

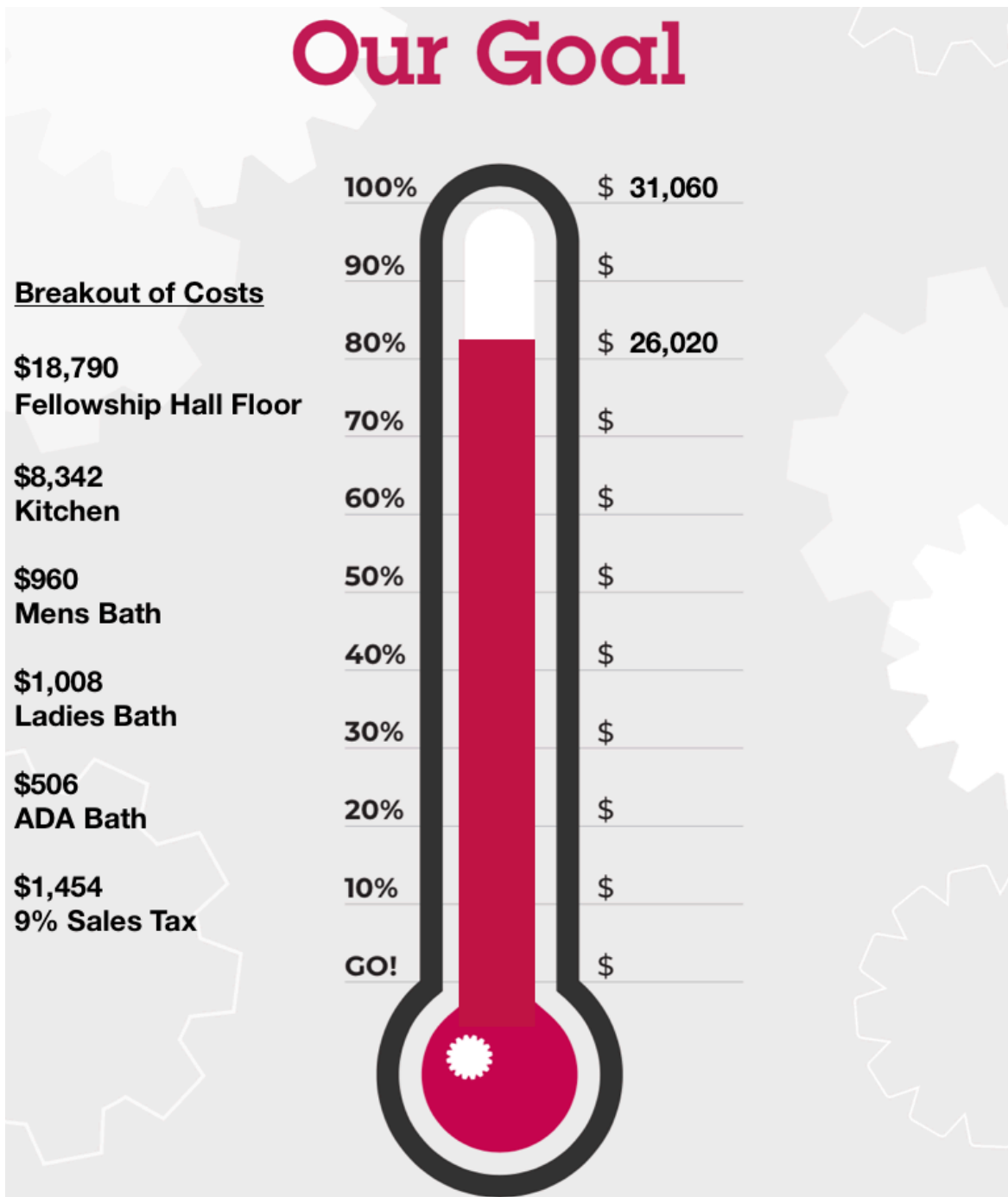
THE BEACON

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

August 2022 Newsletter

Help us raise funds to replace the flooring in the fellowship hall, kitchen, and church bathrooms.

If you would like to help cover the costs, donations may be made via check to Sunrise Presbyterian Church with “flooring donation” in the memo line. You can also visit our giving page on our website at <https://www.oursunrise.org/give/> and put in the memo line “flooring donation” along with your donation. Thank you so much for the generous outpouring of donations!



Welcome

Recently, I read an observation made by another pastor about visitors to worship. We all know how important it is to greet visitors and make them feel welcome. The pastor noted a concern that is related to how we make visitors feel like *welcomed guests*.

This pastor noticed that most first-time *guests* arrive ten minutes before the worship service begins. In the case of the worship service he was referencing, there is an extended time of congregational singing at the beginning of the service. Frequently, people are arriving ten minutes into the worship hour. Watching the first-time guests, he noticed them sitting alone for sometimes 15-20 minutes.

At Sunrise, I frequently tell first-time guests that we are a congregation that lives on *island time*, arriving right on the hour. Most first-time guests arrive ten minutes before worship is scheduled to begin. It is not unusual, especially at the 9:00 a.m. Service, for them to be the first worshippers in the sanctuary.

This observation is not intended to chastise anyone, but I believe it reveals something that is incredibly important for all of us to recognize. Greeting first-time guests is part of our outreach ministry. The saying is true: people make their decision about a church in the first ten minutes. Being greeted in the sanctuary by fellow worshippers creates a truly welcoming experience.

I plan to change my routine for the 9:00 a.m. Service. I will have everything set and ready that I need to do by 8:45 a.m. That way, my schedule is free to meet and greet people as they arrive, first-time guests as well as regular attending worshippers. Would you consider joining me in this new commitment?

On the cover of this month's *Beacon*, is the flooring replacement project. Long delayed, it is extremely timely from a safety standpoint, but also ties in with the observation above. Like many of our homes, we learn to live with and stop noticing aging floorings, paint, etc. It has been brought to our attention from several sources that our beautiful building is showing its cosmetic age.

As you will see, there are five areas designated for flooring replacement, the Fellowship Hall, the kitchen, and the three downstairs restrooms. The cost of each is listed. This project has been jumpstarted by the generosity of several people before it was presented to the congregation on July 24. As of Monday, August 1st we are 84% of the way to the total cost.

Thank you to everyone participating in this very needed work.

In God's grace,





Sunrise would like to welcome
its newest members:

Pam & Bill Rayburn

Bob Smith

Earnest Thomas



New Member Classes are scheduled for August 14th and September 18th from 9-10 a.m. which will be followed by fellowship and then will become members at the 11:00 Sunday Worship Service. 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.

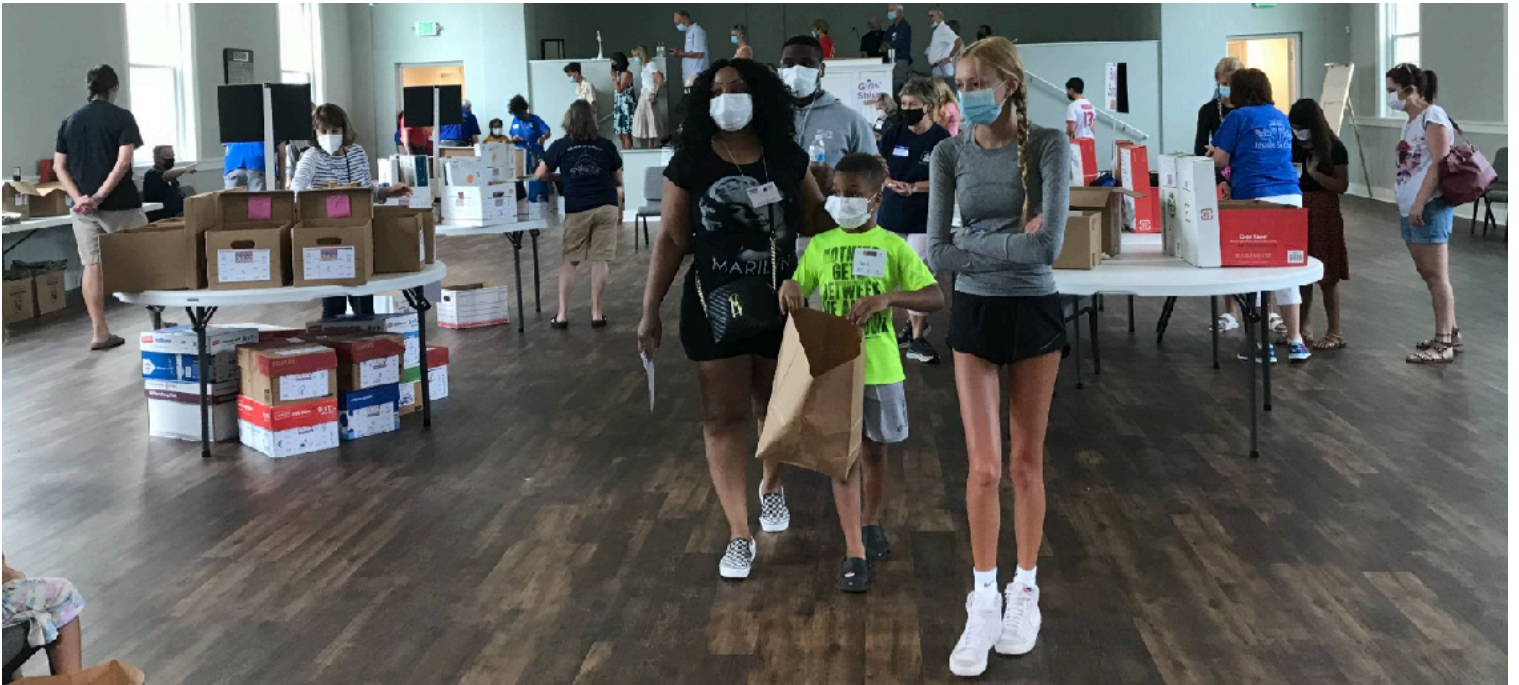


Thank you for your support of Grocery Bag Sundays for ECCO. Sunrise's donations go directly to ECCO clients to support them during life's challenges. Our collection totaled

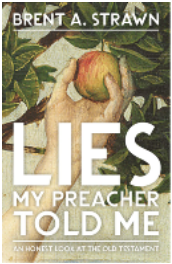
347 lbs!



A special *thank you* to everyone who came out to distribute school supplies to children in need with Hands of Christ! 86 children were blessed with the supplies they need to for school starting this August!



What's Happening in August at Sunrise



The Women's Evening Bible Study will meet August 16th at 5:30 p.m. The next topic we'll be discussing from the book *Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look At The Old Testament* by Brent Strawn is MISTRUTH 6: DAVID WROTE THE PSALMS (AND OTHER UNHELPFUL HISTORICAL ASSERTIONS). I'm looking forward to discussing this topic, because it's something many of us have heard for our entire lives. We will meet in person in the Sanctuary 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.

Prayer Concerns

Recent Prayer Concerns (*Names are listed for a month*): Alice Petzold, 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, 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9am - Devotional Service 9:30am - Fellowship 10am - Choir Practice 10am - Family 11am - Worship Service	1 1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do	2 7:30am - Men's Breakfast	3 10am - AA Meeting	4 5:30pm - Agape Do 6pm - Choir Practice 7:30pm - PVP Rehearsal -	5 12:30pm - Bridge -	6
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1	Kurt Polley	15	Sawyer Webb
1	Milo Whitfield	17	Chip Law
2	Dean Schmelter	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
14	Maya Naylor	31	Rachel Clark

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