

The Beacon

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

July 2022 Newsletter



On Sunday, June 12th, this stunning painting was dedicated in memory of Michael Strantz. Mike designed our beautiful, stained glass Christ Window. When friends of Mike saw this painting by local artist Gordon Wheeler, they knew it belonged in our narthex.

Sermon Series on the Twenty-Third Psalm

Recently in a Daily Prayer, Reece highlighted four words from the Twenty-Third Psalm, *I shall not want*. She noted how the significance of these words had not struck her before. Her reflection inspired me to do this sermon series on themes within the Twenty-Third Psalm.

The phrase, *I shall not want*, invites us to consider our needs and wants. We live in a society that tries to confuse the difference between needs and wants for commercial reasons. In reality, we have limited needs, but an ever-expanding list of wants. When we hear those four words, *I shall not want*, we are challenged to enter a different world than we often inhabit. In God's world [or *the kingdom of heaven* as Jesus often referred to it] we leave behind our concerns and enter the world as God intends it to be.

In my June 26th sermon, I connected this phrase with Jesus' words about worry and our trusting how well God knows our needs.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:25-27, 31-33)

On July 3rd, we will consider the theme of the *table* in Psalm 23. It is a powerful image of hospitality, care, and protection, a very fitting theme for Communion Sunday over the Fourth of July Weekend.

Then, on July 10th, we will explore the meaning of the shepherd imagery, looking at both the role of the shepherd and the sheep. On July 17th, we will then consider the closing verse – a benediction to the psalm.

Psalm 23 [KJV]

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

In God's grace,





Become Part of *Our* Church Family

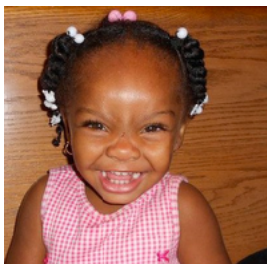
New Member Classes Resuming Our newly ordained Welcoming and Assimilation Elder, Shauna Nelson, is scheduling New Member Classes. She is contacting those that have expressed an interest in joining Sunrise. If you are interested in learning more about Sunrise and considering joining, please send an email to Hannah in the Church Office (sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com). If you have expressed an interest in a New Member Class in the past couple of years, feel free to check with Hannah to make certain Shauna has your name and contact information.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the graduates of 2022! Be sure to keep them in your prayers as they begin new chapters in their lives.

- Hannah Kern graduated from Wando High School and will be attending Clemson in the fall
- Mary Katherine Kern graduated from American University in Washington, DC and will be attending graduate school at Northeastern University in Boston
- Noah Barnhart graduated from Belmont University in Nashville and will continue there for his Master's degree
- Piper Barnhart graduated from Wando High School and will be attending Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN in the fall

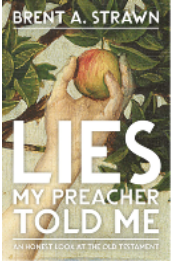
Sunrise Church is volunteering with Hands of Christ



Hands of Christ believes that education is the key to the success of individuals and communities. The program assists children in economic need as they begin the new school year with some of the necessary tools for success such as clothing and school supplies. They serve children in need regardless of their faith background.

Volunteers will help distribute the supplies and clothing at the Presbytery Office in Park Circle, North Charleston on **July 29th from 4-6pm and July 30th from 10am -12pm.** Signups are located in the fellowship hall, narthex and online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4AA5A62BA0FC1-hands>. You only need to signup on one of the above options.

What's Happening this month at Sunrise



The Women's Evening Bible Study will meet July 19th 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. ~ Reece



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.

ECCO Grocery Bag Sunday



Sunrise Church will have grocery bags available in the Narthex beginning on July 17th. All grocery bags need to be returned to the Narthex or in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors by Sunday, July 24th.

The Grocery Bag Sunday program is a cooperative effort between ECCO and local churches. Each participating church is provided with empty grocery bags with an attached "wish list" of items that are critically low on the ECCO food bank shelves. These donations are critical to helping to maintain a steady flow of food. ECCO would like to thank all the churches in our area who participate in this program.

wishlist items

- Canned Beef Stew
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Boxed Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Cereal & Grits
- Bagged Rice (1 lb)
- Laundry Detergent
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo
- Conditioner



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 and Dedication binder.

Prayer Concerns

Recent Prayer Concerns (*Names are listed for a month*): Kathy Boksman (niece of Ross and Julie Heaton), Alan Henderson, Danny Rumble (friend of Cal McRae), Whitfield Family, Scott Hood (friend of Cal McRae), Dean Schmelter, Harper Uyttenhove (niece of Pam & Tim Kane).

Continuing Prayer Concerns (*Names are listed for 3 months*): Raymond Patterson (family member of Ross & Julie Heaton), Trip Ritchie, Margaret Lavender, John Nelson, Kimberly (daughter of Marty & Don Belk), Tracy Lambros (friend of Mary Ann and Jack Heidenreich), Gerry Hiers (Jimmy Hiers' mother), Lou Mintz, Leesa Phipps, Lee Sarp, Patrick McDougal, Linda Scott, John Myatt, Frank Godfrey, Peggy Wolford, Nancy Butler, Lou Bovie.

If you'd like to add someone to either prayer list, please let the church know at 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.

Sunrise Church

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 12:30 pm Bridge - Fellowship Hall	2
3 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	4 8:15 am Town Ath July Parade 1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs) 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate	5 7:30 am Men's Breakfast	6 10:00 am AA Meeting	7 5:30 pm Agape Do Karate 6:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Session Meeting	8 12:30 pm Bridge - Fellowship Hall	9
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| 1 Brady Long | 18 Julie Heaton |
| 2 Kevin Locke | 18 Ida Havelka |
| 3 Clyde Timmons | 18 Pat Odom |
| 3 Roxie Ciesar | 18 Barbara McKnight |
| 4 Karen Lynn | 19 Billie McRae |
| 5 Yana Mersereau | 21 Rob Hauff |
| 7 Ella Hurst | 21 Mike Schaffer |
| 7 Neal Alexander | 21 Wally Collins |
| 9 William Kitchin | 22 Helen Panitt |
| 9 Dave Ochiltree | 23 Margaret Stapleton |
| 10 Reece Campbell | 24 Wendy McClary |
| 11 Pat Benzien | 24 Robert Kitchin |
| 12 Teresa Shackelford | 24 Robert Stapleton |
| 12 Chris Hill | 25 Edie Rockwell |
| 13 Brett Wermuth | 25 Bonnie Hancock |
| 15 Everett Croxton | 25 Mary Frazier |
| 15 Bill Dickinson | 26 Shane Ziegler |
| 15 Ben Dickinson | 29 Niel Crocker |
| 15 Waites White | 29 Megan Robbins |
| | 30 Carole Heathcock |

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