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Sunrise Presbyterian Church

August 2021 Newsletter



SUNRISE CHURCH'S GRAND REOPENING!

Beginning September 12, the Sunday morning schedule will be:

- 9:00 a.m. *Early Service* (in the sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship begins (in the Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. *Family Service* (in the Family Chapel) and Adult Sunday School (in the Library)
- 10:20 a.m. Sunday School for Children (2nd 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)

Please see page 2 (From the Pastor's Desk) for more information.

Grand Reopening Scheduled for Sunday, September 12th

It is with great excitement that we are anticipating our *Grand Reopening* on the Sunday following the Labor Day Weekend! After a year-and-a-half of limited in-person activities and a single 10:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary, we are anxious for a return of Fellowship and multiple worship services. Plans are well underway for our *Grand Reopening*.

The spike in hospitalizations due to the Delta variant has created some uncertainty about indoor activities in September. We are still on schedule for the *Grand Reopening*, but will accommodate whatever protocols are recommended.

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)
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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,





Invitation from the Sunrise Choir

We need new voices in choir this fall! Can you carry a tune and blend your voice with others? The choir has lots of fun together on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings (5:45-7:00 pm) beginning Thursday September 9th - AND we won't make you uncomfortable by asking you to sing a solo!

Yes, as a choir - we sing anthems - however our primary job is hymn singing. Since my focus is keyboard playing and conducting, I'm unable to lead vocally - - - the choir is my voice - - - and the congregation is the voice of Sunrise. Without choir leadership, hymn singing is a daunting task. We need you!

~ Sincerely Matthew & Choir



Sunrise Children's School currently has openings for the 2021-22 school year for children age 2-4. Please visit <https://www.sunrisechildrensschool.com/> to learn more about their nurturing and educational program. For any questions or to register your child, the school can be reached at 843-883-0038 or by emailing SunriseSchoolonSI@gmail.com.



Youth Group will be meeting regularly again beginning Sunday, September 19th from 5:30 pm -7 :30pm at Sunrise. Andy has a great kick off evening planned so be sure not to miss it!!

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

SUNRISE PRAYER EMAILS

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.

prayer list

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, Frank Godfrey, Victoria Jones, Peggy Wolford, Dorothy Rhyne, Nancy Butler, Kerry Hardy, Betty Imsande, Lou Bovie.

August 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 Prayer Breakfast ~ Tuesdays 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 if you'd like an invite for any of the ZOOM meetings.

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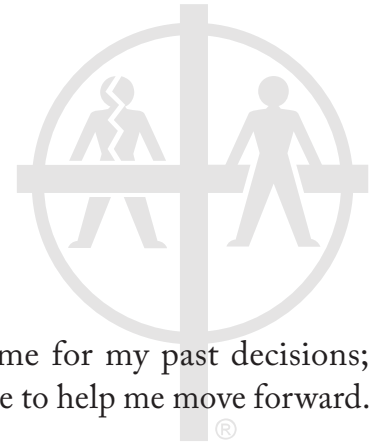
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I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR STEPHEN MINISTRY!

By a man who received care from a Stephen Minister



Fourteen months ago, I was at a point where I needed someone to talk to about the struggles in my life. My pastor recommended I consider meeting with a Stephen Minister—another man, trained as a caregiver, who would walk with me during this difficult time. Trusting someone with personal information about my life was something I feared at first, but my pastor reassured me that everything was confidential, so I agreed to give it a try. I'm so glad I did!

Soon after meeting my Stephen Minister, I quickly sensed I could trust him. Part of that trust came from knowing he was trained to help people through their problems. He made me feel comfortable by not prying for information, but instead just letting me share what was on my mind. Any questions he did ask fit our conversation appropriately. Probably the best thing he did for me

was not judging me for my past decisions; rather, he was there to help me move forward.

I think another significant trust-building factor was being able to talk with someone who was not in my regular circle of friends. My friends certainly continued to have a very important place in my life, but I also needed someone who could see me objectively. That helped make it easier to share personal parts of my life. Also, knowing my Stephen Minister would be there for me “next week” (we usually met for an hour each week) gave me confidence. I see now how

WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Stephen Ministry is a way congregations can provide high-quality care and outreach to hurting people in the congregation and community.

Stephen Ministers are congregation members who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care. Each Stephen Minister is matched with a hurting person—men are paired with men, women with women—and meets weekly with that person to listen, care, pray, and encourage.

Stephen Ministers care for those dealing with grief, divorce, job loss, hospitalization, financial struggles, loneliness, convalescence, terminal illness, and many other life difficulties.



Written by a man who received care from a Stephen Minister at Emmanuel Evangelical Free Church in Steinbach, Manitoba, this story originally appeared in the May 2010 issue of *Emmanuel Living*, the congregation's newsletter.

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much I needed regular encouragement as I rode the roller coaster of emotions that came during this period of instability in my life.

I really appreciated our times together. Our weekly visits were more than just meeting to talk. They also helped keep me accountable between times, to carry through with the changes I said I wanted to make. My Stephen Minister often went out of his way to help me in my struggle.

My life experience during the 10 months I met with my Stephen Minister was not always one of progress. It took courage for me to honestly share when I had my failures and setbacks too. Even then my Stephen Minister was there for me. He encouraged me not to give up, but to pick up and keep going forward.

That genuine acceptance spoke to me the most; not to accept failure, but to confess, turn, and receive forgiveness. Having someone assure me

of that biblical truth was really encouraging and was exactly what I needed.

My Stephen Minister walked with me through a really dark part of my life, pointing me to the truth and love that is in Christ.

I thank the Lord for my Stephen Minister who did not try to solve all my problems but lovingly, as a Christian brother, walked along with me through this valley in my life.

If you are dealing with some type of crisis or difficulty in life, I encourage you to meet with a Stephen Minister. You won't regret it!



You can download this article, as well as several other stories about Stephen Ministry, at www.stephenministries.org/stories

August Birthdays



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| 1 | Kurt Polley | 14 | Maya Naylor |
| 1 | Milo Whitfield | 15 | Sawyer Webb |
| 2 | Dean Schmelter | 16 | Cameron Marcoux |
| 3 | Rick Nolte | 17 | Chip Law |
| 4 | Steve Bostic | 20 | Betty Jane Dillon |
| 4 | Alice Petzold | 22 | Marion Neese |
| 5 | Michele Smith | 23 | Evan Bell |
| 7 | Olivia Floyd | 23 | Andrew Chasman |
| 8 | Zach Champagne | 24 | Ann Cabot-Williams |
| 9 | Noah Parker | 26 | Jay Nelson |
| 11 | Cal McRae | 26 | Jim Smith |
| 13 | MaryAnne Crocker | 27 | Bob Havelka |
| 14 | Debbie Polley | 27 | Vivian Hauff |
| 14 | Gloria Clarke | 28 | Jenna Hill |
| | | 31 | Rachel Clark |

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