

# The Beacon

*Sunrise Presbyterian Church*

*April 2021 Newsletter*



HE IS RISEN

Join us Easter Sunday for our in-person  
(reservations required) and live stream at 9  
& 11 AM on Facebook. See inside for details.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)*

I write this article during Holy Week, anticipating the two worship services on Easter morning when we will have the largest number of people in the sanctuary in more than a year. I find those words hard to comprehend! This has been such a long, uncertain journey. If you are like me, you must be weary of waiting and hoping for a return to some semblance of community life like it used to be.

Looking ahead, with great anticipation, your Session is making plans for church life as we return to in-person activities. You are already familiar with some of these plans. The replacing of our old hymnals with the new Presbyterian Hymnal anticipates the return to in-person worship without restrictions on hymn singing. I look forward to hearing enthusiastic, congregational singing!

Over the last year, we have had a single, 10:00 a.m. worship service, which is live-streamed, recorded, and posted online. Many of you have enjoyed the opportunity to worship *virtually* either at 10:00 a.m. or at another time. As we begin returning to full in-person worship, we will continue to live-stream our worship services. This has been a blessing for those that may be homebound for health reasons and for members and friends that attend Sunrise seasonally.

The question has been asked about adding additional worship services. The answer is yes. The only question is timing. For the next few months, it appears that staying with a single, 10:00 a.m. service is appropriate. Over the summer, we will be planning for what should be an exciting “reopening” in the fall.

Again, this year, we are planning on having a *Virtual* VBS. Last year was a great success, and while everyone is weary of using Zoom, the learning and sharing that happened was absolutely wonderful!

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### **Easter 2021**

There is no Community Sunrise Service again this year (Sullivan’s Island’s mask and distancing mandates make this gathering impractical). Once again, I will live-stream sunrise over Breach Inlet on Easter morning, playing Heidi and Kent Kenyon’s rendition of *Jesus Christ Has Risen Today* and reading the Gospel of John’s account of Mary Magdalene’s encounter with the Risen Lord. Sunrise on Easter morning is at 6:29 a.m.

There are two Easter Morning Worship Services in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Because of limited seating, reservations are necessary. Sign-ups have gone well and the 11:00 a.m. service has reached its seating limit. There are still some seats available at the 9:00 a.m. service. A note about seating, there are some family reservations that will fill a couple of pews. The seating limit is not simply about open pews, it is about the total number of people in the sanctuary. It looks as if the weather is going to be mild on Easter, so we can open outside doors for better air circulation. Both worship services will be live-streamed, recorded, and posted online.

I am thrilled that we can gather this year in our sanctuary for *The Celebration of the Resurrection!*

In God’s grace,



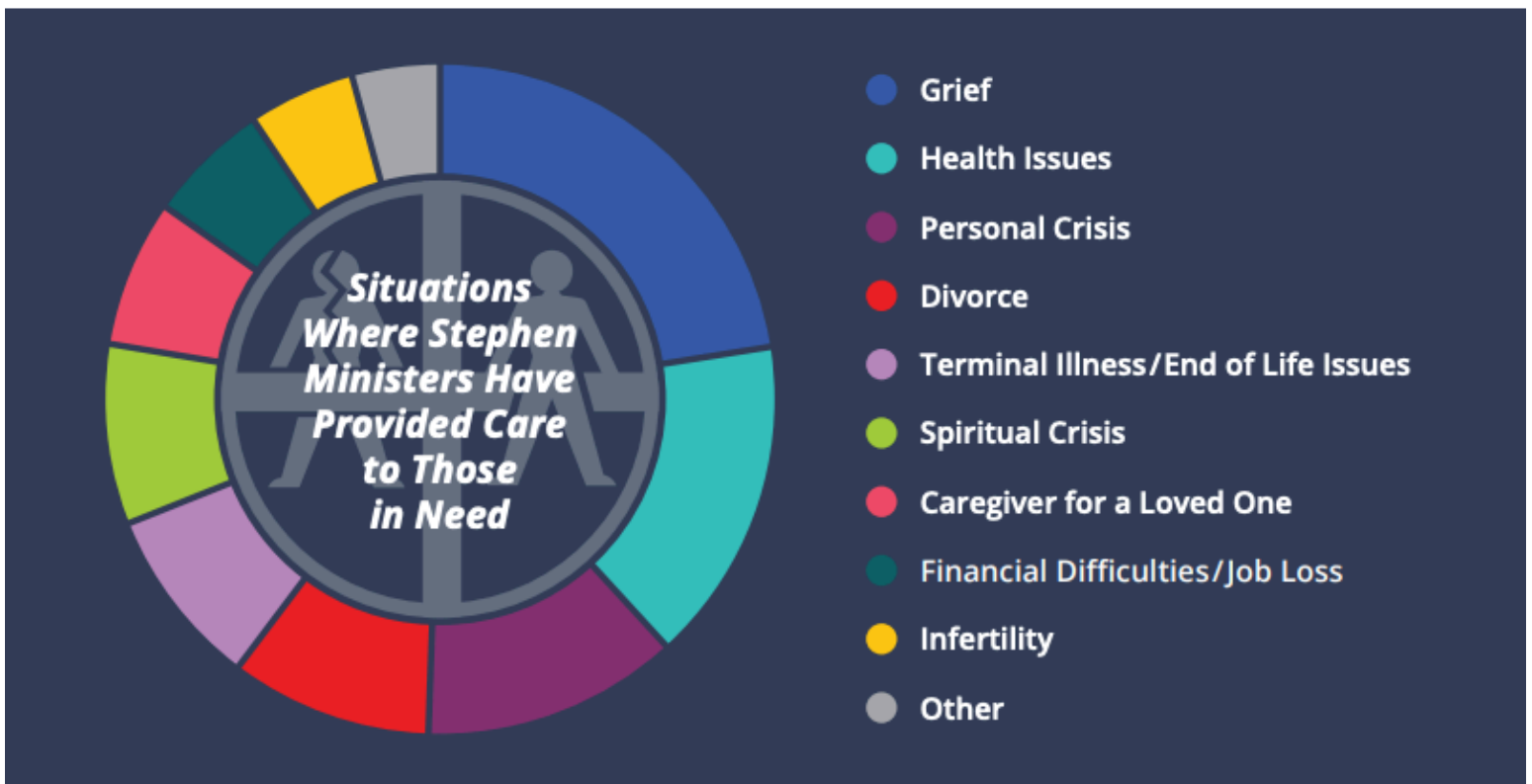
## Care Receivers Share How Their Stephen Ministers Made a Difference

*Although my needs changed as I went from wife to caregiver to widow, my Stephen Minister's love and support remained a constant. She was **there at every stage of my journey**, helping me through some of the most difficult moments of my life—so I could begin to heal.*

Susan ●

*When things seemed like too much to handle, **my Stephen Minister brought normalcy and calm**. With him by my side, I knew I could make it from one week to the next. I could feel God's presence when my Stephen Minister was there.*

James ●



*My Stephen Minister was a consistent presence walking with me throughout my divorce. He would always show up, and **most importantly, he refused to give up on me**. I'll forever be grateful for the way he changed my life.*

Ralph ●

*When I was with my Stephen Minister, **I felt Jesus was with me**. I saw the love of God in her eyes while we talked and prayed, and it would fill me with such comfort and peace. It helped me know that I could make it through.*

Ashley ●



Sunrise Church will have grocery bags available in the Narthex beginning on May 5th. All grocery bags need to be returned to the Narthex or in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors by Sunday, May 16th. Each month, ECCO relies on donations from community members, civic organizations, businesses, churches, and neighborhoods. Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit our community in March, ECCO has seen a large increase in the number of families we're serving each month. With that increase in demand, we desperately need to see an increased supply. Thank you in advance for your generous donations!



Dear Parents,

We are so excited to welcome your children to the 2021 **Secrets of God's Creation VIRTUAL VBS** at Sunrise Church! Every day, your children will discover the answers to some of the big questions about God as they sing, laugh, and craft. We will be using Zoom for live music concerts, Bible stories, and packets of easy to do at home crafts for the entire week (with all supplies included) will be mailed to you.

VBS children will learn answers to the big questions about GOD.

Day One: *Who is God?*

Day Two: *How do I know God exists?*

Day Three: *What does God ask of me?*

Day Four: *Why does God love me?*

Day Five: *How can I get to know God better?*

**Mark these dates on your calendar: June 21st – June 25th.** The fun starts at 9:30 am and continues until 11:00 am. Call (843) 883-3888 or visit [www.vbspro.events/p/sunrisechurch.com](http://www.vbspro.events/p/sunrisechurch.com) to register your children for this fun adventure!

# E A S T E R

## Friday, April 2

7:30 p.m. ~ Good Friday Service of Shadows: Live-Streaming, In-Person worship is welcomed

## Sunday, April 4

Sunrise is at 6:29 a.m. ~ Watch On-Line sunrise over Breach Inlet on Easter morning  
9:00 a.m. ~ Celebration of the Resurrection (reservation required for in-person worship)

10:15 a.m. ~ Family Service (In-Person & ZOOM)

11:00 a.m. ~ Celebration of the Resurrection (reservation required for in-person worship)

*Masks and appropriate social distancing are required. Please use the following signup link for the service time of your choice and the number of people in your family attending*

*<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d45a5a629a2fe3-easter> or you may reserve your seats by contacting the church office. Please note that childcare will not be available for Easter Services.*

## THESE DAYS

*Daily Devotions for Living by Faith*



Devotions from Sunrise Church member and Stephen Minister, Melissa Henderson, are included in the April, May, June issue of These Days. Her devotions begin on Sunday, April 18th and conclude on Saturday, May 1st. These will be available online on at <https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Default.aspx?ContentID=14604&Title=These-Days>. The church also received 5 copies so if you'd like a complimentary copy, please contact the church office.

## April Calendar

**Sunday Worship Service** ~ Online and In-Person at 10 am (NO FELLOWSHIP)

**Family Service** ~ Sundays at 9AM (ZOOM)

**Adult Sunday School** ~ Sunday evenings at 5 pm (ZOOM)

**Women's Evening Bible Study** ~ 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm (ZOOM)

Please contact the church office at [sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com](mailto:sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com) if you'd like an invite for any of the ZOOM meetings.

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With  
A  
Grateful  
Heart**



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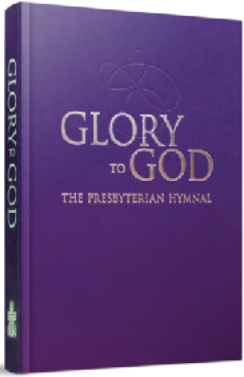
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**Or**

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## New Hymnals for the church will be ordered soon



If you would like to make a donation toward the purchasing of new hymnals, please send a check or cash along with your dedication and mail it to Sunrise Church, 3222 Middle St, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482 or you may make a donation online at <https://www.oursunrise.org/give/> with "Hymnal" in the memo line and email [sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com](mailto:sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com) with your dedication. Dedications may be made *in memory* of or *in honor* of loved one(s). The cost of each hymnal is \$20. Dedications will be acknowledged with a bookplate on the inside cover of the hymnal. Thank you!

## Daily Devotionals Available

Current 2021 copies of the Upper Room and These Days are available in the Narthex and online. If you would like us to mail you a copy, please contact the church office. You may also view an online version by using the links below.

[https://destination-site-production.s3.amazonaws.com/pdfs/URE\\_March-April2021.pdf](https://destination-site-production.s3.amazonaws.com/pdfs/URE_March-April2021.pdf)

<https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Default.aspx?ContentID=14604&Title=These-Days>

prayer list

Sunrise Church sends a meditation and prayer on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday via email and posts on Facebook. If you'd like to receive these during this difficult time of uncertainty we are facing, you may subscribe on our website at <https://www.oursunrise.org/resources/signup/> or by emailing the church office at [sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com](mailto:sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com). Please also continue to pray for those on the prayer list below:

**Recent Prayer Concerns** (*Names are listed for a month*): Meredith French (daughter of Sherry Eppelsheimer), Cory Soal (Ross & Julie Heaton's nephew), Len & Denice Kowalski and their son Chris (friends of Betty Milner), Paige (niece of Alan & Melissa Henderson), Lee Sarp, Robert Shahid, Mitch Wertz (John & Sue Worth's son), Patrick McDougal, Brady Moreau & Amy Wertz Moreau (John Wertz's grandson & daughter), Catherine (friend of Melissa & Alan Henderson), John Wertz.

**Continuing Prayer Concerns:** Linda Scott, Betty Hughes (friend of Shirley Joyner), Gladys Durand, John Myatt, Bonnie Wells, Madelyn Knight (Kelly Long's mother), Cherry Leslie (Shirley Joyner's friend), Leesa Phipps, Matthew Fullwood, Linda Hawkins, Les Smith (friend of Eric Lavender), Lynne Smith, Mike McCarty (Pat Odom's brother), April Towry (Billie McRae's niece), Chuck Westall, Scott Sawyer (friend of Kurt & Jayne Nendorf), Frank Godfrey, Victoria Jones, Peggy Wolford, Dorothy Rhyne, Nancy Butler, Kerry Hardy, Betty Imsande, Lou Bovie, Shauna Nelson.

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS



2 Keaton Murray	16 Barbara Raley
2 DiAn Kempf	16 Susan Johnson
2 Mallory Jeffers	17 Dickey Dingle
4 Sabrina Fehon	17 Harrison Billhorn
4 Blake Belicka	19 Frank Godfrey
5 Logan Catalana	22 Isabel Taylor
6 Donna Hainley	22 Tracy Barnhart
6 Tom Bigelow	22 Griffin Catalana
6 Ken Russell	24 Kelly McDavid
6 Will Heffernan	26 Rebecca Hooper
7 Korri Locke	26 Hunter Murph
8 Gale Vancleave	27 Jane Yaman
9 Steve Heckart	28 Caden Boggs
9 John Hostetler	29 Charlie Clark
9 Jon Mersereau	29 Angie Fehon
10 Jon Regan Walters	29 Talia Holliday
11 Marcy Fields	29 Matt LaTorre
13 Courtney Hardwick	29 Katie LaTorre
15 Kurt Nendorf	30 Laura George

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