

*Advent:
A Season
of Hope
and
Anticipation*



**December 20, 2015
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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Office Hours: Mon, Wed: 8:30-4:30, Thurs: 8:30-12:30

WELCOME. We are a compassionate Christian community fostering a personal connection with God for people of all ages and expressing God's love through worship, education, mission, music and fellowship.

We're glad to gather together as a community of faith today. No matter where you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here to join in worship and service. If you are new to this community of faith, we rejoice in your presence with us. Remember, we're not strangers, but rather friends who journey together, following the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a newcomer, we invite you to sign the pew pad.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary.

MISS A WORSHIP SERVICE? Services are recorded every week. A CD-R is available upon request by contacting the church office at 342-4242.

Rev. Mouser can be reached by cell at 519-5280,
or by email at pastorcarson@summervillechurch.org
Pastor's Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 12 -4 pm

GREETER: KAREN ANGOLD

USHER: PAT MYERS

YOUTH GREETER: MARK LEAVITT

TRANSPORTATION NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, IS PROVIDED BY MIKE CUBITT .
PLEASE CALL TO ARRANGE A RIDE AT 467-3327.

Please join us for Coffee and fellowship immediately following the Service.
Your host is Jim Verni.



Remember.....

12/20 RAIHN, ICC, Sunset gifts due
12/24 7:00 Christmas Eve Service

Order of Worship

*GATHERING HYMN # 198

“Joy to the World”

*those who are able, please stand

ANTIOCH

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

SILENT CENTERING PRAYER

O God, you are with each one of us. You are with the young, the elderly, the disenfranchised, the war weary, the contented, and the discontented. You give freely and exuberantly to all of us. No matter who we are, no matter what stage of life we are in, we each receive your gift. We gather to receive your gift with gratitude and songs of praise. We gather to live in the fullness of life, which you have given to us.

PRELUDE Songs without Words, Book 7, Op. 85. No. 1 FELIX MENDELSSOHN

CALL TO WORSHIP

KATHARINE MAYER

One: We become a community when we show each other love and acceptance.

All: Let us now gather in God’s community, for God has done great things for us.

One: God has looked with favor on us.

All: May we strive to be as generous as God. May our house be welcoming and open to all.

One: God has lifted up the lowly and filled the hungry with good things.

All: May we give our good things, our best things, back to God.

*HYMN #219 “See in Yonder Manger Low”

HUMILITY

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

THE REGISTER FAMILY

Congregational response: “Come and Fill Our Hearts” (Repeat 3 Times)

**Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace
You Alone, O Lord, Are Holy
Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace
Alleluia**

CALL TO CONFESSION

KATHARINE MAYER

God's love is so amazing because it is out of this steadfast love that God reaches out to embrace us as beloved sons and daughters coming home, assuring us we can tell the truth about our need of grace. Pray with me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

KATHARINE MAYER

One: Some people have little, and others have too much. Such is the sin of human kind.

All: Our outsized appetites and our wants deny others their just due.

One: We pay cheaply for shiny trinkets. Yet, the other – the low-wage worker, the child laborer – pays dearly with their time and lives to make these trinkets.

All: Help us to remember, O God, the other.

One: Help us to value the minutes of their lives, just as we value our own.

All: Help us to honor all in your fold, our world, God's community.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

One: As Mary, the mother of Jesus, sang: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior," let us also rejoice! For God will redress the grievances of those who have been wronged.

All: Grace will be given power and authority. Praise be to God

PASSING THE PEACE

BELL CHOIR "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

ARR. BY JUDY PHILLIPS

OLD TESTAMENT Micah 5:2-5a

KATHARINE MAYER

SILENCE

ANTHEM "Maria Wanders Through the Thorn"

Maria wanders through the thorn

Kyrie Eleison

Maria wanders through the thorn

That seven years no bloom has borne

Jesus and Maria --

For what beneath her heart doth lie?
Kyrie Eleison
For what beneath her heart doth lie?
A little child without a cry,
Jesus and Maria --

As with the child she passes near,
Kyrie Eleison
As with the child she passes near,
red roses on the thorn appear,
Jesus and Maria.

WORDS WITH CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUE SMITH

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 1:39-55

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

SERMON "A Mother's Song"

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

***HYMN insert on p. 11** "Song of Mary"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Elizabeth and Mary were family, O God of life. They encouraged each other because they were family. Today, our family embraces the world over: from the Muslim giving alms, to the Eskimo in the cold tundra, to the Hindu in Bangladesh. Like Elizabeth and Mary, as we bring our offerings to you, empower us to encourage each other, and take care of each and every member of our family. Amen.

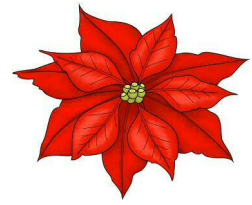
***HYMN #189** “Savior of the Nations, Come”

NUN KOMM

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Elaboration on "Good King Wenceslas"



Poinsettia Remembrance

Given by

Doug & Karen Angold
Peg & Bruce Baker I
Douglas, Dorothy, Ed & Maeve Caine

Bill & Debbie Carter

Susan Connor
Marilyn Drumm
Alice Estes
Mike & Julie Giron
Angela & Steve Hall
Eric & Mary Hauptmann
Michael & Barb James
Bob & Stella Megargle
Pat Myers
Phyllis Register
The Register Family
Cathy Reinhard
Hal Schindler

Marilyn Schindler
Jane & Jim Shawhan
Fred & Joyce Stiffler

Betsy & Dave Stryker
Shirley VanDenBergh
Wendeth Willson
The Westman Family

Given By

Alice Estes
Mary Haverfield
Bob & Stella Megargle
Michael & Barb James
Ann & Hugh Reinhard
Fred & Joyce Stiffler
The Westman Family

in Loving Memory of

Their Parents
Sylvia Morris and Eleanor Smith
Audia Claire Caine, Meghan Emily Wiesner,
Nicholas Greig
Our Parents, Curly & Jean Ann Carter
Jack & Dorothy Huse
Parents, Bob & Dorothy White
Loved Ones
Husband, Bill Estes, and lost loved ones
Mary & Louis Giron
Parents
Amy Hauptmann
Margaret Heck
Amy Hauptmann
Lennie Myers
Joe & Suzanne Register
Loved Ones
Mom, Joan Reinhard
Gretchen's Parents, Guy & Olga Alberty
Hal's Parents: Harold & Altay Schindler
Gretchen
George
Our Parents
Don & Norma Palmateer, SR.
Ralph & Margaret Stiffler
Fred & Helen Aeschbacher
Loved Ones
Joe Westman
Joe & Barb Westman

in Honor of

Sgt. Andrea Estes
Elizabeth & Katie
Summerville Presbyterian Church Staff
Ebee James
All of Our Family
Bill Stiffler and Don Palmateer, JR
Shirley VanDenBergh
Joyce & Bob Rude

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING is a special offering that supports racial ethnic colleges and schools and contributes to the assistance program for retired church workers of the Board of Pensions. This offering will be collected on Christmas Eve, December 27th, and January 3rd. Additional envelopes are on the Deacons' credenza.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING for Committee members and other church leaders: consider attending Presbytery's Church Leadership Development Day on Sat, 1/23/16 at Perinton Presbyterian. 10 morning courses, 8 "working lunch" courses. Registration \$5, optional bag lunch \$5. More info: flyer on bulletin board by office; ask office or Clerk of Session Mary Haverfield; Presbytery website <http://pbygenval.org/events/church-leadership-development-day-2/> Deadline for registration by mail is 1/13/16.

KICK UP YOUR HEELS: New Year Eve, 8:30 pm - 12:15 pm: Contra dance with live music and callers in Fellowship Hall. All welcome to dance (\$10) or just listen and watch (\$5). Come for a while or all evening. Plenty of yummy pot-luck snacks and lots of friendly dancers. See flyer on bulletin board by office or check out <http://www.cdorocheester.org>

CALLING COUNTERS: Can you spare an hour or so on Monday morning once a month? Can you add a few numbers on an adding machine? We need more folks to take a turn helping count the weekly offering. You would work with a recorder who handles allocating receipts to the right accounts. Contact the office if you think you might be able to help or for more information.



Children's Workshop *"In the Manger"*



Gathering in Room 12: December 6th

"Sheep"

*(Kindergarten -
3rd grades)*

December 13

Room 10

*Mrs. Gretchen Spencer
Creation Station*

December 20

Kitchen

*Mr. Doug Caine
Science Station*

"Magi"

(4th - 7th grades)

Kitchen

*Mr. Doug Caine
Science Station*

Room 10

*Mrs. Gretchen Spencer
Creation Station*

Family Worship on Sunday, December 27th



Youth Group News

(Grades 6-12)

- Intergenerational Mission Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 10th at 5 p.m. in Memorial Lounge. Come to hear about the trip being planned to Pt. Pleasant, NJ for post-hurricane Sandy relief work. A trip into NYC is a possibility!

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Blessed Christmas!

Sunday, December 20th

10:00 am

11:15 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent and Bells

Family Worship

Coffee

Sanctuary

Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 21st

6:00 pm

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Rooms 10/14

Wednesday, December 23rd

10:30 am

6:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:45 pm

7:30 pm

Staff Meeting

Bell Choir

Troop 127

Troop 79

Choir

Memorial Lounge

Sanctuary

Room 14

Room 10

Room 13

Thursday, December 24th

7:00 pm

7:30 pm

Christmas Eve

Christmas Music

Worship Service

Office Closed

Sanctuary

Friday, December 25th

Christmas Day

Next Sunday, December 27th

10:00 am

11:15 am

Sunday after Christmas

Family Worship

Coffee

Rev. Carolyn Grohman

Sanctuary

Fellowship Hall