



United Methodist
Church of Summit



It Takes A
VILLAGE

Acts 2:42-47

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February 9, 2025

Fifth 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 *The Power of Jesus' Name*
for Trumpet and Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Johanna Aguilera
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Spirit of Hope, Savior of Love, God of Resurrection,

People: We come today with hearts ready to worship!

Leader: We come together from all walks of life, from different places and spaces, yet we come together as one body,

People: We come offering our love, our commitment, and our prayers, in service to one another and in community to all the world,

Leader: Let us worship with joy in the name of the Lord who makes all things new,

People: Praise be to God!

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

Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but yet we act out in fear. You send us the Spirit of truth, but yet we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, and yet we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again. Shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love. Send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold lay before you this day all of our particular burdens our guilt and our sins, and we ask for your grace empower us to seek justice, kindness, and mercy. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #62 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Alison Johnson, Seminary Intern

ANTHEM: *Up Above My Head* Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING:

New Testament: Acts 2:42-47 (NRSV)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;* **People: Thanks be to God.**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

UMH #328 *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

SERMON: *It Takes a Village* Rev. Carmen O'Shea

Carmen is a lifelong United Methodist who enjoys camping and outdoor activities with her family. Prior to joining Pocono Plateau, Carmen had a twenty-year career in accounting and corporate finance, ending with her role as a finance executive for a global insurance company. Carmen is a certified candidate for Deacon and is a Local Licensed Pastor in the United Methodist church and is working on her Masters of Theology at Drew Theological School in NJ.

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

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION *I Will Arise And Go to Jesus*
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: *Moderato 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

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 9th:

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
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, February 10th:

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

Tuesday, February 11th:

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 12th:

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

Thursday, February 13th:

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

Friday, February 14th:

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 15th:

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
1/19/25-2/9/25

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.

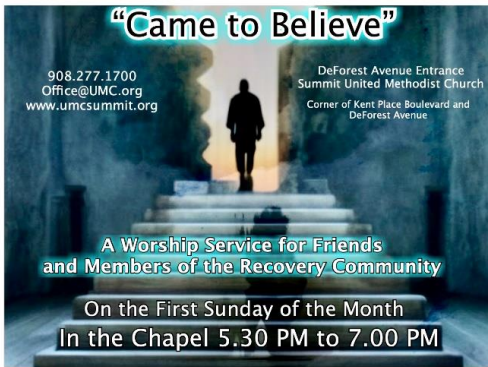
New Chili Cook-off!

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

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

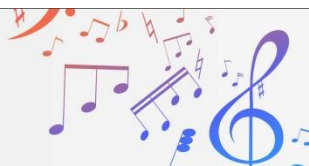
be thought of as an act of worship, rather than a performance. We are praising God through movement and expression. We want the congregation to feel they are part of our expression, accepting the dance as a form of prayer. Resident dance instructor Debbi Picorale will be leading the classes on Saturdays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