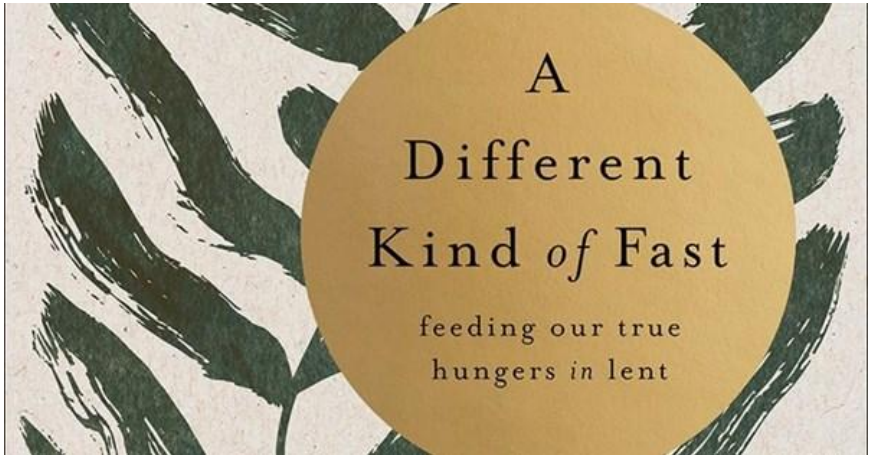




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March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent
“A Different Kind of Fast” Worship Series

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 *God Is My Strength* for Trumpet and Organ
Johann S. Bach

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

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

Leader: We follow Jesus as we journey in the wilderness,

People: Our souls hunger and thirst for God.

Leader: Our gracious God welcomes us here.

People: God's steadfast love sustains us.

Leader: Sing for joy in the presence of the Holy Spirit!

People: We have come to praise the living God.

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

God we are grateful that your thoughts and your ways are higher than our own. Thank you for forgiving our sins. Thank you for new mercies each day. Thank you for always welcoming us back into fellowship with you. Thank you for providing waters from which we may drink and never thirst again. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #534 *Be Still, My Soul*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Alison Johnson, Seminary Intern

ANTHEM:

Blest Are They
Chancel Choir
Latonia Hall - soloist

Michael Joncas

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING:

Carol Conway

Old Testament: Psalm 63: 1-8 (NRSV)

Comfort and Assurance in God's Presence

A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.

O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is
no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding
your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than
life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied
as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches
of the night, for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your
wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds
me.

New Testament: Luke 21:34-38 (NRSV)

Exhortation to Watch

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with
dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life and that
day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come
upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all
times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these
things that will take place and to stand before the Son of Man."
Every day he was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go
out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called.
And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to
him in the temple. *This is the Word of God, for the people of God;*
People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** TFWS #2025 *As the Deer*

SERMON: *Fasting from Speeding and Rushing:
Practicing the Pause* 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 the Hymn Assurance
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 #334 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* (sung 2x)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Majestic Recessional* 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 23rd:

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-11:45am Easter Festival Choir
11:30am-12:30pm Coffee Hour (Social Hall)
11:45am-12:15pm Singing Believers
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, March 24th:

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

Tuesday, March 25th:

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 26th:

9:30am-10:15am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
1:30pm-9:30pm Debbi's Dance
6:00pm-7:00pm Soup Supper & Worship (Social Hall)

Thursday, March 27th:

2:45pm-9:00pm Debbi's Dance

Friday, March 28th:

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

Saturday, March 29th:

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

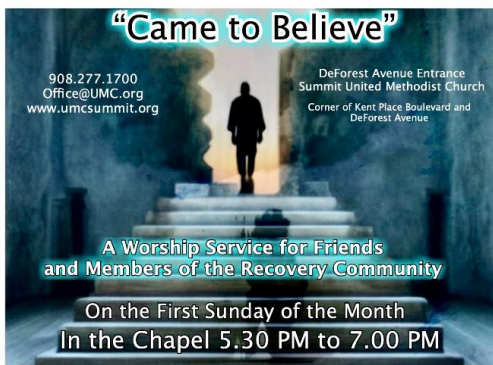
Join us as we break bread together during Lent. This interactive church dinner experience allows us to worship and dive deeper into the Bible over a delicious soup supper. All are welcome! Please look out for the soup supper sign-up sheet during Coffee Hour.

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!

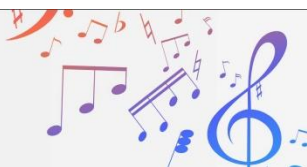
YOGAFAITH

Christian Yoga classes will meet on Fridays, at 11AM. All levels welcome! Suggested donation of \$10 per class. See Pastor Laura for more information.



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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: 12:00PM Bell Choir, 12:30PM Contemporary Ensemble, 1:00PM Chancel Choir, 2:00PM Instrumental

Sundays: 9:00AM Instrumental, 9:30AM Chancel Choir, 10:00AM Bell Choir, 10:30AM 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



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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



FREE PROM SHOP!

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. We are accepting donations for all genders. Please drop off donations to the church office 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.

Summit Women



#AccelerateAction

2nd Annual Women's History Month Event



JOIN US FOR AN LUNCHEON TO CELEBRATE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SUMMIT WOMEN

Summit Community Center | 100 Morris Avenue
Sunday, March 23, 2025 | 12:00-3:00

From 12:00-1:00pm we will have a special luncheon and dance party for Summit women of all ages. We encourage mothers and grandmothers to attend with their daughters and granddaughters.

Come together to hear words of inspiration from some of Summit's most impactful women, including Mayor Elizabeth Fagan and Summit's first female Sergeant in the Police Department, Kathy Maggiulli. During this time, we encourage everyone in attendance to bring a photo of a woman they wish to honor.

The luncheon and dance party will be followed by a movie showing of the film "Hidden Figures"

This event is free and open to all residents | Pre-register online through Civic Rec

Bring a photo of a woman who inspires you!

During the open mic session, you will have the opportunity to say why this woman inspires you and place her photo on the wall of inspiration.

Questions?

Contact the Summit Department of Community Programs



summitcommunityprograms.com



908-277-2932



dguidajr@cityofsummit.org

Women's History Month @ Summit Community Center
March 23rd, 12pm-3pm

The City of Summit will host its second annual **Women's History Month** event on **Sunday, March 23, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Summit Community Center, 100 Morris Ave.** The event is free and open to the public.

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 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.

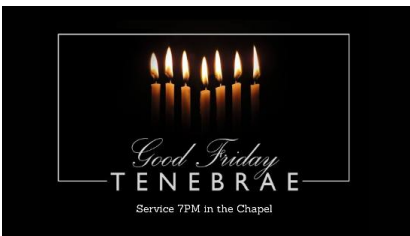


Good Friday

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!"

