

# *Courage*

**April 22, 2018**

***Fourth Sunday of Easter***

**Summerville Presbyterian Church**

***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 Carson will be on vacation from April 30-May 14**

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

**GREETERS:**

**BANK BAG:** CINDY SMITH

**USHER:** JOYCE STIFFLER

**MUSIC:** TERESA SHYR

**To arrange transportation for next Sunday, April 29th,** please call the office at 342-4242 before noon on Wednesday, April 25th.

Please join us after Worship in Fellowship Hall.  
Your host is MIKE JAMES.



## CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

**\*those who are able, please stand**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 380** (blue- Presbyterian Hymnal)

“O Christ, the Healer”

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### WELCOME

### CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

*God of compassion, you feel our pain and cry with us in our passion for justice to be served, even as you comfort those in need of healing from the pain of sexual misconduct, abuse and violence. Be with us now as we hear and speak truth. Amen.*

**PRELUDE** “Prelude”

CHOPIN

### CALL TO WORSHIP

BARBIE SMITH

One: Come to Christ the living bread, who satisfies those who hunger and thirst for what is right.

**All: Come to Christ, the living water, that you may never thirst again.**

One: Come to Christ, that being filled yourself, you may minister to the hunger and thirst of others.

**All: Come to God, in worship and praise, through Jesus Christ, who gives us life.**

One: May we walk together in the way of Christ.

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

The truth of God’s amazing love is that while we were sinners Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ prays for us. May we turn to God and admit our need of God’s mercy and grace.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

BARBIE SMITH

**All:** God of wisdom and mercy, you have created a world of beauty, a world where each one of us has a special and honored place in your love. Forgive us that some of us have not honored one another as you have honored each of us. O God in your mercy, forgive us.

One: O God, for all the times when some of us have not valued ourselves as people created in your image...

**All:** O God, in your mercy forgive us.

One: O God, for all the times when we have known of the suffering of others, but have turned away from it...

**All:** O God, in your mercy forgive us.

One: O God, for all the times when some of us have seen pain and blamed it on those who suffer...

**All:** O God, in your mercy forgive us.

One: O God, for all the times when we have cried out in pain but blamed ourselves and for the times when we burdened ourselves with guilt when we suffered injustice at another's hand...

**All:** O God, in your mercy forgive us, help us, befriend us, hear our cry, comfort us, send us a friend, let someone see us.

One: Loving God, you alone know how these burdens weigh on our souls. Forgive us, free us and show us the paths of love you would have us choose.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

Sisters and brothers, hear the good news! There is no sin so large, no shortcoming so great that it can separate us from the love of God. For all who truly desire new life, God offers forgiveness and new opportunities for healing and wholeness in our lives. Accept God's grace and live!

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Luke 8:40-48

BARBIE SMITH

## **SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM**

"The King of Love my Shepherd Is"

ARR. JOHN RUTTER

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff comfort still, Thy Cross before to guide me.

Thou spreads't a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** 2 Samuel 13:1-19

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

## SERMON

“Cry of Tamar”

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

**HYMN** #390 (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

“O Savior, in this Quiet Place”

ST. STEPHEN

## LITANY OF COURAGE

ONE: Paul writes. “So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors.” O God in whom there is no falsehood, teach us how to express our feelings in healthy ways. Guide us to find our voices to name and confront domestic violence, sexual violence and harassment, especially when it is happening to those we know, or even to ourselves. With boldness we pray.

**ALL: Give us courage to speak the truth, O God.**

ONE: Paul writes that we are members of one another. “O God of community, guide us to remember that we are not alone.” Thank you for the persons in our lives with whom we can share our joys as well as our pains. With boldness we pray.

**ALL: Give us courage to speak the truth, O God.**

ONE: Paul writes, “be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger.” O Source of restorative Justice, guide us to remember that you—not we—are God. Show us how to live in right relationship with all of your children. Grant that we may never take for granted those about whom we care the most. With boldness we pray.

**ALL: Give us courage to speak the truth, O God.**

ONE: So be it. May we all live in peace and safety.

**HYMN #339** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal) “Be Thou My Vision” SLANE

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY** – HYMN NO. 556 (Presbyterian Hymnal)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

**We offer ourselves to you, O God our Creator. We offer our hands. Use healing touch to comfort our sisters, brothers, and children who are afraid. We offer our eyes and ears. May we see and hear the signs and stories of violence so that all may have someone with them in their pain and confusion. We offer our hearts and our tears as their hurt and sorrow echo within us. We offer our own stories of violence. We offer all our skills. Use our gifts to end violence. We offer our faith, our hope and our love. May our encounters with violence bring us closer to you and to each other. May these monetary offerings be pleasing in your sight. All this we ask through Jesus Christ who knows the pain of violence. Amen.**

*(From Striking Terror No More , pg. 93)*

**HYMN #376** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

HYFRYDOL

**BENEDICTION**

The guarding of the God of life be upon you, the guarding of loving Christ be upon you, the guarding of the Holy Spirit be upon you, each step of the way to aid you and enfold you, each day and night of your life. Amen.

**CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE** “Intermezzo”

BRAHMS

## April 2018 Mission

### College Care Packages



Final Exams are just around the corner for our five 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)

- 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

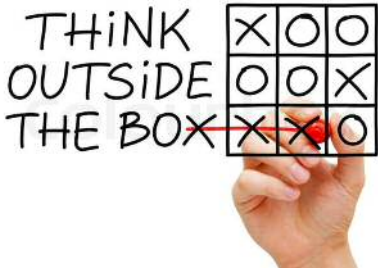
## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.



House of Mercy is collecting new or almost new towels and washcloths for the homeless who take showers there each evening. Please drop these off in the office before April 29th.



For the AEM sponsored, created and delivered Out-of-the-Box Worship on April 29th, we ask that each of you bring a non-perishable food item for the Irondequoit Food Cupboard. These items will be placed in the basket by each person during the Church service.

***After the service ALL are welcome to enjoy a bowl of Stone Soup in Fellowship Hall.***

## CALENDAR of EVENTS



### **Sunday, April 22nd**

10:00 am	Worship	
10:15 am	Children's Workshop	
11:15 am	"Domestic Violence" Allison O'Malley of Rescue	Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, April 23rd**

10:00 am	Shawl Group	Memorial Lounge
6:30 pm	AA	Room 15
7:00 pm	Session	Memorial Lounge

### **Wednesday, April 25th**

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

### **Saturday, April 28th**

9:00 am-Noon	Spring Cleanup	
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### **Next Sunday, April 29th**

10:00 am	<i>Out-of-the-Box</i> Worship	
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