



# United Methodist Church of Summit



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# April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Easter Sunday

*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 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
for Trumpet and Organ

Introit *Timeless Canon*  
Bell Choir

Johann Pachelbel

### GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

**ANTHEM**

*Praise You*

Ruth Schram

Singing Believers Family Choir

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Bill Glancy

*(please rise as you are able)*

Leader: Christ the Lord is risen today.

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: Earth and heaven in chorus say:

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: Love's redeeming work is done.

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: Christ has opened paradise.

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

Bill Glancy

**Risen Christ, quiet our hearts and center us in your presence. From dust you have formed us, and in your resurrection, you dwell within us. Breathe your new life into us. Where we are weary, renew us; where we are broken, restore us. Help us to rise with you, and live in your image in the world. Amen.**

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

UMH #302 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* (vv. 1-4)  
with Trumpet, Bell Choir, Chancel Choir, and Organ

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Children's Sunday School Easter Presentation  
*"The Emoji Easter Story"*

*(there will be no Children's Sunday School during worship today.  
Children are invited to stay in worship and celebrate Easter.)*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Carol Conway

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION:** *(please rise as you are able)*  
UMH#364 *Because He Lives*

## **SCRIPTURE:**

Bill Glancy

**John 20:1-18** (NRSV)

### The Resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

### Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you



## **This Week's Schedule**

### **Sunday, April 5th:**

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
5:30pm-7:00pm	Came to Believe Service (Chapel)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

### **Monday, April 6th: EASTER MONDAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

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

### **Tuesday, March April 7th:**

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

### **Friday, April 10th:**

11:00am-12:00pm	Yogafaith (Chapel)
12:45pm-9:15pm	Prom Shop Set-Up (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

### **Saturday, April 11th:**

11:00am-4:00pm	Prom Shop (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

## **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## "CAME TO BELIEVE" WORSHIP SERVICE

**Next Service: 4/5/26 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

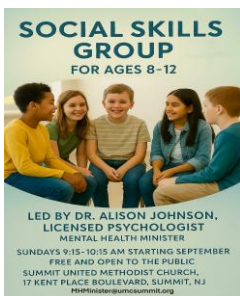
all those people whose lives have been affected by alcoholism and addiction. Everyone is invited to attend the worship service created to speak to the needs of people in recovery as well as their families and friends. Please join us on the first Sunday of every month in the UMC Chapel located on Deforest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



## **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.



## **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 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).



**Goal: \$500**

**Get to know who  
will be helping**

Each quarter the UMC of Summit collects donations to support Family Promise of Union County. Get to know who we will be helping. If you'd like to donate please mark "Family Promise" on your check/envelope.

**Z (mother) & J (father), children (Jo and X) and Ms A (grandmother) Z** has been going through serious health issues; Z is out of the hospital and participating in Pt, Ot, speech therapy as well as cognitive therapy. This will be a very long process for her, but she is determined to get better.

Ms. A (grandmother) and J care for the children (Jo & X) and all medical obligations. Jo is thriving in Headstart and as soon as X reaches 2 she will be able to attend as well. Due to Z's medical condition J had to stop working to maintain the family. This family is on hold until Z gets better, Z has very strong family support.

**G (father) & R (mother) and their 3 daughters.** G recently had surgery and is now in the healing process. G & R obtained NJ driver licenses since being with FPUC and will resume driving for Instacart once their car is repaired. G & R are exploring other avenues to increase their income, while continuing their package delivery. G has been doing extensive dental work and is paying out of pocket. The children are thriving in school.

**F (mother) and her son J.** F has been maintaining employment with FedEx. Her son J has moved on to the 1st grade.

**D (father) with his 17-month-old daughter.** D is currently unemployed and seeking job training to secure employment. D completed his SORA class and is working with a counselor to get an airport job or other security positions. D still has his own vehicle, continues working on obtaining his GED.

**S (mother) and her two children moved into the shelter in January.** S has full-time employment and her own vehicle. S is very resourceful, doesn't ask for anything. S has her own plans that she implemented for herself before coming into the shelter and is on track to be out of the shelter before Fall. *(First initials are used to protect privacy)*



*“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*  
**LESSON PLANS**

<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14 Adam &amp; Eve</li> <li>21 Noah</li> <li>28 Tower of Babel</li> </ul>	<p><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 David</li> <li>12 Solomon</li> <li>19 Jonah</li> <li>26 Jesus, King of Kings</li> </ul>	<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Psalm 150</li> <li>9 David Dancing Before the Ark</li> <li>16 The Valley of Praise</li> <li>23 Student Devotion</li> <li>30 Christmas Pageant Practice</li> </ul>	
<p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Hanging of Golems</li> <li>14 Journey to Bethlehem</li> <li>21 Christmas Pageant</li> <li>28 Christmas Eve</li> <li>29 Worship Service</li> </ul>	<p><b>JANUARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 Worship Service</li> <li>11 Baptism of the Lord</li> <li>18 Souper Bowl of Caring</li> <li>25 Jesus Begins His Ministry</li> </ul>	<p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 The Talents</li> <li>8 The Good Samaritan</li> <li>15 Souper Bowl of Caring Court</li> <li>22 Jesus Says No To Temptation</li> </ul>	
<p><b>MARCH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Easter Pageant Practice</li> <li>8 Pageant Practice</li> <li>15 The Last Supper</li> <li>22 Peter's Denial</li> <li>29 Pageant Practice</li> </ul>	<p><b>APRIL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 Easter</li> <li>12 Jesus &amp; Thomas</li> <li>19 Breakfast on the Beach</li> <li>26 The Great Commission</li> </ul>	<p><b>MAY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Jeremiah</li> <li>10 Timothy</li> <li>17 Mary &amp; Martha</li> <li>24 Pentecost</li> <li>31 Spiritual Gifts</li> </ul>	
<p><b>JUNE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 Education Sunday</li> </ul>			

Family Christmas Eve Service NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**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. **PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON EASTER MORNING.**



# FREE Prom Shop

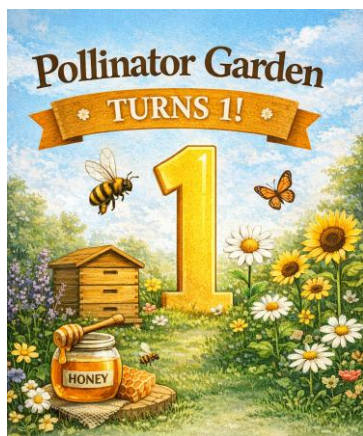
APRIL 11TH,  
2026  
11AM-4PM



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## **FREE PROM SHOP! Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.



## **Pollinator Garden Anniversary May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11:30AM Celebrate with us!**

Join us on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 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



## Chancel Flowers



### **Maria Caneiro**

In Loving Memory of: My husband, Roberto Caneiro,  
Caneiro Family, Gonzalez Family, Veloso Family  
In Honor of: Cuba

### **Faye Cunningham & Kim Goldman**

In Loving Memory of: Adrian Phillips  
In Honor of: Our Children, Ian, James & Kayla

### **Steve & Janet Daniel**

In Loving Memory of: Doris, Frank & Barry Ferguson  
Dick & Marion Daniel

### **Marg & Alf Edwards**

In Loving Memory of: Millie Eichhorn, Betty Danielson,  
Elaine Cederquist Stolpe

### **Latonia Hall, Dwayne Phillips, Malik Hall**

In Loving Memory of: Adrian Phillips, beloved father & grandfather  
In Honor of: Waveny Hall & Shela Waldron

### **Priscilla Hill-Ardoin & Margot Ardoin**

In Loving Memory of: Aaron Ardoin

### **David & Maria Hughes; Betsy Caulfield; Deann Lentz & Jennifer Seeger**

In Loving Memory of: Lloyd & Adele Hughes

### **Alison & Neil Johnson & Family**

In Honor of: Kathie Whipps

### **George Krauss**

In Loving Memory of: Dorothy Krauss



## **Chancel Flowers**

*(cont)*



### **Emily & Jayme LaJeunesse**

In Loving Memory of: Lois & Stan Leming,  
Emile & Josephine LaJeunesse  
In Honor of: Parker & Alec LaJeunesse

### **Lucy & Al Lord**

In Honor of: This wonderful Church & all who make it special

### **The Marone Family**

In Honor of: The members of UMCS whose work in the church & community shows God's love

### **Debbi Picorale**

In Loving Memory of: My Mom, Dad & my brother

### **JoAnne Teubner Prussak**

In Honor of: Our amazing Music Ministry Team! Thank you for your devotion to our Risen Lord and His Church. You bless us all with your beautiful gifts of music. With much love, JoAnne Teubner Prussak

In Honor of: My most supportive husband, Wilfried "Fred" Prussak, who so loves Christ and His Church. Love you, JoAnne

### **The Steele Family**

In loving Memory of: Grandpa Steve and baby Harper

### **Shela Waldron**

In Loving Memory of: Adrian Phillips, Cynthia Phillips  
In Honor of: My grandchildren

### **Dotti & Bob Zotti**

In Loving Memory of: Our brother Adrian