

October 8, 2017

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summerville Presbyterian Church

585-342-4242

Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor

Jacqueline Anderson—Director of Bell Choirs

Teresa Shyr—Director of Music

Deborah Carter— Director of Youth & Education

Mary Keller - Office Manager

Rod Cutler - Director of Maintenance

Stephanie Desmore - Housekeeper

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 & Wednesdays from 1-3
Please call ahead.***

Office Hours: Monday & Wednesdays from 8:30-4, Thursdays 8:30-noon

GREETER:

USHER: JULIE GIRON

BANK BAG: TODD HAYES

MUSIC: TERESA SHYR

To arrange transportation for next Sunday, October 15th, please call Joyce Stiffler at 703-7462 before noon on Wednesday, October 14th.

Please join us after Worship in Fellowship Hall.
Your host is Betsy Stryker.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

**those who are able, please stand*

***GATHERING HYMN #285** (blue– Presbyterian Hymnal)

AUSTRIA

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him”

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

*God of community, who binds us together in mutual respect and love,
we do not seek righteousness or piety, fancy words and ornate actions.*

*We humbly and reverently seek to be in deeper relationship with you, and to offer our
awe and respect as best we know how. Amen.*

PRELUDE “Invention”

J.S. BACH

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The law of God is perfect,

All: Reviving the soul.

One: The decrees of God are right,

All: Rejoicing the heart.

One: The commandments of God are clear,

All: Enlightening our spirits.

One: The heavens are telling the Glory of our God.

All: Let us proclaim God’s handiwork in praise and worship.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

STEVE HEDGES

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 (UNISON)

STEVE HEDGES

God of love, when we fail to show respect to all of your creation, when we persecute others with zeal and force, when we mistreat and abuse the gifts you have given us, when we neglect to reap a past generation's harvest, we fail to live by your way.

Silent Reflection

Forgive us, so that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts may always be acceptable to you, our God, Rock, and Redeemer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

Beloved, be encouraged, and press on towards our shared goal, knowing that you can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

STEVE HEDGES

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM "Go Forth With God"

BY MARTIN SHAW

Go forth with God! The day is now that thou must meet the test of youth
Salvation's helm upon thy brow, go girded with the living truth.
In ways thine Elder Brethren trod thy feet are set, go forth with God!

Think fair of all and all men love, and with the builder bear thy part:
Let every day and duty prove the humble witness of thy heart.
Go forth! 'tis God bids thee increase the bounds of love, of Love and Joy and
Peace.

ANTHEM *continued*

Behold with thine uplifted eyes Beauty through all that sorrow seems
And make of earth a Paradise, the substance of thy dearest dreams.
Bring laughter to thy great employ, go forth with God and find His joy
Go forth!

Go forth with God! The world awaits the coming of the pure and strong
Strike for the Faith and storm the gates that keep the citadel of wrong
Glory shall shine about thy road, great heart, if thou go forth, go forth with God!

WORDS from CHILDREN, THE LORD'S PRAYER

SUE SMITH

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Philippians 3:4-14

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

SERMON "A Rule of Love"

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***HYMN #361** (blue– Presbyterian Hymnal)
"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL FOR THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Loving God, help us to be good stewards of the gifts that you have provided us, and good tenants of the Earth that we call home. Bless gift and givers to your service. Amen.

*HYMN #525 (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)
“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM, LORD

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Improvisation in C”

BY FRANCIS POULENC

DEVOTION October 15th—Soothing Our Souls: We are all familiar with the 10 commandments. Even if we can't name them all, we know that the people of Israel received this revelation from God after their release from captivity in Egypt. While they wander in a strange land, these rules were intended to direct how people would live, and to point them toward God. Today, these ways provide us with a similar vision for how God wants us to live. We wander in a world that challenges our relationship with God and with one another; these commandments help us to focus living lives transformed by God. *Scriptures: Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23, Matthew 22:1-4, Philippians 4:1-9*

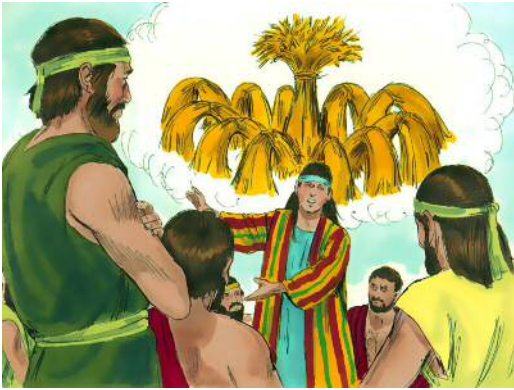


On Sunday, October 29th the Worship Committee will be celebrating the next "Out of the Box" service. The theme of the service will be "Making Memories Last ". We will think about ways that God has "had a hand" in our lives. What are these moments? How has God been there for you? How can we pass these moments on to the next generation?

We would like your help - we would like each person to submit a picture or two from your life that is a cherished memory - a special place, special people in your lives or a special event. We will be collecting these pictures and presenting them in a PowerPoint presentation during the service - with time to share !

There is a box on the credenza where we will be collecting the pictures, and during the week, the box will be in the office. If you would like to email them, please use the office email address. Don't forget to put your name on the back of the pictures so we can get them back to you. We need to collect all the pictures by Sunday October 15th. Thank you so much for your help! *the Worship Committee*

Children's Workshop



"Joseph"

<u>Date</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Room</u>
October 8th	Mr. Todd Hayes and Mr. Bill Carter	ML
October 15th	Mr. Todd Hayes and Mr. Bill Carter	ML
October 22nd	Mr. Todd Hayes and Mr. Bill Carter	ML
October 29th	Out-of-the-Box Worship Service for all ages	

Youth Group News

(Grades 6-12)

- Bagel & the Bible: Sunday, Oct. 22, meet at church at 10:00 a.m.
- Haunted Hayride: Friday, Oct. 27, meet at church at 6:30 p.m., more details to follow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S ADULT FORUM

Proposition 1: Do you know what it is? SHALL THERE BE A CONVENTION TO REVISE THE (NYS) CONSTITUTION AND AMEND THE SAME? It will appear on the ballot when you vote on November 7. Are you ready to vote on Proposition 1 with an informed decision? Attend **Adult Forum on October 8** when Judy Weinstein of the League of Women Voters will address the importance of the ballot question, possible discussion issues, and arguments made in favor of and in opposition to a Convention. **Mark your calendars! Be informed!**



Meditation and Prayer Flags: Irondequoit United Church of Christ offers a workshop on October 21 from 2:30-5 at a cost of \$25. You will create your own prayer flags on pre-stitched cloth. See the bulletin board outside the office for more information.



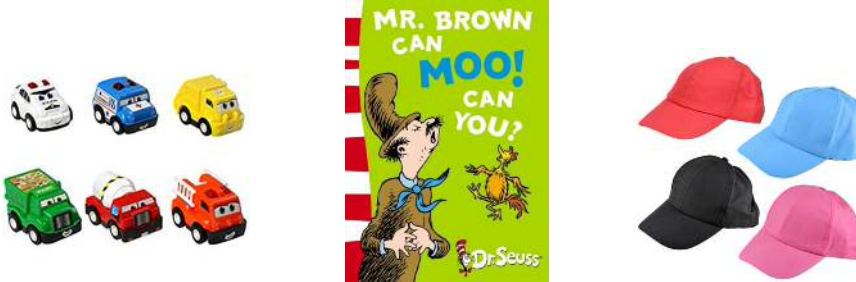
You are welcome to attend Pastor Carson's Reformation Bible Study on Tuesdays—October 10, 17 and 24 from 6:30-7:30 in Memorial Lounge.

October Mission 2017

Shoe Box Ministry – Operation Christmas Child

This Ministry sponsored by “Samaritan's Purse” brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled Shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love.

Suggested items:



TOYS: small cars small dolls, balls, yo-yos, jump ropes

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils, crayons, writing pads, picture books

HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrush & paste, mild bar soap, comb, washcloths

OTHER: T-shirts, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Harvest Festival begins



Sunday, October 8th

10:00 am	Worship	
10:15 am	Children's Workshop	
11:15 am	Adult Forum	Fellowship Hall
	NYS Constitution—Judy Weinstein, League of Women Voters	

Monday, October 9th

6:30 pm	AA	Room 15
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Tuesday, October 10th

6:30 pm	Reformation Bible Study	Memorial Lounge
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Wednesday, October 11th

6:30 pm	Bell Choir	Sanctuary
6:30 pm	Troop 127	Room 14
6:45 pm	Troop 79	Room 15
7:30 pm	Senior Choir	Room 13

Thursday, October 12th

9:00 am	Garage Sale Tables	
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Saturday, October 14th

1-2 pm	Garage Sale Set UP	
2-3 pm	Unload Pumpkins	

Next Sunday, October 15th

10:00 am	<i>Bell Choir</i>	
10:15 am	Worship	
11:15 am	Children's Workshop	
	Deacon Meeting	Memorial Lounge