

Seneca Presbyterian Church

April 15, 2018

THE CALL

"The Church for All People, Serving God through Serving Others"



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

A PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*May I live this day compassionate of heart, clear in word, gracious in awareness,
courageous in thought, generous in love. Amen.*

John O'Donohue

GATHERING AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

WELCOME AND TIME OF GREETING

Pouring of the Water

Congregational Response (Hymn No. 240; refrain) *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: As the Creator and Savior are one,

All: may we all be one.

One: So that the world will see Christ,

All: may we all be one.

One: So that the nations will know the love of God for them,

All: may we all be one.

One: As the body of Christ for the sake of world,

All: may we all be one.

*HYMN No. 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*INVOCATION

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Immortal One, You create a world of power and majesty, yet in our sin we cannot see it.

Instead of new beginnings, we see endings.

Instead of possibility, we see challenge.

We hold a grudge and refuse Your grace.

We cherish a memory and forfeit a dream.

What we cannot see we cannot trust, and what we cannot trust we cannot follow.

Forgive us so that we can see Your world, Your glory, and Your grace.

Hear us now in the power of silence...

Sung Response (Hymn No. 604)

Lamb of God

Assurance of Pardon

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Spirit at work within us,
we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (4/15/2018-4/21/2018)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
	10:00 a.m.	Church School
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Finance
	6:30 p.m.	Handbells
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - noon	Parish Nurse
	2:30 p.m.	Health & Wellness
	3:00 p.m.	Parkinson Group
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Family Pot Luck
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Thursday	12:00 noon	BB&B

Flowers are placed in the sanctuary by James and Sandy Olsen in loving memory of our parents.

Liturgist: Paul LaRoche at 9:00 a.m. and Lyn Norton at 11:00 a.m.

Worship Attendance 4/8/18 9:00 AM: 45; 11:00 AM: 96; **total 141**



To those newly worshipping with us we warmly welcome you to our congregation. You are invited to join us for any and all of the activities and opportunities we provide. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. We also extend an invitation to unite with this church. Periodically we offer a series of Inquirer's Classes that explore the meaning of church membership in our Presbyterian tradition. Those interested in membership are encouraged to participate in these classes. If you are interested in conversation about membership, do not hesitate to contact Pastor Nancy Morris or call the church office at 882-2505 at any time.

- **Hearing amplification units** and **large print hymnals** are available in the narthex or speak to an usher.
- During both worship services, a **nursery** is provided for small children through age 5. The nursery is located in the lower level of the educational building. For directions, please see an usher.
- **CDs of the services**, including sermon, are available. We ask \$1.00 to cover the cost of CDs. You can also hear sermons on our website: www.sprez.org.
- The church office often communicates with the congregational family via **email**, including a weekly email update each Friday afternoon. If you wish to receive those updates and currently are not, please send an email from your email address to senecachurch@bellsouth.net asking to be added to the email update list.
- On Sunday mornings, the **entire parking lot off of Oak St.** is reserved for handicapped persons and those needing ease of access. Please leave these spaces for our friends who are counting on them being available.
- Please remember the church in your will.

Mark your Calendar!

What: Gentle Tai Chi Class (\$2.00 donation appreciated)

Where: Seneca Presbyterian Church – Barron Hall Downstairs/Forus Room

Classes are being planned for the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Barron Hall has an elevator.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG!!!! This means that the Post Office food drive is right around the corner on **May 12th**. We need people with pickup trucks to help us pick the food up at the post offices (around 3:00 Saturday afternoon) and bring it to the Golden Corner Food Pantry on Wells Highway behind the plumbing store. Please call Ann Smith if you would like to help in this community outreach! (973-8967)

Give it some thought...

PW elects and installs officers in May... So the search has begun. PW Council is asking that you as a member of SPC give thought to serving in a leadership role. This may be your way to serve this church and its family. Though circle members often serve in these roles, we welcome all women of SPC. PW wants and needs new thoughts and fresh ideas that come with varied leadership. We hope you will consider serving. Give myself or any council member a call if you have questions or a desire to serve. Joanna Redick (jrdaisy@aol.com)

FIFTH SUNDAY PEANUT BUTTER – Every fifth Sunday this congregation presents an offering of peanut butter that will be given to the Golden Corner Food Pantry. Peanut butter is wonderfully nutritious but also too expensive to purchase in bulk, so your contributions are greatly appreciated. Don't forget your peanut butter on **Sunday, April 29**.

Natalie Schwartz and Donna Beebe have shared with the congregation about their trip to the **US-Mexico border** and SPC is responding by supporting coffee growers and processors, reducing the need for people to immigrate, and enabling others to repatriate through the coffee we purchase and drink. **Just Coffee** is more than "just" coffee. It is caffeine with a conscience. Just Coffee comes whole bean or ground in 1lb. Bags. There are several varieties: Arabica, 50/50 Arabica/ Robusta, Robusta, Arabica Decaf, and 50/50 Decaf. You can learn more at justcoffee.org Please contact Natalie Schwartz at 864.247.3868 or naarnold@gmail.com.

The Sacrament of Communion is being celebrated today as a part of the last preaching service for our pastor Nancy Morris. It will be served by intinction. Anyone wishing to receive the elements of communion at their seat will be served by a roving team.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, April 22, 2018 for the purpose of electing the four at-large members of the Congregational Nominating Committee for 2018-2019 and the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee. So that we may engage these important decisions as one congregation, there will be a combined service of worship at 10:30 a.m. on that morning. The nominees to be presented by the current Congregational Nominating Committee have been shared with active members of the congregation by letter. Copies of that letter are available in the church office. As always, nominations from the floor can also be received. Please note that anyone being nominated must be an active member of the congregation, should know the responsibilities and expectations of the position to which they are being nominated, and must have agreed in advance to accept and fulfill those responsibilities.

**A Prayer for Bangladesh
9 April 2018**

O God our Guide and Help, we give you thanks for our brother in faith Dr. David Khan, the new Director of Christian Mission Hospital in Rajshahi, Bangladesh. A physician with a master's degree in public health, Dr. Khan has twenty-six years of experience in both hospital-based and community-based medical mission work. Now, O Lord, you have called him to lead Christian Mission Hospital as it embraces the challenges of caring for the sick in this country where millions are crying for trustworthy, accessible, patient-centered health care. Grant Dr. Khan wisdom and strength, so that under his leadership the hospital may bear witness to the healing grace of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Family Potluck April 18th at 5:30 p.m.

Come meet and greet and see what they do to protect you! We will welcome K-9 Rogue and Staff Sergeant Sorensen. K-9 Rogue will be 3 years old in July. They are from the Seneca Police department. The department is seeking to raise funds to purchase a GPS collar for K-9 Rogue. You will have an opportunity to contribute to that effort if desired.

Don't forget to **make your reservation** and plan on bringing a delicious addition to the buffet table...

Fellowship Potluck on April 18, 5:30 p.m.

Name _____ How Many: _____

Our Visit to Thornwell Home for Children, we are collecting some needed items to take on the trip with us on April 21, so we won't arrive at Thornwell empty-handed. These items can be placed in the basket in Knohl Hall: Sets of eating utensils, dish towels and pot holders, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, postage stamps, note cards (for thank you notes), non-perishable snack items, batteries (AA, C, D), twin sheet sets. We are now full, but if you want you can sign up to be put on the waiting list.

Name/s _____ # Going _____ Phone _____

Christian Education Study Opportunities

The Christian Education Committee offers many opportunities for study throughout the week. These include the sessions listed below. Full descriptions of these opportunities can be found at www.sprez.org.

On Sunday Mornings

- **Children's Sunday School** meets downstairs in the Craft Room. For more information, contact Ann Smith 973-8967 asmith124@att.net or Susan Caldwell 882-7916 sccaldwell11@bellsouth.net.
- **The Sara Davis Stribling Class** is a women's Bible study group using *The Present Word* and meets in the Sara Davis Stribling classroom (office hallway). Contact person: Jane Thomas, 882-1202.
- **The Men's Bible Study** meets in the youth room downstairs in Archie Barron Hall and is using *The Present Word* curriculum as a guide for their study. Contact person: Louis Holleman, 885-0922 louischolleman@bellsouth.net.
- **The Koinonia Class** is studying the video series *The History of Christian Theology*. They meet in the Koinonia classroom (office hallway). Contact person: Dan Toole, 364-4846.
- **The Open Door Class** is for men and women. Their study resource is *The Wired Word*. Topics change weekly. Email Bonnie Andruszka at bandruszka@gmail.com or call 973-8008 to receive information about upcoming plans. They meet in the library.

Through the Week

- **Brown Bag and Bible Study Group (BB&B)** meets at noon each Thursday in the Sara Davis Stribling classroom. The group is in the process of deciding on future studies. For information, you may contact Becky Drew 888-3409 rebeccadrew@bellsouth.net.

Each of these classes is open to new participants and welcomes visitors at any time. Please consider these opportunities, choose one that meets your needs or piques your interest, and then visit to find out more.

Prayer Requests

Church Family: Melinda Arrington, Barney Allgood, Sue Anders, Betty and Jack Arnold, Reid Arnold, Lucy Ballenger, Rick Black, Kathy Gerner, Larry Harmon, David Hartman, Leon Hotz, Martha Holleman, Larry Kolze, Janet May, Mary Ann Nuttall, Cal Reinking, Meg Shull, Bob Simpson, and Bill Thompson.

The congregation is invited to join the Williams family in a **celebration of the life of Jim Williams** on Saturday, April 27, at 11:00 a.m. with a reception to follow.

Extended Church Family: Corey Arnold (friend of the church), Kathy Bryson, Dave Bullock (friend of Susan & Larry Goebel), James Carter (friend of James Gaines), Margie Creel (mother of Lewis Creel), Julie Doucet (Paul LaRoche's sister), Gretchen Driscoll (sister of Susan Goebel), Norman Faircloth (brother of Marilyn Moss), Phillip Gaines (son of James Gaines), Jonathan Gimber (cousin of Matthew Rannou), Estelle Harmon (Larry Harmon's mother), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Joe Kahl (friend of Bob Norton), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), Myrt Klein (friend of Don & Norma Liebenberg), Stacy Kloc (Vicki Andy's girlfriend's daughter-in-law), Dorothy Lee (cousin of James Gaines), Ken Lehner (Noel Lehner's brother), Sarah Lehner (Noel & Betty Lehner's daughter), Robert Leitner, Sr. (father-in-law of Maria Leitner), Bill & Eileen Mansfield (dear friends of Joan Riley), Peggy Lee (friends of Jon & Nancy Young), Billy Jo Nichols (friend of James Gaines), Ina Diehl-Pansegrau (German "adopted" daughter of Nancy & Don Clayton), Gregory Rigby (brother of Cecil Rigby), Bryn Riley, eight-year-old daughter of McKenzie and Amy Riley (E/Flo Riley, grandparents), Miriam Saggus (Pat Huggins mom), Don Smathers (Donna Beebe's father), Bobbie Jean Robinson (friend of James Gaines), Fermon Robinson (friend of James Gaines), Megan Rothwell (good friend of Rob and Maria Leitner), Mary Walker (Carol Shively's mother), Susan Watt (teacher of Walhalla High School & friend of Linda Hostetler) and Bob Willard (Elaine Williams' nephew).

Those Serving in the Military: CDR Patrick O'Mara (Don & Cindi Lesley's son-in-law); Master Chief USN J. J. Johnson (Bill and Carolyn Palmer's son-in-law); Kenny Alex (friend of Cal and Jean Reinking and grandson of Joan Callahan), to be deployed to Syria.

Special request for Prayer: Police Officer Lieutenant Mark Malueg (son-in-law of Margaret & Lynn Trainer)

Note: Please let the church office know of updates to the prayer list.

**name added this week*