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may find strength to hold on and hold out. Help us to know that the best wine is yet to come, and we can taste and see your goodness. Show yourself to be powerful, empowering, and awesome this day and for all times to come. In the name of Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

UMH #400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Carrie-Lee Farnham,
CYF Minister

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE READING:

Emily LaJeunesse

Old Testament: Isaiah 62: 1-5 (NRSVUE)

God like the bridegroom and the bride

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married, for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

New Testament: John 2: 1-11 (NRSVUE)

The Wedding at Cana

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said

to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

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

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:**

UMH#644 *Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring*

SERMON: *The Best is Yet to Come* Alison Johnson

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

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION:

Voluntary on *Be Thou My Vision*
William Teubner - trumpet

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

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

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

TFWS#2173 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Standing in the Need of Prayer*

**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 19th:

- 10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship
- 10:45am-11:30am Sunday School
- 11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
- 1:00pm-10:00pm RAD Theatricals (Social Hall/Stage)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, January 20th:

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

Tuesday, January 21st:

- 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 22nd:

- 1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance
- 6:00pm-10:00pm RAD Theatricals (Social Hall/Stage)

Thursday, January 23rd:

- 2:45pm-9:00pm Debbi's Dance
- 4:00pm-10:00pm RAD Theatricals (Social Hall/Stage)
- 7:00pm-8:00pm Christian Yoga (Chapel)

Friday, January 24th:

- 9:30am-12:30pm Music Together (Social Hall)
- 11:00am-12:00pm Christian Yoga (Chapel)
- 6:00pm-10:00pm RAD Theatricals (Social Hall/Stage)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, January 25th:

- 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
- 6:00pm-10:00pm RAD Theatricals (Social Hall/Stage)

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. Please place your donations in the Souper Bowl of Caring Soup pots.

New Chili Cook-off!

February 23rd, 3-5PM

To celebrate our annual Souper Bowl of Caring, the UMC of Summit will be hosting its first ever Chili Cookoff on February 23rd, from 3PM-5PM. Does your chili recipe have what it takes to win the coveted Golden Ladle Trophy?

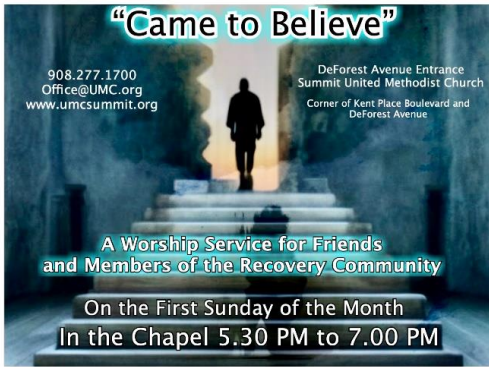


Enter your recipe to win by signing up on the sheet in the Social Hall or emailing Pastor Laura at: pastorlaurasteele@gmail.com. A \$5 donation at the door buys attendees a voting spoon and score card to participate as a judge, plus, one free bowl to enjoy your favorite chili at the end of the voting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

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. Email: CYFMinister@umcsummit.org for more



"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 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 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!



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. 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!



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



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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!

Our choirs and ensembles will resume on Saturday, January 24th and Sunday, January 25th.

Saturday, January 25, 2025

- 12:00 Bell Choir
- 12:30 Contemporary Ensemble
- 1:00 Chancel Choir
- 2:00 Instrumental

Sunday, January 26, 2025

- 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