

The Beacon

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

April 2023 Newsletter



Holy Week

Sunday, April 2

**Palm/Passion Sunday Services at 9 and 11 a.m.
Family Service at 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt to Follow**

Thursday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 7

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service of Shadows (sunset is at 7:44 p.m.)

Sunday, April 9

**6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service on the beach
9:00 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection
11:00 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection**

The Easter Season: A Change of Heart

Change. Now there's a word that raises all sorts of mixed emotions. You and I can probably tell half a dozen jokes about the problems people experience when facing change. By in large, we like the idea of it . . . in *theory*. We are reluctant about putting it into *practice*.

Change or *transformation* is an essential theme of the Lenten Season. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and leads us to the rollercoaster events of Holy Week. It is an important time to consider the changes we need to make in our lives.

Pursuing this theme of *change*, I *googled* some famous quotations about change. Leo Tolstoy once observed, *everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself*. We really do have a tendency of looking around ourselves and identifying those things that need changing, instead of beginning inside with the décor of our own hearts and doing some *interior renovations!*

Take a moment to consider your heart as room. How is it decorated? What types of pictures are hanging on its walls? What memories are kept there?

If your experience is anything like mine, there are some wonderfully cherished images that evoke good people and great times. There are also images that keep the fires of old hurt feelings burning bright. Looking around the room that is our heart, what renovations need to be made?

This Lenten Season, we have been celebrating (commemorating?) the 250th Anniversary of John Newton's well-known and beloved hymn, *Amazing Grace*. As a hymn, it is a testimony to personal change and the struggles of living that transformation.

Doing the work of this *interior renovation* is the purpose of Lent and comes to a dramatic culmination during Holy Week. This year, there are three worship opportunities leading to Easter morning.

Palm Sunday is celebratory! There are the palm fronds that the children wave as they enter the church at the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. While the Hosannas ring in our ears, we know what lies ahead. In many ways, Palm Sunday is an anticipation of the very nature of transformation. So often, the joys of our lives are set against the backdrop of life's challenges and struggles.

On **Maundy Thursday**, we gather in the sanctuary to share communion and recall The Last Supper. Part of this service is the opportunity (if you wish) to participate in the *foot washing* ceremony. This ceremony reminds us of the transformational witness of our Savior, who demonstrated his love for us through humility.

On **Good Friday**, we take the journey to the foot of the Cross. Our *Service of Shadows* is a profoundly moving service with the light in sanctuary slowly fading into darkness. The Christ Window and the single candle on the communion table are the only light as a bell is tolled thirty-three times.

Come and let us make this journey together as the Sunrise family, preparing our hearts for the transformational joy and glory of Easter morning!

In God's grace,





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

APRIL 2nd



**Craft time & Family
Service with the Family
Service children!**



**Watching clips of
Ratatouille with
Growing Faith**



Each month, ECCO relies on donations from community members, civic organizations, businesses, churches, and neighborhoods. Thank you for your generous donations!



Easter Lily order forms are available in the Narthex. Please consider ordering them *in memory of* or *in honor of* loved ones. Forms may be placed in the offering plate or turned into the church office. You may also email your dedications to sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com The deadline for orders is Sunday, April 2nd.



Palm Sunday Worship, Easter Egg Hunt & Procession of the Palms:
April 2nd. Worship Services will be held at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The Procession of the Palms will be during the 11:00 a.m. service. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt that morning following the 10:00 a.m. Family Service. Bring your baskets!

Maundy Thursday: April 6th: This year, we will gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. for a service that brings us to the Lord's Table as we remember our savior's Last Supper. For those who wish to participate, there is the traditional foot washing ceremony as part of the service.

Good Friday Service of Shadows: April 7th - This is a powerful service at 7:30 p.m. that takes us on our Lord's final journey from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Cross. The service is an adaptation of an early fourth-century worship service, traditional to Holy Week. The church is well lit at the beginning of the service. The lights dim as it continues, until, at the end, the sanctuary is shrouded in deep shadows. The gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles is symbolic of the flight of the disciples and the resentment of the world leading to the final isolation of Jesus on the Cross. At the conclusion a bell is tolled thirty-three times, recalling each year of Christ's life.

Easter Morning ~ April 9th

- 6:30 a.m.** *Sunrise Service on the beach at Breach Inlet*
- 9:00 a.m.** *Celebration of the Resurrection*
- 11:00 a.m.** *Celebration of the Resurrection*



**Please bring flowers for the
Flowering of the Cross on
Easter Sunday!
Children may bring flowers
to decorate the cross during
both later services.**

April at Sunrise



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.

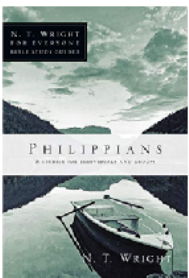
Growing FAITH

Our next *Growing Faith* (4th - 8th grade) meeting will be April 16th at 9 am in the upstairs classroom. Please feel free to share this message with anyone you know who might be interested in joining. I look forward to taking faith to the next level with your children! ~ Reece

The Miriam-Naomi Circle

The Miriam-Naomi Circle will meet in the Library April 11th 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.

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.



Women's Evening Bible Study

The Women's Evening Bible Study will meet April 18th at 5:30 pm using the new Bible study book *PHILIPPIANS* by N. T. Wright. We'll continue to meet at the church and via Zoom. -Reece

Soundscapes: Brass on Easter Sunday Guest Musician Bio's

Nathan Freeman is a senior at Lucy Beckham High School and has been playing the trumpet for 7 years. He has been a part of many honor bands such as the South Carolina All State Band and Jazz Band. He is planning to attend Anderson University next fall to study Commercial Music.



Ian Rutledge is a 10th grade trumpet player at Lucy Beckham high school. He began playing the trumpet in 6th grade and since then has made first chair in the state for his age group twice. He enjoys playing in the Charleston Symphony Youth Orchestra and his school's concert and jazz ensembles.

David Brown (Missions Elder)

Eric Kimker (Worship Elder)

Andy Rhyne (Pastoral Care Elder)

Jimmy Hiers (Personnel Elder)

Kristen Champagne (Building & Grounds Elder)

Jon Mercereau (Clerk of Session, Elder)

Cal McRae (Finance Elder)

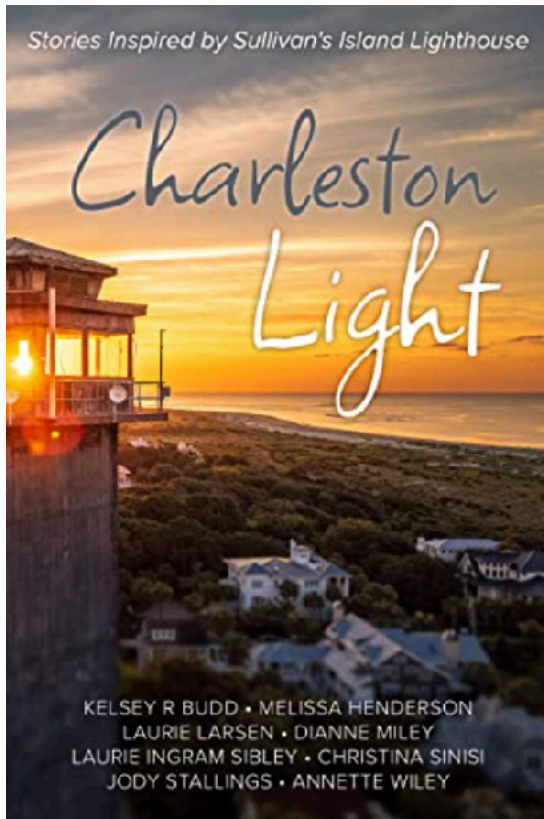
Neila Cary (Fellowship Elder)

Shauna Nelson (Welcoming and Assimilation Elder)

*A BIG thank you to our Elders who rotated off the Session:
Alan Henderson, Ross Heaton*



Charleston Light: Stories Inspired by Sullivan's Island Lighthouse



Melissa Henderson, a Sunrise Church member and contributor to the Sunrise prayers, is a member of the American Christian Fiction Writers of South Carolina Lowcountry chapter. Together, they have written an anthology with stories inspired by the Charleston Light lighthouse on Sullivan's Island. *Tales of Light and Love*. A collection of faith-filled novellas all inspired by Charleston Light, the wonderfully unique-looking lighthouse that sits on the shore of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina. The stories range from sweet romance to time travel to fantasy to a modern retelling of a beloved fairy tale. You will definitely find something you love in these pages!

Melissa's story titled the "Second Time Lighthouse Love", is featured in the book and is about a widow who finds love. The pre-order for Kindle is available and the price is \$2.99 for a few weeks. All proceeds from sales of the book go to SOUL (Sanctuary of Unborn Life). If you would like to pre-order, please go to: <https://a.co/d/6H2R4lc>.



**Sunrise Church wishes Earnest
and Reece all the richest
blessings in their marriage!
Congratulations!**





2 Keaton Murray	16 Barbara Raley
2 DiAn Kempf	16 Susan Johnson
2 Mallory Jeffers	16 Davis Goforth
4 Sabrina Fehon	17 Dickey Dingle
4 Blake Belicka	19 Frank Godfrey
5 Logan Catalana	22 Isabel Taylor
6 Ken Russell	22 Tracy Barnhart
6 Donna Hainley	22 Griffin Catalana
6 Tom Bigelow	24 Kelly Hinton
6 Will Heffernan	25 Pete Page
7 Korri Locke	26 Rebecca Hooper
8 Gale Vancleave	26 Hunter Murph
9 Steve Heckart	27 Jane Yaman
9 Jon Mersereau	28 Caden Boggs
9 John Hostetler	29 Charlie Clark
10 Jon Regan Walters	29 Angie Fehon
11 Marcy Fields	29 Talia Holliday
13 Courtney Hardwick	29 Matt LaTorre
15 Kurt Nendorf	29 Katie LaTorre

April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9am - Devotional Service - 9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship) 10am - Choir Practice 10am - Family Service/Adult 11am - Worship Service 12pm - Annual Meeting	27 1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6:45pm - Seaside Singer	28 7:30am - Men's Breakfast 4:15pm - Deakins Lessons -	29 10am - AA Meeting	30 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Choir Practice	31 12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall 11am - Bayly Class - Fellowship	1 11am - Bayly Class - Fellowship
2 Communion 9am - Devotional Service - 9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship) 10am - Choir Practice 10am - Family Service/Adult 10:25am - Easter Egg Hunt	3 1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6:45pm - Seaside Singer	4 7:30am - Men's Breakfast 4:15pm - Deakins Lessons -	5 10am - AA Meeting	6 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Maundy Thursday Service	7 12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall 7:30pm - Good Friday Service	8
9 Cents-Ability Easter Sunday 6:30am - Community Sunrise 9am - Celebration of the 11am - Celebration of the	10 Easter Monday 1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6:45pm - Seaside Singer	11 7:30am - Men's Breakfast 10am - Miriam-Naomi Circle	12 10am - AA Meeting	13 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Choir Practice	14 12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall 4pm - Parking Lot Usage	15
16 9am - Devotional Service - 9am - Growing Faith - Family 9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship) 10am - Choir Practice 10am - Family Service/Adult 11am - Worship Service	17 1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6:45pm - Seaside Singer	18 Tax Day 7:30am - Men's Breakfast 4:15pm - Deakins Lessons - 5:30pm - Women's Evening Bible	19 10am - AA Meeting 6pm - Pack Meeting - Fellowship	20 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Choir Practice	21 12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall	22
23 9am - Devotional Service - 9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship) 10am - Choir Practice 10am - Family Service/Adult 11am - Worship Service 4:30pm - Boy Scouts - Fellowship	24 1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6:45pm - Seaside Singer	25 7:30am - Men's Breakfast 4:15pm - Deakins Lessons -	26 10am - AA Meeting	27 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Choir Practice	28 12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall 8am - Seaside Singers Dress 8am - Women's Triathlon - 2pm - Deakins Recital -	29
30 9am - Devotional Service - 9:30am - Fellowship (Fellowship) 10am - Choir Practice 10am - Family Service/Adult 11am - Worship Service 4:30pm - Boy Scouts - Fellowship	1 First Day of Asian Pacific 1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 7pm - Seaside Singers Concert -	2 7am - Municipal Election - 7:30am - Men's Breakfast 4:15pm - Deakins Lessons -	3 10am - AA Meeting	4 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6pm - Choir Practice	5 Cinco de Mayo 12:30pm - Bridge - Fellowship Hall 5pm - First Scots Presy	6 8am - First Scots Pres

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