



United Methodist  
Church of Summit

**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**



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**September 8, 2024**  
**Sixteenth 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**     *Canon in D* for Trumpet and Organ  
Johann Pachelbel

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**     Bill Glancy  
*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: Come, all you people, come and worship the Creator.

**People: We celebrate that God has made a covenant with us.**

Leader: Come, all creatures of the earth, come and worship with us!

**People: We celebrate that God has made a covenant with all creatures.**

Leader: Remember the covenant this day and be thankful.

**People: We celebrate that God has joined all of Creation together in Spirit and in grace!**

**\*CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)*     Bill Glancy  
Faithful God, you called all creatures into being, and you care for each one. Send your grace upon your people gathered here, so that we may follow your ways of truth, and walk in the paths of steadfast love, as we proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*  
UMH #147 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

Rev. Laura Steele

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Beverly Alexis

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

Bill Glancy

**Old Testament: Genesis 9:12-17 (NRSV)**

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth." *This is the Word of God, for the people of God; People: Thanks be to God.*

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

UMH #122 *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*  
(vv. 1,3,6)

**SERMON:** *Con-Spiring Together* Dr. Laurel Kearns

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

**MUSIC FOR MEDITATION**

Voluntary on *How Deep Our Father's Love For Us*  
for Trumpet and Organ, 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 #707 *Hymn of Promise*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      *Majestic Recessional in F for Trumpet  
and Organ*

*\*denotes please stand as you are able*

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

## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday, September 8th:**

- 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 9th:**

- 7:30pm-8:30pm Administrative Council (Social Hall)
- 7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room)

### **Tuesday, September 10th:**

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

### **Wednesday, September 11th:**

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

### **Thursday, September 12th:**

- 2:45pm-9:00pm Debbi's Dance

### **Friday, September 13th:**

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

### **Saturday, September 14th:**

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

# 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**

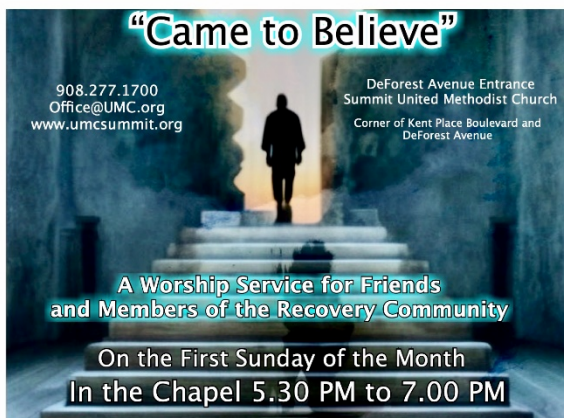
White Elephant-Furniture,

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**

Laurel Kearns is Professor of Sociology and Religion and Environmental Studies at Drew Theological School and the Graduate Division of Religion of Drew University. She received her PhD from the Institute of Liberal Arts at Emory University. In addition to *EcoSpirit: Religions and Philosophies for the Earth*, co-edited with Catherine Keller, she has

contributed chapters to volumes such as *The Oxford Handbook on Climate Change and Society*, *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Social Justice*, and the *Bloomsbury Handbook of Religion and Nature: The Elements*. Her research is focused on religious involvement in ecological issues and movements, with particular interests in environmental justice, climate change, and food. In addition to helping found the Green Seminary Initiative, she has served on the board of GreenFaith and chaired the Religion and Ecology Steering Committee of the American Academy of Religion.



**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*



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

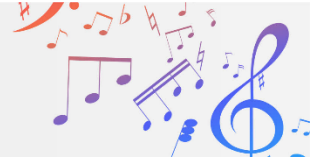
**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM, Social Hall**

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:**

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Saturdays 12:00pm</b> | <b>Bell Choir</b>             |
| <b>12:30pm</b>           | <b>Contemporary Ensemble</b>  |
| <b>1:00pm</b>            | <b>Chancel Choir</b>          |
| <b>2:30pm</b>            | <b>Instrumental Rehearsal</b> |
| <b>Sundays: 9:00am</b>   | <b>Instrumental Rehearsal</b> |
| <b>9:30am</b>            | <b>Chancel Choir</b>          |
| <b>10:00am</b>           | <b>Bell Choir</b>             |
| <b>10:30am</b>           | <b>Worship</b>                |
| <b>11:30am</b>           | <b>Coffee Hour</b>            |
| <b>11:45am</b>           | <b>Singing Believers</b>      |

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)

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)

# Youth 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.



The poster features a central title 'Creative CHRISTIANITY' in orange and teal. It is decorated with a church icon, a Bible, and a lightbulb with 'BE CREATIVE' written on it. The schedule is organized into four monthly boxes: September, October, November, and December. Each box lists dates and corresponding Bible verses.

**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

**November**

- 11.3: Gratitude and Giving  
1 Thess. 5: 18
- 11.10: Giving to Others  
2 Cor. 9: 7
- 11.17: Serving Hands  
Mark 10: 45
- 11. 24: Gratitude & Thanksgiving  
Ps. 100: 4

**December**

- 12.1: Advent - Hope  
Is. 9:6
- 12.8: Advent - Peace  
John 14: 27
- 12.15: Advent - Joy  
Luke 2: 10
- 12. 22: Advent: Love  
John 3: 16
- 12.29: No Creative Christianity