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Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

The United Methodist Church of Summit is a diverse church committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ, dedicated to building disciples, passionate about growing in faith, and motivated to be a voice of hope for the world.

PRELUDE Voluntary on *Here I Am, Lord* for Trumpet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Let us gather together and listen deeply for God's voice.

People: Word of God, speak.

Leader: Let us gather with childlike faith, and answer God's call.

People: Ageless Spirit of Wisdom, reveal yourself.

Leader: We sit at the feet of Jesus.

People: Your servants are listening.

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

God of love and life, speak to our hearts this day. Speak words of wisdom and faith. Open our hearts and minds to perceive your message of love, even when it's hard to hear. Strengthen our faith to answer your call, even when we don't feel confident or capable. Be our wisdom, our strength, and our love, so that we may bring your wisdom, strength, and love to all the world. Amen.

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

UMH #578 *God of Love and God of Power*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Carrie-Lee Farnham,
CYF Minister

ANTHEM:

I Love You, Lord
Chancel Choir

Laurie Klein

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE READING:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NRSVUE)

Jeremiah's Call and Commission

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

New Testament: Luke 4:21-30 (NRSVUE)

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

This is the Word of God, for the people of God; **People: Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** TFWS #2172 *We Are Called*

SERMON:

Cliffhanger

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

Variations on *Jesus Paid It All*
William Teubner - trumpet

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

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH p.13

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Jesus Is Savior to All
Contemporary Ensemble

Martin Smith

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

UMH #593 *Here I Am, Lord*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Majestic Recessional in F Major*
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

Beverly Alexis, the family and loved ones of Adrian Phillips, Jane McKinley, United Methodists in Nigeria, the family and friends of Brock Button, Shonette Smith, Gerry Wells, Dick Duenkel, Mary Anne Viaud, Carole Reed, Bob Zotti, Norma, recovering from a broken hip, the family and friends of Anthony J. "Tony" Gianonne, Sr., Judy Fish, all those affected by hurricanes and storms, our service men and women around the world.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, February 2nd:

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

Monday, February 3rd:

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

Tuesday, February 4th:

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

Wednesday, February 5th:

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

Thursday, February 6th:

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

Friday, February 7th:

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

Saturday, February 8th:

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-3:00pm Instrumental Rehearsal
2:00pm-10:00pm Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)
2:30pm-3:30pm Liturgical Dance

ANNOUNCEMENTS



New CYF Service Project 1/19/25-2/9/25

Souper Bowl of Caring

Will you help the UMC Summit children and youth #tacklehunger? In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.” Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country. The UMC Summit Children and Youth will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Community Food Bank of NJ. The Children and Youth are challenging the congregation to donate 100 items! Please place your donations in the Souper Bowl of Caring Soup pots.

New Chili Cook-off!

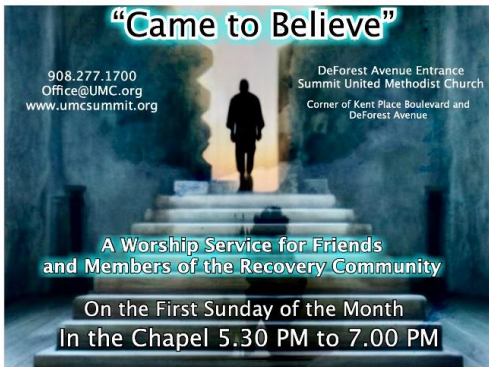
February 16th, 3-5PM

(PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE) To celebrate our annual Souper Bowl of Caring, the UMC of Summit will be hosting its first ever Chili Cookoff on February 16th, from 3PM-5PM.

Does your chili recipe

have what it takes to win the coveted Golden Ladle Trophy? Enter your recipe to win by signing up on the sheet in the Social Hall or emailing Pastor Laura at: pastorlaurasteele@gmail.com. A \$5 donation at the door buys attendees a voting spoon and score card to participate as a judge, plus, one free bowl to enjoy your favorite chili at the end of the voting period. Awards and prizes will be given to the top three winners!





"CAME TO BELIEVE" WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

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. **FREE Childcare provided! FREE coffee and refreshments! ALL are welcome!**

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

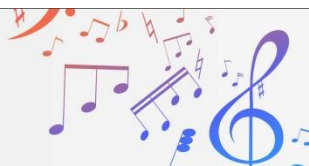
be thought of as an act of worship, rather than a performance. We are praising God through movement and expression. We want the congregation to feel they are part of our expression, accepting the dance as a form of prayer. Resident dance instructor Debbi Picorale will be leading the classes on Saturdays in the Dance Studio. See Ms. Debbi for more information, all levels welcome – no experience necessary!





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MUSIC MINISTRY



Come and make a joyful sound! Come before the Lord with Praise and Thanksgiving! Come and share your gift of music as we praise and worship the Lord in our magnificent Sanctuary!

Saturdays

12:00 Bell Choir

12:30 Contemporary Ensemble

1:00 Chancel Choir

2:00 Instrumental

Sundays

9:00 Instrumental

9:30 Chancel Choir

10:00 Bell Choir

10:30 Worship

11:45 Singing Believers

Please come and make music to the Lord with your church friends. For more information, please e-mail Director of Music, JoAnne Teubner Prussak, at office@umcsummit.org

YOGAFAITH

Christian Yoga classes will resume February 6th at 7PM and Feb. 7th, at 11AM. All levels welcome! Suggested donation of \$10 per class. See Pastor Laura for more information

NEW! Eagle Scout Project Fundraiser

UMC Summit youth member, Alec La Jeunesse, will be gifting the church with his Eagle Scout Project this Spring. Alec is looking for the church's help to support this project. Our goal is to raise \$600. If you'd like to donate, please mark "Eagle Scout Project" on your envelope or check, or you can donate online via our website: www.umcsummit.org and click on "GIVE".



My Name is Alec La Jeunesse. I'm working to obtain Eagle Scout rank with Kenilworth Troop 83. My Eagle Scout project is the restoration of the
United Methodist Church of Summit's memorial garden.

The elements of my project are:
Level the slate walkway
Polish the brass plaque
Install solar powered lighting along the walkway
Plant some additional bushes throughout the garden.

Our funding goal for this project \$600.00 any amounts of donation.
Will be greatly appreciated.
You can donate on the Boy Scouts of America website?
Thank You!

Children Youth and Families Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS			
1.19 - 2.9	Souper Bowl of Caring	Chili Cook Off @ 3 PM	2.16
2.23	Youth Mental Health Night @ 3-6 PM	Ash Wednesday Service @ 7 PM	3.5
3.12	Wednesday Lent Soup Supper Begins @ 6 PM	Prom Shop @ 11 AM - 4 PM	4.5
4.6	Egg Stuffing Party	Easter Egg Hunt	4.12
4.17	Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:30 PM	Good Friday Service @ 7:30 PM	4.18
4.20	Easter Breakfast @ 9:30 AM	Easter Service @ 10:30 AM	4.20
6.8	Education Sunday Service @ 10:30 AM	BBQ Picnic @ 11:30 AM	6.8
6.15	Music Ministry Sunday @ 10:30 AM	TEA with a TWIST @ 3:30 PM	6.8

Children's Ministry

Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Update

Sunday School is BACK! Join us every Sunday for our CYF programming with Creative Christianity at 9:30AM and Sunday School at 10:45AM. Email: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org for more!



Creative Christianity

Creative Christianity is Back!

Join at 9:30AM every Sunday as we celebrate our faith with fun, hands-on activities for all ages. Join us at 9:30AM in the Green Room. This is an intergenerational program for all ages to explore faith through creative modalities. Drop the kids and grab a coffee or stay and play!

NEW! Lifeline Mental Health Seminar:
From Fear to Flourishing



Lifeline Mental Health Seminar

**FROM FEAR TO FLOURISHING:
SUPPORTING ANXIOUS KIDS AND PARENTS**

FEBRUARY 23RD, 3PM-5PM

**THE UMC OF SUMMIT
17 KENT PLACE BLVD, SUMMIT, NJ**



**WHO: PARENTS AND YOUTH
8TH GRADE & UP**

**SPEAKER: DR. ALISON JOHNSON &
THERAPISTS FROM SUMMIT
PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES**

**COST: FREE (DONATIONS
GRATEFULLY RECEIVED)**



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