



# United Methodist Church of Summit

*Knowing That Voice*



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# April 26, 2026

## Fourth 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.*

**PRELUDE:** Variations on the tune *Adelaide*

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:** Carol Conway  
*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: The Shepherd calls us by name.

**People: We come to listen and to follow.**

Leader: When we are lost, God seeks us.

**People: When we are weary, God restores us.**

Leader: We come to hear the voice that leads to life abundant.

**People: Let us worship the True Shepherd this day!**

**\*CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Carol Conway  
Loving Shepherd, you know our names and you care for us.  
When we face darkness and death, journey beside us. When  
we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we  
are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of  
goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN:** *(please remain standing as you are able)*  
UMH#381 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** Alison Johnson

**ANTHEM** *His Eye Is On The Sparrow* setting: Mark Hayes  
Chancel Choir

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Rev. Laura Steele

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Carol Conway

## **Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:11-16 (NRSV)**

### God, the True Shepherd

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

## **New Testament: John 10:1-10 (NRSV)**

### Jesus the Good Shepherd

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.” *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)*  
Worship & Song #3160 *We Will Follow*

**SERMON:** *Did You Hear That Voice?* 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 *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# 261 *Lord of the Dance*

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Voluntary on the tune *Bunessan* 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; Beverly Alexis; Emily LaJeunesse; the family, friends, and classmates of Dylan Faulkner

## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday, April 26th:**

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 27th:**

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

### **Tuesday, March April 28th:**

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

### **Friday, May 1st:**

9:30am-11:30pm Music Together (Social Hall)  
11:00am-12:00pm Yogafaith (Chapel)  
1:00pm-11:00pm Lumos Performances (Sanctuary)  
7:30pm-8:30pm Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

### **Saturday, May 2nd:**

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: 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

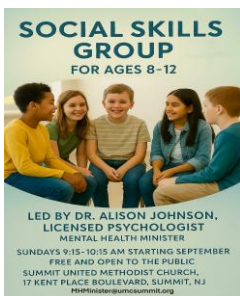
all those people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism and addiction. Everyone is invited to attend the worship service created to speak to the needs of people in recovery as well as their families and friends. Please join us on the first Sunday of every month in the UMC Chapel located on Deforest 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](mailto: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, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- 11:30AM-11:45AM: Coffee Hour in the Social Hall
- 11:45AM-12:00PM: Singing Believers Family Choir in the Music Room

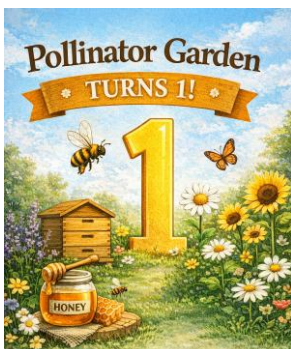
**Sunday School  
10:45AM**

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**

<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 14 Adam & Eve 21 Noah 28 Tower of Babel	<b>OCTOBER</b> 7 David 12 Solomon 19 Jonah 26 Jesus, King of Kings	<b>NOVEMBER</b> 1 Paul's Life 8 David Dancing Before the King 16 The Valley of Peace 23 Daniel's Story 30 Christmas Pageant Practice	
<b>DECEMBER</b> 14 Story of Joseph 21 Christmas Pageant 28 Christmas Eve	<b>JANUARY</b> 7 Shouting Services 14 Baptism of the Lord 21 Sinner, Son of God 28 Jesus Begins His Ministry	<b>FEBRUARY</b> 1 The Tables 8 The Good Samaritan 15 Sinner, Son of God 22 Jesus Says No To Temptation	
<b>MARCH</b> 1 Easter Pageant Practice 8 Pageant Practice 15 The Last Supper 22 Peter's Denial 29 Pageant Practice	<b>APRIL</b> 1 Easter 12 Jesus & Thomas 19 Breakfast on the Beach 26 The Great Commission	<b>MAY</b> 1 Ascension 10 Pentecost 17 Mary & Martha 24 Pentecost 31 Spiritual Gifts	
<b>JUNE</b> 7 Education Sunday			

Family Christmas Eve Service      NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



**Pollinator Garden Anniversary  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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