

The Beacon

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

August 2023 Newsletter



This month offers lots of opportunities to support our local community from volunteering to help out at the Neighbors Together Back to School Drive, purchasing school supplies for children in need, or participating in distributing school supplies with Hands Of Christ. See page 3 for more details.



A lot is Going On Around Sunrise!

You have been hearing about the hybrid homeschooling program, Veritas that will be using our classrooms on Mondays and Thursdays during the school year. Last week, Veritas had the downstairs hallway, first floor classrooms, and a number of the upstairs classrooms painted. They look wonderful!

As a reminder, here is some information on Veritas:

Veritas Classical Schools is 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.

The Sunrise Children's School signs will be removed during August. This is a safety matter that all churches have to do now. Sadly, we live in a time when we do not want to advertise that there are children present for school!

Search for a New Youth Director

The Session voted to develop a position description for a youth director to begin leading our Middle School young people. Parents, Reece Humphreys, Jimmy Heirs, Caroline Faltynski, and I will meet to develop the position description for the Session. A search committee will then begin advertising and interviewing for the position.

Caroline Faltynski has volunteered to support our regularly attending Senior Highs in a mentoring role.

Elder Nominating

The Elder Nominating Committee will begin meeting in August and are requesting suggestions from the congregation. There will be forms in the narthex that list the members of the Elder Nominating Committee, as well as the Elder positions.

Return of our Ritual of Friendship

Since March of 2020, we have hesitated to resume one of our favorite worship activities, *The Ritual of Friendship*. On Sunday, July 23, the moment arrived in the sermon. Reflecting on the epidemic of loneliness and the power of connecting person-to-person, I invited people to take three minutes to get up and greet one another. At the 11:00 a.m. service, I wasn't sure if I would be allowed to continue my sermon. *The Ritual of Friendship* is once again part of Sunday mornings at Sunrise. We are mindful of those that need to keep a distance for health reasons; however, we are warmly greeting each other at the beginning of each worship service.

In God's grace,





Thank you for your support of Grocery Bag Sundays for ECCO! Donations from Sunrise go directly to ECCO clients to support them during life's challenges.

Sign up to help Hands of Christ's initiative by volunteering to help out at one of the distribution sites. We encourage you to get together and sign up to go as a team at either Zion Olivet or Second Presbyterian Churches. There are signups posted in the Fellowship Hall and online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4AA5A62BA0FC1-hands1>.

Fri. Aug 4 - Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church, North Charleston, 4-6 PM

Sat. Aug 5 - Zion Olivet Presbyterian Church, North Charleston 9:30AM-12:30 PM

Sat. Aug 12 - Second Presbyterian, Downtown Charleston, 9:30AM-12:30 PM

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

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
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Sunrise Church is partnering with Neighbors Together

in gathering supplies which will be distributed at their annual Back to School Block Party on Saturday, August 12 from 11-1pm. The sign up to volunteer for the block party is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084aaaac2baafe3-back1?bbeml=tp-EmKRuGfdPU>.

Throughout the month of July, there has been a large orange bin to drop off items in the Narthex and also a bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors. Suggestions include backpacks, index cards, glue sticks, art supplies, and binders. A more detailed list of suggestions can be found at <https://neighborstogether.org/donation-suggestions/>.

Last year they served over 200 children who might not otherwise have what they needed to start school –this year's goal is 300! You can help them get there.



S.T.E.P.S.- Studying + Teaching + Equipping + Praying + Serving: This presbytery-wide event is a wonderful opportunity for church members, teachers, ministry teams, worship/music leaders, officers, and staffs to enrich their faith and understanding of the church. S.T.E.P.S. will take place Saturday, August 26. Saturday will offer two workshop sessions, with worship in between. A new feature is “Table Talks” which will take place after the second workshop period. This will give participants with an opportunity to continue workshop conversations and reflect on their STEPS experience. A boxed lunch may be purchased for an additional cost or participants may bring a bag lunch. Registration information is on the presbytery website (<http://capresbytery.org/steps-2023>) and printed brochures are available in the Narthex. We hope to see you at S.T.E.P.S. 2023 exploring ways we can grow and share our faith while we keep awake!

Prayer Concerns

Recent Prayer Concerns (*Names are listed for a month*): Jayne Nendorf, Carol Wiggins, Eliot Eppelsheimer, Sonia Rankin (Julie’s Aunt), Morris Smalls, Kim Eppelsheimer, Gary Hawkins, The Goforth Family, Brenda Green, Jimmy Bates, Cyndi Stein, Shirley Joyner.

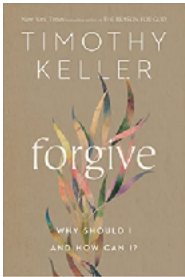
Continuing Prayer Concerns (*Names are listed for 3 months*): Robert Brown, Caroline Bunch (niece of Betty Milner), Mary Nell Boyt, Scott Hood (friend of Cal McRae), Dean Schmelter, Bill Schupp, John Nelson, Kimberly (daughter of Marty & Don Belk), Tracy Lambros (friend of Mary Ann and Jack Heidenreich), Gerry Hiers (Jimmy Hiers’ mother), 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.

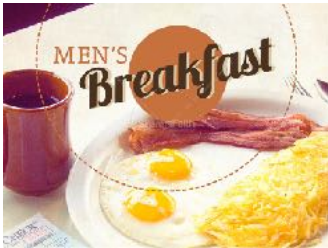
August at Sunrise

Growing FAITH

Growing Faith will begin meeting again on August 27th at 9am in the upstairs classroom. Please feel free to share this message with any older elementary & middle school students (4th - 8th grade) you know who might be interested in joining. I look forward to taking faith to the next level with your children! ~ Reece

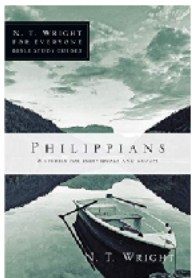


The Adult Sunday School will continue their study with *Forgive: Why Should I and How Can I?* by Timothy Keller Sundays at 10am in the Library. Forgiveness is an essential skill, a moral imperative, and a religious belief that cuts right to the core of what it means to be human. In *Forgive*, Timothy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

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 resume meeting August 15th after taking a summer break in July 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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>30</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service -</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge -</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service -</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9am - Veritas Teacher</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>7:30pm - PVP - Fellowship</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge -</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Cents-Ability</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service -</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p>	<p>14</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>5:30pm - Women's Evening</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge -</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service -</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p>	<p>21</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>6pm - Veritas Open House</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>7:30pm - PVP - Fellowship</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge -</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1pm - Mt Pleasant Pres</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service -</p> <p>9am - Growing Faith - Family</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family Service/Adult</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Boy Scouts -</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p> <p>8pm - AA Meeting (Parking)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge -</p>	<p>2</p>



2	Dean Schmelter	15	Sawyer Webb
4	Alice Petzold	17	Chip Law
5	Michele Smith	20	Betty Jane Dillon
7	Olivia Floyd	22	Marion Neese
7	Bill Rayburn	23	Evan Bell
8	Zach Champagne	23	Andrew Chasman
9	Noah Parker	24	Ann Cabot-Williams
11	Cal McRae	26	Jay Nelson
11	Heather Goforth	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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