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February 16, 2025

Sixth 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 Variations on *To Him All Majesty Ascribe*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Bill Glancy
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Happy are those who delight in God's ways,

People: Who set their hearts and minds on the laws of God's love.

Leader: In the presence of the Holy, they are like trees planted by the waters of life.

People: They are fed by enduring streams, with roots that reach into the depths of the soul.

Leader: They are nourished in times of drought and bring forth fruit in seasons of famine.

People: Life shall spring forth as they walk each day in the Way of peace.

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

Holy One, when the road is dusty under our feet and we find ourselves engulfed, you share with us the water of life. You plant our spirits by the streams of your Being. You nourish our bodies and replenish our souls. You challenge our minds and guide our hearts. Lead us, again, O God, into your presence with your prayers. Be with us, as your renewing love overflows from our lives and our souls into the world. AMEN.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM: *All Over the World, I Hear Music*, Traditional Spiritual
Chancel Choir**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Alison Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING:

Bill Glancy

Old Testament: Jeremiah 17:5-10 (NRSV)

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

New Testament: Luke 6:17-26 (NRSV)

Jesus Teaches and Heals

He came down with them and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Blessings and Woes

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for

you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.”

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

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS 2174 *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

SERMON: *Sermon on the Plain* 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 a Traditional Spiritual
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 #664 *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Majestic Recessional in G* 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

Patricia, Dotti Zotti, 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 16th:

9:00am-9:30am Instrumental Rehearsal
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-12:15pm Singing Believers
3:00pm-6:00pm Chili Cookoff (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, February 17th:

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

Tuesday, February 18th:

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 19th:

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

Thursday, February 20th:

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

Friday, February 21st:

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 22nd:

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



CYF Service Project
1/19/25-2/16/25

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.

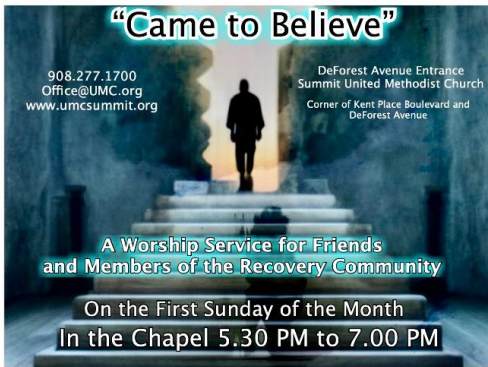
New Chili Cook-off!

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

Join the UMC of Summit for our NEW Liturgical Dance Ministry. Liturgical dance is a form of praise and should

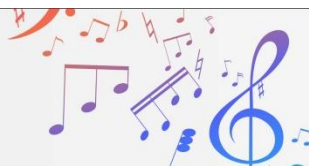
be thought of as an act of worship, rather than a performance. We are praising God through movement and expression. We want the congregation to feel they are part of our expression, accepting the dance as a form of prayer. Resident dance instructor Debbi Picorale will be leading the classes on Saturdays 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 meet on Thursdays at 7PM and Fridays, 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! 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)**

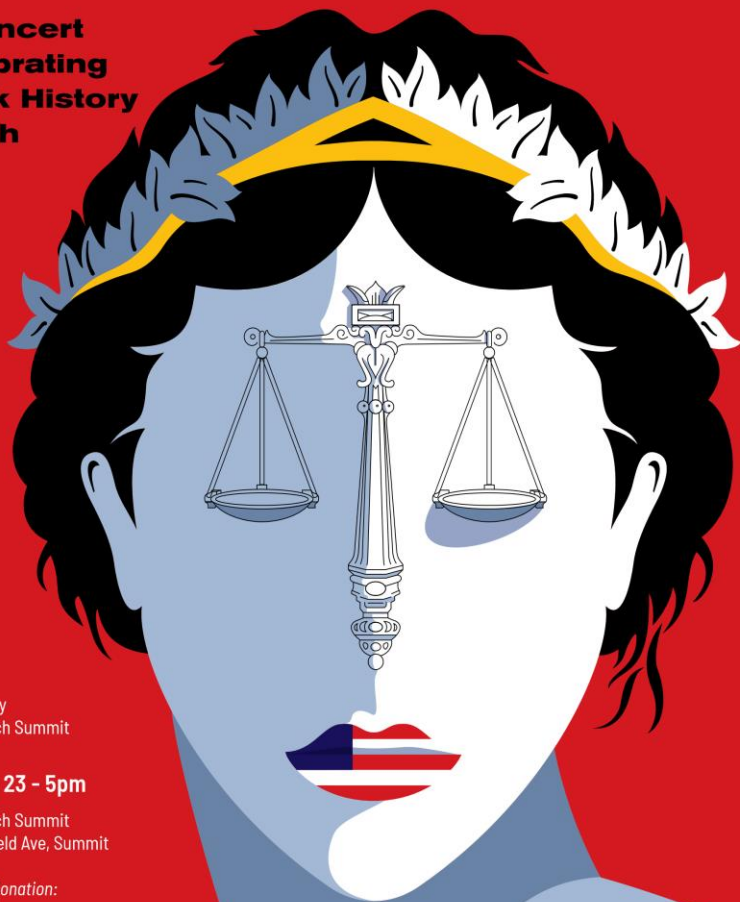


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