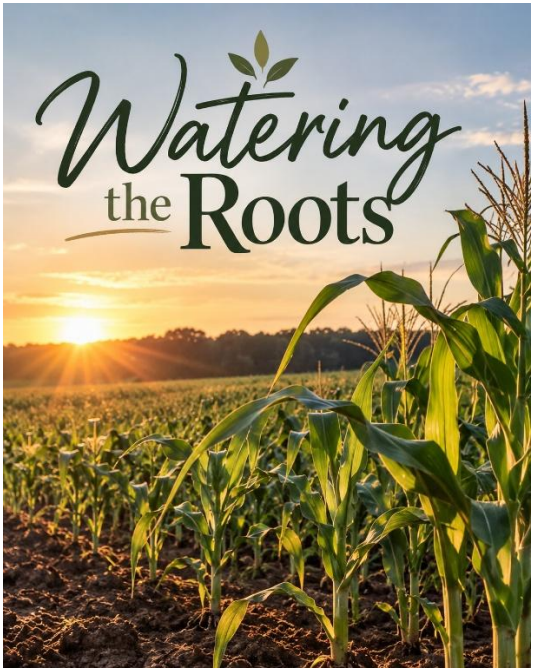
United Methodist Church of Summit



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November 1, 2026
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday/All Saints Day

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 *When We All Get to Heaven*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE: *"The Saints Among Us"*

Leader:
We remember the saints who have gone before us,
who rest from their labors and dwell now in God's eternal light.
(Names of departed members are read aloud. After each name, a bell tolls or a candle is lit.)
After all names are read:
Leader:
We light one final candle for all those we carry in our hearts—family, friends, and mentors—whose light continues to shine in our lives.
Leader:
Eternal God,
We thank you for these lives of faith.
Grant us grace to follow their example
until we join them in your heavenly kingdom,
through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World we pray. Amen.

PREPARATION OF HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(please rise as you are able)* Praise Mapanda
Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, who are like trees planted by water.
People: Our roots run deep in God's love, and our lives bear the fruits of faith.
Leader: Today we remember the saints who came before us, whose faith and generosity helped us grow.

People: We give thanks for the seeds they planted and the love they shared.
Leader: Christ calls us to remain in Him, the true vine, and to bear fruit that lasts.
People: May we nurture what we have received and plant seeds of hope for generations to come! Rooted in Christ, growing in grace, let us worship God!

***CENTERING PRAYER:** *(in unison)* Praise Mapanda
Gracious God, you are the source of our life and the strength of our roots. We give thanks for the saints who nurtured our faith, the blessings entrusted to our care, and the grace that sustains us each day. As we gather at your table, deepen our trust, grow our generosity, and help us bear fruit that will bless generations yet to come. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *(please remain standing as you are able)*
UMH #711 *For All the Saints (vv.1-4)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Janice Powell, CYF Minister

ANTHEM: *The Journey* Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Carol Conway

SCRIPTURE READING: Praise Mapanda

Old Testament: Jeremiah 17: 7-8 *(NRSV)*
Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

New Testament: John 15: 5-8 *(NRSV)*
I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you,

ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.*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 #2132 *You Who are Thirsty*

SERMON: *Water the Roots* Jesse Reyes,
Finance Committee Chair

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 Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus*
William Teubner - trumpet

***DOXOLOGY** *(please rise as you are able)*
UMH #95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(see insert)*

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION:
Just a Little Talk with Jesus
Contemporary Ensemble

***CLOSING HYMN:** *(please rise as you are able)*
UMH #707 *Hymn of Promise*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Recessional on *When the Saints Go Marching In*
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 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, November 1st:

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

Monday, November 2nd:

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

Tuesday, November 3rd:

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

Friday, November 6th:

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

Saturday, November 7th:

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



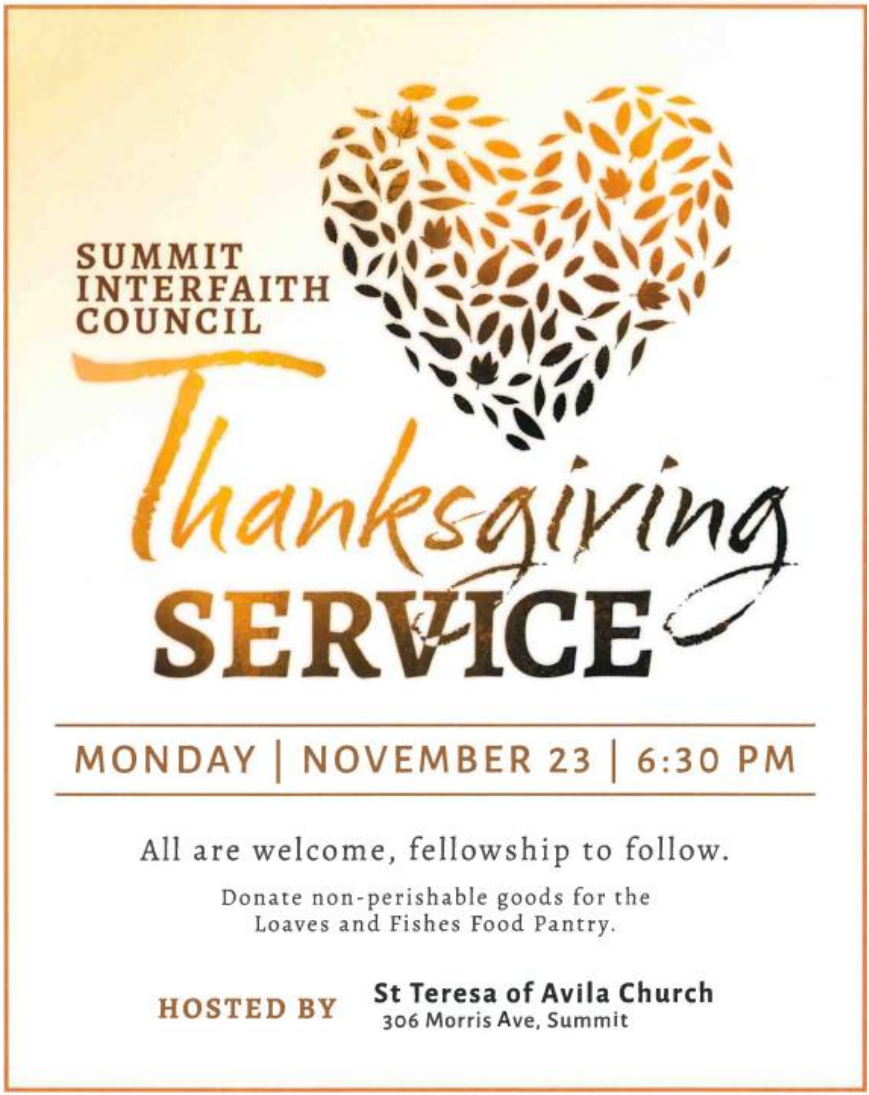






SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

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!



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



“Wings of Faith” Liturgical Dance Ministry
Saturdays, 2:30-3:30PM

Join the UMC of Summit for our Liturgical Dance Ministry. Liturgical dance is a form of praise and should be thought of as an act of worship, rather than a performance. We are praising God through movement and expression. We want the congregation to feel they are part of our expression, accepting the dance as a form of prayer. Resident dance instructor Debbi Picorale will be leading the classes on Saturdays in the Dance Studio. See Ms. Debbi for more information, all levels welcome – no experience necessary!