



United Methodist  
Church of Summit

**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**



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**all our endeavors, we can strive to create a life of dignity, justice, and solidarity for all. In His name we pray, Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*

TFWS #2025 *As the Deer*

Lou Steele

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

Carrie-Lee Farnham,  
CYF Minister

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Carol Conway

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Beverly Alexis

**Old Testament: Psalm 42:1-5 (NIV)**

Longing for God and His Help in Distress

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I

remember, as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One

with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within

me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

**New Testament: Matthew 9:35-38 (NRSV)**

The Harvest Is Great, the Laborers Few

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The

harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

*This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS #2164 *Sanctuary (sung 3x)* Lou Steele

**REFLECTION:** *To Hope and Act with Creation*

Rev. Laura Steele

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

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

UMH #95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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

**COMMUNION MUSIC:**

W&S #3008 *"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

Lou Steele featuring Juliet Steele

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

UMH #558 *We Are the Church (vv. 1,4)* Juliet Steele

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*"Good, Good, Father"*

Lou Steele featuring Juliet Steele

*\*denote please stand as you are able*

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

## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday, September 1st:**

10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship (Social Hall)  
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

### **Monday, September 2nd:**

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

### **Tuesday, September 3rd:**

7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

### **Wednesday, September 4th:**

7:00pm-8:00pm Creation Bible Study (Fellowship Room)

### **Friday, September 6th:**

5:00pm-9:30pm Applause Theater (Social Hall)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

### **Saturday, September 7th:**

7:00am-12:00pm Debbi's Dance Open House (Social Hall)  
9:30am-12:45pm CPR (Chapel)  
2:00pm-3:00pm Memorial Service for Patricia Bell (Sanctuary)  
2:00pm-10:00pm Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)  
7:00pm-9:30pm Applause Theater (Social Hall)

## **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

## 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! Check out the back of the bulletin for a sneak peek at our Fall programming! Please see Miss Carrie for more information or email: [CYFMinister@umcsummit.org](mailto:CYFMinister@umcsummit.org).



## SAVE THE DATE!

**White Elephant  
Rummage Sale October  
19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – 3:00PM**

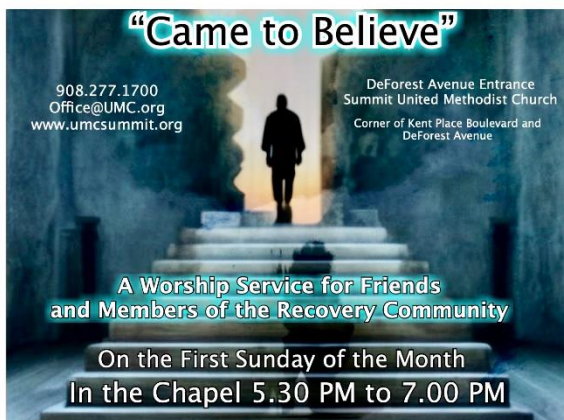
White Elephant-Furniture,

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!

## 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





## "CAME TO BELIEVE" WORSHIP SERVICE

**For People in Recovery, Their Friends and Family**

**First Sunday of the Month, Starting October 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm**

The UMC of Summit realized that there is a need for a "safe space" for recovering individuals, their friends and families, and saw that our church could provide that space by offering a worship service for all those people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism and addiction. Everyone is invited to attend the worship service created to speak to the needs of people in recovery as well as their families and friends. Please join us on Sunday, October 6, and the first Sunday of the month thereafter, in the UMC Chapel located on Deforest Avenue.



## 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.



**Sept. 4 – Oct. 9th  
Wednesdays 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.



**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.



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## MUSIC MINISTRY



*"Transforming God, as we begin our fall season, we ask Your presence and Your blessings on our music, that Your will may be done; through Jesus Christ, who keeps us in Your love."*

**JOIN US SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, WELCOME ALL MUSIC MAKERS!!  
NEW 2024 Fall Schedule:**

**Saturdays 12:00pm Bell Choir  
12:30pm Contemporary Ensemble  
1:00pm Chancel Choir  
2:30pm Instrumental Rehearsal**

**Sundays: 9:00am Instrumental Rehearsal  
9:30am Chancel Choir  
10:00am Bell Choir  
10:30am Worship  
11:30am Coffee Hour  
11:45am Singing Believers**

For more information, please contact JoAnne Teubner Prussak through the church office number: 908-277-1700, or email: [office@umcsummit.org](mailto:office@umcsummit.org)

# Children's Ministry

Our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries programming kicks-off **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We have some new and exciting programs this year! Here is a sneak peek of what's to come:

## Typical Sunday Schedule

9:30-10:15am	Creative Christianity (Green Room)
10:30- 11:30am	Church Service (Sanctuary)
10:45-11:30am	Sunday School (Nursery)
11:30-12:30	Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:45am	Singing Believers (Music Room)

UMC SUMMIT Children's Ministry  
Sunday School Lessons

September	9.22:	Serving Others
	9.29:	Welcoming Others
October	10.6:	God's Love for Children
	10.13:	Following Jesus
	10.20:	<b>MISSION SUNDAY</b>
	10.27:	Intro to Christmas Pageant
November	11.3:	God Promises a New Heaven and Earth
	11.10:	Giving From the Heart
	11.17:	<b>STUDENT SUNDAY</b>
	11.24:	Practice Christmas Pageant
December	12.1:	Watching and Waiting
	12.8:	Preparing the Way
	12.15:	<b>MISSION SUNDAY</b>
	12.22:	Last Christmas Pageant Practice

# Youth Ministry

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 11.17.24 Student Sunday
- 11.17.24 Youth Mental Health Awareness Night
- 12.7.24 Pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Clause
- 12.8.24 Talent Show
- 12.22.24 Christmas Caroling
- 12.24.24 Christmas Eve Services
- 2.12.25 Easter Egg Hunt



### Creative Christianity September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:30am

NEW intergenerational study that will meet every Sunday in the Green Room from

9:30-10:15. This study will allow everyone to bring out their creative side as we look at different Bible stories.

The graphic features a church icon on the left, a 'Creative CHRISTIANITY' title in the center, and a 'HOLY BIBLE' icon on the right. Below are two columns for the months of September and October, each containing a list of dates and topics.

September	October
<b>9.22:</b> Introduction Gen. 1: 1	<b>10.6:</b> The Beauty of Nature Ps. 104: 24-25
<b>9.29:</b> Creation & Creativity Gen. 1: 1-31	<b>10.13:</b> Animals & Creation Gen. 2: 19-20
	<b>10.20:</b> Human Creativity Ex. 35: 30-35
	<b>10.27:</b> Creative Worship Ps. 150