

Meals on Wheels

Summerside Meals on Wheels is urgently looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels to seniors in the Summerside area from either Wedgewood Manor or Summerset Manor. One day per week or act as a spare driver.

Please contact Arlene at 902-303-9553 or
Rosaleen at 902-436-6135 for more information.

God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall

God sees the little sparrow fall,
it meets his tender view;
if God so loves the little birds
I know He loves me too.



*He loves me too, He loves me too,
I know He loves me too;
because He loves the little things,
I know He loves me too.*

He paints the lily of the field,
perfumes each lily bell;
if He so loves the little flowers,
I know He loves me well.

God made the little birds and flowers,
and all things large and small;
He'll not forget His little ones,
I know He loves them all.



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*“to know, love and serve God wherever we are and
to inspire others to do the same
by our thoughts, words and deeds”*

SPC Mission Statement

Our Approach to God

Call to Worship:

Wherever you are, O Lord Almighty, beauty surrounds you.
Our hearts cry out for the presence of the Living Lord.

Even the birds of the air have found their home in you O Lord,
a source of comfort and safety where the young may be raised in
confidence.

**Blessed are those who dwell in your presence, O Lord,
for they are ever praising you.**

Blessed are those whose strength is in the Lord
and whose hearts journey with the Lord,
for even when they pass through the dark times in life,
the presence of the Lord will make it a source of life.

**Hear our prayers and be our comfort and safety.
Let your Holy Spirit watch over us and guide us to walk in your presence.**

Better is one day in your presence than a thousand elsewhere.
**For the Lord our God is the light of the world and our protection.
Blessed, O Lord, are those who trust in you.**

Hymn: **#534 All who hunger, gather gladly**

Opening Prayers

**Our Father who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine
is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.**

Assurance of God's Love

Announcements

Hymn: **God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall**

Listening for God's Word

Prayer for Understanding

♪ **Open our hearts, open our minds. ♪
Open our lives to you, O loving God. Open our hearts.**

Scripture Reading: John 6:56–69
Psalm 84 (responsive)

Ministry of Music: "It is Well with My Soul"~ Audrey MacDonald,
Bettie Bayrak, Grant Taylor-Paynter & Nancy Harvey

Message: "Church: Why Bother?"

Hymn: **#688 As water to the thirsty**

Our Response to God's Word

Offering

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creature high and low
Praise God in Jesus fully known
Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

Pastoral Prayer

♪ **Hear our prayer, O God. Hear our prayer, O God. ♪
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

Hymn: **#498 Sing them over again to me**

Benediction & Dismissal: **Walk With Me**

As you prepare for this morning's service to begin, you are invited to reflect on
the following thoughts...

*"You can be committed to the church but not
committed to Christ, but you cannot be committed
to Christ and not committed to the church."
~Joel Osteen*



Scripture Reading: *John 6:56-69* (NIV)

⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

⁶⁰On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

⁶¹Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

⁶⁶From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

Responsive Reading: *Psalms 84* (NIV)

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord Almighty!

**My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.**

Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,

Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
**Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.**

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.

**Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.
Look on our shield, O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.**

Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.**

Lord Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you.