

The Beacon

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

June 2023 Newsletter



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.

Please see page 3 to see how you can help serve our local community!



Joy-filled Living

Memorial Day Weekend marks the beginning of summer. Schedules change into summer mode. For school-age children, this means summer break and a couple of months of fun-filled vacation days without the demands of school. For parents, it's juggling these changed schedules, which at times can be stressful! Discovering the *joyful* possibilities of the summer season is an opportunity for us all to embrace *joy-filled living*.

Joy-filled living is a way of life. This may sound obvious (or redundant!), but it means approaching each day as a series of opportunities *filled with joy!* Anticipation is an integral part of it. If we choose to focus on *what is wrong* we will surely find it. If we choose to imagine what could be, we will be inspired!

In his bestselling book, *Stumbling on Happiness*, Daniel Gilbert defines humanity's greatest achievement not in terms of what we have built, but as our capacity for *conscious experience*. *Seeing, remembering, and imagining* are all part of conscious experience; however, Gilbert believes that imagining is the key to our joyful future.

To see is to experience the world as it is, *to remember* is to experience the world as it was, but *to imagine* – ah, *to imagine* is to experience the world, not as it presently is, nor as it has always been, but as it might be. Gilbert calls this *the joy of the next*.

The joy of the next involves hopeful anticipation. These days, it is far too easy to look ahead with a sense of dread. Gilbert invites us to make the conscious choice of anticipating the best rather than the worst. Each of us can choose to be inspired by *hope-filled* possibilities.

In the busyness of our daily lives, it is so easy to get caught up in all of the practical details ~ what we often call *making it through the day!* There are tasks to accomplish, schedules to keep, and deadlines – always deadlines. When we allow the practical to overshadow the potential, we lose sight of *what is not but can be*.

To imagine life as God intends it to be is truly a joyful and joy-filled experience! It calls us beyond the world, as we know it, as well as transcending the world as it has been, by inviting us to *imagine* the world as it could be. In this way, God makes us partners in both transforming the world and our lives.

There is a church in our Presbytery that has become well known for a phrase that serves as a commissioning: *Cause God Joy!* The phrase is printed in the bulletin and, most memorably, it on the backside of all the church signs. So, as you leave the church grounds you are reminded to: *Cause God Joy!*

Heading into this summer, may we see beyond the immediate demands of our hectic lives and feel that deep joy of living and loving.

In God's grace,





Hands of Christ

This year, Hands of Christ needs to collect only two items: underwear and socks for both boys and girls elementary age through high school. Donations may be left in the bin in the Narthex or outside the Fellowship Hall doors. The deadline to bring these items in is Sunday, June 25th.

There are fewer distribution sites this year. We're encouraging our volunteers to get together and sign up to go as a team. There will be signups posted at the church and online at the beginning of July.

2023 DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

Wed July 26 Edisto Presbyterian Church, Edisto Island
Sat July 29 Aimwell Presbyterian Church, Colleton County
Fri Aug 4 Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church, North Charleston
Sat Aug 5 Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church, North Charleston
Sat Aug 5 Hebron Zion Presbyterian Church, Johns Island
Mon Aug 7 Yeamans Park Presbyterian Church, Hanahan
Sat Aug 12 Second Presbyterian Church, Downtown Charleston
Sat Aug 12 St. James Presbyterian Church, James Island
Thurs Aug 17 Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Ashley
Fri Aug 18 Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Ashley
Sat Aug 19 Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Ashley

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

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



June 18th SPECIAL OFFERING

The Mother's Day Presbyterian Homes Offering will be taken up on Father's Day this year due to the Pentecost Offering in May. South Carolina Presbyterians have a long tradition of generously supporting the PCSC Mother's Day Offering. The money received from the Mother's Day Offering are used exclusively for those residents who, through no fault of their own, have outlived their financial resources and need assistance to remain in Presbyterian Communities.

Sunrise would like to wish all of our 2023 graduates a big CONGRATULATIONS!



My name is Georgia Stewart, and I'm a youth elder and work in the nursery for Sunrise. I graduated from Charleston County School of the Arts as a fashion major. After high school, I plan to attend Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) with a major in architecture and minor in interior design in the Fall of 2023.



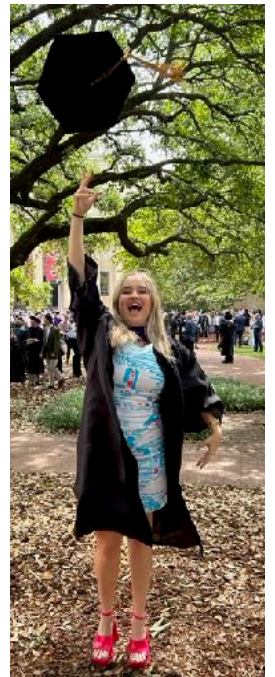
Reece Campbell is graduating from Wando this year and will be attending Salem College on a volleyball scholarship.



Hart Hiers received his Masters Degree in International Relations from North Carolina State in May and is planning to go into the AI and/or Software Industry.



Mary Katherine Kern will be gradating in August with a Master of Science degree in Project Management from Northeastern University.

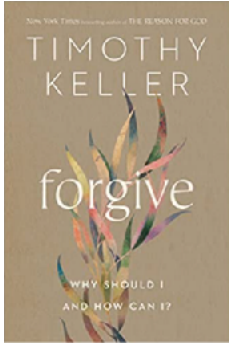


Mattie Smith graduated from USC School of Law in May and is currently studying to take the Bar Exam and working with a local law firm.



Cameron McCullough is graduating from Bishop England High School and will head to the University of Denver in Colorado in the fall.

June at Sunrise

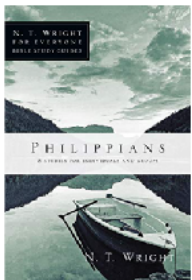


The Adult Sunday School will begin a new book study by Timothy Keller titled *Forgive: Why Should I and How Can I?* on Sunday, June 4th at 10am in the Library. Forgiveness is an essential skill, a moral imperative, and a religious belief that cuts right to the core of what it means to be human. In *Forgive*, 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.

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.

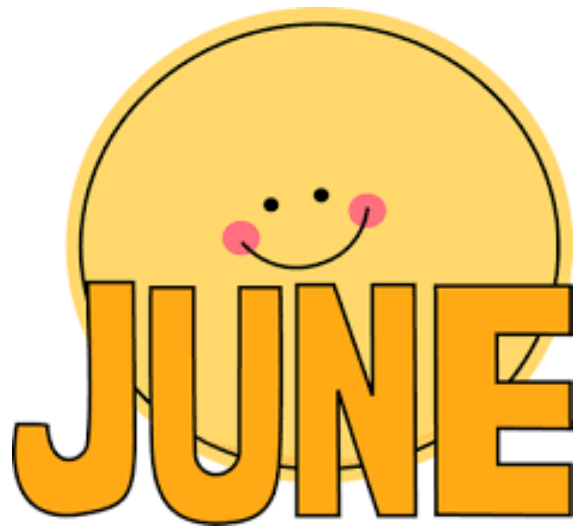


Women's Evening Bible Study

The Women's Evening Bible Study will meet June 20th at 5:30 pm as we continue our Bible study book *PHILIPPIANS* by N. T. Wright, studying Chapter 4. This will be our last meeting before our summer break in July. We'll resume August 15th with Chapter 5. We'll continue to meet at the church and via Zoom. -Reece

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9am - Devotional Service - 9:30am - Fellowship 10am - Choir Practice 10am - Family Service/Adult 11am - Worship Service 4:30pm - Boy Scouts -	29 Memorial Day 1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate	30 7:30am - Men's Breakfast	31 10am - AA Meeting	1 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 7:30pm - PVP - Fellowship	2 12:30pm - Bridge -	3 11am - SIPD Blood Drive
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1	Al Dawson	19	Lindsey Bennett
2	Susan Dickinson	19	Aileen Neikirk
3	Theresa Hipps	20	Jay Holliday
5	Jayne Nendorf	20	Bettie Norton
6	Barbara Smith	21	Piper Johnson
7	Leesa Phipps	21	Carolyn Goforth
7	Connor Kern	22	Kip Nettles
10	Connor McKee	25	Patrick McDavid
13	Sharon Rogers	25	JB Belicka
13	Joseph Jones	26	Bill Major
13	Ameline Stewart	26	Ann Reaser
14	Mary Hill	28	Pam Kane
16	Lauren Neese	28	Amy Jackson
16	Piper Barnhart	28	Lin Schaffer
18	June Dawson	28	Lauren Milly
18	Dylan Wermuth	29	Stephanie Heckart
18	Carter Wermuth		

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