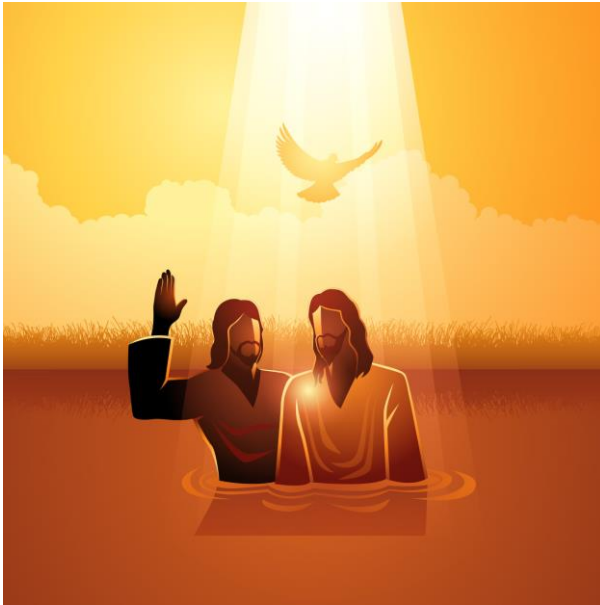




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January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

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 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
for Trumpet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Bill Glancy

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

People: I will be with you.

Leader: When we go through the challenges that refine us and the challenges that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

People: I will be with you.

Leader: Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

People: I will be with you.

Leader: So come, let us worship our God, whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

People: Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's presence with us!

Amen.

CENTERING PRAYER:

Bill Glancy

Father in Heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

OPENING HYMNUMH #347 *Spirit Song***CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**Carrie-Lee Farnham,
CYF Minister**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Beverly Alexis

SCRIPTURE READING:

Bill Glancy

Old Testament: Isaiah 43:1-7 (NRSVUE)

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

New Testament: Luke 3:15-17 (NRSVUE)

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Baptism of Jesus

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with

you I am well pleased.” *This is the Word of God, for the people of God; People: Thanks be to God.*

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** TFWS #2248 *Baptized in Water*

SERMON: *Who’s in Charge Here?* 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 God of Grace and God of Glory
William Teubner - trumpet

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

UMH #95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Juliet Steele

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

UMH 374 Standing on the Promises

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Majestic Recessional* for Trumpet and Organ

**denotes please stand as you are able.*

Please join us in the Social Hall after service for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship!

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Beverly Alexis, the family and loved ones of Adrian Philips, Jane McKinley, United Methodists in Nigeria, the family and friends of Brock Button, Shonette Smith, Gerry Wells, Dick Duenkel, Jane McKinley, 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, January 12th:

- 10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship
- 10:45am-11:30am Sunday School
- 11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, January 13th:

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

Tuesday, January 14th:

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

Wednesday, January 15th:

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

Thursday, January 16th:

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

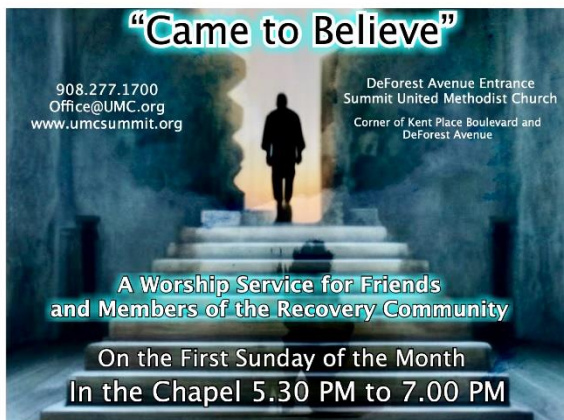
Friday, January 17th:

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

Saturday, January 18th:

- 8:30am-4:30pm Debbi's Dance
- 9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
- 2:00pm-10:00pm Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)
- 2:30pm-3:30pm Liturgical Dance

ANNOUNCEMENTS



"CAME TO BELIEVE" WORSHIP SERVICE

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 Sundays of the month in the UMC Chapel located on Deforest Avenue. **FREE Childcare provided! FREE coffee and refreshments! ALL are welcome!**



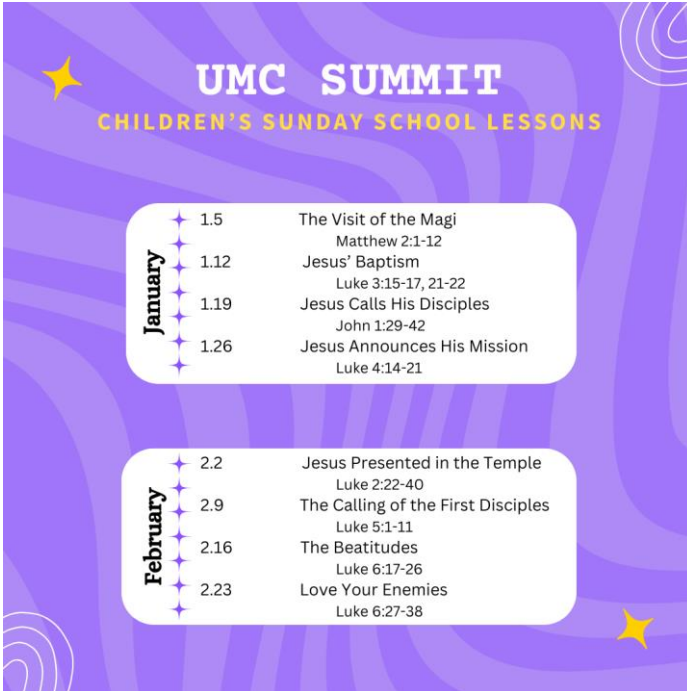
Please Note: the SUMC choirs and ensembles will be on break starting December 28th, and resuming on January 25th/26th. If you are interested in joining any of our Music Ministry programs, please email Director of Music, JoAnne Teubner Prussak, at Office@UMCSummit.org.

Children's Ministry

Children, Youth, and Family Ministries Update

Sunday School is BACK! Join us today as we kick-off our CYF programming with Creative Christianity at 9:30AM and Sunday School at 10:45AM. If you are interested in more information about our Children, Youth, and Family Ministries programming, please email CYF Minister, Carrie-Lee Farnham, at:

CYFMinister@umcsummit.org.



The poster features a purple background with white and yellow stars and concentric circles. The text is centered and organized into two white rounded rectangular boxes. The top box lists lessons for January, and the bottom box lists lessons for February. Each lesson is preceded by a small star icon.

UMC SUMMIT
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

January

- 1.5 The Visit of the Magi
Matthew 2:1-12
- 1.12 Jesus' Baptism
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
- 1.19 Jesus Calls His Disciples
John 1:29-42
- 1.26 Jesus Announces His Mission
Luke 4:14-21

February

- 2.2 Jesus Presented in the Temple
Luke 2:22-40
- 2.9 The Calling of the First Disciples
Luke 5:1-11
- 2.16 The Beatitudes
Luke 6:17-26
- 2.23 Love Your Enemies
Luke 6:27-38



Creative Christianity

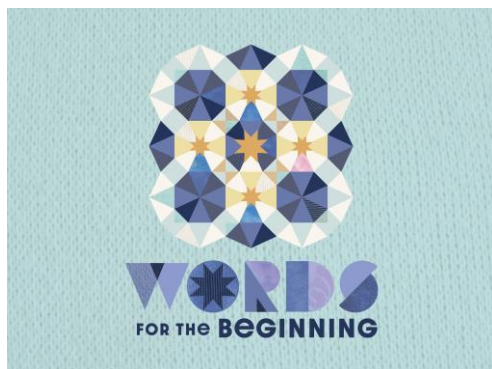
Creative Christianity is Back!

Join us this week as we kick off the New Year with fun, hands-on activities for all ages. Join us at 9:30AM in the Green Room. Creative Christianity is an inter-generational program for all ages to explore faith through creative modalities. Drop the kids and grab a coffee or stay and play



NEW! “Wings of Faith” Liturgical Dance Ministry
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30PM
Starting January 18, 2025

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!



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. 4th, 11th, 18th and Jan. 8th, 15th.

Please email pastor@umcsummit.org for the zoom info.

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Thursdays 7PM and Fridays 11AM

All levels are welcome, no experience necessary. Suggested donation of \$10 per class. Email Pastor@umsummit.org for more info!