


# The Beacon

*Sunrise Presbyterian Church*

*July 2021 Newsletter*



**JUNE 2021 VBS**  
**Great is the Lord and**  
**greatly to be praised**

**PSALM 145:3**

*The Grand Reopening*

As in-person activities have increased around Sunrise, lots of people have been asking about the plans for resuming our pre-pandemic Sunday morning schedule. Your Session has discussed the resumption and its timetable.

***Grand Reopening Scheduled for Sunday, September 12th****Why the delay?*

There are two reasons: 1) summer vacation travel, and 2) weekend beach traffic.

After a year-and-a-half of restricted travel, people are taking summer vacations. It is estimated that 71% of Americans have plans to travel this summer! In addition, the Charleston County Schools did not let out for summer vacation until June 18. So the travel schedule is compressed into fewer weeks this summer. Lots of people are out of town in July and early August.

Weekend beach traffic is always a challenge. Some of you remember when Sunrise Presbyterian would change the hour of its then single worship service during the summer. It would change from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. during the summer to avoid beach traffic. Since so many people have plans to be out of town this summer, it seemed prudent to continue with our single 10:00 a.m. worship service through July and August.

***New Sunday Morning Schedule***

*Well, not that much; but, there is a bit of a change.*

One of the parts of in-person church life that has been completely put on hold is *Fellowship*. The last Sunday morning fellowship at Sunrise was March 8, 2020! To say it is desperately missed would be an understatement. Looking towards resuming our *Fellowship Life*, I began asking how we might further emphasize it. Instead of hosting two fellowships, one after the *Early Service* and the other after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, we are going to try something new. We are going to *anchor* Sunday mornings with an extended fellowship. The idea is to make it a *crossroads* for all of our Sunday morning services.

Fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 10:45 a.m. Tables will be setup for those who would like to sit and chat. Food will include a continental breakfast, and on occasion a brunch menu. People have the options of coming from the *Early Service*, arriving before Sunday School, coming down to fellowship after the *Family Service*, and arriving before the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. There will still be coffee available after the 11:00 a.m. service.

On September 12, the first Sunday after the Labor Day Weekend, the Sunday morning schedule will look like this:

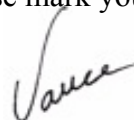
9:00 a.m.	<i>Early Service</i> (in the sanctuary)
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship begins (in the Fellowship Hall)
10:00 a.m.	<i>Family Service</i> (in the Family Chapel) and Adult Sunday School (in the Library)
10:20 a.m.	Sunday School for Children (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor of the Education Wing)
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship finishes
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service (in the sanctuary)
12:00 p.m.	Coffee (in the Fellowship Hall)

We are going to give this revised schedule a try to see how it might help us to get to know people that are attending other worship services. This is very much *a work in progress*.

Live-streaming our worship services will continue. The *New Dawn Worship Service* is being discussed, but will remain on pause for the moment.

September promises to be an incredibly special time this year. Please mark your calendar and plan to meet your friends, *in-person*, at Sunrise!

In God's grace,



# Stephen Ministers: The After People

People often ask, “What exactly is a Stephen Minister?” One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the *After People*.

## *Stephen Ministers are there:*

- ... *after* the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ... *after* the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ... *after* the relationship falls apart and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ... *after* the doctor says, “I'm sorry, but there's nothing more we can do.”
- ... *after* the nursing home director shakes your hand and says, “Welcome to your new home.”
- ... *after* the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ... *after* the gavel comes down, the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ... *after* the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ... *after* you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ... *after* your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are the After People. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.

[www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org)

If you are in need of a Stephen Minister, please reach out to Rev. Polley at [vancepolley@me.com](mailto:vancepolley@me.com)



# SECRETS OF GOD'S CREATION VBS



We had a great time with fun crafts, bible stories, & great music!





Sunrise Church will have grocery bags available in the Narthex beginning on July 25th. All grocery bags need to be returned to the Narthex or in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors by Sunday, August 1st. 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!

### The following items are currently needed:

Flavored Oatmeal	Boxed Potatoes
Beef Stew	Gravy
Canned Pineapple	Pasta Elbows
Canned Peas	Body Lotion
Boxed Milk	Trash Bags

(Please Do Not Collect Oversized Goods)

## July Calendar

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

**Family Service** ~ Sundays at 9 am (In-Person & ZOOM)

**Adult Sunday School** ~ Sundays at 11:15 am (In-Person & ZOOM)

**Jerry Dillon Men's Weekly Prayer Breakfast** ~ Tuesday's at 7:30 am (Fellowship Hall)

**Women's Evening Bible Study** ~ 3rd Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm (In-Person & 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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Thanks  
With  
A  
Grateful  
Heart



Please continue your financial support of the ministry  
and mission of Sunrise through the following ~

Mailing a check to:  
Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 517, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482

Or

Give Securely Online at

<https://www.oursunrise.org/give/>

# Multiple Services Return after Labor Day

## Grand Reopening Planned for Sunday, September 12, 2021

### Daily Devotionals Available

Current 2021 copies of the Upper Room 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 of the Upper Room and These Days by using the links below.

[https://destination-site-production.s3.amazonaws.com/pdfs/URE\\_July-August2021.pdf](https://destination-site-production.s3.amazonaws.com/pdfs/URE_July-August2021.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*): Kelly Long, Carol Crochet (June Dawson's niece), Gail Owen (Lynn Riker's sister), Cory Soal (Ross & Julie Heaton's nephew), Lee Sarp, Robert Shahid, Patrick McDougal.

**Continuing Prayer Concerns** (*Names are listed for 3 months*): Len & Denice Kowalski and their son Chris (friends of Betty Milner), Mitch Wertz (John & Sue Wertz's son), 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.



# July Birthdays



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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Paige Hauff         | 15 Ben Dickinson      |
| 1 Brady Long          | 17 Ryan Allard        |
| 2 Kevin Locke         | 18 Julie Heaton       |
| 3 Clyde Timmons       | 18 Ida Havelka        |
| 3 Roxie Ciesar        | 18 Pat Odom           |
| 4 Karen Lynn          | 18 Barbara McKnight   |
| 5 Yana Mercereaux     | 19 Billie McRae       |
| 7 Ella Hurst          | 21 Rob Hauff          |
| 7 Neal Alexander      | 21 Mike Schaffer      |
| 9 Penny Perkins       | 21 Wally Collins      |
| 9 William Kitchin     | 22 Helen Panitt       |
| 9 Dave Ochiltree      | 23 Margaret Stapleton |
| 9 Richard Blanchard   | 24 Wendy McClary      |
| 10 Reece Campbell     | 24 Robert Kitchin     |
| 11 Pat Benzien        | 24 Robert Stapleton   |
| 12 Teresa Shackelford | 25 Edie Rockwell      |
| 12 Chris Hill         | 25 Bonnie Hancock     |
| 13 Bob Dehoney        | 26 Shane Ziegler      |
| 13 Brett Wermuth      | 29 Niel Crocker       |
| 15 Everett Croxton    | 29 Megan Robbins      |
| 15 Bill Dickinson     | 30 Carole Heathcock   |

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