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August 24, 2025

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

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 *Rock of Ages* and on the tune
Bethany

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Daniel Faniyan

Leader: The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: *"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."*

People: God knows us, calls us, and equips us.

Leader: Jesus healed, even when the world told him not to.

People: Christ sees us, heals us, and sets us free.

Leader: Come, people of God, young and old, weary and strong, let us praise the Lord!

People: Come Holy Spirit! We are here to worship the One who calls us, heals us, and makes us whole.

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

Daniel Faniyan

Holy and Living God, You have known us from the beginning of time, and You call us even when we feel too small, too fragile, or too weak. You see our burdens, our weariness, and the ways we are weighed down by life. Lift us up in Your Spirit today, help us to stand tall with courage, shout with praise, and strengthen our hearts for service. In the name of the One who offers a healing touch every day, Jesus Christ our Lord, **AMEN.**

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

UMH#399 *Take My Life and Let it Be*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

Rev. Laura Steele

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING:

Daniel Faniyan

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NRSVUE)

Jeremiah's Call and Commission

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy,' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

New Testament: Luke 13:10-17 (NRSVUE)

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

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

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*
UMH#262 *Heal Me, Hands of Jesus*

SERMON: *Stand and Deliver* 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 #94 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*
UMH#369 *Blessed Assurance*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Recessional in F Major* for Trumpet and Organ

** Denotes please rise in body or spirit as you are able*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Rev. Tanya Lynn Bennett, Patricia Williams, mother of Dr. John Williams, Dadi Hove, Harry Conway, Kitty - recently diagnosed with ovarian cancer, Beverly Alexis, Emily LaJeunesse, Patricia Green, the family, friends, and classmates of Dylan Faulkner, Christine Matthews, Janice Matthews, Charles Farnham who is hospitalized with heart & kidney issues, the family and friends of Summit firefighter Lonnn Mullen



Please join us in the Social Hall after worship for Coffee Hour! We welcome all who have come this morning to worship, especially newcomers and visitors among us. Everyone is invited to come to Coffee Hour for refreshments and conversation immediately following the service in our Social Hall by exiting the front of the

Sanctuary and proceeding to the door through the breezeway. The restrooms are located in the back of the sanctuary. We ask everyone to silence their cell phones during the service and note that there are emergency exits in the rear and front right of the Sanctuary. May God bless us all as we gather for worship and fellowship together.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, August 24th:

9:30am-10:00am	Instrumental Rehearsal
10:00am-10:20am	Summer Choir
10:30am-11:30am	In-person/online Worship
11:30am-12:30pm	Coffee Hour
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, August 25th:

7:45pm-9:30pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room, Chapel)
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Tuesday, August 26th:

7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)
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Wednesday, August 27th:

Thursday, August 28th:

Friday, August 29th:

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

Saturday, August 30th:

12:00pm-2:00pm	Instrumental Rehearsal
2:00pm-10:00pm	Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LOOKING FOR
ROOM
FOR RENT**

Do you have an extra room or basement area available? Multiple Drew Seminary students are looking for places in Summit, Chatham, or Madison to stay for the upcoming school year. They are willing to also help with household chores, pet sitting, house sitting, etc. as well as contribute to affordable rental costs. If you or anyone you know has available space, please contact: pastor@umcsummit.org.

NEW: "Come to the Table" Small Group, Sundays after Church

Starting this summer there will be an extra table set up during Coffee Hour for those who want to dig deeper into God's Word. We are calling this small group "Come to the Table" and you can grab some refreshments and join in conversation and fellowship about the day's Scripture readings and sermon topics. This is a "self led" group. There is no sign-up or commitment to join this group, just COME TO THE TABLE! All are welcome.



Calling all Volunteers! 8/24

All hands on deck! This Sunday, 8/24, we will be sprucing up the Sunday School room for this year's programming kick-off on September 14th. We will be adding a new puppet theater, arts and crafts area, and imagination play corner. Can you help us as we renovate the space and make room for God's love to flourish? Meet upstairs in the Education building after Coffee Hour on August 24th

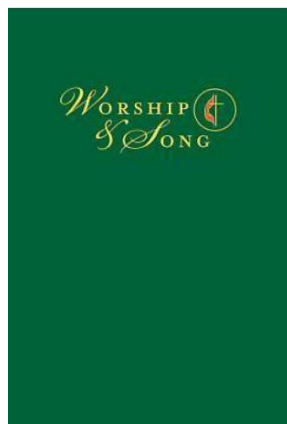




Mark your calendars! Kick-Off Sunday, September 14th, 2025 - 10:30AM ! Join us as we launch a new season of worship, community, and service! Whether you're new to the area, returning after a break, or just looking for a fresh start, Kickoff Sunday is the perfect time to

come and see what our church is all about. We'll have joyful worship, engaging programs for all ages, a church-wide picnic, and PETTING ZOO! Join us and invite a friend! All are welcome.

NEW Hymnals! Coming Soon! The United Methodist Church of Summit is hoping to refresh our worship experience with new *"Worship and Song"* hymn books that will serve our congregation for years to come. These updated books will enhance our singing and help us continue lifting our voices in praise together. We invite you to support this effort by making a donation toward the purchase of the new hymnals. Any amount is appreciated and will go directly toward the cost of the books. (\$15 each) You can give through our regular offering (please mark it "Hymn Books") or donate online through our church website. Thank you for helping us make a joyful noise to the Lord!



YOGAFAITH

Yogafaith is back with Friday classes, at 11am in the Chapel! All levels are welcome. Suggested donation of \$10 per class. Yogafaith is an opportunity to pause and be mindful of God's presence in our lives. We stretch our faith as we stretch our bodies! We have Christian music, a devotional guide that takes us through the various poses, and the Lord's prayer as we practice "Son Salutations" to the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

For more information please contact Pastor Laura at:

Pastor@umcsummit.org.



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MUSIC MINISTRY



WELCOME ALL MUSIC MAKERS!!

Come and share your musical gifts and enrich your faith with your Church Family!

Chancel Choir

It is a joy to work together and lift our voices in praise. Our Chancel Choir rehearses on Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in preparation for worship. Come before His presence with singing, and sing joyful songs to the Lord! The Chancel Choir shares an anthem each Sunday as well as leading the congregation in song. Come and share the inspiration of singing with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Bell Choir

Calling all bell ringers!! Making a joyful sound is the mission of our Bell Choir. Come and ring Handbells and Handchimes with your church friends. Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 12:00 and on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Come and ring with our Church Family.

Singing Believers Family Choir

All children, youth and adults are invited to sing the songs of the church. Let us share the light of Christ through music. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings at 11:45 a.m. in the Music Room. Come and share the joyous songs of Christ's church.

Contemporary Ensemble

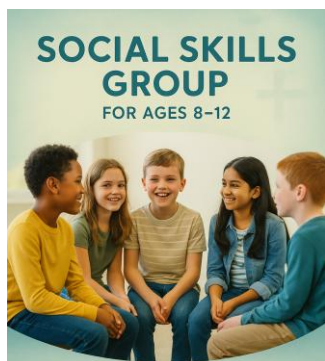
Our Contemporary Ensemble shares music for Holy Communion each month. The ensemble prepares music from the contemporary hymnal "Worship and Song". Rehearsals are on Saturdays at 12:30 and on Communion Sundays at 9:15 a.m. All singers and instrumentalists are welcome to praise and make music to the Lord during the sacred time of the Lord's Supper.



As we count down the days until school starts, we're also looking forward to all that's ahead in Children, Youth, and Family Ministry, especially Kick-Off Sunday, which is happening on September 14th!

Sunday Morning Schedule Starting September 14th:

9:15-10:15AM: Social Skills Group in the Reeves Chapel (Sept. 21st)
10:30-10:45AM: Children grades K-5 start in worship
10:45AM: Children are dismissed to Sunday School
10:45AM-11:30AM: Sunday School in the Education Building, 2nd floor
11:30AM-11:45AM: Coffee Hour in the Social Hall
11:45AM-12:00PM: Singing Believers Family Choir in the Music Room



New Group Starting Sept. 21st, 9:15AM-10:15AM in the Chapel

We're excited to invite families—both from our church and the wider community—to a brand new Social Skills Group for children ages 8 to 12, beginning September 21st. The group will meet every Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 AM, and it's completely free of charge. Taught by Dr. Alison Johnson of Summit Psychological Services. Free and open to the public. Email: MHMinister@umcsummit.org for more info.

2025/2026 Confirmation Classes –start this Fall!

We're excited to kick off this year's Confirmation Classes. This class is open to any and all youth who are interested in learning more about their faith and exploring what it means to become a member of our church. Whether you're ready to take the next step or just curious to learn more, you're welcome to join us on this journey of discovery, growth, and faith. Please see Pastor Laura for more information.



Make a Difference...

Join a Committee!



It's that time of year! We are looking for volunteers to join our committees and help Shape the Life of Our Church!

Your gifts matter. Your time matters. And your voice matters. Serving on a committee is a wonderful way to grow in faith, build relationships, and use your talents to make a lasting difference in our congregation and community.

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC): Carol Conway, Chairperson

Supports and nurtures our pastors and staff, ensuring a healthy relationship between church leadership and the congregation. Handles personnel matters, evaluations, and staff support.

Worship Committee: Alison Johnson, Chairperson

Works with the pastor to plan and enhance worship services, including seasonal themes, liturgy, communion, and special events.

Nominations Committee: Rev. Laura Steele, Chairperson

Identifies, invites, and equips church members to serve in leadership and ministry positions.

Lay Leader: Beverly Alexis

Serves as the primary connection between the congregation and the pastor, representing the laity in worship, meetings, and community outreach. Attends GNJUMC Annual Conference each Spring.

Finance Committee: Jesse Reyes, Chairperson

Oversees church budgeting, giving, and financial planning to ensure resources are used faithfully and responsibly.

Hospitality Committee: Faye Cunningham and Debbi Picorale, Co-Chairs

Creates a welcoming environment for members and visitors—organizes fellowship events, coffee hours, and special receptions.

Education Committee: Carrie-Lee Farnham, Chairperson

Supports Sunday School, Bible studies, scholarship program, and spiritual formation programs for children, youth, and adults.

Outreach Committee: Chairperson Vacant

Coordinates mission projects and community partnerships to share Christ's love through service and advocacy.

Music Ministry Committee: Latonia Hall, Chairperson

Supports the music director, choirs, and musicians in providing uplifting music for worship and special events.

Trustees: Al Lord, Chairperson

Manages church property, legal matters, and physical assets to ensure our building and grounds are safe and well maintained.

Property Committee: Jayme La Jeunesse, Chairperson

Works alongside Trustees to handle repairs, maintenance, and improvements for church facilities.

Green Team: Bill Glancy, Chairperson

Dedicated to environmental stewardship by implementing sustainable practices and educating the congregation on the importance of protecting God's creation.

Ready to Serve?

Contact the church office, speak with one of our current Chairpersons, or speak with Pastor Laura.

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Sermon Notes

key verses:

prayers: