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June 30th, 2024
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Hymn Sing Sunday

*The United Methodist Church of Summit invites you to journey with us on
the mystery of faith!*

PRELUDE Voluntary on *Praise to the Lord*
for Trumpet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Carol Conway
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Holy one, we are happy to worship you today!

People: We come ready to receive good news.

Leader: The Good News is that we are already enough! God
wants to shine His Light through us!

**People: Let our worship be a time of receiving, renewal, and
rejoicing! May the Light of God shine through us this day!**

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Carol Conway
Holy One, You have blessed each of us with value, worth and
skills. We give thanks for You and Your work in our lives.
Sometimes, when we feel unworthy or unvaluable, may we be
reminded that You have a great purpose for us. May we rest
in that assurance and know that part of our purpose is to
honor You and others in justice, mercy, and love kindness.
Through Your Holy Spirit, may we extend the same amazing
grace You offer us to all of Creation. All these things we lift
to you in the name of Jesus our Savior, Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Rev. Laura Steele

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING:

Carol Conway

New Testament: Matthew 5:13-16 (NRSV)

Salt and Light

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;* **People: Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS #2173 *Shine, Jesus Shine*

SERMON

What is “Purpose”?

Rev. Laura Steele

HYMN SING *(please share your favorite hymn for us to sing)*

OFFERING *(please place offering envelope in basket or text: “dollar amount you wish to give” to 908-224-7670)*

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Intermezzo on the Hymn Be Thou My Vision

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 #572 *Pass It On*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Majestic Fanfare 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.*



Please note: Pastor Laura will be away July 15th-22nd. If you need pastoral care please contact Lay Leader Beverly Alexis at: (917) 941-9939. If you have a pastoral emergency (death, major accident, major injury); or call the church office at: (908) 277-1700.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Jane McKinley, the Quashi Family on the 10th anniversary of Sam's passing, 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 30th:

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, July 1st:

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

Tuesday, July 2nd:

1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Wednesday, July 3rd:

1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)

Thursday, July 4th:

3:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)
9:00am-1:00pm Church Office closed

Friday, July 5th:

9:30am-11:30 am Music Together (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

Saturday, July 6th:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Annual Back to School Drive

June 5th – August 21st, 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.



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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

Homecoming Sunday Open House 9/22/24

Join us September 22nd, as we kick-off the church year with our Homecoming worship service at 10:30AM and a church-wide Open House from 1pm-3pm: Food, Fun, Games!





GNJ&EPA Leadership Academy Bible Study led by Bishop Schol

The EPA&GNJ Leadership Academy features two new, free Bible study courses on the Gospel of Luke and Gospel of John, led by Bishop John Schol. Each in-depth course features videos, assignments, resources and questions for reflection. After taking the courses on the Leadership Academy's new, time-flexible (asynchronous) Teachable platform, participants can learn more in live discussions via Zoom with Bishop Schol, which will be scheduled during the summer. Grounded in the literature and life that emanates from God's Word, the courses focus on how these two timeless Gospels can help us discover a deeper, more vibrant and relevant faith—a faith that can work wonders for our lives, our congregations and our communities. Visit: <https://leadership-academy29.teachable.com/courses/category/the-bible-theology>

GNJ Mission u July 12-14 Mission u 2024

3 Day In-person Event
July 12-14th

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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