

THE BEACON

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

November 2022 Newsletter



Hope this day was just like you, lots of **fun** and **awesome** too!

Can You Feel the Enthusiasm?

Can you feel the energy and enthusiasm around Sunrise? Look at the cover of this month's **Beacon**. The Fellowship Hall was filled with the laughter and joy of children and young people! Following a very full Family Service, children dressed in their Halloween costumes came down to the Fellowship Hall for games and crafts.

As you look at this month's **Beacon** you will see all of the events and activities that are going on at and around Sunrise. It feels so good to be getting back to familiar activities. In September, we had our first cover dish/cookout in over two years. It was extremely well attended!

The return to normal activities around the church has felt slow and delayed. Many of us have wondered when we will finally emerge from the shadow of the pandemic, and what it will take to *jumpstart* a full return.

As I considered the *when* and *what* I was reminded of a book by Malcolm Gladwell, *The Tipping Point*. Gladwell explores the many ways in which small steps build momentum until a critical point is hit that becomes a significant, unstoppable movement. I see Sunrise approaching that *tipping point*. What we have longed for since 2020 – the return to activities and events with the energy and numbers we knew prior to 2020 – appears to be approaching.

One of the interesting facts about tipping points is that it is the accumulation of all those small, incremental steps that leads to a moment when everything changes. Most of the time, it is not a single event or activity that creates the tipping point, it is a much more gradual process. What we have been experiencing is leading to the full return.

I encourage you to look through this month's **Beacon** with an eye to all the signs of the approaching tipping point that will lead us back into church life as we enjoy it. Here is a list:

- The Family Service is thriving with attendance approaching 15-20
- Each Tuesday morning the Men's Prayer Breakfast meets with 20 plus in attendance
- Both the Miriam-Naomi Circle and the Women's Evening Bible Study are meeting in-person and by Zoom
- The Adult Sunday school also meets in-person and by Zoom and can have 15-18 attending
- Reece has begun a monthly Sunday morning class for 4th – 8th graders called *Growing Faith*
- The Youth Group meets weekly on Sunday evenings under the leadership of Caroline Faltynski and Heather Heckart
- Our annual *Live Nativity* with its traditional animals and the return of the Bethlehem Village are scheduled for Saturday, December 10th
- FEAST has resumed, including its annual December gathering
- Christmas at Sea, the Angel Tree, and a special winter coat mission project are all underway

November and December promise to be full of joyous and happy gatherings. I invite to come and participate. As the saying goes, *'Tis the Season!*

In God's grace,





Daylight Savings Times Ends **NOVEMBER 6th** Fall Back 1 Hour

November 20th

We will be taking a special offering on the 20th for Thornwell.

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. Thornwell serves 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 sign-up is necessary. Beginning **October 16th**, pick-up the number of boxes you want to fill either in the Narthex or in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors. A list of suggested items to fill each box with is taped to each box. Fill the box only with the items listed below, gift wrap the box, and label the outside if it is for a male or female (labels are provided in the Narthex but you may also make your own label. Boxes need to be returned to the church by **November 20th**.

- Small tube of sunscreen
- 10 oz Can Shaving Cream
- Pack of 4 or more Razors
- 2 Bars of Unscented Soap
- 3 oz Container Stick Deodorant
- 6 oz Tube Toothpaste and Toothbrush
- 1 tube of Chapstick
- Bag of candy
- Note of Encouragement or Christmas Card
- Deck of cards



The 2022 Angel Tree for East Cooper Meals on Wheels will be up and decorated in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 13th. In order for Meals on Wheels to arrange the distribution of the gifts, they must be returned to the church by **Sunday, November 27th**. The tag on the back of the angel indicates gifts to choose from. 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. We are also collecting 2023 calendars so feel free to leave them under the Angel Tree. Thank you so much for your continued support of Meals on Wheels by remembering the 300+ Meals on Wheels recipients

Christmas Kid Mission Project



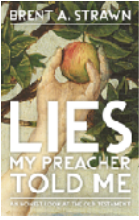
Christmas together
presented by
neighbors together
Coat Drive

Help keep our neighbors warm! We are asking for new coats for our neighbors this holiday season. Priority sizes are children's sizes and men's coats.

Please bring in coats by **November 27th**

For those of you who are not familiar with them, NEIGHBORS TOGETHER is a fantastic organization that provides services to men, women, and children--and they are located right here in Charleston. You might recognize their former name: Tricounty Family Ministries. They are located on the corner of Cosgrove and Rivers Avenue, and support the entire area by serving meals and providing emergency groceries, school supplies, healthcare, housing resources, GED classes, and small business coaching. Neighbors Together is more than just a name, it's truly who they are. Those they serve aren't referred to as clients, patients, or students--they are neighbors. I've done some work with them over the past few months and am so impressed with their mission. ~ Reece

November at Sunrise



The Women's Evening Bible Study will meet November 16th at 5:30 p.m. We will continue discussing topics from the book *Lies My Preacher Told Me: An Honest Look At The Old Testament* by Brent Strawn. We will meet in person and I will also provide 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. Start the day off right with great food, fellowship, and a devotion.

Growing Faith

Calling all older elementary & middle school students (4th - 8th grade) for a new program called *Growing Faith*. Our next meeting is on November 13th at 9am in the upstairs classroom. It's a cross between a traditional Sunday School class and an open forum that will allow students to actively participate through sharing and asking lots of questions! We will learn about the Bible, but will place most of the emphasis on how stories in the Bible apply to their lives today--in 2022. If you have a young person in this age group and are interested in them attending, please email reecehsmith@yahoo.com with their name, age, and grade.

The Miriam-Naomi Circle

The Miriam-Naomi Circle will meet in the Sanctuary November 8th at 10am as we continue our study of the Gospel of Mark using *Mark's Story of Jesus* by Werner H. Kelber as our study guide. We welcome new participants in the Circle. After we meet, those of us who are able to do so usually regroup for lunch at a nearby restaurant. If you have any questions or if you would like to be added to our mailing list, please call Patsy Hindman (843) 906-8653.



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

~ Roberta Blanchard & Family in memory of our sister, Betty Imsande

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 book.

CUB SCOUTS

Cub Scout Pack 59 meets at Sunrise Presbyterian Church and enjoy a range of Scouting activities. On a recent Saturday in October, Pack 59 met at VFW Post 3137 on the Isle of Palms for a flag retirement ceremony.



The ceremony began in the Post 3137 courtyard where one of the Post leaders gave a history of our American Flag and mentioned many of the military campaigns where our flag had flown, and why we honor our flag. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then this part of the ceremony was closed by the Post Chaplain with the following prayer: *“Lord, we thank You for our Country, its Flag, and the liberty of which it stands. We humbly ask You to watch over our Service-members now serving under our Flag. We commit these Flags, worn-out in worth service, to a clean and purging flame. As they yield their substance to the fire, may Thy holy light spread over us, bring warmth to our Prisoners-Of-War, provide a beacon for our Missing-In-Action to return home, and bring renewed devotion to God and Country, Amen.”*

The Scouts then proceeded to dismember approximately 150 - 200 retired flags of all sized by cutting out the blue star field (which is kept intact) and cutting the balance of flag into 4 -6 pieces.



The ceremony was concluded with a playing of Taps and a lowering and raising of the flag which overlooks the beach. These flag remnants are then burned (cremated) and the ashes are buried (interred) in a location on the Post near the flag pole overlooking the beach.

Last Sunday, Pack 59 met in Fellowship Hall for a Pack meeting. They worked on advancement and enjoyed a Tug-Of-War.



The Cub master then distributed a Boat Kit to each of the Cubs and told them about the upcoming Rain-gutter Regatta and showed them some examples of finished boats from prior years.



Pack 59 is an active pack with 24 Cub Scouts with an age range from Kindergarten to 5 th grade. Prior to Covid19 outbreak our pack had 34 Cub Scouts, so there is room for more.

Submitted by Ross Heaton, Charter Organization Rep.



All Saints' Sunday

November 6th

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*

November 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>30</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service - Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult Sunday</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:30pm - Youth Group - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>31</p> <p>Halloween</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons (Upstairs)</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singer Rehearsal -</p> | <p>1</p> <p>First Day of American Indian Heritage</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>4:15pm - Deakins Lessons - Fellowship</p> | <p>2</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p> | <p>3</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>7:30pm - PVP Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>4</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>5</p> <p>6:30am - Lowveld - Parking Lot</p> <p>9am - Mt. Pleasant Presbyterlan</p> |
| <p>6</p> <p>All Saints Sunday</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time ends</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service - Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult Sunday</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:30pm - Youth Group - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>7</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons (Upstairs)</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singer Rehearsal -</p> | <p>8</p> <p>Election Day</p> <p>6am - Elections - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Miriam-Naomi Circle (Sanctuary)</p> <p>4:15pm - Deakins Lessons - Fellowship</p> | <p>9</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p> | <p>10</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p> | <p>11</p> <p>Veterans Day</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>12</p> <p>10am - Boy Scouts Regatta</p> <p>1pm - PVP Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall</p> |
| <p>13</p> <p>Center-Ability</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service - Sanctuary</p> <p>9am - Growing Faith - Family Chapel</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult Sunday</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:30pm - Youth Group - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>14</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons (Upstairs)</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singer Rehearsal -</p> | <p>15</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>4:15pm - Deakins Lessons - Fellowship</p> <p>5:30pm - Women's Evening Bible Study</p> | <p>16</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p> <p>6pm - Pack Meeting - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>17</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>7:30pm - PVP Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>18</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>19</p> |
| <p>20</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service - Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult Sunday</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:30pm - Youth Group - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>21</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons (Upstairs)</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singer Rehearsal -</p> | <p>22</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> | <p>23</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p> | <p>25</p> <p>Native American Heritage Day</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>26</p> |
| <p>27</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service - Sanctuary</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult Sunday</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>5:30pm - Youth Group - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>28</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons (Upstairs)</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singer Rehearsal -</p> | <p>29</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>4:15pm - Deakins Lessons - Fellowship</p> | <p>30</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p> | <p>1</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>7:30pm - PVP Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>2</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>3</p> <p>8am - Seaside Singers Rehearsal</p> |



NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

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

29 Kate Fairchild

30 Kelly Long

30 Noah Barnhart

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