



**April 1, 2018**  
***Easter Sunday***

***585-342-4242***

***Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation***

*The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor*

*Jacqueline Anderson—Director of Bell Choir*

*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.

**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***

**GREETERS:** CRAIG VANNOSTRAND

**BANK BAG:** CINDY SMITH

**USHER:** KAREN ANGOLD

**MUSIC:** TERESA SHYR

There will be no transportation available for Sunday, April 8th.

## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

\*those who are able, please stand

### *WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME*

#### EASTER DECLARATION

Christ is Risen!

**Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

#### HYMN #312 (red-Rejoice Hymnal)

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

EASTER HYMN

#### PRELUDE Variations on a Theme By Chopin: X and II

BY MOMPOU

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

ALICE ESTES

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our song and has become our salvation.

**People: Exultation and victory resound among God's people.**

Leader: The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!

The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

**People: We shall not die, but live, and declare God's mighty deeds.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

#### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

ALICE ESTES

**In light of your love shining through the life of Jesus, O God,  
we commit our lives to you.**

**In light of the world's need for a people who can truly love,  
we commit our lives to you.**

**We put our body, mind, and soul at the disposal of your love. Use us as you will to meet the needs of your family on earth. Mold our lives so that the love and power of Christ may work through us. Renew the life of this community of pilgrims, so Christ may be seen more clearly in our midst. Amen.**

### ***WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD***

**GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 16:1-8

ALICE ESTES

**SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM** "Christ is Arisen Indeed!"

BY NATALIE SLEETH

Christ is arisen, arisen indeed!  
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis  
Christ is arisen, arisen indeed,  
Glory to God in the highest!

Once an infant small, born in cattle stall  
Wondrous gift that God gave us!  
Rolled the stone away on an Easter day,  
Rose triumphant to save us

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia  
Fought the fight, the battle won! Alleluia.

Gone the agony, Death on Calvary claims the victory never  
Now songs and anthems bring unto Christ the King, praises forever

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

SUE SMITH

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 21:15-31

**SERMON** "The Answer"

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

**HYMN #317** (red-Rejoice Hymnal)  
“Day of Resurrection”

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## ***WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD***

### **COMMISSIONING THE MISSION TEAM**

#### **CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

##### ***Invitation***

All who trust in God are welcome to come to this table and be fed the food of grace, the nourishing life of God’s grace.

##### ***Great Prayer of Thanksgiving***

Love came to life when you spoke and light entered the world, God of all creation. Your Word pushed up mountains and pulled up tides. Your Word grew palm trees, grape vines, kelp, carrots, birds of paradise, cacti, and grasses.

**Your Word breathed life into tigers, whales, goats, roadrunners, emu, and elephants. Your Word breathed life into us.**

As we lived in the world you created, sin marred your work, and so you entered into covenant with us to redeem us from sin.

**Time after time after time you called and we did not listen.**

**Time after time after time we walked away from where you wanted us to go.**

**Time after time after time you kept calling, kept showing us what you had for us.**

And when time after time after time we declined your invitation, you continued to embrace us as your children. You sent Jesus to come be your love for us, to come to life in us. Jesus came, and he lived. Jesus showed us how you wanted us to live and to love. Jesus came with a passion for your people, for justice, for peace.

**And we did not listen. Jesus came living as an example of your love, and we ignored it. He told his story, foretold what would happen to him. And then it did. Your Word was arrested, tortured, and executed for our redemption. The life you breathed into him ended.**

And yet, the story was not over, God of surprises. On the third day, your love came to life again. Christ's tomb was empty, and we were redeemed. Your love came to life in Christ, and rekindled a fire in us. A fire to love, a fire to serve, a fire to believe. May the grapes of the vine and the grains of the field breathe life and love into us. In them, may we be fed to feed others. May the love that came alive continue to live in each of us. As we eat and drink, may your love call us out to serve the God who breathed life into us all. Amen.

**Breaking Bread, Pouring the Cup  
Communion**

**Prayer After Communion**

**May we who have eaten of this bread and tasted this wine of life be the beacons of your light, O God, bringing the joy, kindness, patience and self-giving love of Christ into every moment of our lives, so others may experience your love for them. Amen.**

## THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – HYMN #592 (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Creator God, you created the world in love. You see us as your creation. You have made us co-creators with such freedom and ability to make the world our home. Thank you for the opportunities to create, to love, to abide, to bless, and to delight. We live into your Easter promises this day and in the days to come. Amen

## ***WE BEAR GOD’S WORD INTO THE WORLD***

HYMN # 319 (red-Rejoice Hymnal )

“The Strife is O’er”

VICTORY

### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Amazing Grace”

BRASS BAND

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### ***Devotion: Second Sunday of Easter- Love is a Response to Grace***

We come seeking a risen Christ who offers a message of radical hope for all. God cares about our lives and offers glimpses of hope through our tears. Having seen the Christ beyond tears, those called to lives of discipleship continued to serve and share the Good News. How can you finish the sentence, “I have seen the lord, and this is what he told me...”? How is Christ alive for you today?

***Scriptures: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, John 20:19-31, John 1:1-2,***



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spring Garage Sale will be held on April 20th and 21st and volunteers are needed. Contact Gretchen Spencer [Gretchen.Spencer@frontiernet.net](mailto:Gretchen.Spencer@frontiernet.net), 314-6382 **OR**

You can sign up for the garage sale online! No login or email required. Go to the following website: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084aadab29a7f49-garage> . Pick the date, time, and room that you would like to volunteer in by clicking the brown "Sign Up" button next to the shift you want. When you have finished choosing all the shifts you want, click the green "Submit and Sign Up" button at the bottom of the page. You have to submit your first and last name (so that I know who is signing up), and can include your email address if you want to get reminders about your shift. Click the green "Sign Up Now" button, and you are all set!



**Join us for Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 28th from 9-noon. Bring your rake and tarp and we will treat you to coffee and donuts.**



**FLOWERS** : The flowers on the cross are in memory of Fred Aeschbacher, Betsy Stryker's Dad, and Don Palmateer, Joyce Stiffler's Dad. The cross was built by Fred and Don.



## April 2018 Mission College Care Packages



Final Exams are just around the corner for our four SPC college students. The congregation is invited to show their support for these hard working students again this year. The April Monthly Mission is working with our Youth Group to supply some treats and words of encouragement at this stressful time.

Youth group will be assembling these care packages and sending them off in time for Spring Finals. Listed below are some suggestions for donations:



granola bars, fruit snack packs  
Tootsie Roll pops, gum, fudge  
playing cards, note cards, index cards (3x5)  
pens, mechanical pencils, highlighters

tins of cookies  
microwave popcorn

*"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength!" Philippians 4:13*



## Children's Workshop Breakfast On The Beach"

<u>Date</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Room</u>
April 1	Mrs. Debbie Carter, Mr. Doug Caine & Mr. Brian Leavitt	14
April 8	Mr. Doug Caine & Mr. Brian Leavitt	10 & 12
April 15	Mr. Doug Caine & Mr. Brian Leavitt	Kitchen
April 22	Mr. Doug Caine & Mr. Brian Leavitt	14
April 28	Out-of-the-Box Worship Service for all ages	

## Youth Group News

*(Grades 6-12)*

- Bagel & Bible: Sunday, April 8, meet at church at 10
- Camp Whitman Mission Day: Saturday, April 28—meet at church at 9 a.m. and work from 10 a.m.—4 p.m., back around 5 p.m.
- Movie Madness: Saturday, May 12, begins at 8:00 p.m.
- Kayaking & Dinner at Carters': date at the end of June to be determined

## CALENDAR of EVENTS



### **Sunday, April 1st**

10:00 am

10:15 am

### ***Easter Sunday & Communion***

Worship

Children's Workshop

### **Monday, April 2nd**

6:30 pm

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Room 15

### **Tuesday, April 3rd**

### ***Office open 8-12***

### **Wednesday, April 4th**

6:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:45 pm

7:30 pm

Bell Choir Practice

Troop 127

Troop 79

Senior Choir

Fellowship Hall

Room 14

Room 15

Room 13

### **Thursday, April 5th**

7:00 pm

### ***Office closed***

Property Meeting

Memorial Lounge

### **Next Sunday, April 8th**

10:00 am

10:15 am

11:15 am

Worship

Children's Workshop

Adult Education

Fellowship Hall