



**The Flash**  
 Summit United  
 Methodist Church  
 September 22, 2023

This week: *Reshaped:*

*We Were Made  
 For This*

**Summit United Methodist Church is a Lighthouse Congregation of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church.**

### **Reshaped**

Change is good! But who likes change? We would be hard-pressed to find people who do like change. Most of us don't. Yet, change is inevitable. "The only thing that is constant is change" –Heraclitus, circa 500 BCE. We naturally tend to feel apprehensive, fearful, and frustrated regarding change. So, we get stuck in our routines, keeping things the way we have always done them.

Our next worship series, beginning September 24<sup>th</sup>, is entitled Reshaped. We'll address that we are made for change, which requires transformation and letting go.

God's creative activity is an ongoing active force for good. We must first believe that we are created for change and allow God to shape or reshape us. Second, transformation takes place. It is a willingness within our spirits to lean into the life path calling us. Change starts with inner change. Step three is to let go of old expectations, follow the change-maker Jesus, and serve his purpose of more love in the world. Finally, we need to have the courage to take the first step. It takes courage to change, to break away from our narrow paths.



**Please join us for our four-part series, Reshaped, beginning this Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.**

If you want to connect with Summit Church as a member, please get in touch with the church office by leaving a message on our answering service. **Membership Class** will be on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM. We will be receiving new members on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Outreach Meeting Notes** (ways to get involved in our church)

**Radical Hospitality** Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM. Radical Hospitality Video to be shown. 45 minute video and then discussion afterward. Popcorn and cookies to be served

**Blessing of the Animals** Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM

Sign up for **Sunday morning muffins** to encourage our church family to linger in fellowship we have started baking again... there is a signup sheet if you could help out in the cafe... does not need to be homemade or even muffins... whatever you like!!

## **CROP Walk 2023**

The Erie County CROP Hunger Walk is This Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Beach 1 Presque Isle. Join us for our 48<sup>th</sup> year of walking or make a donation to the CROP Walk, please see any "Walker" standing in the Welcome Center near the CROP Walk display. Cash or checks are appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Summit United Methodist Church and write CROP Walk 2023 in the Memo section. Thank you for your willingness to support our Summit Community Food Bank as well as people in more than 35 countries and 1,600 local food banks and soup kitchens throughout the U.S. Questions? See or call Jerri Carlin at 814-460-7360.

We will be collecting a special offering after worship to support the Crop Walk.



**SAVE THE DATE for Laity Breakfast October 15<sup>th</sup> following the morning's worship service.**

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Next week if contacting the church office please leave a message on our answering service as Lori will be on vacation and Tom has a conference through Tuesday, but will be checking all messages. There will be no *Flash* sent next week.