

# The Beacon

*Sunrise Presbyterian Church*

*January 2022 Newsletter*



**Sunrise Church would like to thank the numerous people who helped make our Live Nativity a huge success.**



*When the song of the ANGELS is stilled  
 When the STAR is gone  
 When the KINGS and PRINCES are home  
 When the SHEPHERDS are back with their flocks  
 The work of Christmas begins:  
 To FIND the lost, to HEAL the broken, to FEED the hungry,  
 To RELEASE the prisoner,  
 To RE-BUILD the Nations, to bring PEACE among people.  
 To make MUSIC in the HEART.*

Howard Thurman

I have found this wonderful piece inspiring and profound. The theme: *The work of Christmas begins*, shows us how to put the good news of the birth of Christ into action! It combines the Biblical tradition of caring for others with the Christmas Story. In a secession of appeals, we are *commissioned* to bring to life the gift of Christmas in our own lives.

Each of these appeals has deep Biblical roots; they also speak to our personal lives and relationships. Consider how you might apply each to the needs you encounter.

*To FIND the lost:* Too often we think of the lost in terms of those not attending church, but when we open the word *lost* to more levels of meaning, we recognize friends, family, neighbors, who have lost their way. The causes may be as varied as grief, life changes, even retirement. To seek out those in need of reconnecting with people and purpose is *the work of Christmas*.

*To HEAL the broken:* Lives are broken in so many ways. I think especially about brokenhearted people. Our gentle presence, our caring presence, can provide the much needed medicine to begin a healing process. This is *the work of Christmas*.

*To FEED the hungry:* Hunger is more than physical. People's hunger is spiritual. To feed the hunger of the spirit is to live a life of faith and the share the joys of Christmas Eve each and every day! This, too, is *the work of Christmas*.

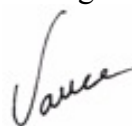
*To RELEASE the prisoner:* Most people read this commissioning as work within a prison ministry, but if with consider the many ways that people create prisons for themselves, we will discover that the good news of the birth of Christ frees us from our personal prisons. We are released from a bondage that binds us and keeps us from the final statement in this piece: *To make MUSIC in the HEART*.

The joy of Christmas is a daily gift from God. We are commissioned, challenged, set free to embrace *the true work of Christmas!*

### 9:00 AM Devotional Service Begins Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Beginning Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, we will resume our 9:00 a.m. Service with a slight variation. There will be only two congregational hymns/songs, and we will sing two or three verses. The scripture and message will be the same as at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Matthew will provide instrumental music in a variety of styles. We are calling the service *The 9:00 a.m. Devotional Service*.

In God's grace,



**SUNRISE CHURCH DELIVERED 37 ANGEL TREE BAGS AND A BOX FILLED WITH 2022 CALENDARS TO MEALS ON WHEELS IN DECEMBER. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS WONDERFUL OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITY!**



**GREAT FELLOWSHIP AT THE WEEKLY TUESDAY MORNING JERRY DILLON MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US TUESDAYS, AT 7:30 A.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.**



**Sunday, December 19th, Sunrise confirmed Ella Hurst, Leo Hurst, Adlai Allard, Malin Allard, Mikayla Locke, and Victoria Kern. Congratulations!**





The 2022 Flower Dedication Calendar is posted in the Sanctuary. If you would like, please take this opportunity to volunteer to provide flowers in the Sanctuary dedicated in honor of or in memory of loved ones.

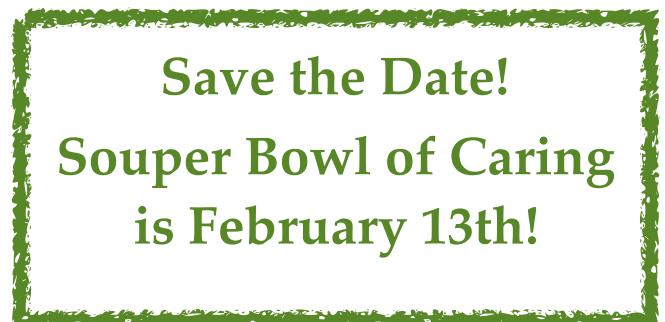


### Thank you for your generous contributions to the Remembrance Garden...

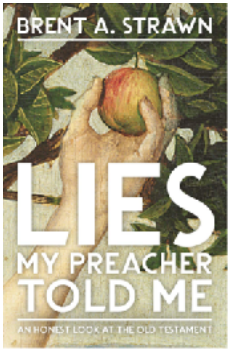
- Andrea and Larry Allen in memory of Dick Blanchard
- Roberta, Rene & Dan, Rick & Laura, and Grands in memory of Dick Blanchard



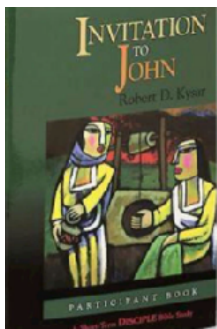
The church kitchen is getting deep cleaned this month. Bowls and containers which are no longer needed in the kitchen are available on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Please feel free to take home any items you'd like. The leftovers will be donated at the end of the month to charity.



# Monthly Happenings...



The Women's Evening Bible Study will begin January 18th at 5:30 p.m. The book we will be using as a study guide is entitled LIES MY PREACHER TOLD ME: AN HONEST LOOK AT THE OLD TESTAMENT by Brent Strawn. As the title indicates, this book focuses on the Old Testament, and dispels a number of myths we may have heard over the years. We will meet in person at the church and there will also be a zoom link for a remote option. Any questions, please contact me at [reecehsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:reecehsmith@yahoo.com). ~ Reece



The Miriam-Naomi Circle will meet at 10:00 a.m. on January 11th in the Sunrise Library. All women of the church are invited to attend. Our minister, Vance will lead us in our study book *Invitation To John* by Robert D. Kysar. We will continue our fellowship after the study with lunch at a convenient location for those who can do so.



Cents-Ability is collected the 2nd Sunday of each month. Thanks to you, donations have been made to TriCounty Family Ministries, East Cooper Meals on Wheels, and East Cooper Community Outreach. Please continue to give at least two cents per person per meal in the bowl in the Narthex. This simple act is an expression of thanksgiving for what we have received.



## January Communion Sunday ~ January 9th

Communion is served during worship on the first Sunday of each month. Virtual and in-person communion is part of the worship services. For those worshipping in-person, preparations have been made for taking communion in the sanctuary during worship. To prepare for sharing communion at home, you will provide your own bread and grape juice. In this way, we can all share *The Lord's Supper*.



# Sunrise Church

# January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
<b>2</b> 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>3</b> 1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs) 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate	<b>4</b> 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Miriam-Naomi Circle (Library) 4:15 pm Lisa Deakins - Fellowship Hall	<b>5</b> 10:00 am AA Meeting 4:00 pm Cheer Group - Fellowship Hall Evenings	<b>6</b> 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate 5:45 pm Choir Practice	<b>7</b> 11:00 am Bridge - Fellowship Hall	<b>8</b>
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<b>16</b> 9:00 am Devotional 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>17</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day 1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs) 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate 6:45 pm Seaside Singers	<b>18</b> 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 4:15 pm Lisa Deakins - Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm Pock Meeting - Fellowship Hall	<b>19</b> 10:00 am AA Meeting 4:00 pm Cheer Group - Fellowship Hall Evenings	<b>20</b> Battery Gadsden Inquiry - Sanctuary 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate 5:45 pm Choir Practice	<b>21</b> 11:00 am Bridge - Fellowship Hall	<b>22</b>
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1 Tom Ferrigan	17 Dan Floyd
1 Danielle Feerst	18 John Wertz
1 Jeff Panitt	18 Leslie Belicka
1 Lucy Williams	19 Madge Walther
1 Lia McKee	19 Ross Wilson
2 Adlai Allard	19 Dolores Russell
3 John Clarke	20 Betty Milner
3 Victoria Kern	20 Reggie Fairchild
4 Carolyn Rhyne	22 Diane Schmidt
5 Dave Shrader	24 Gene McClary
6 Lauren Nelson	25 Reid Jeffers
7 Lamar Graves	26 Pat Fields
9 Carlin Timmons	26 Lucy Brinkley
10 John Hostetler	27 Vance Polley
11 Linda Hawkins	28 Eric Lavender
11 Gladys Durand	28 Georgia Stewart
11 Bill McClary	28 Amy Major
11 Charles Guss	29 Rusty Reaser
11 Brian Fehon	29 Ray Dickinson
12 Campbell Long	30 Betty Driemeyer
13 Brendan Jeffers	30 Julie Milly
13 Andy Whitfield	30 John Hardwick

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