



United Methodist
Church of Summit



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GRATITUDE POSITIONING SYSTEM

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October 12th, 2025
Eighteenth 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 the tune *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Daniel Faniyan

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Earth!

People: Sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise!

Leader: God has brought us through fire and water and into this sacred place.

People: Christ heals our wounds and restores our souls.

Leader: Holy Spirit, spark the fire of gratitude within us.

People: With grateful hearts, we come to worship the One who makes us whole.

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

Daniel Faniyan

Gracious and merciful God, we pause to remember all that you have done for us—for the breath of life that fills our lungs, for your unconditional love that sustains us, for amazing grace that meets us again and again. When we forget to say thank you, remind us that gratitude is the doorway to joy. When we are broken, remind us that thanksgiving brings healing. Make us mindful of your presence and ready to return to you with hearts full of praise. In the name of the One who makes us whole, Jesus Christ our Lord we pray, **AMEN.**

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

UMH102 Now Thank We All Our God

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carrie-Lee Farnham,
CYF Minister

ANTHEM *Holy is the Lord God Almighty*
Chancel Choir

Thomas Fettke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alison Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING:

Daniel Faniyan

Old Testament: Psalm 66:1-7 (NRSV)

Praise for God's Goodness to Israel

To the leader. A Song. A Psalm.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." *Selah*

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah*

New Testament: Luke 17:11-19 (NRSV)

Jesus Cleanses Ten Men with a Skin Disease

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well." *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)*
TFWS#2036 Give Thanks

SERMON: *Following the GPS (Gratitude Positioning System)*
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

Variations on *More Love to Thee, O Christ*
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#400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God*
for Trumpet and Organ
Benedetto Marcello

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Blair Conley, Jaimie Bass, 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, the family, friends, and classmates of Dylan Faulkner, Christine Matthews, Janice Matthews, Charles Farnham who is out of the hospital.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 12th:

9:00am-9:30am	Instrumental Rehearsal
9:15am-10:15am	Social Skills Group (Chapel)
9:30am-10:00am	Chancel Choir
10:00am-10:20am	Bell Choir
10:30am-11:30am	In-person/online Worship
11:30am-12:30pm	Coffee Hour
11:45am-12:15pm	Singing Believers Family Choir
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, October 13th:

7:45pm-9:30pm	Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Room, Chapel)
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Tuesday, October 14th:

9:30am-11:15am	Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Friday, October 17th:

11:00am-12:00pm	Yogafaith (Chapel)
1:00pm-10:00pm	Set up for Rummage Sale (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, October 18th:

10:00am-4:00pm	Rummage Sale (Social Hall)
12:00pm-1:00pm	Chancel Choir
1:00pm-1:15pm	Bell Choir
1:15pm-1:30pm	Contemporary Ensemble
1:30pm-3:00pm	Instrumental Rehearsal
2:00pm-10:00pm	Casa de Estudio de Torah (Fellowship Room)
2:30pm-3:30pm	Liturgical Dance



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pack and Pray Event!

Sunday, October 12th, 11:30AM

Care Packages for College Students

Join us during Coffee Hour Sunday, October 12th, as we “Pack and Pray” for our college students. We will put together care packages with snacks, supplies, and encouraging notes to our college students both near and far.

“CAME TO BELIEVE” WORSHIP SERVICE

Next Service November 2, 2025

5:30 PM

REEVES CHAPEL

For people in recovery, their friends and family. Childcare and refreshments provided.

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Brother Emile of Taizé

Join Drew Theological School on October 27, 2025 7:00pm – 8:30 pm as we welcome Brother Emile of the Taizé community in France to **Craig Chapel at the Drew University Theological School** for an evening of conversation about the Taizé ethos of peace building, communal living, and

approach to worship. The conversation will conclude with a service of prayer and worship in the Taizé tradition. The event is free and open to the public.



Candy Donations

UMC Summit will be passing out candy at the Downtown Summit Trick-or-Treating event on Halloween! To help make this safe and fun for all children, we're collecting allergy-friendly candy until October 28. Donations can be placed in the baskets located in the Social Hall or the Sanctuary during the week or on Sunday mornings.

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.



CLOTHING NEEDED!

We are collecting gently used clothing and accessories for the upcoming **Rummage Sale** on October 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This year's sale will feature clothing, shoes and accessories only (no

furnishings, etc.) Please drop off any donations to the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For further information, please contact Faye, Kim or Debbi.



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 12:00 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 1:00 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 1:15 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.

YOGAFAITH

Yogafaith is back with Friday classes, at 11am in the Chapel! All levels are welcome. Join us as we stretch our faith while we stretch our bodies!
Suggested donation of \$10 per class



Now that school has started, we're looking forward to all that's ahead in Children, Youth, and Family Ministry!

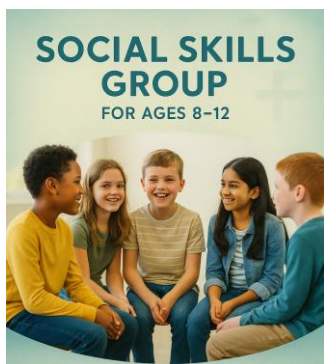
Sunday Morning Schedule:

9:15-10:15AM: Social Skills Group in the Reeves Chapel
 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

Sunday School LESSON PLANS		
SEPTEMBER 14 Adam & Eve 21 Noah 28 Tower of Babel	OCTOBER 5 David 12 Solomon 19 Josiah 26 Jesus, King of Kings	NOVEMBER 2 Psalm 150 9 David Dancing Before the Ark 16 The Valley of Praise 23 Student Sunday 30 Christmas Pageant Practice
DECEMBER 7 Hanging of Green 14 Journey to Bethlehem 21 Christmas Pageant 24 Christmas Eve 28 Worship Service	JANUARY 4 Worship Service 11 Baptism of the Lord 18 Souper Bowl of Caring 25 Jesus Begins His Ministry	FEBRUARY 1 The Talents 8 The Good Samaritan 15 Souper Bowl of Caring Count 22 Jesus Says No To Temptation
MARCH 1 Easter Pageant Practice 8 Pageant Practice 15 The Last Supper 22 Peter's Denial 29 Pageant Practice	APRIL 5 Easter 12 Jesus & Thomas 19 Breakfast on the Beach 26 The Great Commission	MAY 3 Jeremiah 10 Timothy 17 Mary & Martha 24 Pentecost 31 Spiritual Gifts
JUNE 7 Education Sunday		
Family Christmas Eve Service		NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School 10:45AM

Join us as we begin an exciting year of learning in our Sunday School program. Children elementary aged begin in worship at 10:30AM and are dismissed to Sunday School with Ms. Carrie after the Children's Sermon. This year we have added some exciting new areas to our Sunday School room: a Bible dress and play area, a new Bible story felt board, a new puppet theater! If you have any questions please contact Children, Youth, and Families Minister Carrie-Lee Farnham



New Group, 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. 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.

Confirmation Classes 2025-2026!

Our Confirmation Classes meet one Sunday a month from 12-1 in the youth lounge. This class is open to all youth interested in learning more about their faith and exploring what it means to become a member of UMC Summit. 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.



"Wings of Faith" Liturgical Dance Ministry Saturdays, 2:30-3:30PM

Join the UMC of Summit for our 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!



2024 Annual Impact Report **Highlights**

18,200

families served w/ homelessness prevention programming.

4,500

families provided with shelter when they needed it most.

6,200

families supported with stabilization services.

1,500

families housed in a new way to better meet their needs.

Support Family Promise Donations Needed

October 12th- November 9th

Our church has a long-standing history of supporting and hosting Family Promise. Family Promise is an organization whose mission is to help families experiencing homelessness and low-income families achieve sustainable independence through a community based response. UMC Summit has been a “host church” for Family Promise for many years. As their model of helping families has changed, UMC Summit has committed to continuing to support Family Promise through monetary donations. We will be collecting three times a year to support this initiative. If you’d like to support this collection please write “Family Promise” on your check or envelope. You can also give online at umcsummit.org.

Sermon Notes

key verses:

prayers: