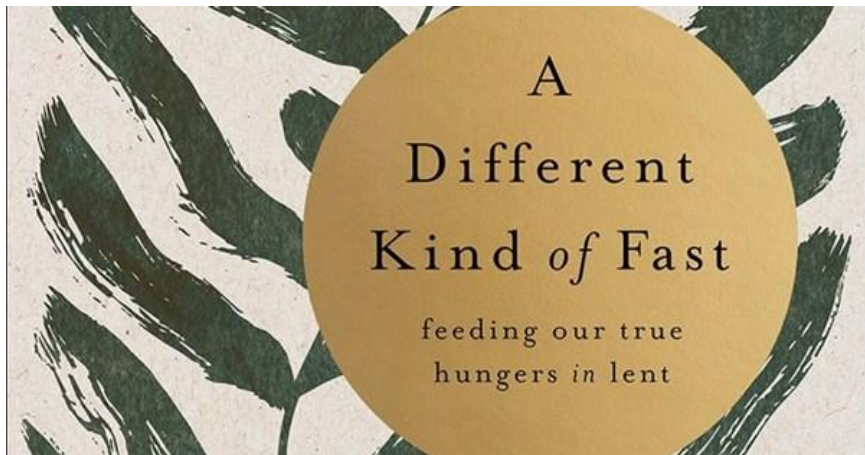




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March 16, 2025
Second Sunday in Lent

“A Different Kind of Fast” Worship Series

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 *Aire in F Major* for Trumpet and Organ, G.F. Handel

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

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

Leader: Children of God, when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do you say?

People: God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

Leader: When threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for, what do you say?

People: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and you do not know who or what to trust any more, what do you say?

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Leader: Because God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

People: Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.

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

We live in the shadow of peace, O God, but too often, we face the shadow and not the light. We pray for peace today because we know we are not a whole people without it.

Forgive us our warring madness, our abuse of power, and our disregard of the rights of others. Lift from us the burden of the need always to be in control. Teach us the ways of mutual love for all people. Help us to give peace a chance. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #110 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Carrie-Lee Farnham,
CYF Minister

ANTHEM: *It Is Well With My Soul* John Beck
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Rev. Laura Steele

LITURGICAL DANCE PRESENTATION:
"Thy Word" SUMC Liturgical Dance Team

SCRIPTURE READING: Carol Conway

New Testament: Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV)

The Lament over Jerusalem

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS #2129 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

SERMON: *Fasting from Scarcity Anxiety, Embracing
Abundance*

Carrie-Lee Farnham

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

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

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)*

UMH #133 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Voluntary on *O Mighty God* 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

Daniel Faniyan for Divine Guidance, Greg K. and family, Patricia Green, 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, Shanotte 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 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
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, March 17th:

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

Tuesday, March 18th:

1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Wednesday, March 19th:

1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance
6:00pm-7:00pm Soup Supper & Worship (Social Hall)

Thursday, March 20th:

10:00am-11:00am Staff Meeting (Fellowship Room)
2:45pm-9:00pm Debbi's Dance

Friday, March 21st:

11:00am-12:00pm Christian Yoga (Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, March 22nd:

8:30am-4:30pm Debbi's Dance
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



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

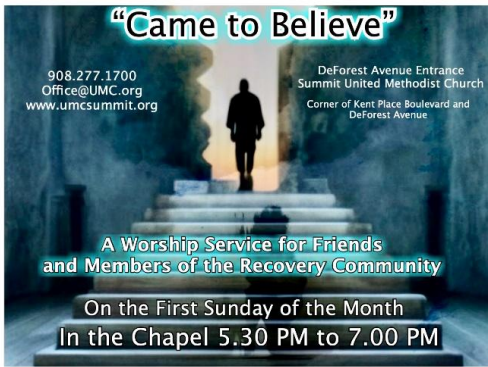
Join us as we break bread together during Lent. This interactive church dinner experience allows us to worship and dive deeper into the Bible over a delicious soup supper. All are welcome! Please look out for the soup supper sign-up sheet during Coffee Hour.

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.



"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

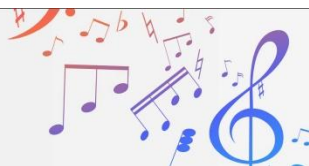
be thought of as an act of worship, rather than a performance. We are praising God through movement and expression. We want the congregation to feel they are part of our expression, accepting the dance as a form of prayer. Resident dance instructor Debbi Picorale will be leading the classes on Saturdays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

In 
Loving
Memory

The memorial service for **Adrian Phillips** in Barbados will take place on Saturday, March 22 at 11am. The link for viewing the service is <HTTPS://youtube.com/c/powerinthebloodchurch>



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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.

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!

Easter Egg Hunt Collection

Speaking of the Easter Egg Hunt, we're collecting Easter eggs, allergy-friendly candy, and other fun items to stuff the eggs, such as fidgets, small toys, and temporary tattoos. This year, we'll be hosting two different Easter egg hunts, a sensory-friendly hunt and a classic hunt, so we're aiming to collect a lot of eggs and stuffing materials. We will be collecting these items until April 6th, so please consider donating to help make this a fun and safe event for everyone involved.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 12th! This year, we're hosting two hunts to include everyone. Our first hunt will be a sensory friendly hunt and will start at 10:00 AM. There will be a max 20 spots, so to not overstimulate anyone.

Our second hunt will be our classic hunt at 2:00 PM and has a max of 100 spots.

Make sure to RSVP by April 2nd as spots are first-come, first-served!

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!



Palm Sunday

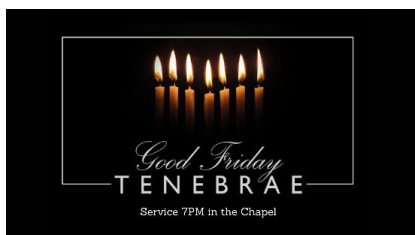
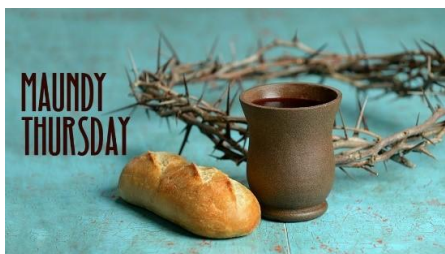
April 13th, 10:30AM

Join us on Palm Sunday as our children participate in our annual Palm Parade. If your child would like to participate in the Palm parade, please arrive at 10:15am.

Maundy Thursday

April 17th, 7:30PM

Join us for our Maundy Thursday handwashing service in the Chapel. We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper with Holy Communion.



Good Friday

April 18th, 7:30PM

Join us for a Good Friday "Tenebrae Service of Shadows". "Tenebrae" is the Latin word meaning "darkness." Candles are

extinguished one by one as we journey through the biblical story of Jesus' journey to the cross and subsequent death.

Easter Sunday Service

April 20th, 10:30AM

Join us on Easter Sunday as we gather to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This special service will be filled with uplifting worship, a powerful

message of hope, and joy as we proclaim, "He is risen!"

