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March 2, 2025

Transfiguration 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 *St. Anthony's Chorale* for Trumpet and Organ
Joseph Haydn

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Karen Berry
(*please rise as you are able*)

Leader: Christ has called us to this Holy ground this day,

People: Christ invites us to offer praise and prayer.

Leader: May Christ's presence be revealed in this time,

People: Savior, show us the Way!

Leader: May Christ's glory shine into our worship,

People: So that Christ's glory may shine in our lives!

***CENTERING PRAYER:** (*in unison*) Karen Berry

God of glory and power, pour out your Holy Spirit on us this day. Reveal to us your wisdom and guidance. Manifest through us your Spirit of glorious grace and love. Make your loving presence known to all, through the ministries of this body - your church - one body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** (*please remain standing as you are able*)

UMH #451 *Be Thou My Vision*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Alison Johnson,
Seminary Intern

ANTHEM: *This World Is Not My Home*, Traditional Spiritual
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Carol Conway

Old Testament: Exodus 34:29-35 (NRSV)

The Shining Face of Moses

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

New Testament: Luke 9:28-36 (NRSV)

The Transfiguration

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*

People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS #2007 *Holy, Holy, Holy (Santo, Santo, Santo)*

SERMON: *Santo! Santo! Santo!* 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 *Traditional Irish Hymn*
William Teubner - trumpet

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

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH p.13 (*see insert*)

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Draw the Circle Wide Mark Miller
Contemporary Ensemble

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

TFWS 2173 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Voluntary on *Whole World* for Trumpet and Piano

**denotes please stand as you are able*
Please join us after service for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Emily La Jeunesse, Greg K. and family, 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, March 2nd:

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, March 3rd:

9:00am-1:00pm Survivor kitchen inspection (Kitchen)
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room)

Tuesday, March 4th:

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

Wednesday, March 5th:

1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance
7:30pm-8:30pm Ash Wednesday Service (Chapel)

Thursday, March 6th:

2:45pm-9:00pm Debbi's Dance
3:30pm-5:00pm Girl Scouts (Social Hall)
7:00pm-8:00pm Christian Yoga (Social Hall)

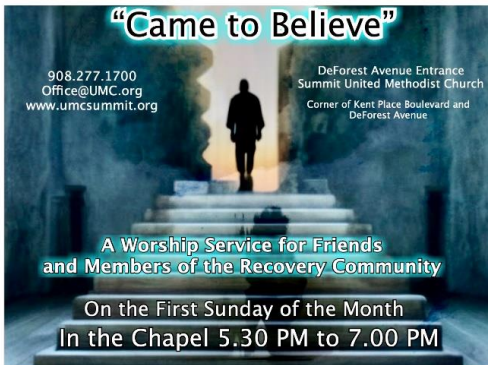
Friday, March 7th:

9:30am-12:30pm Music Together (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, March 8th:

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
1:00pm-6:00pm New Providence Chess Club (Social Hall)
2:00pm-3:00pm Instrumental Rehearsal
2:00pm-10:00pm Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)
2:30pm-3:30pm Liturgical Dance

ANNOUNCEMENTS



"CAME TO BELIEVE" WORSHIP SERVICE TONIGHT 5:30PM

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

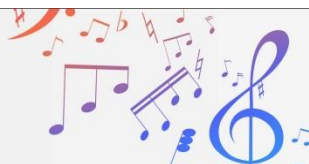
be thought of as an act of worship, rather than a performance. We are praising God through movement and expression. We want the congregation to feel they are part of our expression, accepting the dance as a form of prayer. Resident dance instructor Debbi Picorale will be leading the classes on Saturdays 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 Fridays, at 11AM. All levels welcome! Suggested donation of \$10 per class. See Pastor Laura for more information.



Reminder to all Ad Council members:

The next meeting of the Ad Council will take place in the Social Hall on March 10, 2025 at 7:30 pm.



Ash Wednesday Service
March 5th, 7:30PM
Reeves Chapel

What are the things you hunger for? Join us as we kick off the Lenten series "A Different Kind of Fast". Each week we will embrace simplicity as we sojourn to the cross on Good Friday and the Resurrection on Easter morning. Our Ash Wednesday service begins this pilgrimage. It is a time to create sacred space and listen to the deep desires of our hearts to grow closer to God this season. We hope you will join us, all are welcome!



Dinner Church Soup Suppers
Wednesdays at 6pm – March 12 to April 9

Join us as we break bread together during Lent. This interactive church dinner experience allows us to worship and dive deeper into the Bible over a delicious soup supper. All are welcome! Please look out for the soup supper sign-up sheet during Coffee Hour.

Donations for Jefferson School Easter Baskets

Our partnership with Jefferson Elementary School continues this year as we seek to arrange Easter dinners for 10 families in need. *Please help fill these baskets by donating food. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Social Hall for your convenience, beginning on March 9th. Boxes for donations are in the Social Hall.*



All Easter dinner donations will be gathered by April 6th, and delivered to and distributed by Jefferson School. We will also accept financial donations to give funds that will be transformed into food and gift cards for the families. **All financial donations are needed by March 30th** and can be made by sending in a check with "Jefferson School" in the memo line or by using an envelope located in the Social Hall. The delivery date for the donations will be April 7th.



Easter Breakfast April 20th, 9:15AM

Please join us for **breakfast in the Social Hall** before the 10:30AM Easter Worship Service. All are welcome!

Sunday 10:30AM Worship Lenten Series: "A Different Kind of Fast: Feeding our True Hungers in Lent"

Based on Christine Valters Paintner's book of the same title, we'll be exploring ways we can slow down and be more mindful this Lent. What do you hunger for? So often we think we need to give something up during Lent that doesn't really affect our full wellbeing. What if we fed our true hungers and stepped back from consuming all the messages that the world feeds us? We might find true peace and love in God.





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FREE PROM SHOP



Saturday, April 5, 2025
11am - 4pm

NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

of
Formal Wear, Shoes and Accessories
for
Young Men and Ladies

Drop off at the Church Office
anytime between 9am - 3pm
17 Kent Place Boulevard, Summit, NJ
908-277-1700



The UMC of Summit is hosting a free “Prom Shop” this Spring for local students and we need your help! Do you have formal wear and/or accessories that you no longer need? Please consider donating to this initiative and make this event season unforgettable! We are accepting donations for both young men and women. Please drop off donations to the church Monday-Friday from 9AM-1PM, or bring them in on Sunday mornings. If you know a student who would like to participate, please call the church office: 908-277-1700 to make an appointment.

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

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EASTER EGG HUNT

FUN GAMES - ACTIVITIES - EASTER BUNNY PHOTOS

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SENSORY FRIENDLY HUNT: 10 AM
CLASSIC HUNT: 2 PM

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**APRIL
12TH**

IF IT RAINS, WE WILL MOVE IT INDOORS
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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!