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January 26th, 2025
Third Sunday After Epiphany

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

PRELUDE Voluntary on *Holy God* for Trumpet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Carol Conway
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: The Heavens are telling the glory of God.

**People: Day pours forth speech and night declares
knowledge.**

Leader: There is no speech nor words.

People: What voices speak without words or speech?

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: We listen but do not understand.

Leader: Pray in the Spirit and you will perceive.

People: Who will teach us, that our hearts may rejoice?

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

**God of Wisdom, we have come to sit at Jesus' feet and learn.
With the heavens above and the earth below, we rejoice in the
good news he brings: good news to the poor, release to the
captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom for the
oppressed. Reveal the mystery of your precepts, so that we
might hear the music of the heavens—the whisper of the land
and the roar of the seas. Speak to us through the fullness of
creation, we pray. AMEN.**

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #657 *This Is the Day*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM *I Love You and You Are Mine* Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Today, I present *Madison Shea Loeser* for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

(The pastor addresses parents and other sponsors)

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church to which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture Madison in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

(The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds)

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround Madison with a community of love and forgiveness, so that she may grow in service to others. We will pray for Madison, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

POURING THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, your mighty acts of salvation have been made known through water – from the moving of your Spirit upon the waters of Creation, to the saving of your people through the great flood, to the deliverance of God's people from Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus nurtured in the waters of a womb, baptized in the waters of the River Jordan, and anointed by your Spirit. He called upon the disciples, to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to go out and make disciples of all nations. Pour out your Holy Spirit, bless this gift of water and bless Madison who receives it, wash away her sins and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life so that she may be raised with Christ and Madison may share in Christ's final victory, through our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

Madison Shea Loeser, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend Madison to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love. Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ!

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION:**

TFWS 2248 *Baptized in Water*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING:

Carol Conway

Old Testament: Psalm 19:1-4 (NRSVUE)

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun.

New Testament: Luke 4:14-21 (NRSVUE)

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set free those who are oppressed,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS # 2130 *The Summons*

SERMON:

Holy Habits

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 *How Great Thou Art*
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)*

UMH #572 *Pass It On*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *God is Our Rock* 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 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 26th:

- 10:30am-11:30am In-person/online Worship
- 10:45am-11:30am Sunday School
- 11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
- 1:00pm-6:00pm RAD Theatricals (Social Hall/Stage)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, January 27th:

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

Tuesday, January 28th:

- 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 29th:

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

Thursday, January 30th:

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

Friday, January 31st:

- 9:30am-12:30pm Music Together (Social Hall)
- 11:00am-12:00pm Christian Yoga (Chapel)
- 4:00pm-6:00pm RAD Theatricals (Social Hall/Stage)
- 7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, February 1st:

- 8:30am-4:30pm Debbi's Dance
- 9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
- 1:00pm-6:00pm RAD Theatricals (Social Hall/Stage)
- 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.

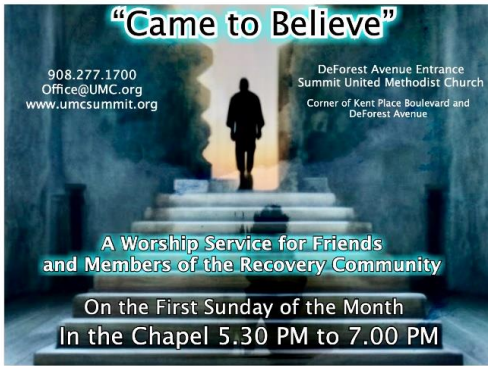
New Chili Cook-off!

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

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!



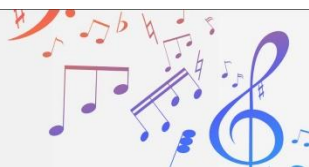
YOGAFAITH

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



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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 25th and Sunday, January 26th.

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

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!

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



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

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

**COST: FREE (DONATIONS
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