

The Beacon

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

July 2023 Newsletter



NEIGHBORS
TOGETHER
BACK TO SCHOOL
BLOCK PARTY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
2105 COSGROVE
N. CHAS 29405
11AM-1PM



Neighbors Together, formerly Tricounty Family Ministries, is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit providing food, clothing, medical care, sheltering, job training, financial assistance, clothing, legal assistance and other vital services to our neighbors in the tricounty area.

They also offer a weekly, socially distant, grocery distribution where our neighbors can receive fresh produce, non-perishable goods, diapers, toiletries, feminine hygiene, clothing and more! They work to be a safe, compassionate, and inviting place for all people in need.

Sunrise Church is partnering with Neighbors Together in gathering supplies for their Back to School Block Party. We will have a donations drop off in the Narthex during the month of July. **See page 4 for donation suggestions.** Thank you for giving generously!

Sunrise Children's School Update

The 2021-2022 school year concluded as usual in the spring of 2022. The teacher shortage that was confronting all schools in the fall of 2022 became extremely challenging for the Sunrise Children's School. On August 9, 2022, Lisa Glavin sent a letter to the families that spelled out the nature of the challenge. The evening before the final decision had to be made, the necessary teachers were in place. Unfortunately, one of them had to withdraw at the last moment, and the Sunrise Children's School had to be put on a one-year pause.

Sadly, the one-year pause has had to be extended for another year. Your Session has put in place the necessary plans to keep the hope of resuming the preschool at a future time, while recognizing that it is not presently possible. As we move into another year without the energy of the preschool in our building, I want to first remind you of the vision of the Sunrise Children's School as expressed by its longtime director, Lisa Glavin: *As you already know, what makes Sunrise Children's School so special is its commitment to each individual child. We do this by maintaining small class sizes with a low teacher to student ratio. Our educational philosophy promotes and develops the full potential of every child. The benefits of this approach are immense.*

Veritas Classical Schools: An Overview

Earlier this year, we were approached by Veritas Classical Schools, a program that uses church space to offer homeschooling families a unique complement to their home study programs with an emphasis on a classical Christian model of education. Veritas functions in the role of tutor, assisting parents in their educational roles. Each student attends Veritas one day per week during the school year according to the child's age group with the option for elective classes on a second day.

The purpose of Veritas Classical Schools is to help mold students into thinkers, young men and women who do not simply "regurgitate" the information they have been fed but rather who analyze, critique, and affect the world by applying Biblical wisdom to their lives, families, and communities. The Veritas student is taught to be a lifelong learner, to consistently evaluate and critique relevant issues, and to always seek to skillfully communicate their thoughts. All students at Veritas Schools learn factual and philosophical truth, learn to evaluate the messages they are receiving from the world around them, and learn to defend their beliefs in a persuasive manner.

Veritas Classical Schools have been established to provide home schooled students with:

- An integrated core curriculum in history, literature, composition, grammar, critical thinking, and vocabulary/ language with regular assignments to outline the student's weekly work at home
- Accountability for completed assignments
- Teaching of advanced subjects with enrichment activities not frequently included in home school studies
- Evaluation of student's progress by experienced educators
- Weekly classroom peer interaction in an academic environment

Your Session is excited about this opportunity of utilizing Sunrise Presbyterian's Education Wing for two days during the week. Veritas will be meeting during the morning and early afternoon on Mondays and Thursdays.

In God's grace,





Sunrise has been a member of the Hands of Christ's Presbytery-wide project since 2004, which has now grown to over 22 local area congregations. Our common goal is to provide school uniforms and basic school supplies to needy students. In keeping with the Presbyterian Reformed tradition, we believe that education is the key to the success of individuals and communities. The program seeks to assist children in economic need as they begin the new school year with some of the necessary tools for success. While we are faith-based, we serve children in need regardless of their faith background. Last year was our 20th distribution season, having served 1,944 children, totaling 65,342 children since 2003.

Thank you for all of your generous donations of socks and underwear! Below is the Distribution Schedule. We will continue to support Hands of Christ's initiative by encouraging our volunteers to help out at one of the distribution sites. You may go individually but we encourage you to get together and sign up to go as a team at either Zion Olivet or Secon Presbyterian Churches highlighted in bold below. There are signups posted in the church Fellowship Hall and online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4AA5A62BA0FC1-hands1>.

2023 DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

- Wed. July 26 - Edisto Presbyterian Church, Edisto Island, 4-6 PM, In House
Sat. July 29 - Aimwell Presbyterian Church, Colleton County, 10AM-12 noon, Drive Through
Fri. Aug 4 - Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church, North Charleston, 4-6 PM, In House
Sat. Aug 5 - Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church, North Charleston 9:30AM-12:30 PM, In House
Sat. Aug 5 - Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church, Johns Island, 10AM-12 noon, Drive Through
Mon. Aug 7 - Summerville Presbyterian Church, Summerville, 3:30-7:00 PM
Mon. Aug 7 - Yeamans Park Presbyterian Church, Hanahan, 3:30-5:30 In-house
Sat. Aug 12 - Second Presbyterian Church, Downtown Charleston, 9:30AM-12:30 PM, In House
Sat. Aug 12 - St. James Presbyterian Church, James Island 10AM-1 PM, In House
Thurs. Aug 17 - Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Ashley, 4-6 PM, In House
Fri. Aug 18 - Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Ashley, 4-6 PM, In House
Sat. Aug 19 - Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Ashley 10AM-12 noon, In House

ECCO Grocery Bag Sunday



Sunrise Church will have grocery bags available in the Narthex beginning on **Sunday, July 23rd**. All grocery bags need to be returned to the Narthex or in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors by **Sunday, July 30th**.

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.

DONATION SUGGESTIONS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEEDS

- Art Supplies (Crayons, Markers, Etc.)
- Construction Paper
- Children's Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Plastic Folders

HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS

- Graphing Calculator
- College Ruled Paper and Notebooks
- Day Planner
- Graph Paper
- White Out

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEEDS

- Wide Ruled Paper and Notebooks
- Blue or Black Ink Pens
- Highlighters
- Index Cards
- Binders

ALL AGES GENERAL NEEDS

- Backpack
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Lunch Box
- Classroom Cleaning Supplies
- Dry Erase Markers



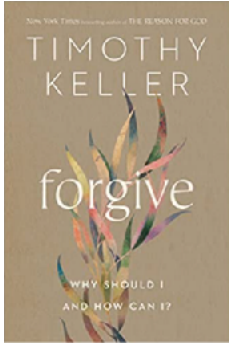
In the fall, Sunrise will be opening its doors to Veritas Classical Schools, which is a faith-based K-12th grade hybrid homeschool. They will be using the upstairs and downstairs classrooms on Mondays and Thursdays for the school year. We are excited to welcome them and for the opportunity to organize and refresh the classroom spaces! We are looking forward to having children in the building again and thank God for this wonderful opportunity to partner with Veritas!

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

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



July at Sunrise

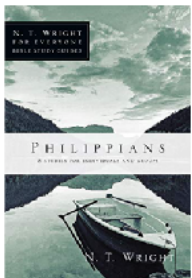


The Adult Sunday School will continue their study with *Forgive: Why Should I and How Can I?* by Timothy Keller on Sundays at 10am in the Library. Forgiveness is an essential skill, a moral imperative, and a religious belief that cuts right to the core of what it means to be human. In *Forgive*, Timothy Keller shows readers why it is so important and how to do it, explaining in detail the steps you need to take in order to move on without sacrificing justice or your humanity.



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. **NOTE: There will be no Men's Breakfast Tuesday, July 4th.**

Cents-Ability is collected the 2nd Sunday of each month. Thanks to you, donations have been made to Neighbors Together, 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 be taking a summer break for the month of July. We'll resume August 15th with Chapter 5 in our Bible study book *PHILIPPIANS* by N. T. Wright. We'll continue to meet at the church and via Zoom. -Reece

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 9am - Devotional Service - 9:30am - Fellowship 10am - Choir Practice 10am - Family Service 11am - Worship Service	26 1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate	27 7:30am - Men's Breakfast	28 10am - AA Meeting	29 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 7:30pm - PVP - Fellowship	30 12:30pm - Bridge -	1
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1 Paige Hauff

2 Kevin Locke

3 Clyde Timmons

3 Roxie Ciesar

4 Karen Lynn

5 Yana Mersereau

7 Ella Hurst

7 Neal Alexander

9 William Kitchin

9 Dave Ochiltree

10 Reece Campbell

11 Pat Benzien

12 Teresa Shackelford

12 Chris Hill

13 Brett Wermuth

15 Bill Dickinson

15 Ben Dickinson

15 Waites White

17 Ryan Allard

18 Julie Heaton

18 Ida Havelka

18 Barbara McKnight

19 Billie McRae

21 Rob Hauff

21 Mike Schaffer

22 Helen Panitt

23 Margaret Stapleton

24 Wendy McClary

24 Robert Kitchin

24 Robert Stapleton

25 Edie Rockwell

25 Bonnie Hancock

25 Mary Frazier

26 Shane Ziegler

29 Niel Crocker

29 Olivia Conner

29 Megan Robbins

30 Carole Heathcock

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