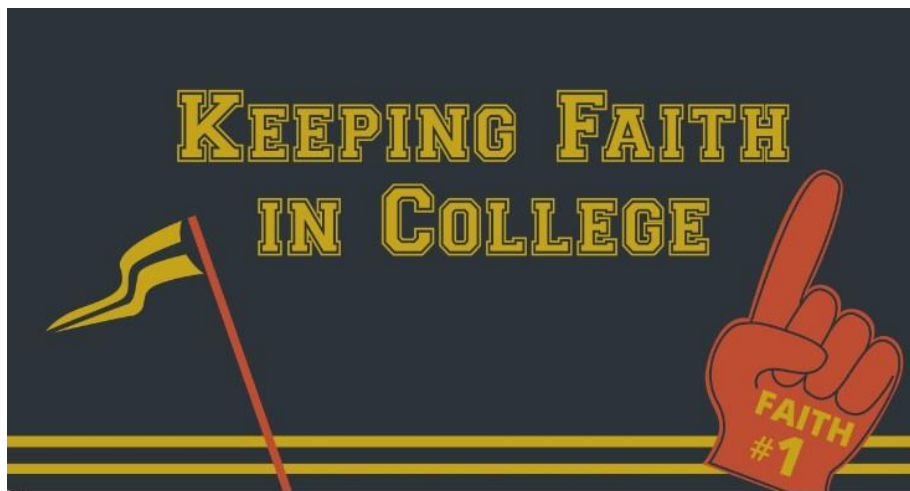




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**August 4th, 2024**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**College Sendoff Sunday**

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

**PRELUDE**      *Jesus, Holy Wisdom* for Trumpet and Organ

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Bill Glancy

*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: Blessed be the Lord of Hosts, who cleanses and  
heals our souls.

**People: Praise be to God!**

Leader: Blessed be the Holy One, who brings us from  
despair to hope.

**People: Praise be to God!**

Leader: Blessed be the Giver of Life, who nurtures and  
comforts us.

**People: Let us praise God with our whole hearts and  
souls! AMEN!**

**\*CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Bill Glancy

**Along life's pathways, we search continually for signs to  
point us in positive directions. Christ has given us a  
sign which points us to healing and hope: that is the  
sign of the Bread of Life. No more shall we hunger and  
thirst after the things which cannot sustain us. Now we  
have been fed and nourished by Christ! Open our hearts  
in gratitude, Lord, for all the wondrous things you have  
done for us. Open our Spirits to hear your words of  
hope for us today. AMEN.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*  
UMH 133 *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Rev. Laura Steele

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Carol Conway

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Bill Glancy

**Old Testament: Psalm 51: 1-12 (NIV)**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be cleaner than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**New Testament: Philippians 4:6-9**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is

pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God; People: Thanks be to God.*

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

TFWS 2152 *Change My Heart, O God*

**SERMON:**

*Pastor Laura's Top Ten List of Things to Help you "Keep the Faith" through Your College Years*

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 the Hymn *All To Christ*  
William Teubner - Trumpet

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

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

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** (*see insert*)

**COMMUNION MUSIC:** *Jesus Paid It All*  
Contemporary Ensemble

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

UMH 620 *One Bread, One Body*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Maestoso in A* for Trumpet and Organ

*\* denotes please stand as you are able  
Please join us after service for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall*

## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday, August 4th:**

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 5th:**

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

### **Tuesday, August 6th:**

9:30am-10:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)  
10:00am-4:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Basement)

### **Wednesday, August 7th:**

9:00am-1:00pm Debbi's Dance (Dance Studio)

### **Friday, August 9th:**

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

### **Saturday, August 10th:**

9:30am-12:45pm CPR (Chapel)  
12:00pm-2:00pm Instrumental  
2:00pm-10:00pm Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)

## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Christie and Abby Botte, Bob Zotti, Norma, 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



## Annual Back to School Drive June 5<sup>th</sup> – 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.

## Homecoming Sunday

### Open House 9/22/24, 1pm-3pm

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 from 1-3pm: 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.



# TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

Join the UMC of Summit as we celebrate the Season of Creation 2024! The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. The “Celebration” begins September 1<sup>st</sup>, the Feast of Creation, and ends October 6<sup>th</sup>, World Communion Sunday. We invite you to join us for all of these exciting events!

Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30AM: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Service (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM: Creation Care 5-Week Bible Study Kick-off (Fellowship Room)

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM: Guest Preacher Dr. Laurel Kearns, Associate Professor of Sociology and Religion and Environmental Studies at Drew Theological [School](#) (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM; Creation Care Bible Study Session 2 (Fellowship Room)

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM: Creation Care Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30AM: Special Presentation on Summit Composting Program by George [Drossinos](#), Summit Recycling Advisory Committee (Social Hall)

Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM: Creation Care Bible Study Session 3 (Fellowship Room)

Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30AM: Creation Care Worship Service and Kick-off Sunday (Sanctuary)

Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1PM-3PM: OPEN HOUSE! Food, Fun, and Games! (Entire Church Campus)

Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00PM: Creation Care Bible Study Session 4 (Fellowship Room)

Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM: Bike, Walk, or Take Mass Transit to Church Sunday (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00PM: Creation Care Bible Study Session 5 (Fellowship Room)

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 6PM-7PM: St. Francis of Assisi Day – Blessing of Animals (Playground Area)

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM: World Communion Sunday (Sanctuary)