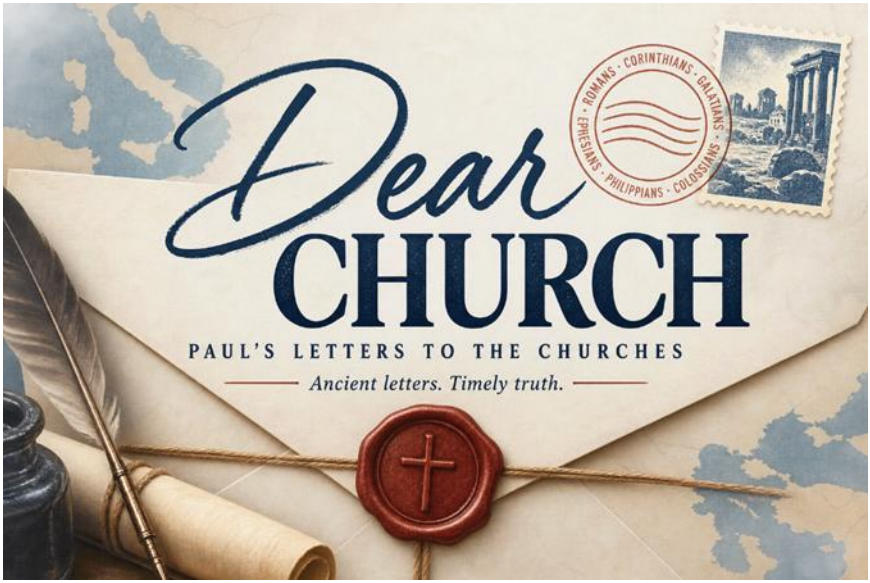
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October 25, 2026
Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
Reformation Sunday

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: Variations on *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*
Martin Luther

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(please rise as you are able)* Kim Goldman
Leader: Dear Church, we have been called together as one body, chosen and beloved by God.
People: We come dressed with compassion, kindness, humility, and love.
Leader: Today we celebrate the Church of the past, give thanks for who we are now, and imagine who God is calling us to be in the future.
People: We are God's Church, called to love boldly, serve joyfully, and live faithfully!

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Kim Goldman
Gracious and loving God, You have called us not simply to gather as a church, but to be your Church in the world. As we reflect on who you are calling us to become, open our hearts to new possibilities. Clothe us with compassion, kindness, humility, and patience, and above all, bind us together in love. May we be known not by our mistakes or shortcomings, but by the love we share and the difference we make in our community. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #170 *O How I Love Jesus*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Rev. Laura Steele

ANTHEM: *He Loved Me* D. Holck, T. Fettke
Chancel Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Konrad Joseph Ziebarth *(see insert)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Rev. Laura Steele

SCRIPTURE READING: Kim Goldman

New Testament: Colossians 3:12-17 *(NRSV)*
Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. *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 #2248 *Baptized in Water*

SERMON: *Dear Church..To Be Continued* 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 *Children of the Heavenly Father*
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)*
TFWS #2223 *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Festival Recessional in Eb Major*
Gustav Holt

** 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 friends and family of Janice Straker, 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.

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, October 25th:

9:00am-9:30am	Instrumental Rehearsal
9:15am-10:15am	Social Skills (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
11:45am-12:15pm	Singing Believers Family Choir
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Monday, October 26th:

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

Tuesday, October 27th:

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

Friday, October 30th:

9:30am – 11:30pm	Music Together (Social Hall)
2:00pm-4:00pm	Truth or Trick (corner Kent Place/Springfield)
7:30pm-8:30pm	Pilgrim Group (Fellowship Room)

Saturday, October 31st:

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)
2:30pm-3:30pm	Liturgical Dance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mental Health Ministry









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.**

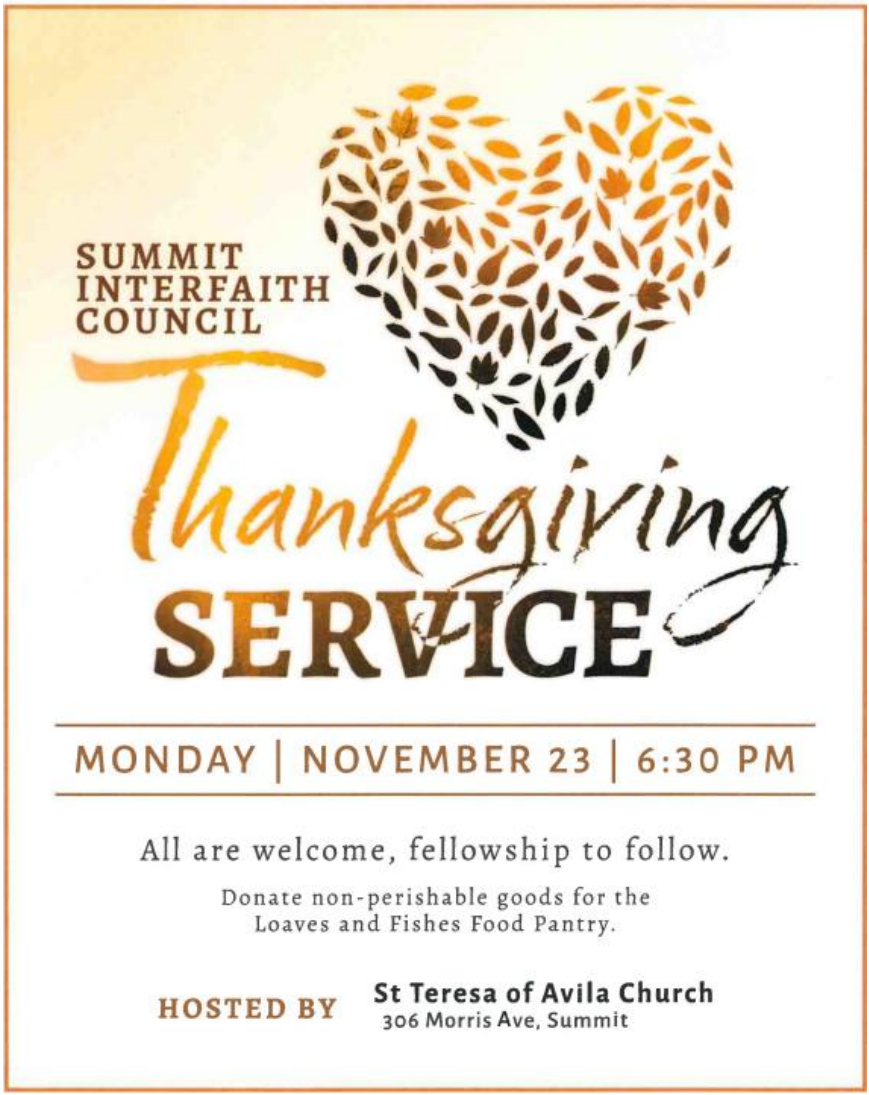
Here is how you can support this neighborhood outreach:

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!



Summit Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Service

Join us for the Summit Interfaith Council Thanksgiving Service on Monday, November 23, at 6:30 PM at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit



Hello my fellow bakers ….
It's that time again…you guessed it ….

UMC Cookie Walk and Holiday Bazaar
December 5, 2026
10AM-4PM

We are looking for bakers to contribute to the cookie walk. A signup sheet will be set up in the Social Hall: for sign up we ask that you let us know what cookies you will be making so we do not have many duplicates.

Requirements for the cookies

-Homemade cookies only please
-Nothing store bought
-5 dozen or more cookies of one recipe.
(Double the recipe if necessary or use a smaller scoop to make smaller cookies to get the 60+ cookie count).

Cookie Delivery: The Church Kitchen on
Friday December 4, 2026

If you have to deliver on
Saturday December 5, no later than 7:30 am
Thank you in advance for your help!

If you have any questions, you can contact the church office at: 908-277-1700

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MUSIC MINISTRY



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 1:30 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 1:00 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.

Please mark your calendars! Our Christmas Concert will be on Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 p.m. Come and share in the joyful and hopeful sounds of this Blessed Season.



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!**