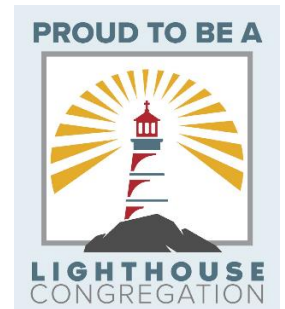


# The Flash

## Summit United Methodist Church

February 2, 2024



Let's explore what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the new calendar year and see our Christian identity in a new way. Through Scriptures that span all sections of the Bible, let's discover new and creative ways to explore what it means to be a Christian in the world today.

## Meet Rev. Jeff Little



Jeff Little was born and raised in Erie, Pennsylvania. He graduated with an art degree from Edinboro University and was an aspiring cartoonist. Jeff worked with youth ministry while trying to break into the world of art. He ended up working as a campus minister at Edinboro University with the CCO (Coalition for Christian Outreach). After working with campus ministry Jeff worked as a manager of a Christian bookstore and eventually became a full-time youth director at a United Methodist church in Franklin, PA. Growing up in the United Methodist church he realized while doing youth ministry that he had been running from pastoral ministry.

Jeff graduated from Asbury Seminary in 2007. He began his opportunity of ministry serving both Johnsonburg United Methodist church (as a senior pastor) and Kane First United Methodist church. In 2011 he continued the pastoral journey at Franklin First United Methodist Church and in 2018 till present he has served Saegertown United Methodist Church. He will begin a new chapter July 1 at Summit UMC. Jeff loves to incorporate art in worship has a passion for discipleship and relational small group ministries. When not involved with ministry, Jeff enjoys drawing, bike riding, board games and hanging out with his cat Sam.

## SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

A special charge conference will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at 7 PM. This charge conference will take place as part of our Church Council Meeting. The purpose of this charge conference is to approve the benefits package of the new incoming pastor. Our district superintendent, Rev. Dr. Dennis Swineford, will preside. A charge conference includes all leaders of the church. Your attendance is encouraged.

### It's Time to Make Valentines!



**WCTL's Healing Hearts Valentine's Day Project is underway, and we need YOUR help!** Make homemade valentines for area nursing homes, senior living facilities, and other organizations serving people in need! It's a fun and meaningful way to share God's love this Valentine's Day. Deliver valentines to WCTL, and we'll do the rest!



## Let's Be Creative...

Supplies to create Valentine's will be available in the welcome center...make a Valentine and spread the **Love**

Finished Valentines will be collected in a basket and delivered to WCTL!

# 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)

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)

