 23rd:**

9:00am-10:00am Instrumental  
10:00am-10:30am Summer Choir  
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Monday, June 24th:**

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

### **Tuesday, June 25th:**

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, June 26th:**

11:00am-12:00pm Staff meeting (Fellowship Room)  
1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)

### **Thursday, June 27th:**

10:00am-12:00pm Meeting (Conference Room)  
3:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)  
7:00pm-8:00pm Christian Yoga (Social Hall)

### **Friday, June 28th:**

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

### **Saturday, June 29th:**

8:00am-3:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)  
2:00pm-10:00pm EMC Shalom (Fellowship Room)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **Annual Back to School Drive June 5<sup>th</sup> – August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

Each year, thousands of New Jersey children attend their first day of school

without basic educational tools such as backpacks, notebooks, and calculators. These under-resourced children struggle to succeed academically. The UMC of Summit in partnership with Jersey Cares works with dozens of schools, children's shelters, and community centers with the goal that no children in New Jersey will have to experience a first day of school without these basic necessities. With your help we can bridge the gap between disadvantage and academic success. Items ACCEPTED for the School Supply Drive include: Backpacks (may be new OR gently used) NEW 1, 3, and 5 Subject Notebooks, NEW Composition Notebooks, NEW 2-Pocket Folders, NEW Pencil Cases, NEW #2 Pencils, NEW Pencil Sharpeners, NEW Erasers, NEW Pens, NEW Hi-lighters, NEW Crayons, Washable Markers, and Colored Pencils, NEW Book Covers, NEW Calculators, NEW Child Safety Scissors, NEW Glue, NEW Rulers (12"), NEW Laptops or Tablets, NEW Headphones, Visa or Amazon Gift Cards. Items can be dropped off to the church office Monday-Friday from 9AM-1PM, or dropped off in the bins in the sanctuary Sunday mornings before or after worship.



## **Children, Youth, Families**

Please note Sunday School and Drama Club are on break until Homecoming Sunday on September 22. Enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!



The Summit Area GreenFaith Circle is encouraging communities of faith to support passage of the Green Amendment (SCR43/ ACR119) which

would amend New Jersey's constitution to provide that every person in the state has a constitutional right to a clean environment including the right to clean air, pure water and healthy habitats. The Summit Area GreenFaith Circle has produced postcards which you can sign to support this very important amendment. Postcards are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary. If you would like to help with this initiative, please sign a postcard and leave it in the church office. The signed postcards will be mailed on your behalf. Please see Green Team Chairperson Bill Glancy if you have any questions.

### **GNJ Mission u July 12-14 Mission u 2024**

3 Day In-person Event  
July 12-14<sup>th</sup>  
Centenary University  
Join GNJ's UWF (formerly UMW) for "Mission U" Adult Study, Youth Study, and Children's Study. Join us as we explore what it means to be a part of God's "kin-dom". To register visit:



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<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=788294&>



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## **MUSIC MINISTRY**



Share your gift of music by joining our Summer Choir. We rehearse at 10:00 AM in preparation for worship at 10:30. And as the Psalmist in Psalm 104 reminds us, "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being." Let us praise the Lord together in worship and song!

With much love, JoAnne Teubner Prussak  
Director of Music