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

Bill Glancy

Holy God, the words of this world swirl around us like a mighty wind. We are caught up in a constant barrage of information, in news reports, in text messages, in emails and notifications. But here on this bright morning we remember: you too are speaking. Still the voices around us. Calm our minds and center our hearts so that we can hear your words above the wind. Speak to us, as only you can. Amen.

## **ANNUAL HANGING OF THE GREENERY**

### **LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY CANDLES**

Hymn: UMH #206 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (vv.1,2)

#### ***The Center Aisle Candles***

*Debbi Picorale, Steve and Janet Daniel, Carol Conway*

#### ***The Chancel Candles***

*The La Jeunesse Family*

### **HANGING THE GARLANDS**

Hymn: UMH #202 *People Look East* (vv. 1,2)

#### ***The Pillar Greenery***

*The Reyes Family, the Daniel Family, Waveny Hall, The Edwards Family*

#### ***The Chancel Greenery***

*Latonía Hall, Debbi Picorale, Lou Steele, Kim Goldman*

#### ***The Choir Loft Greenery***

*Beverly Alexis, The Johnson Family*

### **THE WREATHS**

Hymn UMH # 218 *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (vv.1,2)

#### ***The Window Wreaths***

*Alf Edwards, The Cunningham Family, The Relf Family*

#### ***The Tree Lighting***

*The Steele Family*



**SERMON:** *Words for the Beginning: "Prepare"* 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 "Manger Songs"  
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 #211 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 1-4)*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Recessional in G Major* for Trumpet and Organ

*\*denotes please stand as you are able.  
Please join us in the Social Hall after service for our annual Pot-Luck and Church-wide Talent Show!*

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

The Family and Friends of Brock Button, Shonette Smith, Gerry Wells, Dick Duenkel, Jane McKinley, Mary Anne Viaud, 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, December 8th:**

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 Talent Show & Potluck (Social Hall)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

### **Monday, December 9th:**

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

### **Tuesday, December 10th:**

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

### **Wednesday, December 11th:**

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

### **Thursday, December 12th:**

2:45pm-9:00pm Debbi's Dance  
3:30pm-5:00pm Girl Scouts (Social Hall)  
7:00pm-8:00pm Christian Yoga (Social Hall)

### **Friday, December 13th:**

9:30am-12:30pm Music Together (Chapel)  
11:00am-12:00pm Christian Yoga (Classroom)  
2:00pm-3:00pm Garden Club (Conference Room)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

### **Saturday, December 14th:**

8:30am-4:30pm Debbi's Dance  
9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Chapel)  
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

## **Hanging of the Greenery and Church Talent Show December 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30AM**

Join us for our annual  
Hanging of the Greenery  
and Church Talent Show!  
Come share some jokes, a  
song, a poem, or whatever  
God-given talents you have

with our church family! We will decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas during the 10:30AM service and share a potluck lunch and talent show during our regular 11:30AM Coffee Hour time. All are welcome! If you are able please bring an unwrapped toy that we will donate to this year's TOYS for TOTS.



**Join us for Christmas Eve  
Tuesday, December 24th  
5PM - Family Friendly Service  
with Children's Pageant**

**7PM - Traditional Lessons and  
Carols with Candle-lighting**

## **Advent/Christmas Winter Bible Study Wednesdays 7PM**

Join us via Zoom on Wednesday evenings during the Advent and Christmas season as we explore "Words for the Beginning". Sessions will take place: Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>. Please email [pastor@umcsummit.org](mailto:pastor@umcsummit.org) for the zoom info.





**NEW!**

**Angel Tree Christmas Mission**

Angel Tree Christmas™ equips churches and other organizations to restore and strengthen relationships between incarcerated parents and their children and families. Every Christmas, Angel Tree mobilizes local churches and organizations to minister to hundreds of thousands of children by delivering a gift, the Gospel message, and a personal message of love

on behalf of their mom or dad behind bars. Will you help us by sponsoring a child this season? Please visit our website: [www.umcsummit.org](http://www.umcsummit.org) and click on “2024 Angel Tree Mission” to participate or visit the “Angel Tree” in the Social Hall to participate.

**NEW! Help Light Up the Church for a Good Cause! Summit Luminary Project Only \$2.50 to participate!**

This year The United Methodist Church of Summit will be participating in Summit's annual Luminary Project on December 24<sup>th</sup>, where we “Light Up the Night” to support local charities. The Summit Luminary Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that raises funds for various charitable organizations serving Summit, New Jersey and the surrounding communities. Our goal is to light up the church with 100 luminaries at \$2.50 each. If you'd like to support this project, please mark “Luminaries” on your donation. Visit: <https://summitluminaryfund.org/> for more!



**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 Picoral



# 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)



## **Christmas Pageant News from Sunday School**

This Sunday in Sunday School, we're starting Christmas pageant planning. Roles are open to both children and youth, so bring your Christmas cheer!

Kids and youth are invited to join our Pop-Up Nativity Pageant during the Christmas Eve Family Service! With no lines to memorize, everyone can participate as angels, shepherds, wise people, Mary, Joseph, or even animals. We'll hold occasional Sunday School practices so kids know when to come in, but all are welcome to jump in on Christmas Eve. Celebrate the joy of the season with us! If you'd like to participate, please email:

[CYFMinister@umcsummit.org](mailto:CYFMinister@umcsummit.org)

# YOGAFAITH

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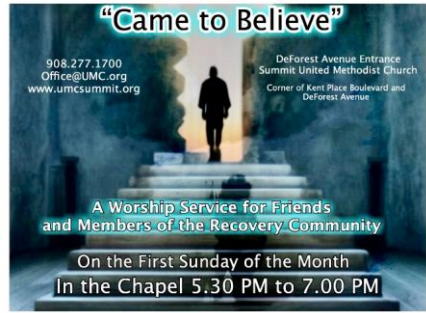
**Thursdays 7PM and Fridays 11AM**

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@umcsummit.org](mailto:Pastor@umcsummit.org) for more info!

**"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 the first Sunday of every month, in the UMC Chapel located on Deforest Avenue.



*"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 Schedule:**

<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Bell Choir</b>
	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Contemporary Ensemble</b>
	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Chancel Choir</b>
	<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Instrumental Rehearsal</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>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)



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# Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15th at 3.00pm

*Featuring the choirs of the church  
& professional soloists*



**Free and open to all.** Donations are welcome.

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