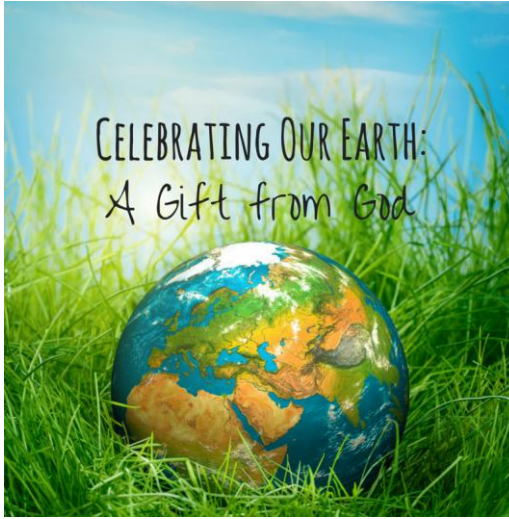




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April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

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.

WELCOME: Today we gather on holy ground not because of walls or structure, but because God has always been present here. We come mindful that the earth beneath our feet is a gift, and that people across generations have listened for God in the land. Let us worship the Creator, who breathes life into all things and calls us into right relationship with God, with one another, and with the earth.

PRELUDE: Voluntary on *For the Beauty of the Earth*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** Alison Johnson
(please rise as you are able)

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it. From the soil, God formed us.

People: And to the earth we belong.

Leader: The rivers sing God's praise, the mountains echo God's glory.

People: Creation speaks, if we are willing to listen.

Leader: We gather to remember who we are:

People: People of the earth, and people of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Creator.

People: With gratitude, humility, and wonder!

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

Holy Creator, quiet our hearts as we come before you. Slow our breathing, ground our bodies, and draw our awareness to this moment. Remind us that we are not separate from your creation, but part of it, formed from dust, sustained by breath, held in your love. Open our ears to hear your voice in the

wind, in the silence, and in one another. Teach us again how to live gently, walk humbly, and love deeply. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH#92 *For the Beauty of the Earth (vv.1-4)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM

God Has Work For Us To Do
Chancel Choir

Mark Miller

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Daniel Faniyan

SCRIPTURE:

Alison Johnson

Old Testament: Job 12:7-10 (NIV)

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind."

New Testament: Matthew 25: 34-40 (RSV)

Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' *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#122 *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*

SERMON: *A Covenant For Our Future* Bill Glancy

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 hymns *Terra Beata* and *Whole World*
William Teubner - trumpet

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

UMH #95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***CLOSING HYMN:** UMH#62 *All Creatures of Our God and King*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Maestoso in A Major* for Trumpet and Organ

** Denotes please rise in body or spirit 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

David Quackenbush; the family of Millie Eichhorn; Susan Reitmeyer (UMC Absecon) and family; the uncle of Steven Brown; 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; 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; Beverly Alexis; Emily LaJeunesse; the family, friends, and classmates of Dylan Faulkner

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, April 19th:

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, April 20th:

6:00pm-8:00pm Ad Council (Sanctuary)
7:00pm-8:15pm Caregivers Support Group (Library)
7:45pm-9:30pm Gamblers Anonymous (Chapel, Social Hall)

Tuesday, March April 21st:

10:30am-11:30am Baby Bandstand (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Friday, April 24th:

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

Saturday, April 25th:

9:30am-11:30am Music Together (Social Hall)
12:30pm-5:30pm New Providence Chess Club (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: 5/3/26 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

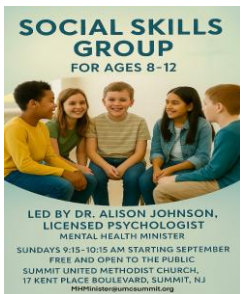
all those people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism and addiction. Everyone is invited to attend the worship service created to speak to the needs of people in recovery as well as their families and friends. Please join us on the first Sunday of every month in the UMC Chapel located on Deforest Avenue. **FREE Childcare provided!** **FREE coffee and refreshments! ALL are welcome!**



Caregivers Support Group

Mondays – 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.



"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 Social Skills Group that intersects with faith, 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. Contact Alison Johnson, at: MHMinister@umcsummit.org.



“The most courageous act is still to think for yourself. Aloud.” – Coco Chanel

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

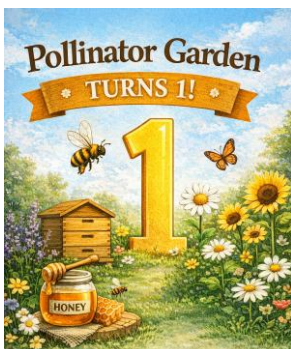
**Sunday School
10:45AM**

Children are a vital part of our church family, and we would love for your child to join us for Sunday School! Each week offers a welcoming, fun, and engaging space where kids can explore Bible stories, grow in faith, and build friendships. Come as you are—we can’t wait to learn and grow together! If you have any questions please contact Children, Youth, and Families Minister Carrie-Lee Farnham.

Sunday School LESSON PLANS

SEPTEMBER 14 Adam & Eve 21 Noah 28 Tower of Babel	OCTOBER 1 David 12 Solomon 19 Jonah 26 Jesus, King of Kings	NOVEMBER 1 Paul's Life 9 David Dancing Before the King 16 The Valley of Peace 23 Daniel's Story 30 Christmas Pageant Practice	
DECEMBER 14 Story of Joseph 21 Christmas Pageant 28 Christmas Eve	JANUARY 14 Shouting Hallelujah 21 Baptism of the Lord 28 Jesus Begins His Ministry	FEBRUARY 1 The Tables 8 The Good Samaritan 14 Jesus' Bold Claim 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 1 Easter 12 Jesus & Thomas 19 Breakfast on the Beach 26 The Great Commission	MAY 1 Pentecost 10 Pentecost 17 Mary & Martha 24 Pentecost 31 Spiritual Gifts	
JUNE 7 Education Sunday			

Family Christmas Eve Service NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Pollinator Garden Anniversary
May 3rd, 11:30AM**

Celebrate with us!

Join us on Sunday, May 3rd, after church during coffee hour for a special Pollinator Garden Anniversary Celebration. Enjoy honey-themed refreshments, learn more about our garden, and—weather permitting—experience a live bee display up close. Come “buzz” by and celebrate the beauty of creation together!



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MUSIC MINISTRY



WELCOME ALL MUSIC MAKERS!!

Come and share your musical gifts and enrich your faith

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