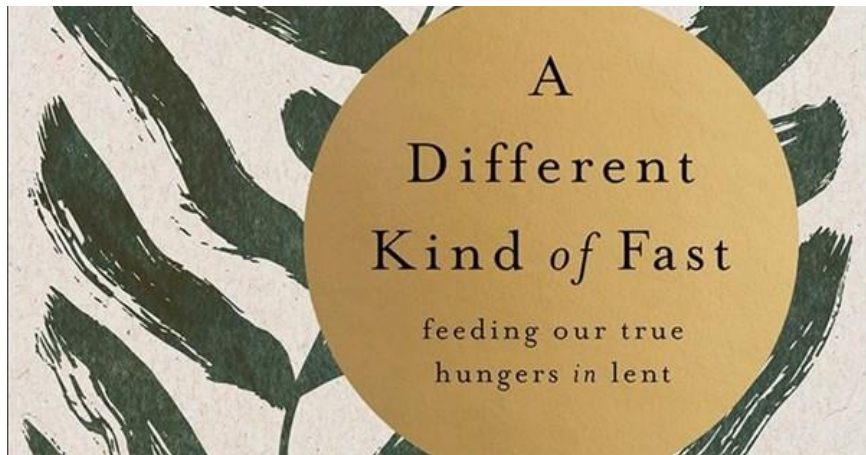




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**March 9, 2025**  
**First Sunday in Lent**

**“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** Variations on *God Will Hold You in the Palm Of His Hand* for Trumpet and Organ

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANTHEM:** *Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee* Bell Choir

**PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP**

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

Leader: Welcome home, beloved children of God!

**People: Gathered in God’s arms, we come to worship.**

Leader: Sheltered in God’s love, we come to grow in love.

**People: Abiding in God, we seek solace and comfort.**

Leader: Even as God sends us on wilderness journeys,

**People: We trust that God is with us, guiding and protecting our days.**

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

**God of our weary years, lift us up and guide us forward, when we are tired beyond words. Pour your grace into our souls, when we give in to temptation and stray where we were never meant to go. Shepherding God, guide us back to you and show us the path home. In hope and gratitude, we pray, Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*  
UMH#377 *It Is Well with My Soul*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Rev. Laura Steele

**ANTHEM:** *In the Stillness of Grace* Joel Raney  
Chancel Choir

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Beverly Alexis

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Bill Glancy

**Old Testament: Psalm 91:1-2; 9-16 (NRSV)**

Assurance of God's Protection

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

**New Testament: Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)**

The Temptation of Jesus

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear

you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”  
Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

TFWS #2164 *Sanctuary (sung 3x)*

**SERMON:**            *A Different Kind of Fast*            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 tune *Ville du Havre*  
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 #395 *Take Time to Be Holy*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Majestic Recessional 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**

Daniel Faniyan for Divine Guidance, 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, 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 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  
3:30pm-5:00pm Girl Scouts (Social Hall)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

### **Monday, March 10th:**

7:30pm-9:30pm Ad Council (Social Hall)  
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room)

### **Tuesday, March 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, March 12th:**

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

### **Thursday, March 13th:**

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

### **Friday, March 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, March 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



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

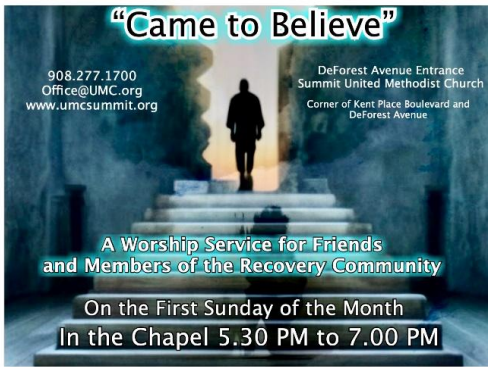
Join us as we break bread together during Lent. This interactive church dinner experience allows us to worship and dive deeper into the Bible over a delicious soup supper. All are welcome! Please look out for the soup supper sign-up sheet during Coffee Hour.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup>.



## "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**

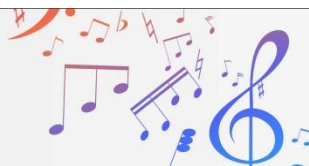
Join the UMC of Summit for our NEW Liturgical Dance Ministry. Liturgical dance is a form of praise and should be thought of as an act of worship, rather than a performance. We are praising God through movement and expression. We want the congregation to feel they are part of our expression, accepting 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](mailto: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.



**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.





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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](mailto: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!

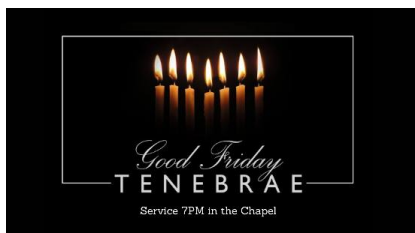
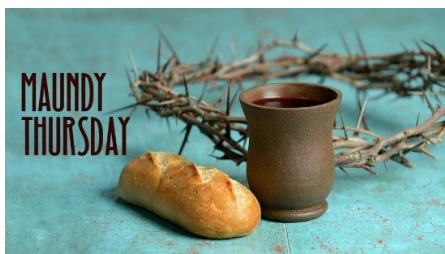


## **Palm Sunday** **April 13th, 10:30AM**

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!"