



United Methodist
Church of Summit

From Dust to Dwelling



Tabernacle



Temple



Heart



New Creation

— *A Lenten Journey of Faith and Home* —

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March 8th, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

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 Hymn *Nettleton*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Carol Conway

(please rise as you are able)

Leader: We come to the well, thirsty.

People: Thirsty for hope. Thirsty for truth.

Leader: Christ meets us here.

People: Offering living water.

Leader: The water he gives becomes a spring within us.

People: A dwelling place for Spirit and truth. Come, let us worship the God who sustains us with living water.

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

God of living water, we come thirsty this day. Thirsty for peace in a restless world. Thirsty for healing in places that still ache. Thirsty for hope where dust has settled. Meet us here at the well. Speak to us truthfully and tenderly. Draw from us the things to which we clutch and fill us instead with your Spirit. In this hour, turn dust into dwelling and thirst into testimony. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:**

UMH#400 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM:

Jesus is the Answer
Chancel Choir

Andrae Crouch

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Alison Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING:

Various Voices

New Testament: John 4:5-42 (NRSV)

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They

were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world." *This is the Word of God, for the people of God; People: Thanks be to God.*

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** TFWS#2132 *You Who Are Thirsty*

SERMON: *From "Well" to "Dwell"* 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 I Will Arise and Go to Jesus
William Teubner - trumpet

***DOXOLOGY:** *(please rise as you are able)*

UMH #95 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH#375 *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Voluntary on *Balm in Gilead* for Trumpet and Organ

**denotes please stand as you are able.*

**PLEASE NOTE: All of our services are livestreamed publicly. If you do not wish to have yourself or your loved ones on camera, please see Pastor Laura.*

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

The family and friends of John L. Troianello,; Pray for me to feel home ♥;Shela Waldron; the friends and family of Mateo Kaufman Sandler; Vincenzo Lamanginne's mother Angela and brother Mike, rest their souls; prayers to the mother of Shirley Hooper; Ruth Howard; George Drossinos; Laurie Kelly; Alex and Luci Parrish; Blair Conley; Jaimie Bass; Rev. Tanya Lynn Bennett; Greg K.; 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



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, March 8th:

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

Monday, March 9th:

7:00pm-8:15pm Caregivers Support Group (Library/Chapel)
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Fellowship Rm., Social Hall)

Tuesday, March 10th:

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

Wednesday, March 11th:

6:30pm-7:30pm Worship & Soup Supper (Chapel, Social Hall)

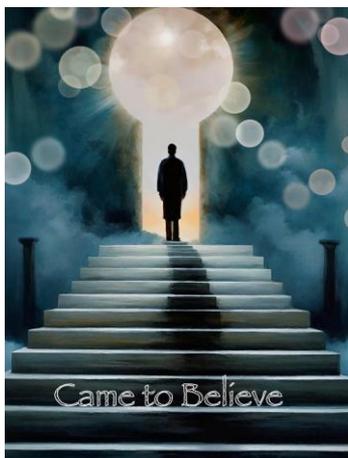
Friday, March 13th:

9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
11:00am-12:00pm YogaFaith (Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, March 14th:

9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
12:00pm-1:00pm Chancel Choir
1:00pm-1:30pm Contemporary Ensemble
1:30pm-2:00pm Bell 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



"CAME TO BELIEVE" WORSHIP SERVICE

Next Service:

Sunday, April 5 at 5:30pm

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!**

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 1st. Boxes for donations are in the Social Hall. ***Please note: All food donations are due by March 22; financial donations due by March 15.*** Our financial goal is \$300, which will allow a \$30 Shop Rite gift card for 10 families.



"Come to the Table" Small Group Sundays after Church

Every Sunday 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.

**Lent Weds. Night
Worship and
Soup Suppers
2/25-3/25
Services 6:30PM
in Reeves Chapel
Soup Suppers
7PM Social Hall**

Join us on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent for a simple,

meaningful rhythm of worship and table fellowship. We will gather for a brief Lenten worship service at 6:30 PM, followed by a soup supper at 7:00 PM. These evenings are designed to be accessible and grounding with a time for prayer, Scripture, shared food, and gentle conversation as we journey through the Lenten series *"From Dust to Dwelling"*. Come for worship, stay for soup, or join us when you're able. All are welcome.



We are also looking for some awesome Soup Chefs to volunteer for our Soup Suppers. There is a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall if you can help out! Each week we need one person to cook soup, one person to prep salad, and one person to bring in bread. Thank you in advance!

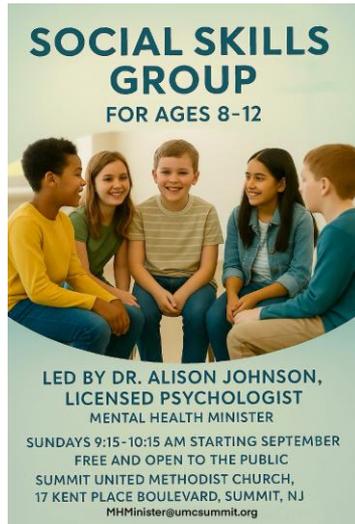


NEW! Caregivers Support Group Mondays – A new Caregivers Support Group is meeting weekly on Monday evenings in the Library from 7:00–8:15 p.m. This group will offer a warm, confidential space for caregivers to support one another, share both encouraging stories and the moments

when we struggle, and exchange helpful resources for the journey. Led by Dr. Alison Johnson, this group is part of Summit UMC's Mental Health Ministry, dedicated to fostering connection, resilience, and hope within our community. All caregivers are welcome.

Meeting Reminder: Trustees
Sunday March 15th, 11:45AM
Fellowship Room
Administrative Council
Monday, March 16th, 2026
Reeves Chapel: 7:30PM





New "Social Skills" Group!
Sundays 9:15-10:15AM in the Chapel
Ages 8-12 Years Old

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 meets every Sunday from 9:15 to 10:15 AM, and it's completely free of charge. Led by Dr. Alison Johnson of Summit Psychological Services and long-time member of the UMC of Summit. A social skills group for kids that intersects with faith incorporates values, teachings, and community into evidence-based social-emotional learning (SEL) methods. This group will use these values as a framework to help children develop skills like empathy, conflict resolution, and communication within a supportive environment. This holistic approach aims to nurture a child's social and spiritual well-being simultaneously, reinforcing positive character traits and ethical decision-making. For more information please contact Alison Johnson, UMC Summit Mental Health Minister, at: MHMinister@umcsummit.org.

YOGAFAITH

Yogafaith is back on Friday mornings at 11AM in the chapel. Join us as we stretch our faith! No experience necessary. Suggested donation of \$10 per class.



Easter Egg Hunt Collection

We are excited to start collecting Easter eggs and allergy-friendly items to fill the eggs for our 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Donations can be dropped off from Feb. 15 to March 22. You can place your items in the Easter baskets located in the Social Hall and the Sanctuary. Thank you for helping us make this event fun and safe for all of our young participants!



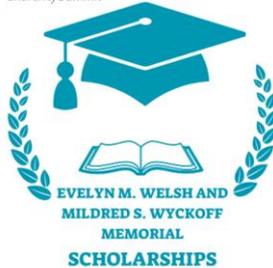
Egg Stuffing Event!

Join us for our Easter Egg Stuffing Event during **Coffee Hour on Sun., March 22!** This is a special time when we fill the Easter Eggs that will be used for our Hunt on March 28. This is a fun way to help out and a great opportunity for students to earn community service hours. Come lend a hand and enjoy some great fellowship.



Easter Egg Hunt

As we look ahead to spring, sign-ups are now open for our **5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., March 28, at 2:00 PM**. This family-friendly event is open to children ages 0-11 and includes games, snacks, face painting, a special visit from the Easter Bunny, and plenty of eggs to hunt. Space is limited to 100 participants, so early registration is encouraged. Mark your calendars and join the fun!



Scholarships

We are excited to announce that applications for our 2026 scholarships are now live! All applications and supporting documents must be submitted by April 30. Applications can be submitted online at

www.umcsummit.org or by filling out a hard copy. Don't miss this opportunity to honor these legacies and support your educational journey! Please see CYF Minister Carrie-Lee for more information.



FREE Prom Shop

APRIL 11TH,
2026
11AM-4PM



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FREE PROM SHOP!

Saturday, April 11th, 11AM-4PM

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

From Dust to Dwelling



PALM SUNDAY
10:30AM | Sanctuary



GOOD FRIDAY
7:30PM | Reeves Chapel



EASTER SUNDAY
10:30AM | Sanctuary



MAUNDY THURSDAY
7:30PM | Reeves Chapel