



United Methodist  
Church of Summit

**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**



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**September 15, 2024**  
**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**“Season of Creation” Worship Series**

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

**PRELUDE**      Voluntary on the tune *Bunessan*  
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: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**People: Creator God, we worship you!**

Leader: Word of Life, you spoke over your Creation and gave it life;

**People: Word of Life, may we listen for you!**

Leader: Spirit of Life, you gathered the dust of the earth and made us in your image,

**People: Spirit of Life, may we receive your breath!**

Leader: God saw all that God had made, and it was very good!

**People: Almighty God, today we celebrate the good gift of your creation!**

**\*CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Carol Conway

**Creator God, you formed the universe from a shapeless void. You fashioned the planets and forged the stars. You established the seasons and determined order. You painted nature into beautiful colors. You stirred the seas and rivers to song. You called forth creatures of every shape and size. You breathed life into us, your children, so that we might know you better and grow in your love. You filled the earth with beautiful diversity. As you**

**entrusted your precious world to us, your children, strengthen us this day to continue to treat this gift as disciples for Christ. May our actions be rooted in love, justice, hope, and peace. In His name we pray, AMEN.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*  
UMH #62 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

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

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Alison Johnson

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Carol Conway

**Old Testament: Genesis 2:4-9, 15 (NRSV)**

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Another Account of the Creation

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, but a stream would rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

**New Testament: John 6:10-13 (NIV)**

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks,

and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;* **People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS #2128 *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

**SERMON:** "Holy Composting" 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**

*When Peace Like a River* 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 #89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Recessional on *Joyful, Joyful*

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

## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday, September 15th:**

- 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 16th:**

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

### **Tuesday, September 17th:**

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

### **Wednesday, September 18th:**

- 1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance
- 7:00pm-8:00pm Creation Bible Study (Fellowship Room)

### **Thursday, September 19th:**

- 2:45pm-9:00pm Debbi's Dance
- 3:30pm-5:00pm Girl Scouts (Social Hall)

### **Friday, September 20th:**

- 9:30am-12:30pm Music Together (Social Hall)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

### **Saturday, September 21st:**

- 8:30am-4:30pm Debbi's Dance
- 12:00pm-2:00pm Bell Choir
- 12:30pm-1:00pm Contemporary Ensemble
- 1:00pm-2:00pm Chancel Choir
- 2:00pm-3:00pm Instrumental Rehearsal
- 2:00pm-10:00pm Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)
- 2:30pm-3:30pm Liturgical Dance

## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Gregory and Family, The Bell Family, Frank, Elizabeth and Emily, 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



**Welcome 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.



**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).



# GOD'S RENEWED CREATION

call to hope and action

**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.

## BLISS THE PETS



### **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.



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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)



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**White Elephant**

**Rummage Sale October**

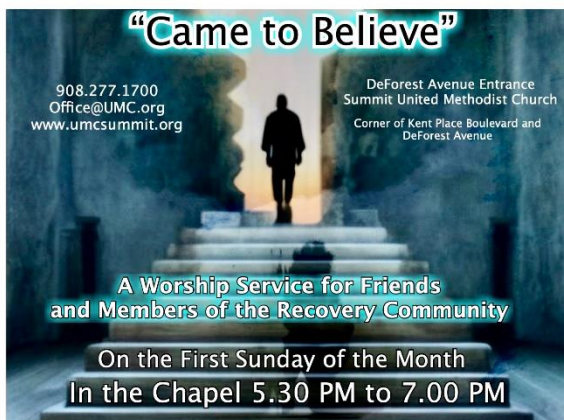
**19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM – 3:00PM**

**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.**





## **"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.



**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.



**NEW! “Wings of Faith”  
Liturgical Dance Class  
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30PM  
Starting September 21st**

Liturgical dance is a form of praise. Liturgical dance should be thought of as an act of

worship, rather than a performance. Applauding would be similar to applauding a prayer. Liturgical dance is praise to God, just like a hymn or prayer. We are praising God through movement and expression. We want the congregation to feel they are part of our expression, accepting the dance as a form of prayer.

*“Let them praise God’s name with dancing.” –Psalm 149:3*



**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

**Digital Giving**

Are you up to date with your pledges and/or giving? Would you like to make a special donation to our church or one of our ministries? Please visit [www.umcsummit.org](http://www.umcsummit.org) and click on “GIVE” to donate. Or, you can text to give! 908-224-7670

Thank you in advance for supporting our church ministries.



# 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: **MISSION SUNDAY**
- 10.27: Intro to Christmas Pageant

**November**

- 11.3: God Promises a New Heaven and Earth
- 11.10: Giving From the Heart
- 11.17: **STUDENT SUNDAY**
- 11.24: Practice Christmas Pageant

**December**

- 12.1: Watching and Waiting
- 12.8: Preparing the Way
- 12.15: **MISSION SUNDAY**
- 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

## FAMILY ministry

### 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.



**Creative  
CHRISTIANITY**

**September**

- 9.22: Introduction  
Gen. 1: 1
- 9.29: Creation & Creativity  
Gen. 1: 1-31

**October**

- 10.6: The Beauty of Nature  
Ps. 104: 24-25
- 10.13: Animals & Creation  
Gen. 2: 19-20
- 10.20: Human Creativity  
Ex. 35: 30-35
- 10.27: Creative Worship  
Ps. 150