



Summerville Presbyterian Church
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Theme 2013:

“Your Church for All Reasons”

April 21, 2013

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Ballard—Interim Pastor

Dr. Leon Foster - Organist and Director of Music & Choirs

Rhonda Wright—Director of Bell Choir

Deborah Carter— Director of Youth & Education

Kathy Greene - Office Manager

Rod Cutler - Director of Maintenance



WELCOME. 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.

PLEASE turn off all cellular phones, pagers and watch alarms during worship. Please refrain from using flash photography during the worship service.

CHILD CARE is available on the lower level for infants/toddlers and Room 3 for pre-schoolers. Two child-care attendants staff the infant/toddler room and parent volunteers staff the pre-school/kindergarten room during services. If you are able to assist in the care of our children, please contact the church office.

LARGE PRINT BIBLES are available from the ushers upon request. Please return the Bible to the ushers after the service. **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.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE about Summerville Presbyterian Church or becoming a member here...call the church office for details at 342-4242.

Greeter: LINDA VERNI

Youth Greeter: CHRIS SMITH

Usher: JEN DE VOE

☞ Join us for **Adult Forum in Memorial Lounge** starting at 11:15 a.m. Our forum is an **information session** regarding the upcoming **referendum vote for financing a new Irondequoit Library** on Tuesday, April 23. The new Library will be located at the Town Hall site, will combine both West and East branches, and will have community meeting space.



All are invited to a time of refreshment and conversation immediately following worship, hosted today by Stella Megargle.

Preparation for Worship

Death will be destroyed. In the death of Jesus Christ God's way in the world seemed finally defeated. But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death. Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed and is yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination, but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

FROM "A DECLARATION OF FAITH"

Order of Worship—We Gather in God's Name

****Those who are able, please stand***

*GATHERING HYMN No. 598 (vs. 1 and 2)

"Ye Servants of God"

LYONS

Minister: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

TIDINGS of the CHURCH—We invite visitors to sign the pew register

INTERLUDE

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

JAMES BIERY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

BILL CARTER

L: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.

P: **Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen.**

*PRAYER of CONFESSION (**UNISON**)

BILL CARTER

To whom shall we address our confession, O God? But to you and to the Lamb, to whom salvation belongs? We confess, O God, that our ordeals are many, and often of our own making. We have walked many valleys darkened by doubt, cut off from the light of faith. Forgive and restore us, O Lord. Wipe away every tear and cleanse us in the blood of the Lamb, that our hearts, our words, and our actions may be pure and pleasing to you, our righteous God, our Good Shepherd.

*ASSURANCE of PARDON REV. TOM BALLARD

*SONG of PRAISE Gloria Patri—Hymn No. 561 🎵

ACTS READING Acts 9:36-43 BILL CARTER

EPISTLE READING Revelation 7: 9-17 BILL CARTER

ANTHEM I'm Gonna Sing 🎵 DAVID CLARK ISELE

I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing-a sing-a
sing
and obey the spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna pray when the spirit says pray
and obey the spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing
and obey the spirit of the Lord.

I'm gonna shout when the spirit says shout
and obey the spirit,

sing, pray, sing, pray, sing pray, sing. Pray,
shout!

And obey the spirit of the Lord!

🎵 Today's flowers are given by Leon Foster in honor of the Summerville Senior Choir. 🎵

WORDS *with* CHILDREN & THE LORD'S PRAYER - pg. 570 hymnal LOU BALLARD
K-7TH GRADES LEAVE ONTARIO VIEW STREET DOOR FOR CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION REV. TOM BALLARD

GOSPEL READING Psalm 23 (responsive reading pg. 573)
John 10: 22-30 REV. TOM BALLARD

L: The Word of the Lord

P: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "In the Dark Valley" REV. TOM BALLARD

April Mission Focus



Needed: New blankets, towels, sheets and washcloths for
THE HOUSE OF MERCY

The House of Mercy is a homeless shelter and community center providing food, clothing, shelter, advocacy, counseling and spiritual services to more than 4,000 people a month. Its unique and compassionate approach to assistance has attracted a growing number of supporters throughout the community.

Operating around the clock on a shoestring budget with a very small team, the House of Mercy continues to be a beacon of hope for the poorest of the poor. We never give up on the people we serve.

Please place your donations in the box provided in the main foyer. Thank You!



Secret Sister "Reveal" Brunch—Sunday, April 28th @ 11:15 a.m.

Finally find out who has been remembering you each month with cards, gifts and prayers! Please save your last gift for the Brunch. We will have fun with the BIG REVEAL.

If you are NOT involved in the program, please join in on all the fun! Enjoy a delicious brunch prepared by the Men's Group and find out about the program. All Summerville Presbyterian Church ladies are invited. Please use the tear off below for your reservation. If you have any questions, contact Angela Hall @ 746-7210.

I will attend the Secret Sisters "REVEAL" Brunch

Name _____ phone # _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS— Our Church

- ☞ **Rev. Ballard can be reached** at home at 563-6744, by cell phone at 865-223-3773 or by email at tballard4603@rochester.rr.com.
- ☞ **Next week's sermon is entitled** "The End Is At Hand". Please read Acts 11: 1-18, John 13: 31-35 and, Revelation 21: 1-6.
- ☞ Please call Pat Myers at 544-4424 if you would like to remember or honor a special someone or event. You are also welcome to reserve a Sunday and bring flowers from your garden, a favorite green plant, or discuss an arrangement with Pat for any dates for the remainder of the year.
- ☞ The **next RAIHN Dinner for Summerville will be on Sunday, May 5th**. Please consider donating part of the meal or money toward the main course. Contact Stella Megargle (342-0251) or Peg Baker (342-0865) if you can help. Thank You!
- ☞ Spring is in the air and **Spring Clean Up is coming**. Mark your calendar to help from 9am—Noon on Saturday, May 4th. Please bring rakes, tarps and gloves. There will be cider, donuts, and camaraderie. The more hands the better.
- ☞ The Property Committee is looking for **volunteers to tackle a few painting projects**. The Men's Group has been asked for their help and since every male member of Summerville is in the Men's Group you are all eligible. If you have some time you could spare, please contact the Property Committee or Mike Cubitt (467-3327). If we can get a group together and pick a date, we can knock this off in short order. Thank You.
- ☞ Our series **Who Are These People Presbyterians** continues on Sunday, April 28th with session two, Christian Faith and Creeds. Please call the church office to find out if the session will meet at 8:30 a.m. or 3:00 p.m.



ANNOUNCEMENTS—Our Community

- ☞ Lifetime Care Hospice invites you and your family and friends to attend a **Ceremony of Remembrance** on Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South. A reception will follow. A flyer is posted on the office bulletin board with further details.



Children's Workshop

"Peter in Prison"



Gathering in Room 12: April 7, 2013

Superintendent: Patty Mayer

	<u>Apr. 14</u>	<u>Apr. 21</u>	<u>Apr. 28</u>
"Angels"	Room 10	Room 12	Kitchen
(Kindergarten, 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd grades)	Mrs. Linda Verni <i>Creation Station</i>	Mrs. Stella Megargle <i>Storytelling Station</i>	Mrs. Kathy Wilkinson <i>Creative Cookery</i>
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"Prayer"	Kitchen	Room 10	Room 12
(4 th & 5 th grades)	Mrs. Kathy Wilkinson <i>Creative Cookery</i>	Mrs. Linda Verni <i>Creation Station</i>	Mrs. Stella Megargle <i>Storytelling Station</i>
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"Believers"	Room 12	Kitchen	Room 10
(6 th & 7 th grades)	Mrs. Stella Megargle <i>Storytelling Station</i>	Mrs. Kathy Wilkinson <i>Creative Cookery</i>	Mrs. Linda Verni <i>Creation Station</i>

Shepherds - **Angels:** Sarah Hayes **Prayer:** Natalie Wilkinson **Believers:** Chris Smith
Early Childhood Teacher: Mrs. Joan Frenzel **Shepherd:** Cathy Reinhard

Jr./Sr. High Class (grades 8-12) today in Room 2 with Todd Hayes

Youth Group News

(Grades 6-12)

Youth Night: Friday, April 19th from 7:30-11:30 p.m., activity TBA

Confirmation Class: Sunday, April 21st from 5—8:30 p.m.

Presbytery's Youth Mission Day: Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m., meet at church at 9:30 to serve at People's Ministry in Christ on Dewey Avenue, please let Mrs. Carter know whether or not you are attending **by Tuesday, April 23rd.**

Confirmation Retreat Weekend: Friday, May 17-19

MISSION STATEMENT WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 4th
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



We need all of you to come to the workshop to prepare our Summerville Mission Statement. This is a crucial step for our preparation in calling a permanent Minister. Our Mission Statement needs to reflect who we are at Summerville. Presbytery must approve our Mission Statement before we can put together a Presbytery Nominating Committee and call a permanent minister.

The format for Saturday is to divide into three groups. Each group will have important questions to discuss. We will then gather together as a whole group to share discussions from all three groups. We are hopeful that this process will give us the information necessary to present a Mission Statement to Presbytery. We need to hear from the entire congregation to make this a success, so if you can not make the meeting, please contact a member of the Interim Strategy Team and share your views, so they can be part of the discussion on May 4th. Please bring a bag lunch so we can take minimal breaks.

Interim Strategy Team-Jennifer DeVoe, Ken Streb, Deb Carter, Ruth McNamara, Stella Megargle, Eric Rounds, Margaret Mayer, Peg Baker, Alison Leavitt, Bob and Joyce Rude, Interim Pastor Tom Ballard



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, April 21, 2013

8:30 a.m.	Who Are These Presbyterians	Memorial Lounge
9:55 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Adult Forum	Memorial Lounge
3:00 p.m.	Who Are These Presbyterians	Memorial Lounge
5-8:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Memorial Lounge

Monday, April 22nd

10am-3pm	Garage Sale Set Up	
6:00 p.m.	AA	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Session	Memorial Lounge
7-9:00 p.m.	Take In for Garage Sale	

Tuesday, April 23rd

10am—3pm	Garage Sale Set Up	
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Wednesday, April 24th

10am—3pm	Garage Sale Set Up	
11:30 a.m.	Staff meeting	Memorial Lounge
6:30 p.m.	Bells rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal	Room 13

Thursday, April 25th

2:00-7:00 p.m.	Garage Sale	
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Friday, April 26th

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Garage Sale	
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Saturday, April 27th

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Youth Mission Madness	
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Garage Sale	
12:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Scrapbook Class	Room 3

Next Sunday, April 28th

9:55 a.m.	Worship, Installation of Elders	Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Secret Sister Brunch	Fellowship Hall
TBD	Who Are These Presbyterians	Memorial Lounge