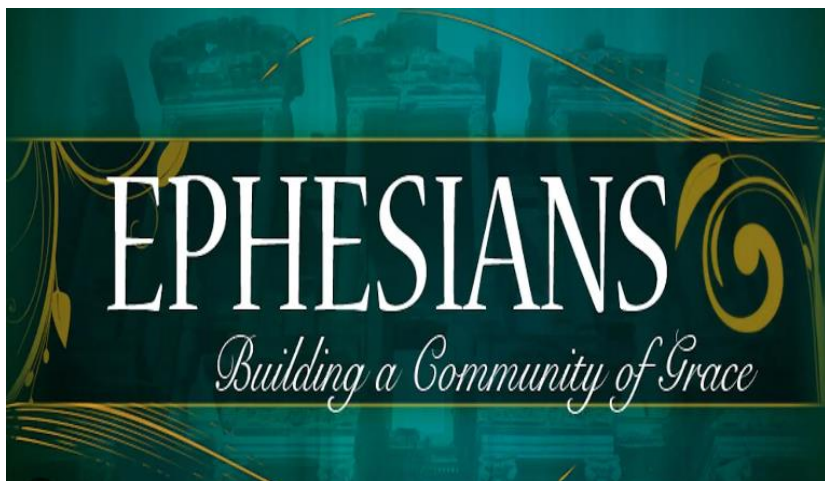




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## SCRIPTURE READING:

Kim Goldman

### **Old Testament: Psalm 34:15-22 (NRSV)**

God's eyes are upon the righteous

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and rescues them from all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all. He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken. Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

### **New Testament: Ephesians 6:10-20 (NRSV)**

Put on the armor of God

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the

gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*This is the Word of God, for the people of God;* **People:  
Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS #2281 *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

**SERMON**      *Dressed for Battle*      Carrie-Lee Farnham,  
CYF Minister

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

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

Voluntary on the hymn *Diadem*

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 # 575 *Onward, Christian Soldiers* (vv.1-4)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Variations on the hymn *Ein Feste Burg*

*Please join us after service for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall.*

## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday, August 25th:**

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, August 26th:**

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

### **Tuesday, August 27th:**

7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Friday, August 30th:**

1:30pm-4:45pm CPR (Chapel)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Saturday, August 31st:**

12:00pm-2:00pm Instrumental  
2:00pm-10:00pm Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)

## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Carole Reed, Bob Zotti, Norma, recovering from a broken hip, the family and friends of Anthony J. "Tony" Gianonne, Sr., Jane McKinley, the Quashie Family on the 10th anniversary of Sam's passing, Steve Ward, Neil Johnson, the friends and family of Dick Keating, Anne and John R., Scott and Vincent, Jerrie Bunell, Robert Curtis.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Homecoming Sunday Open House 9/22/24

Join us September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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



## Coffee Hour Hosts NEEDED!

The Hospitality Team is in need of volunteers to help host Coffee Hour each Sunday. All you have to do is bring some refreshments for folks to share and we'll do the heavy lifting! There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall. For more information or if you have any questions, please see Debbi Picorale



## 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.



**God's Renewed Creation  
5-Week Bible Study**

**Wednesdays, 7PM, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

God's creation is in crisis. This beautiful natural world is a loving gift from God, the Creator of all things seen and unseen. Despite the ways we all contribute to these problems, God still invites each one of us to participate in the work of renewal. We must begin the work of renewing creation by being renewed in our own hearts and minds. Join us for this five-week Bible Study based on "God's Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action", a Pastoral letter from the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church. Sessions will meet at 7PM in the Fellowship Room.



## **Bike, Walk, or Take Mass Transit to Church Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 10:30AM**

Join us as we live out our call to creation care by biking, walking, or taking mass transit to church on September 29th. Please park bikes in the Social Hall.



## **Blessing of the Animals Service Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 6PM-7PM, Church Playground**

*"But ask the animals, and they will teach you" ... Job 12:7.* Join us on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, as we witness to God's and the Church's love, care, and concern for creation. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures, the Church's witness of stewardship of creation is strengthened. All animals welcome! Please note: Pastor Laura CANNOT bless snakes, however, if you have a snake in need of a blessing she can arrange with another pastor that is able. Please contact the church office at: 908-277-1700 for more information.





**Dr. Laurel Kearns  
Special Guest  
Preacher  
Sunday, September  
8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM**

Join us for worship on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, as we welcome Dr. Laurel Kearns, Associate Professor of Sociology and Religion and Environmental Studies at Drew Theological School and the Graduate Division of Religion of Drew

University where she has taught certification, masters, Ph.D and D. Min students since 1994. Born and raised in Florida, she received a B.A from Florida State in Religion, Art and Humanities, her M.A. and PhD from the Institute of Liberal Arts at Emory University in 1994, with a concentration in the Sociology of Religion. She has researched, published and given talks around the globe on religion and environmentalism for over 20 years. In addition to helping found the Green Seminary Initiative, she has been a board member of GreenFaith since 1995 and is now serving on the Sustainability Committees of both Drew University and the American Academy of Religion, where she also chaired the Religion and Ecology Steering Committee.



**Please note:** Pastor Laura will be away August 16th-26th. 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) call the church office at: (908) 277-1700.



**George Drossinos  
Special Presentation on  
Summit's Food Composting  
Program**

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>,  
11:30 AM  
Social Hall**

Did you know Summit has a comprehensive and easy-to-use food composting program? The program offers residents with a disposal permit the option of

bringing food scraps and other perishable items to the Transfer Station. Green Bucket Compost collects the food waste once a week, and then the material is converted into renewable energy at a food waste recycling plant. Join us on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, during Coffee Hour as we welcome special guest George Drossinos (son-in-law of our very own Office Manager Kimberle Gray) as he gives a special presentation on the history and success of the Summit Food Composting program.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**White Elephant Rummage Sale October 19th  
10:00AM – 3:00PM**

White Elephant-Furniture, Appliances, Kitchenware, Kids Toys No Clothing! Drop off will begin on Sunday, August 18 through Wednesday, October 16. Volunteers needed! Please see Faye Cunningham, Kim Goldman or Debbie Picorale for info!



# Creativity for the Family Caregiver

**September 4 through October 9**  
**Wednesdays from 2:00 - 3:30pm**  
**Thomas Glasser Caregivers Center**  
**99 Beauvoir Avenue**  
**Summit NJ 07901**

There is a wonderful program being run at Overlook entitled **Creativity for the Family Caregiver**. These creative workshops are tailored to provide family caregivers the tools to relax and recharge through the creative arts. We will come together and learn therapeutic ways to care for ourselves by exploring collaging, expressive writing, movement, and music.

