



**March 26, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Summerville Presbyterian Church

***585-342-4242***

**Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation**

The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor

Julian Garvue—Director of Music

Jacqueline Anderson—Director of Bell Choirs

Deborah Carter— Director of Youth & Education

Mary Keller - Office Manager

Rod Cutler - Director of Maintenance

**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 : Monday and Wednesday, 8:30-4:30, Thursday, 8:30-noon***

**GREETER:**

**USHER:** JOYCE STIFFLER

**BANK BAG:** CINDY SMITH

**To arrange transportation for next Sunday, April 2nd,** please call Julie Giron at 303-827-4814 before noon on Saturday, April 1st. (no fooling).

Join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship.  
Your host is Sarah Guereschi.



## Order of Worship

\*those who are able, please stand

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #339** ( blue– Presbyterian Hymnal )

SLANE

“Be Thou My Vision”

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE**

**CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE**

*Loving God, we have come here today to hear your word and let it change us. We have come to be refreshed by your presence and reminded that we are never far from you. Open our hearts to receive you, and to reach out to others in love. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.*

**PRELUDE** “Invention”

J.S. BACH

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

BARBIE SMITH

One: God, our shepherd, calls us to this place.

**All: God leads us beside quiet streams, and into lush meadows.**

One: Even in dark and difficult places, God never abandons us.

**All: God pursues us to the ends of Earth, upholding us in love.**

One: Come, we worship God.

**CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

BARBIE SMITH

The psalmist tells us that the One whose voice can knock trees to the ground listens to our hesitant prayers which speak about how we have hurt others, as well as God. Join me, as we pray to the One who will bless us with peace and forgiveness.

## **PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (UNISON)**

BARBIE SMITH

**For those times when we have been too blind to see what is going on around us, forgive us. For those times when we have turned away, preferring not to see realities that we are uncertain about; for those times when we have wrung our hands, wishing things would change, without taking the steps we could have to help them change and for those times when we discounted others' stories rather than confront truths that made us uncomfortable....**

### ***Silent Reflection***

**Forgive us, O God of mercy and open our eyes and our hearts, enabling us to see the realities you place before us.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

Hear these words from scripture: "God doesn't look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but God sees into the heart." So know, friends, that God sees into your heart, and knows that it is good. God forgives you all that weighs upon you, and sets you free for a new and everlasting life.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**    1 Samuel 16: 1-13

BARBIE SMITH

**ANTHEM** "See the Silent Ones Who Wait "

RATCLIFFE

Lord of feasting and of hunger, give us eyes to see your bread  
In the miracle of wonder, till all tables will be fed.  
See the silent ones who wait, when the blessing seems too late.

Lord of seed and Lord of harvest, turn the desert into bloom;  
Purify the sky and forest, give your wisdom; send it soon;  
See the silent ones who wait, when the blessing seems too late.

Lord of taking and of giving, give us back our dignity;  
In our universal living, break down all inequity;  
See the silent ones who wait, when the blessing seems too late.

**WORDS FOR CHILDREN/ LORD'S PRAYER**

GRETCHEN SPENCER

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** John 9: 1-4

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

**SERMON** "How Do You See?"

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

**\*HYMN #83**(blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

DEO GRACIAS

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS  
CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**Loving God, giver of all things, as people alive to your goodness we offer these gifts and the talents of this community to the service of all our children within our neighborhood and beyond, throughout our nation and our world. Amen.**

**\*HYMN INSERT** p. 12 “This Little Light of Mine”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE** “Postlude”

GARVUE

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**DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK:** At this point in Lent, we might feel some of Mary and Martha’s despair after the death of their brother. In raising Lazarus—a foreshadowing of his own resurrection – Jesus shows us the hope that leads us out of despair, the light that can lead us out of the darkness. As we approach the end of our Lenten journey and Jesus’ passion, we, too, are called out of darkness and into light with new life and hope breathed into us.

***Scriptures: John 11:1-45, Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11.***

# Children's Workshop

## "Garden of Gethsemane"



### Date

### Teachers

March 12th

Church closed due to winter storm

March 19th

Mrs. Janet Smith and Mrs. Gretchen Spencer

March 26th

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GARAGE SALE: DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS EACH WEEK. PICK UP CAN BE ARRANGED.** Save the dates: April 22nd: Set up begins, April 28th and 29th: Garage Sale open to the public, April 29th at 2 pm: Clean up



May 6th: Spring Clean Up from 9-noon. Donuts and cider. Please bring rakes and tarps.

**FUTURE ADULT FORUM:** The AEM Committee is inviting the congregation to read the book, Waking Up White by Debby Irving. The author tells how she stumbled into troubling and even shocking revelations about racial inequities as a "blissfully sheltered, upper-middle class suburban child". The book has short chapters with discussion questions. AEM will lead a discussion **on Sunday, April 9th** at the Adult forum. Several copies are available in our church library or are available on Amazon. This book will also be discussed the new "Riverside Neighbors" (group of Presbyterian churches) on Thursday, March 30th at the Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church from 6:30-8:00 pm.



**PALM SUNDAY (APRIL 9TH)** - Children will gather at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to receive their palms. They will enter the sanctuary waving their palms, placing them under the communion table and going to sit with their families in the pews.



## March Mission Re-building Team

20-25 people from our Church will be going to Point Pleasant, NJ to help construct new buildings & repair buildings damaged from Hurricane Sandy.

### ***SUGGESTED ITEMS:***

Juice boxes and sports drinks



Boxed cookies, sports bars and granola bars

Dried fruits



Individual chips bags and applesauce, puddings  
Plastic utensils

Gas gift cards



## CALENDAR of EVENTS



### **Sunday, March 26th**

10:00 am	Worship	
10:15 am	Children's Worship & Bagel Group	
11:15 am	Adult Forum: "Culture in Nursing Homes"	Fellowship Hall
	Elaine Hiscock, Chaplain at Kirkhaven	
5 pm	Mission Group	Memorial Lounge

### **Monday, March 27th**

6:30 pm	AA	Room 15
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### **Tuesday, March 28th**

6:00 pm	Webelos	Room 14
7:00 pm	Session	Memorial Lounge

### **Wednesday, March 29th**

5:30 pm	Wolf Den	Room 10
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

### **Thursday, March 23rd**

6:30 pm	Bear Den	Room 14
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### **Next Sunday, April 2nd**

10:00 am	<b><i>Communion, Lily Orders, One Great Hour of Sharing Envelopes</i></b>	
10:15 am	Worship	
11:30 am	Children's Workshop	
	Deacon Meeting	Memorial Lounge