



United Methodist
Church of Summit

**LAITY
SUNDAY
2024**

2 TIMOTHY 1:14

**RISE
AND UP!**

**RETAIN THE SPIRIT'S GOOD
AND BEAUTIFUL THINGS.**

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October 27, 2024

Laity Sunday

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

PRELUDE *Joyous Processional* for Trumpet and Organ
John Head

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Kim Goldman
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: We are called to be witnesses who bring light to life.

People: We know the Spirit guards for safe keeping every life entrusted to God.

Leader: We listen for the altar call of grace.

People: We know grace is God's gift to us.

Leader: In all that we do, we are growing together in God's grace, ever at work for the life of the world.

People: We come this day to praise God, who leads us to bear witness to grace at work in the world.

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Kim Goldman

Savior God – help us to be stewards of your grace at work in the world. We entrust our lives to you now. Help us be your witnesses. Help us to bring life to light. Help us keep close, take care, and draw near. Savior God – we are yours. We freely surrender to your glory and service. Fill us now, we pray, with your amazing grace. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #601 *Thy Word is a Lamp*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Alison Johnson

ANTHEM: *We Are Called to Serve One Another* Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Beverly Alexis

Old Testament: Psalm 104: 1-9

God the Creator and Provider

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent; you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;

you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind; you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys, to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

New Testament: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NRSV)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanksgiving and Encouragement

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been

revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;* **People: Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

TFWS #2013 *Bless the Lord (sung 3x)*

SERMON: *Rekindling the Gift* 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 *Jesus Shines Brighter*
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 #701 *When We All Get to Heaven*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Variations on My Hope*

**denotes please stand. Please join us in the Social Hall after service for coffee hour!*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Haylie, Carole Reed, Bob Zotti, Norma, recovering from a broken hip, the family and friends of Anthony J. "Tony" Gianonne, Sr., Judy Fish, Adrian Philips, all those affected by hurricanes and storms, our service men and women around the world.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 27th:

9:00am- 9:30am Instrumental
9:30am-10:00am Chancel Choir
10:00am-10:20am Bell Choir
10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship
10:45am-11:30am Children's Sunday School
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:45am-12:15pm Singing Believers
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, October 28th:

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

Tuesday, October 29th:

9:30am-10:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Wednesday, October 30th:

1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance

Thursday, October 31st:

2:45pm-9:00pm Debbi's Dance
7:00pm-8:00pm Christian Yoga (Social Hall)

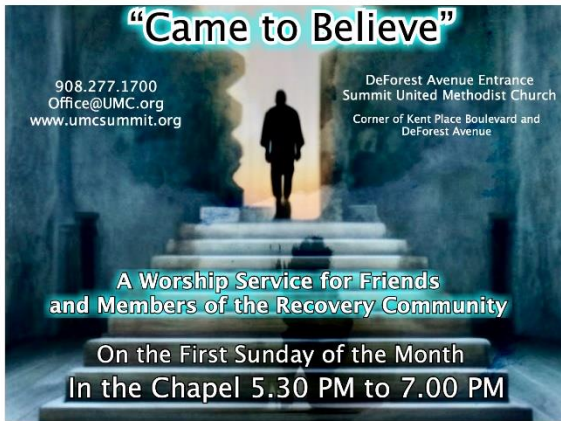
Friday, November 1st:

9:30am-12:30pm Music Together (Social Hall)
11:00am-12:00pm Christian Yoga (Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, November 2nd:

8:30am-4:30pm Debbi's Dance
9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
12:00pm-12:30pm Bell Choir
12:30pm-1:00pm Contemporary Ensemble
1:00pm-2:00pm Chancel Choir
2:00pm-10:00pm Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)
2:00pm-3:00pm Instrumental Rehearsal
2:30pm-3:30pm Liturgical Dance

ANNOUNCEMENTS



"CAME TO BELIEVE" WORSHIP SERVICE For People in Recovery, Their Friends and Family First Sunday of the Month, 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.

YOGAFAITH

**Yogafaith
Thursdays 7PM
Fridays 11AM**

Yogafaith is back! Join us Thursday evenings in the Social Hall or Friday mornings in the chapel as we stretch our faith while we stretch our bodies! All levels are welcome, no experience necessary. Suggested donation of \$10 per class. Email Pastor@umsummit.org for more info!



**NEW! “Wings of Faith” Liturgical Dance Ministry
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30PM**

Join the UMC of Summit for our NEW Liturgical Dance Ministry. Liturgical dance is a form of praise and should be thought of as an act of worship, rather than a performance. 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. Resident dance instructor Debbi Picorale will be leading the classes on Saturdays in the Dance Studio. See Ms. Debbi for more information, all levels welcome – no experience necessary!



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MUSIC MINISTRY



"Transforming God, 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."

WELCOME ALL MUSIC MAKERS!!

NEW 2024 Fall Schedule:

Saturdays	12:00pm	Bell Choir
	12:30pm	Contemporary Ensemble
	1:00pm	Chancel Choir
	2:00pm	Instrumental Rehearsal
	Sundays	9:00am
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



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's Ministry

Our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries programming has officially kick-offed. We have some new and exciting programs this year! Here is a look at what a typical Sunday morning involves:

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)
11:30-12:30pm	Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:45-12:15pm	Singing Believers (Music Room)



Creative Christianity

Sundays, 9:30AM Green Room

Creative Christianity is an intergenerational Bible study designed to bring all ages together in exploring Scripture by incorporating our creative side in

meaningful activities. Each week, we'll focus on a different Bible passage and pair it with an engaging activity like planting potted plants, making Advent wreaths, crafting prayer bracelets, or creating art through painting. For more information or to volunteer please see Carrie-Lee Farnham, CYF Minister, or email:

CYFMinister@umcsummit.org

NOW COLLECTING
FLOOD BUCKETS
FOR



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Help those Affected by Hurricanes

Bishop Moore-KoiKoi has challenged each church in our conference to donating just FIVE flood buckets to UMCOR. UMCOR's supply of buckets has been completely wiped out by current needs after hurricanes Helene and Milton. Can you help?

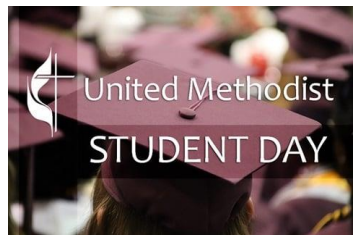
Flood Buckets:

Here is a list of items needed: 5 Gallon Buckets, 32–64 oz. bottles liquid laundry detergent, 16–40 oz. bottles liquid concentrate household cleaner, 16–34 oz. bottles liquid dish soap 4–8 oz. pump spray air freshener, 6–14 oz. pump spray insect repellent, Scrub brushes, Re-usable cleaning wipes, Scouring pads, 50–100 ft. clothesline, 24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33–45 gallon sizes), N95 particulate respirator dust masks, Kitchen gloves, work gloves.

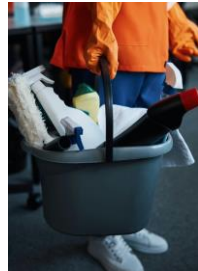
Please email Pastor@umcsummit.org for more details or to sign-up for a particular set of items. Or, to cover the cost of one bucket, you can donate \$75. Please indicate "flood bucket" on your donation.

United Methodist Student Sunday November 17th, 2024

Join us on November 17th, 2024 @ 10:30AM as we celebrate UMC Student Sunday. Our children and youth will lead the service as we celebrate and support UMC students around the world! If your child or youth would like to participate, please email Miss Carrie at CYFMinister@umcsummit.org



Support UMC Summit Youth Mission Team!! Hot Chocolate For Buckets



The Summit United Methodist Church Youth Mission Team is on a special mission project – Hot Chocolate for buckets! The idea is to raise funds to buy buckets and cleaning supplies to provide relief to areas impacted by the recent hurricanes Helene & Milton. This project is coordinated with UMCOR- the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

Warm up with a purchase of delicious Hot Chocolate by joining us.

When: November 10th

What time: 10.30 to 12.00

Where: 17 Kent Place Boulevard – Church Driveway

Who: Anyone who loves hot chocolate and wants to turn a warm tummy into aid for hurricane relief.

For More Information call Alison - 908.656.1594 or email her at ajohnson8@Drew.EDU or Summit United Methodist Church Office 908.277.1700 or email: office@umcsummit.org
www.umcsummit.org



Christmas Pageant News from Sunday School

This Sunday in Sunday School, we're starting Christmas pageant planning—because who doesn't love prepping for Christmas before

Halloween? Roles are open to both children and youth, so bring your Halloween spirit and Christmas cheer! If you'd like to participate, please email: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org

SEXTING & CYBERBULLYING!

A LIFELINE PROGRAM OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

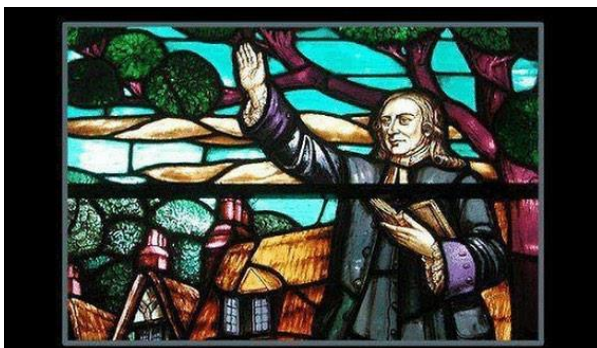


Join us for a new Youth Mental Health Forum “Lifeline”

- WHO:** Parents and youth are invited to attend a workshop on the issue of sexting and cyberbullying
- SPEAKER:** Dr. Alison Johnson and therapists from Summit Psychological Services
- WHERE:** United Methodist Church Summit Building (17 Kent Place Blvd.) – Social Hall & Green Room
- WHEN:** Sunday, November 17th, 5.30-8.00
- WHAT ELSE?** Free Pizza Dinner!
- COST:** Free (donations gratefully received)

**For more information call Alison Johnson 908.656.1594
or Church Office 908. 277 1700**

What do United Methodists believe about voting?



“I met those of our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them: 1. To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy; 2. To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and; 3. To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side.”— John Wesley, October 6, 1774

John Wesley, Methodism’s founder, spoke out against the exploitation of poor people, slavery and other abuses. While the Social Principles are not church law, they are intended to represent the prayerful and earnest efforts of the UMC to speak to issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation. They read: “We share the stances that the church has voted on and adapted — be that criminal justice, reparations, education reform, civic engagement and all of those things.” Other issues addressed include urging the government to effectively tackle poverty, climate change, physical and mental health care, addiction, war and promotion of civil and human rights. It is illegal under IRS rules for the church to endorse specific candidates.

We believe that prayer and faith actually can change things. We believe all voters should participate faithfully and rooted biblically, theologically, as well as within the Social Principles and the Discipline and doctrine of The United Methodist Church when voting for policies and leaders. United Methodists are encouraged to vote for the common good.