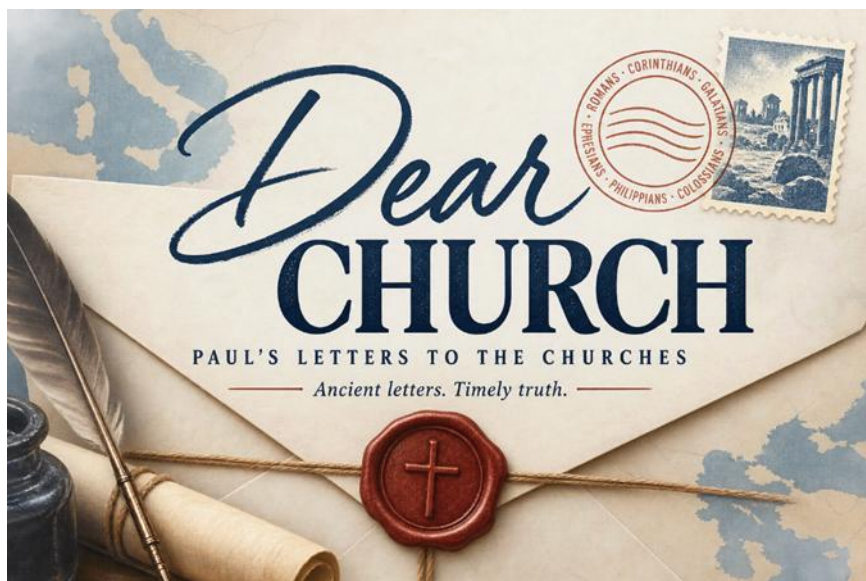




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October 11, 2026

Twentieth Sunday After 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 *Faithfulness*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(please rise as you are able)* Janice Powell

Leader: We are many parts, but we are one body in Christ.

People: We come together with different gifts, united in one purpose.

Leader: God has given each of us a part to play.

People: Help us, Lord, to use our gifts to serve one another.

Leader: Let us put aside comparison, competition, and division.

People: Make us one body, growing together in love.

Leader: Church are you ready to worship?

People: We are ready! Let us worship God together!

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

Gracious God, we thank you for bringing us together as one body in Christ. You have given each of us gifts and a purpose within your church. Help us to recognize what you have placed within us and give us courage to use our gifts to serve others. Teach us to encourage one another, to work together, and to build one another up in love. Prepare our hearts to worship you today. Speak to us, shape us, and help us to do our part. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

UMH #545 *The Church's One Foundation*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT:

Alison Johnson

ANTHEM:

Jesus Is the Answer
Chancel Choir

Andrae Crouch

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING:

Janice Powell

New Testament: Ephesians 4:8-16 (NRSV)

Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; He gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. *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 #2227 *We Are the Body of Christ*

SERMON: *Are You Doing Your Part?* Praise Mapanda

OFFERING

(please place offering envelope in basket or text "dollar amount you wish to give" to 908-224-7670)

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION:

Variations on To God Be The Glory

William Teubner - trumpet

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

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*
UMH #558 *We Are The Church*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Recessional on *Here I Am, Lord*
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

The Powell Family as they grieve the passing of Marie, the Reyes family and their loved ones as they grieve the passing of Angie Reyes, Joe Eggebean and his continued recovery, Mike Stewart as he mourns the loss of his brother Ron, Joe Kunyz, Al Lord Sr., Gary Friez, Patricia, The LaJeunesse family, Brian Johnson, Chuck Farnham, the Rodriguez family who lost their home and possessions in a fire, the family of Kathleen Whipps, Laurie Kelly, Roydon Moreau, the family and fans of Kyle Busch, the family of Beverly Alexis, the family of 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.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 11th:

9:00am-9:30am	Instrumental Rehearsal
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
1:00pm-8:00pm	Lumos training filming (Sanctuary)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, October 12th:

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

Tuesday, October 13th:

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

Friday, October 16th:

9:30am – 11:30pm	Music Together (Social Hall)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, October 17th:

9:30am-10:30am	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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mental Health Ministry



Came to Believe

Third Year! ♥

A CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SERVICE FOR
PEOPLE IN RECOVERY,
THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

♥

Held on the first Sunday of each month at 5:30 PM, the service brings together Scripture, contemporary music, reflection and prayer with themes drawn from recovery and everyday life — including hope, acceptance, gratitude, forgiveness, self-care and learning to live one day at a time.

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Came to Believe is Christian by design but welcomes people wherever they may be in their faith or recovery journey. The atmosphere is intentionally informal and honest: a place to bring questions, celebrate growth, find encouragement and connect with others who understand that healing rarely happens alone.



**FIRST SUNDAY
OF EACH MONTH
5:30 PM**



THE CHAPEL
Summit United Methodist Church
Corner of Kent Place Ave. &
DeForest Ave. • Use DeForest Ave.
entrance

Come as you are. Come to Believe. Stay to Experience. ♥

MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY

Caregivers Support Group ♥

♥

SECOND YEAR STRONG

A welcoming space for anyone caring for others—children, family members, aging parents, or in a professional caregiving role.





**STARTING BACK
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5**

WEEKLY ON MONDAY EVENINGS | 7:00–8:15 P.M.

Join us for encouragement, shared experiences, and helpful resources in a warm, confidential space.

MHM
United Methodist Church Summit
Mental Health Ministry

BUILD SKILLS.
BUILD CONFIDENCE.
BELONG.

SOCIAL SKILLS GROUP
FOR AGES 8-12

Connect. Communicate. Thrive.

MAKE FRIENDS | BUILD CONFIDENCE | MANAGE EMOTIONS | PRACTICE KINDNESS

SUNDAYS 9:15-10:15 AM
STARTING BACK SEPTEMBER 27

FREE
AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are thrilled to welcome our children back to Sunday School ! This year, we are launching a brand-new, engaging curriculum called All Stars, specially designed for children ages 5 through 12. Classes will begin promptly at 10:45 AM. Join us as we dive into fun lessons, community building, and spiritual growth. We can't wait to see your family there!



A Sweet Way to Serve Our Community!

Our Truth or Trick "Hallelujah" Event is just around the corner!

Shine the light of Jesus on **Friday, October 30, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. The **UMC of Summit** will be handing out candy bags at the corner of **Springfield Ave. & Kent Place Blvd.**

Here is how you can support this neighborhood outreach:

Donate Candy: We are collecting **allergy-free candy (strictly no nuts or common allergens, individually wrapped)** to ensure every child can safely enjoy a treat. Please drop donations in the **bin at the front of the sanctuary** during the week or on Sundays. The final deadline for donations is **Wednesday, October 21st**.

Volunteer to Pack: Come help us assemble the bags on **Saturday, October 24th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Please **RSVP no later than Tuesday, October 20th** using the sign-up sheet available at the church.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." — Matthew 5:16

Thank you for your generosity and for making this a safe, faith-filled, and joyful day for our community!



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MUSIC MINISTRY



Come and share in the wonder of making a Joyful Sound!

Let's share the excitement of beginning our Fall Season. Our Kick-Off Sunday will be September 20th. In preparation, our Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 13th at 9:30 a.m., and sing the service music at worship. Our first Saturday rehearsal will be on September 19th at 12:00 noon. The schedule of rehearsals will continue, Saturdays at 12:00 and Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Our Contemporary Ensemble will begin rehearsals on Saturday, September 19th at 1:00 p.m., as we prepare for World Communion Sunday, October 4th.

Our Bell Choir rehearsals will resume on Saturday, September 26th at 1:30 p.m., and Sunday, September 27th at 10:00 a.m., ringing praises.

Our Singing Believers Family Choir will have our rehearsals following worship at 11:45 a.m., beginning on September 27th as we praise "We Are The Church".

Please notate our starting dates as we prepare for an amazing Fall and Christmas Season. Our Christmas Concert is scheduled for Sunday, December 13th at 3:00 p.m.



REMINDER!!

Annual Charge Conference

Sunday Nov. 15th, 2026 –
11:30AM



Charge Conference

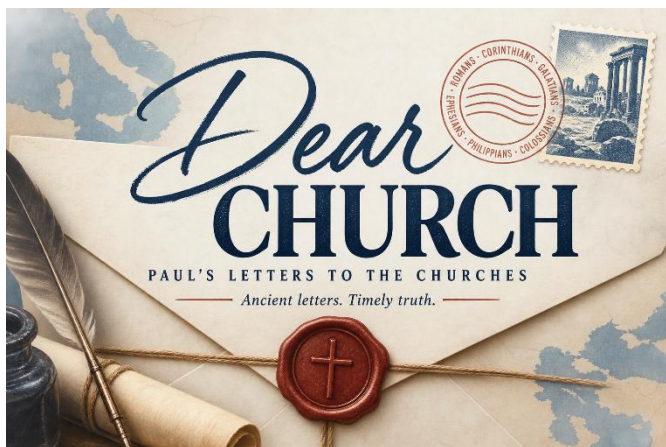


New location: Chapel

October is **SOCKTOBER!**



This month, UMC Summit is joining communities around the country in collecting new socks for neighbors experiencing homelessness. It sounds incredibly simple because it is! Socks are among the basic necessities that can make a real difference for someone living without stable housing, especially as colder weather approaches. Pick up a package (or two!) of **new, unused socks** for adults or children and bring them to church anytime during October. Look for our **Socktober collection** in the Social Hall and add your contribution. Our goal isn't just to collect socks. It's to remind ourselves that acts of compassion don't have to be complicated or enormous. Sometimes loving our neighbor starts with something as simple as a pair of socks. **Let's see how many pairs UMC Summit can collect by the end of October!**



DEAR CHURCH: Ancient Letters, Timely Truth

This fall, join us for a new worship series, *Dear Church*, as we journey through Paul's letters to the early Christian communities. Paul wrote to real churches facing real challenges: conflict, change, disagreement, uncertainty, questions of faith, and the struggle to live together as the Body of Christ. Thousands of years later, his words still have something to say to us.

Each Sunday, we'll open a different letter and ask: What was Paul saying to the Church then, and what might God be saying to the Church today?

DEAR CHURCH
A Fall Worship Series
Beginning September 13
Worship at 10:30 AM

Come discover what these ancient letters can teach us about faith, community, unity, grace, and being the Church together in a very uncertain world.