

# The Beacon

*Sunrise Presbyterian Church*

*November 2021 Newsletter*



## **All Saints' Sunday**

**November 7th**

**Early Service at 9 am**

**Family Service at 10:00 am**

**Traditional Service at 11:00 am**

- ◆ Traditional tolling of the bell
- ◆ Recognition of those who have entered *The Church Triumphant*

**Daylight Savings Times Ends November 7th**

**Fall Back 1 Hour**

*November ~ Stewardship Emphasis Month*

In the last year and a half, whenever I have been asked about how Sunrise is doing financially with all the disruptions, I have used the analogy of *treading water ~ we're keeping our heads above the water*. During 2020, we were extremely fortunate to finish the year with a balanced budget. This year, we have continued our careful management of the church's finances; however, the reprieve in maintenance and repairs that we experienced last year did not hold for this year. In addition, the extended pause in our in-person activities is having its effect. With two months left in the year, we are hopeful that we can make up the Operating Budget deficit. Under normal times, this would not be a particular concern, but we are not certain what to expect for the close of 2021.

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***Why We Come to Church***

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

Recently, I quoted this familiar hymn in one of my Devotional Prayers. It captures the essence of fellowship. It is hard to believe that March 8, 2020 was the last time we gathered in our Fellowship Hall for refreshments. Sunday, November 7, will be the first time in 20 months that we will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall to share refreshments!

This twenty-month pause has had a profound effect on us, individually and collectively. The bonds of Christian fellowship have been frayed. I sometimes fear that this weekly renewing of our Christian connection has been so disrupted that we are in danger of forgetting how important it is to us.

We come to church to be fed, body and soul. Worship renews our spirits as together we pray, sing, and embrace God's calling for our lives. As simple as it sounds, gathering in the Fellowship Hall and sharing food is an essential part of our faith! In *breaking bread* together, we nurture the deep roots of our care and compassion for one another.

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This year, your Session has chosen to designate November as *Stewardship Emphasis Month*. Throughout the month, we will be receiving people's financial commitments for 2022. A mailing is going out on November 1<sup>st</sup>. It contains a pledge card and envelope for those wishing to make a financial pledge. You may either mail or bring it to the church. As always, our Finance Administrator, Bob Ingram is the only person that will open your pledge card envelope.

The *In-Person* life and activities of Sunrise are returning with energy and enthusiasm. The Men's Prayer Breakfast is meeting each Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school is once again being held in the church library. Both the Miriam-Naomi Circle and the Women's Evening Bible Study are again meeting in-person. Youth Group has weekly meetings in the Fellowship Hall. Our annual *Live Nativity* with its traditional animals is scheduled for December 11. There will be refreshments and crafts outside the Fellowship Hall. Our two Christmas Eve Services return to the sanctuary.

In this challenging season, your church leaders are confident that God's plan for us has and will continue to sustain our faith and community. We look forward to 2022, as we return more and more to in-person events and activities. Our hope and trust is secure in God's continued grace and love.

Friends, I look forward to seeing you very soon when we will once again be physically together in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

In God's grace,



# Opportunities IN November



## November 14th

We will be taking a special offering for Thornwell on November 14th.

Thornwell's foster care program, residential program, and family & educational support programs offer homes that are safe & loving, hope for a brighter future, and wholeness & healing. We serve children and families throughout Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.



The annual Christmas at Sea project is a very special way to bring some compassionate relief to lonely and isolated mariners of all faiths at Christmastime. In 2021, Sunrise Church packed and delivered 60 Christmas gift boxes to visiting seafarers. It is a wonderful time of year for giving and the seafarers appreciate the gifts so much! This year, no signup is necessary. You may pick up the number of boxes you want to fill either in the Narthex or in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors. To return packed and wrapped boxes, you may drop them off in the return bin (please be sure to attach the provided label indicating if the gift is for a male/female no later than **November 14th**. Thank You!



2021 Angel Tree for East Cooper Meals on Wheels will be up and decorated in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 14th. In order for Meals on Wheels to arrange the distribution of the gifts, they must be returned to the church by **Sunday, December 12th**. The tag on the back of the angel indicates a specific gift. To help ensure the gifts are distributed to the appropriate recipients, each gift should be placed in a gift bag with the "angel" tag attached to the bag. For a remote option, please contact the church at [sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com](mailto:sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com) or 843.883.3888 if you would like to participate. We will be happy to give you a gift request to purchase which you can then drop off in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors. We will also be collecting 2022 calendars. Thank you so much for your continued support of Meals on Wheels by remembering the 300+ Meals on Wheels recipients this Christmas!

# 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 emails 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).

## prayer list

**Recent Prayer Concerns** (Names are listed for a month): Gerry Hiers (Jimmy Hiers' mother), Lou Mintz, Leesa Phipps, Rachel Clark, Kelly Long, Carol Crochet (June Dawson's niece), Gail Owen (Lynn Riker's sister).

**Continuing Prayer Concerns** (Names are listed for 3 months): Robert Shahid, Lee Sarp, Patrick McDougal, 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), John Myatt, Bonnie Wells, Madelyn Knight (Kelly Long's mother), Cherry Leslie (Shirley Joyner's friend), 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, Nancy Butler, Kerry Hardy, Betty Imsande, Lou Bovie.

## Music - Soundscapes

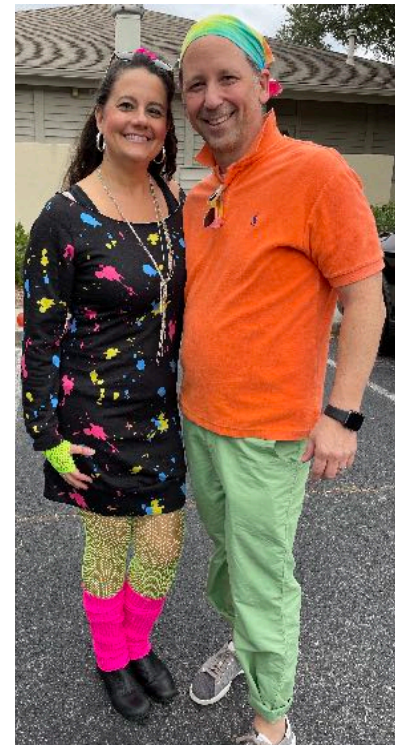
**Sunday, 21 November** - folk and classical music on the violin & guitar - Thanksgiving themed music

**Sunday, 28 November** - Let's begin Advent with Beethoven! This sonata no.7 has 4 movements and was composed during his "early period" in the year 1798. Compositions from the "early" period show the influence of Mozart and Haydn - for instance, this sonata has a rare 3rd movement "minuet" (Beethoven discarded the "minuet" which was a favorite of Mozart and Haydn - and developed instead a form called "scherzo"). Most importantly, this sonata has a tragic slow movement that is one of the greatest slow movements from Beethoven's entire output.



Click on the link to listen [www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqKRdJMyMco&t=1037s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqKRdJMyMco&t=1037s)

# TRUNK or Treat



Thank you to everyone  
who came out and  
participated in our  
Trunk or Treat!

# Sunrise Church

# November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> First Day of American Indian Heritage Month Music Lessons (Upstairs) 1:30 pm Agape Do Karate 5:30 pm	<b>2</b> Election Day 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 4:15 pm Lisa Deatkins - Fellowship Hall	<b>3</b> AA Meeting 10:00 am Cheer Group - Fellowship Hall Events 4:00 pm	<b>4</b> 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate 5:45 pm Choir Practice	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 am Lovelo - Parking Lot	
<b>7</b> Daylight Saving Time ends Communion 9:00 am Early Service - Sanctuary 9:30 am Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Family Service/Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 3:00 pm Girl Scouts - Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm Youth Group	<b>8</b> 1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs) 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate	<b>9</b> 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 11:00 am Miriam-Naomi Circle (Library) 4:15 pm Lisa Deatkins - Fellowship Hall	<b>10</b> 10:00 am AA Meeting 4:00 pm Cheer Group - Fellowship Hall Events	<b>11</b> Veterans Day 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate 5:45 pm Choir Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00 am Karate Testing - Fellowship Hall
<b>14</b> Cens-Ability 9:00 am Early Service - Sanctuary 9:30 am Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Family Service/Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 5:30 pm Youth Group	<b>15</b> 1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs) 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate	<b>16</b> 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 4:15 pm Lisa Deatkins - Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm Women's Evening Bible Study	<b>17</b> 10:00 am AA Meeting 4:00 pm Cheer Group - Fellowship Hall Events	<b>18</b> 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate 5:45 pm Choir Practice	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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<b>28</b> 9:00 am Early Service - Sanctuary 9:30 am Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Family Service/Adult Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 5:30 pm Youth Group	<b>29</b> 1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs) 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate	<b>30</b> 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 4:15 pm Lisa Deatkins - Fellowship Hall				



**1 Kaye Marsh**

**3 Mary Alice Day**

**3 Trae Borden**

**4 Dick Glave**

**4 Ethel Swartz**

**5 Nita Casey**

**6 Bobbi Conner**

**6 David Brown**

**8 Pat Bigelow**

**9 Helen Dierdorf**

**9 Rodger Tully**

**9 Brooke Rowland**

**10 John Nelson**

**11 Betty McClary**

**12 Wesley Neese**

**15 Briggs Murray**

**17 Nancy Waller**

**17 Hart Hiers**

**17 Lucy Ziegler**

**18 Dan Feerst**

**18 Daniel Casey**

**18 Graham Parker**

**19 Judy Fairchild**

**20 Ron Denton**

**20 Ted Fairchild**

**21 Vickie Baker**

**22 Hayden Clarke**

**23 Victor Smith**

**23 Willow Frazier**

**25 John Shoemaker**

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**30 Kelly Long**

**30 Noah Barnhart**

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