

# The Beacon

*Sunrise Presbyterian Church*

*May 2022 Newsletter*



I am the  
resurrection  
and the life



*And Saul approved of their killing [Stephen]. That day a severe persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout the country-side of Judea and Samaria. <sup>2</sup>Devout men buried Stephen and made loud lamentation over him. <sup>3</sup>But Saul was ravaging the church by entering house after house; dragging off both men and women, he committed them to prison. (Acts 8:1-3)*

### *From Challenges God Brings New Beginnings*

In the Adult Sunday school class, we are studying the Acts of the Apostles and the early days of the church. As the Holy Spirit animated the church, a vision of what God was doing emerged. In chapter 8, we see a pivotal moment. The first Christian martyr, Stephen, was stoned to death. The Apostle Paul, then known as Saul, witnessed the stoning and approved of it.

The scripture passage above relates the effect of the persecution. The growing community of believers was scattered. The early church centered in Jerusalem was in grave peril. Then something remarkable happened.

We hear how the faithful, scattered throughout Palestine, continued sharing the *Good News*. Philip bears witness to the Ethiopian Eunuch, baptizes him, and the faith travels with him to Ethiopia. Saul is on his way to Damascus to arrest the faithful that had fled there when he encounters the Risen Lord and becomes an apostle himself. God uses what appears to be the undoing of the new community of believers to expand it beyond their wildest expectations!

The witness of the scriptures shows how God can transform the most challenging situations into remarkable opportunities for new beginnings. This message is as pertinent for us today as it was in the earliest days of the church. As we emerge from an unprecedented two-year period, we are faced with the question of what our future ministry will look like.

Some of the questions before us are:

- What have we discovered about our spiritual lives in the last two years?
- How has the experience of the pandemic changed what we seek in our church home?
- How is God using this experience to transform the church to better serve our community and world?

I am convinced that we are at a remarkable moment in the history of the church. It is truly a new beginning! God is once again using a very challenging situation to open an amazing future for the church and each of us!

In God's grace,







# Palm Sunday & Easter EGG HUNT





## *The Mother's Day Offering*

# Presbyterian Homes Special Offering (Mother's Day) May 8th



Since 1954, Presbyterian churches in South Carolina have marked Mother's Day with an offering to support the ministry of Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina to older adults. Thankfully, the Presbyterian churches who founded this ministry continue to sustain it, so that residents who have outlived their life's savings can continue to call PCSC "home." One way they do this is through the Mother's Day Offering, which is used solely to provide charitable care for residents who can no longer pay for the full cost of their care. Along with the Offering, a special card featuring artwork by a resident is distributed in the churches. Please take a moment to enjoy the card at left. The landscape was painted by Mrs. Bev Long of The Village at Summerville.

Because the cost of charitable care can run to \$1.5 million or more, it is truly a blessing that generous Presbyterian churches and their members help to shelter and care for each and every one of these through the Mother's Day Offering. Please give generously – thank you!!!

# Prayer Concerns

**Recent Prayer Concerns** (Names are listed for a month): Scott Hood (friend of Cal McRae), Madeleine Soukup (great niece of Pat & Tom Bigelow), Dean Schmelter, Harper Uyttenhove (niece of Pam & Tim Kane), Trip Ritchie, Bill (Lynn Riker's brother-in-law), Lauren Nelson, John Nelson, Margaret Lavender, Kimberly (daughter of Marty & Don Belk).

**Continuing Prayer Concerns** (Names are listed for 3 months): Finny (family friend of the LaTorres), Nancy Hitchcock (friend of Cal & Billie McRae), Tracy Lambros (friend of Mary Ann and Jack Heidenreich), Gerry Hiers (Jimmy Hiers' mother), Lou Mintz, Leesa Phipps, Gail Owen (Lynn Riker's sister), Lee Sarp, Patrick McDougal, Linda Scott, John Myatt, Linda Hawkins, Frank Godfrey, Peggy Wolford, Nancy Butler, Betty Imsande, Lou Bovie.

If you'd like to add someone to either prayer list, please let the church know at [sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com](mailto:sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com) or 843.883.3888. 1) indicate if the person should be placed on the **Recent** OR **Continuing** prayer list and 2) the **individual's mailing address** so that they may receive postcards with expressions of care and concern from the congregation.





# Sunset at Sunrise

Spring Concert

Sunday, May 15th, 2022 at 5:00 pm

## featuring

- ◆ Violin students of Deakins Suzuki Strings
- ◆ Noah Parker; classical guitar
- ◆ Matt Parker; piano
- ◆ Derek Deakins; vocals, violin, guitar
- ◆ Lisa Deakins; vocals, violin

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A Brighter Day

THE SEASIDE SINGERS

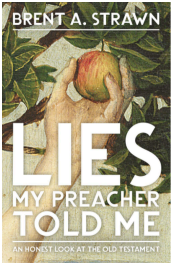
SPRING 2022

**2** May @7pm Sunrise Presbyterian • Sullivan's Island  
doors open at 6 pm

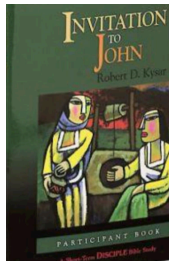
The poster features a background of bright green leaves. The text is arranged in a central white rectangular area with a thin black border. The title 'A Brighter Day' is in a large, elegant serif font. Below it, 'THE SEASIDE SINGERS' is in a smaller, all-caps sans-serif font. 'SPRING 2022' is in a bold, all-caps sans-serif font. At the bottom, the date and time '2 May @7pm' are in a large, bold, sans-serif font, followed by the location 'Sunrise Presbyterian • Sullivan's Island' and the note 'doors open at 6 pm' in a smaller font.



# What's Happening this month at Sunrise



The Women's Evening Bible Study will meet May 17th at 5:30 p.m. We are using the book *Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look At The Old Testament* by Brent Strawn as our study guide. 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 May 10th. 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.



Start off your Tuesdays with the Jerry Dillon Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The Prayer Breakfast is back in full swing, starting the day off right with great food, fellowship, and a devotion.

## Youth Group

Youth Group is meeting under the leadership of Caroline Faltynski and Heather Heckart. Youth Group meets every Sunday from 5:30-7:00 p.m and is open to middle and high schoolers. There is dinner and a program.



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

~ Roberta B. Blanchard in memory of our mothers, Grace and Harriette

If you'd like to help keep the garden beautiful, please complete the donation form located in the narthex and note Remembrance Garden on the check memo line. Contributions given in memory of or in honor of someone will be included in the Beacon Dedication binder.



# Sunrise Church

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Communion 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 3:00 pm Girls Scouts (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 pm Youth Group	<b>2</b> Outer Banks 1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs) 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate 6:00 pm Seaside Singers Concert	<b>3</b> 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 4:15 pm Lisa Deakins - Fellowship Hall	<b>4</b> 10:00 am AA Meeting	<b>5</b> 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate 5:45 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm PVP Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall	<b>6</b> 12:30 pm Bridge - Fellowship Hall	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Cante-Ability 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>9</b> 1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs) 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate	<b>10</b> 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 am Miriam-Naomi Circle (Library) 4:15 pm Lisa Deakins - Fellowship Hall	<b>11</b> 10:00 am AA Meeting	<b>12</b> 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate 5:45 pm Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 12:30 pm Bridge - Fellowship Hall	<b>14</b> PVP Concert - Fellowship Hall 1:00 pm 5:00 pm beach parking lot usage
<b>15</b> 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 5:00 pm Sunrise at Sunset 5:30 pm Youth Group	<b>16</b> 1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs) 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate	<b>17</b> 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 4:15 pm Lisa Deakins - Fellowship Hall 5:30 pm Women's Evening Bible Study	<b>18</b> 10:00 am AA Meeting 6:00 pm PVP Meeting - Fellowship Hall	<b>19</b> 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate 5:45 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm PVP Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall	<b>20</b> 12:30 pm Bridge - Fellowship Hall	<b>21</b> 1:45 pm Gregory Gugg Recital
<b>22</b> 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 3:00 pm Recital - Sanctuary ~ Krista Clark 5:30 pm Youth Group	<b>23</b> 1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs) 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate	<b>24</b> 7:30 am Men's Breakfast 4:15 pm Lisa Deakins - Fellowship Hall	<b>25</b> 10:00 am AA Meeting	<b>26</b> 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate 5:45 pm Choir Practice 7:30 pm PVP Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall	<b>27</b> 12:30 pm Bridge - Fellowship Hall	<b>28</b>
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# May Birthdays

**5/3 Brandon Clark**

**5/4 Nancy Dean**

**5/6 Korey McDavid**

**5/8 Cydne Abernathy**

**5/9 Matt Norton**

**5/10 Chris McKee**

**5/10 Cyndi Kunkle**

**5/11 Chris McKee**

**5/12 Susanne Marshall**

**5/13 Jean Campbell**

**5/14 Bill Casey**

**5/14 Malin Allard**

**5/15 Karen Schmelter**

**5/16 John Petzold**

**5/18 Bonnie Burton**

**5/19 Mattie Smith**

**5/19 Ariel Lavender**

**5/20 Dottie Ashley**

**5/20 Candace Rosen**

**5/21 Peggy Wolford**

**5/21 Debbie Croxton**

**5/24 Shelly White**

**5/26 Ross Heaton**

**5/26 Nicole McKee**

**5/27 Neila Cary**

**5/28 Carol Dawson**

**5/28 Bob Hooper**

**5/29 Jackson Naylor**

**5/30 Chris Hardwick**

**5/31 Kathy Jordan**

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8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
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