

**October 23, 2016**  
**Twenty Third Sunday of Pentecost**

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**Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation**

**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](mailto:pastorcarson@summervillechurch.org)

***Pastor's Office Hours: Monday & Wednesdays from 1-3  
Please call ahead.  
Office Hours are 8:30-4:30 on Monday & Wednesdays and  
8:30-12:30 on Thursday***

**GREETER:** BARB JAMES

**USHER:** JOYCE STIFFLER

**Transportation next Sunday, October 30** is provided by JOYCE STIFFLER. Please call Joyce before 8 pm on Saturday, October 15, to arrange a ride. (Sunday morning is too late to make a reservation.) Her number is 663-7462.

Please join us for fellowship after worship service. Your host is JIM VERNI.



## Order of Worship

\*those who are able, please stand

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #469** ( blue -Presbyterian Hymnal )  
"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

#### CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

*Empty us, O God, of all that would keep us from being present in this time of worship. Pour out upon us, O God, your spirit of patience and humility that we might receive what you have to give us in this time of worship. Fill us, O God, with your love, your compassion, your grace, that in this time of worship and beyond we might know you in those around us. Amen.*

#### PRELUDE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

ALLISON LEAVITT

One: We live our days striving to keep the faith.

**All: At times, we feel we are running a great race – trying to find God by moving faster and stronger.**

One: At other times, life feels more like a battle – a fight to be won in order to be right with our God.

**All: What we long for is to draw near to our God in righteousness.**

One: Come, people of God, let us slow our running and turn away from the fights;

**All: let us recognize that, right here and right now, our God stands by us, giving us strength, ready to rescue us from our own wandering ways – there is nowhere else we need to go and nothing we need to achieve.**

One: Come, beloved of God, let us receive the crown of blessing as we worship, giving God thanks and glory!

**All: Come. As we strive to keep the faith let us very simply worship our loving God.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

ALLISON LEAVITT

God's love for us is so amazing, it embraces us and empowers us to be honest about our lives and our need of God's grace. Pray with me.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)**

ALLISON LEAVITT

**Sometimes we are the ones who feel ourselves to be unworthy of God's grace and generosity, and we bow our heads in humility. And at other times, we confess, we feel full of righteousness, boasting of the goodness we share and do. We are so glad not to be like others, whom we might believe clearly need your forgiveness. We neglect to notice ways wealth and privilege may have created need and brokenness. Yet when we arrive at this place, we, too, need your forgiveness and compassion, Loving One, for in our self-righteousness we arrive at another kind of sin. We may not have cheated, or stolen, or abused another directly, but our contentment and pride of achievement can alienate us from our deepest connection to you, and from seeing how it has been part of another's suffering. At times, life seems a dance of not-enough and too much; we confess we don't always know where to land. Can we lead, even in our poverty? Can we follow, even in our wealth and abundance? Show us the balance that holds humility and generosity together in one stance. Lead us in a dance of true union and grace, forgive us our sinfulness – whatever form it may take - and dance with us in new life again, we pray.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

Be assured, children of God, that our dance partner – God – knows our steps before we have taken them, holds our spirits in the strong arms of understanding, and leads the way to our wholeness through the forgiveness of eternal love. In this, let us trust in the music and dance on, assured of pardon, and at peace in God's grace.

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Joel 2:23-32

ALLISON LEAVITT

**ANTHEM**

**WORDS WITH CHILDREN/ LORD’S PRAYER**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 18: 9-14 REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

**SERMON** “Hidden in Plain Sight ” REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

**\*HYMN #151** (red– Rejoice Hymnal) NEUMARK  
“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**As we give, raise us up. As we give, bring us to unity with others. In this offering, discover our humble desire to be in communion with one another. May the resources we share here be transformative in this world, and express our thanksgiving, not our pride. Bless these gifts, we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #458** ( red– Rejoice Hymnal)

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me ”

PLEADING SAVIOR

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK:** “ ‘Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.’ So, Zacchaeus hurried down and was happy to welcome Jesus.” Jesus’ visit to Zacchaeus’ house shows us how important it is to share how much God’s love really means to us—with our hospitality and sacrifice. Zacchaeus was viewed by many as a sinner, and even unclean because of his interactions with the Romans. Jesus called Zacchaeus by name—knowing what was in his heart, even as the crowd grumbled. Jesus said, “For the Son of God came to seek out and to save the lost.” *Scriptures: Habbakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4, Psalm 119:137-144, 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12, Luke 19:1-10.*

**ADULT FORUM** Joan Frenzel will present “A Pictorial History of Abraham Lincoln” today after Worship.

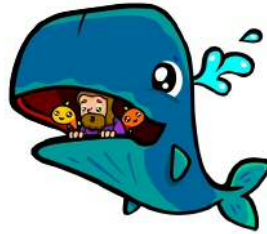
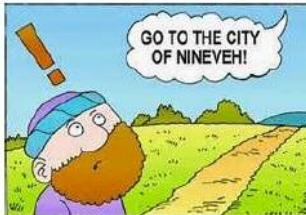


**FALL CLEAN UP:** Join us on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 till the work is done. Please bring gloves, rakes, tarps and as many helpers as you can find. Cider and donuts will be provided.

# Children's Workshop

(Preschool through Grade 7)

## "Jonah"



**Teachers:** Mr. Todd Hayes & Mr. Brian Leavitt

**Gathering in Memorial Lounge:** October 9<sup>th</sup>

**Class in Memorial Lounge:** October 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Intergenerational Worship Service:** October 30<sup>th</sup> (Children are invited to sit at the "Prayground" at the table at the front of the sanctuary)

## Youth Group News

(Grades 6-12)

- Harvest Festival: Sunday, October 16th—Saturday, October 30th
- Bagel & the Bible: Sunday, October 23rd, meet at church at 10:00 a.m.



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, October 23rd

10:00 am

Worship

Sanctuary

10:15 am

Children's Workshop: Jonah

10:15 am

Bagel & Bible

11:15 am

Adult Forum—"Lincoln"

Fellowship Hall

5:00 pm

AEM Mission

Memorial Lounge

*Harvest Festival (11-4)*

### Monday, October 24th

6:30 pm

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Rooms 10/14

*Harvest Festival (1-7)*

### Tuesday, October 25th

5:30 pm

Wolf Den

Room 15

6:00 pm

Webelos

Room 14

7:00 pm

Seneca Neighborhood

Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm

Session

Memorial Lounge

*Harvest Festival (1-7)*

### Wednesday, October 26th

6:30 pm

Bell Choir

Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm

Troop 127

Room 14

6:45 pm

Troop 79

Room 15

7:30 pm

Choir

Room 13

*Harvest Festival (1-7)*

### Thursday, October 27th

6:30 pm

Bear Den

Room 14

*Harvest Festival (1-7)*

### Friday, October 28th

6 pm

SNS Movie

*Harvest Festival (1-7)*

### Next Sunday, October 30th

10:00 am

Intergenerational Service

11:15 am

Worship

Fellowship Hall

*Harvest Festival (10-5:30)*

Coffee