

The Beacon

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

October 2023 Newsletter

OCTOBER 1

Single Service

FALL POTLUCK

Join us for a Single 10 AM
Service with a Covered Dish
Luncheon following.

Signups are in the
Fellowship Hall & Narthex
or contact the church office
at hello@oursunrise.org.

Foundation of Happiness

In their just published book, Arthur Brooks and Oprah Winfrey offer practical guidance for ***Building the Life You Want***. It's a book about *being happy*, but it takes a very different approach to experiencing happiness. They choose to use the word, *happier*, advocating that happiness is not a goal or destination, but a journey. They have built their approach on what they call, *The Art and Science of Getting Happier*. It's a daily journey for each of us.

There are four pillars that support a *happier* life: family, friends, faith, and purpose. While Brooks and Winfrey are not promoting a particular faith, they both acknowledge how vital faith is to our wellbeing. We come to church to be fed, body and soul. Worship renews our spirits as together we pray, sing, and embrace God's calling for our lives. Our faith provides guidance to purposeful living. In a remarkable way, our personal relationships (family and friends), faith, and purposeful living are all woven together at church.

The first Sunday of October is *World Communion Sunday*. We are having a single 10:00 a.m. worship service and a covered dish lunch. There is a deep connection between the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. As simple as it sounds, gathering in the Fellowship Hall and sharing food is an essential part of our faith! In *breaking bread* together, we nurture the deep roots of our care and compassion for one another.

October is Stewardship Month

You will be hearing about the life of Sunrise. What it takes to support our ministry and mission. Each Stewardship Season we are reminded that our commitment to God involves *time* and *talents*, as well as *treasure*. Too often, we think of stewardship in strictly financial terms, that is, what money we donate to the church; however, stewardship involves so much more than our financial commitment. God has entrusted to us our time and talents, as well as financial resources. We are encouraged to share all three in service to the ministry and mission of Sunrise. During the month of October, we will be offering brief reflections from church members about how they apply these three aspects of their commitment to the church.

The Vibrant Community Life of Sunrise

There is an energy and enthusiasm around Sunrise. The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets each Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school is held in the church library. Both the Miriam-Naomi Circle and the Women's Evening Bible Study meet monthly. The Family Service has grown and has seen one Sunday with 49 people in attendance. There will be a fun Halloween Celebration for the children in the Fellowship Hall on October 29th. Our annual *Live Nativity* with its traditional animals is scheduled for Saturday, December 9th this year.

Seasonal Mission Projects

Each year, we support outreach projects to bring a smile to people in our community or half a world away. The Angel Tree provides a heartwarming gift to our neighbors that receive Meals-on-Wheels. The Christmas at Sea project brings Christmas cheer to mariners that are far from home on Christmas. In these person-to-person outreach projects, we demonstrate the love we have received from God.

In God's grace,



Opportunities IN October



October 1st

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to embrace God's reconciling message as active peacemakers.

New Member Class
Coming Soon!

If you're interested in becoming a part of the Sunrise family or learning more about Sunrise Presbyterian Church, please contact the church office at hello@oursunrise.org or 843.883.3888 and we'll be in touch with you.

ECCO Grocery Bag Sunday

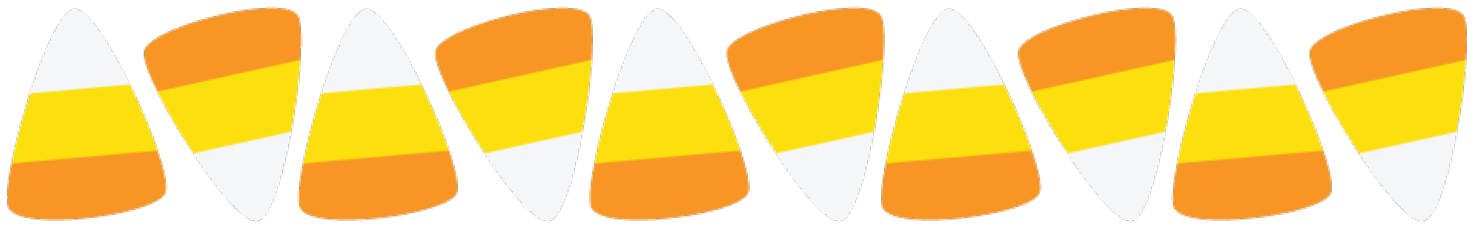


Sunrise Church will have grocery bags available in the Narthex beginning on October 1st. All grocery bags need to be returned to the Narthex or in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors by Sunday, October 8th.

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.

most needed items:

- **Canned fruits & vegetables**
- **Cereal, breakfast bars, and oatmeal**
- **Dry pasta, canned pasta, and pasta sauce**
- **Pancake/waffle mix and grits (1 lb)**
- **Beef stew and boxed instant potatoes**
- **Canned soup, bagged rice (1 lb)**
- **Peanut butter and jelly**
- **Macaroni and cheese**
- **Canned meat**



... Join Us! ...

Children, come dressed in your
Halloween Costume for the Family
Service on October 29th!

Crafts, Games, and Treats will follow
the service in the Fellowship Hall



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. Last year, over 3600 gift wrapped boxes (52 of them were from Sunrise Church) were delivered to the crewmembers visiting Charleston ports during the Christmas season. It is a wonderful time of year for giving and the seafarers appreciate the gifts so much! Beginning **October 15th**, pickup the amount of boxes you want to fill either in the Narthex or in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors. We will also have an available list of suggested items to fill each box with. To return packed and wrapped boxes, you may drop them off in the return bin (please be sure to attach the provided label indicating if the gift is for a male/female). Thank You in advance for your generosity!

Sunrise Columbarium and Memorial Garden: Concept

Sunrise is evaluating the establishment of a columbarium and memorial garden. A columbarium is a structure, frequently in the form of a wall, containing individual spaces (niches) to house urns containing cremated remains. The garden and the columbarium will enable Sunrise to more completely fulfill our mission of providing ministry throughout a member's life from birth to death.

The concept is for the columbarium and garden to be located on the Jasper Boulevard side of the church overlooking the marsh. This location will provide those who choose cremation a sacred, safe and beautiful final resting place. It will be a place where members can come to remember their loved ones, pray, meditate or simply enjoy watching the sun set over the marsh.

Originally the columbarium would have 48 double (holds 2 urns) niches. Plans would include the ability to build additional walls of niches as needed. There would be a memorial wall with plaques for those who are inurned or buried elsewhere but would like to be remembered at Sunrise.


For additional information contact Ida Havelka at ihavelka@comcast.net or at 843-412-1884. Contact Bob Havelka at rhavelka@comcast.net or at 843-412-1908.

October at Sunrise

Growing FAITH

Growing Faith will meet on October 15th 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.



The Miriam-Naomi Circle will meet October 10th at 10 am in the Library using the book *Romans Learner Session Guide: Books of Faith* by Matthew J. Marohl. The church has the books available for purchase. Please see Pastor Vance to get your copy. 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 at (843) 906-8653.



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 October 17th as we continue our study with Chapter 7 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
1 Communion 9am - Choir Practice 10am - Single Worship 11am - Covered Dish 4:30pm - Boy Scouts -	2 9am - Veritas Class 1:30pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do 6pm - Seaside Singers -	3 7:30am - Men's Breakfast	4 10am - AA Meeting	5 9am - Veritas 5:30pm - Agape Do 6pm - Choir Practice	6 12:30pm - Bridge -	7
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A decorative graphic for October Birthdays. The word "October" is written in a large, red, cursive font, surrounded by autumn-themed illustrations of leaves, flowers, and berries. Below "October", the word "BIRTHDAYS" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

October

BIRTHDAYS

1. Brennan McDavid

2 Lynn Riker

4 Ted McKnight

4 Brian Catalana

5 Peggy Denby

8 Judy DiSalvo

8 Jenny Harper

9 Carol Ann Liner

11 Matthew Bell

12 Henry Fehon

14 Jimmy Hiers

14 Sherry Eppelsheimer

15 Bobbie Miller

15 Tanya Parker

17 Barbara Smith

18 Connie Drew

18 Annabelle Rosen

21 Nancy Butler

21 Patsy Hindman

22 Martine Hiers

22 Hallie Smith

23 Mac Neese

25 Donna Draughn

27 Tommy Bulwinkle

28 Mary Ann Heidenreich

28 Jane McDavid

28 Samuel Kitchin

28 Tom Schmidt

28 Nina Bell

29 Kate Wilson

29 Susannah Hipps

31 Marla Lockhart

31 Olivia Hauff

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