



**September 10, 2017**

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Summerville Presbyterian Church

**585-342-4242**

**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 & Wednesdays from 8:30-4, Thursdays 8:30-noon***

**GREETER:**

**USHER:** LINDA VERNI

**BANK BAG:** JEN DEVOE

**MUSIC:** TERESA SHYR

**To arrange transportation for next Sunday, September 17th,** please call Joyce Stiffler at 703-7462 before noon on Saturday, September 16th if you need a ride.

Please join us for fellowship after the service. Your Host is  
Mike James



## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

\*those who are able, please stand

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #146** (red– Rejoice Hymnal)

MIT FREUDEN ZART

“Sing God Who Reigns Above ”

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

### CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

*Gracious God, even as we look to the heavens for your light, we plant our feet firmly on the ground. We know your love comes through warm sunlight, refreshing rain, and life emerging from the earth. We see your creativity in the complexity of the onion, the beauty of the roses, and the fiery colors of fallen leaves, We taste your spirit in the sweetness of the strawberry, the herbaceous pungency of many mints, and the tannins of tea leaves. Open us to the many ways in which your goodness and abundance emerge from the land. Amen.*

**PRELUDE:** “Prelude in D”

J.S.BACH

### CALL TO WORSHIP

TINA ETSHMAN

One: You formed the first human body from the dust of the earth;

**All: today we gather as the Body of Christ.**

One: You breathed the breath of life into us;

**All: as we breathe, we feel your spirit filling us.**

One: You welcomed us into your garden, which offered us fruit and vegetables to eat, and asked us to take care of it.

**All: We have work to do. May we plant seeds of righteousness and cultivate new life this day.**

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

TINA ETSHMAN

God’s love is always near to us to bless us with forgiveness, empowering us to lift our hearts and minds to God in prayers confessing our need of God’s grace.

## PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

TINA ETSHMAN

One: Healing One, we come to you with heads bowed low. We have failed to honor the boundaries you have set for us and all creation,

**All: God, we are sorry.**

One: We hear the earth cry out for the suffering of your people.

**All: God, we are hurting.**

One: We bear collective responsibility for contaminated land which has lost its fertility.

**All: God, we are hungry.**

One: We feel the dryness of parched earth which cannot bear food.

**All: God, we are thirsty.**

One: We seek your forgiveness and cry out for your wisdom.

**All: God, we are yearning.**

One: We pray for your empowerment and strength.

**All: God, we are seeking pathways to redeem and protect your beautiful creation. We recommit ourselves to this work today. Equip us to restore and renew your Earth.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

As we acknowledge systemic injustices in the world, we create space in our spirits to act for change. God will love and empower us as we embrace the needs of the world. We can never, ever stray from God's love.

**All: We open ourselves to God's ever-present spirit of grace and transformation as we seek God's hope and justice for all creatures and places. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 139:7-12

TINA ETSHMAN

**SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM**

**WORDS *with* CHILDREN, THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Matthew 12:38-40 REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

**SERMON** "All Land is Sacred" REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

**\*HYMN # 392 (red—Rejoice Hymnal)** WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS** REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY** - hymn #556 in Presbyterian Hymnal

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**Giver of life, just as our ancestors were sojourners, we too are but sojourners living on Earth for a while. May our offerings contribute to the flourishing of your creation and your larger vision for life and wholeness, for this generation and for those to come. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #61** (red-Rejoice Hymnal)  
“Now Thank We All Our God”

NUN DANKET

**\*BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE** “Voluntary VII”

JOHN BENNETT

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**DEVOTION September 17—Road to Freedom:** Just as God promised, the people of Israel leave a life of slavery. But beginning a new life of freedom is not going to be easy. With Pharaoh’s army in pursuit, they find themselves in a scary place, the army on one side and a body of water on the other. Yet, God’s love prevails. God makes a path through the sea, and they can continue their journey to freedom. When has God helped you through a difficult time. *Scriptures: Exodus 14:19-31, Psalm 114, Matthew 18:21-35, Romans 14:1-2*

# Children's Workshop

## "Jacob & Esau"



### Date

September 10th

September 17th

September 24th

### Teachers

Mrs. Patty Mayer and Mr. Todd Mayer

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Out-of-the-Box Worship Service for all

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**YOU'VE SAVED THE DATE ... SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017,  
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Consider the on-going need to support the victims of Harvey. In addition to monetary donations, the Red Cross acknowledges an emergency for blood donations to keep Texas hospitals supplied with this life-saving gift. Sign up "to give the gift of life" at the Summerville Presbyterian Church blood drive. Contact Peg Baker at 585-342-0865 or [pegmbaker@twc.com](mailto:pegmbaker@twc.com) to register!



Save the date and invite your Neighbors to attend the "Old Time Community Square Dance" in our parking lot Sept 17<sup>th</sup> after church. We will have hot dogs and a live fiddle band. Details to follow.

***SPC Mission Team will hold our first meeting of the year after the Square Dance on September 17. Come to the dance and then join us as we plan for next spring. We welcome all who would like to join the team or just want to know more about how we operate.....Barb Chamberlin***



## September Mission 2017

### **WOMEN'S CARE CENTER/ Crisis Pregnancy Center**

*The Center serves women and their young children in need by offering free pregnancy tests, emotional support, encouragement and material assistance for pregnant women and mothers.*

**Please donate:** Enfamil formula, diapers, pullups, socks, onesies, new or gently used clothing up to size 2 Toddler



## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, September 10th

10:00 am	Worship	
10:15 am	CW/ Bagel & Bible	
11:15 am	Adult Forum: "Using Google Calendar for Church News"	

### Monday, September 11th

6:30 pm	AA	Room 15
7 pm	AEM.	Room 3
7 pm	CYEd	Room 2
7 pm	Worship	Memorial Lounge

### Wednesday, September 13th

6:30 pm	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Troop 127	Room 14
6:45 pm	Troop 79	Room 15
7 pm	Pack 203 Committee	Memorial Lounge
7:30 pm	Senior Choir	Room 13

### Thursday, September 14th

Noon	Sarah Circle	Memorial Lounge
6 pm	203 Pack	Fellowship Hall

### Next Sunday, September 17th

10:00 am	<i>Bell Choir</i>	
11:15 am	Worship	
11:15 am	Children's Workshop	
11:15 am	Deacons Meet	Memorial Lounge
11:15 am	Kick off: Square Dance for members and neighbors	