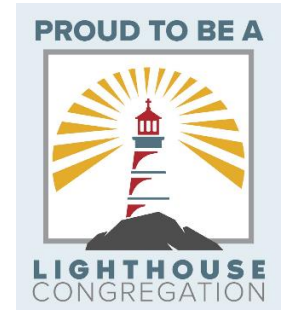




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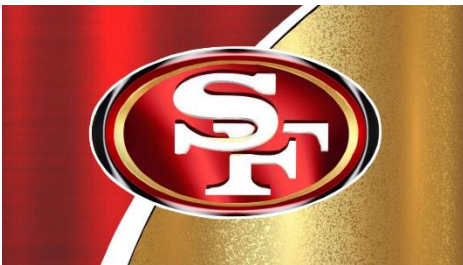
## Summit United Methodist Church

February 16, 2024



### SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

A special charge conference will be held on Tuesday, February 20, at 7 PM. This church conference will take place with the purpose of finalizing the sale of the Parsons Road property as some of the details of the sale have changed. Our district superintendent, Rev. Dr. Dennis Swineford, will preside. A church conference includes all members of the church. Your attendance is encouraged.



We voted! San Francisco – 53 soup cans to Kansas City- 41 soup cans!  
Thanks to all who participated in our Souper Bowl of caring!



**Easter Blessing Eggs...Want to reconnect?** Why not pray for someone in our church family? Easter Blessing Eggs will be available this Easter season like last year. Please choose an egg (or 2) and pray for your egg. Open them on Easter and see who you have been praying for? If you would like to join in this, but are unable to come to church, call Lori or Pastor Tom and we will select an egg for you. Eggs will contain the name or names of someone in our church family. Bless them by praying for them!

# Lent 2024

## Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter

In the apostle Peter, we see a person who is faithful yet doubts, a follower of Jesus yet a betrayer, the rock of the Church, and a wanderer. We can see ourselves in Peter. As we follow Peter's journey, we see the story of Jesus unfold in the eyes of an average human trying to figure it all out. Our faith journeys are similar to Peter's.

Faith is a journey of ups and downs, ebbs and flows, seeking and wandering. Through it all, Peter keeps going. Even after Peter's mistakes and doubts he keeps yearning for Christ's presence. Peter's story reminds us that God's love never ceases. God loves imperfect people.

As we journey through Lent, we can look at ourselves through the stepping-stones of Peter's story. We can reflect on our stages of faith. As we wander, let us tune our hearts to sing God's grace.

Along with the biblical accounts of Peter, we'll look at the lyrics of the hymn, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (UMH # 400). For each step of Peter's journey, phrases from this hymn come to mind. Let's also sing through Lent, binding our wandering hearts to God.

Lent and Easter worship schedule:

Feb. 14 - Ash Wednesday @ 7 PM

Sunday Mornings @ 9:30 AM - Wandering Hearts

Wednesday Evenings @ 7 PM - Worship Experience of Lent (WEL) *The I Am Sayings of Jesus*

March 28 - Maundy Thursday @ 7 PM

March 29 - Good Friday @ 7 PM

March 31 - Easter Sunday @ 9:30 AM

April 7 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter @ 9:30

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Here is a preview of how Wandering Hearts and the story of Peter ties in with "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Jesus Sought Me - Luke 5:1-11

Rescue Me From Danger - Matthew 14:22-33

Praise the Mount - Matthew 16:13-20

I'm Fixed Upon It - Matthew 16:21-33

Teach Me - Matthew 18:15-22

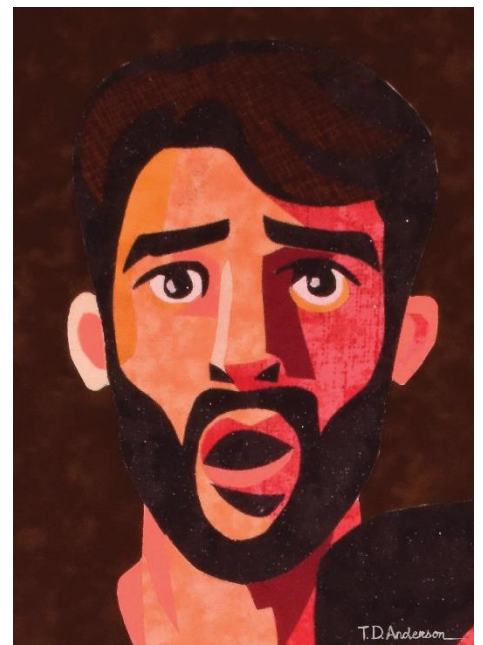
Songs of Loudest Praise - John 12:12-16 (Palm Sunday)

Streams of Mercy - John 13:1-20 (Maundy Thursday)

Prone To Leave the God I Love - John 18:1-27 (Good Friday)

And I Hope - Luke 24:1-12 (Easter)

Here's My Heart - John 21:1-19 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)



## **WORSHIP SERVANTS**

We are looking for worship servants to help with our worship services. If you have an interest in serving, we are willing to teach you. Sign up in the café welcome area to be an usher, a greeter, an acolyte, a worship leader, a children's message leader, a camera operator, a power point controller, or a Facebook monitor.

If you want more information about any of these positions, ask Pastor Tom or Lori. We are always willing to help you serve in your church.



## **CLEANING BUCKET CHALLENGE**

This fall, our annual conference's Mission Barn made a plea for cleaning buckets. Multiple natural disasters across our nation and our world have significantly impacted the supply of buckets. The Mission Barn is currently collecting this important and tangible expression of God's love.

In response to this need, the Erie-Meadville District is sponsoring a friendly cleaning bucket competition among the district churches. Congregations are being challenged to purchase the components and assemble the buckets for shipment to the Mission Barn. The contest will end on Easter Sunday (March 31, 2024).

Participating congregations are asked to record the number of assembled buckets and provide a digital picture of their collection as part of a District Conference celebration in April.

View UMCOR cleaning kit assembly instructions. <https://umcmmission.org/umcor-cleaning-kit/>