

The Beacon

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

September 2023 Newsletter

HANDS OF CHRIST

The 2023 public distribution season has come to a close! 2,006 children were served in total, each given two sets of clothing and a set of school supplies. Since our first season in 2003 (which was 20 years ago!) we have served 67,488 children. Sunrise Church volunteered at Zion Olivet which served 285 children over two days and at Second Presbyterian Church who served 179.

Thanks to the Operations Team, our host congregations, the choirs and musicians who performed at the benefit concert, our donors, Begin With Books, and the many volunteers!



Welcome Back!

September is a homecoming after summer vacations. It's a wonderful time to reconnect and return to our weekly schedules. I would like to remind about all the opportunities provided for you at Sunrise.

Worship

There are three weekly worship services: 9:00 a.m. Devotional Service, 10:00 a.m. Family Service, and the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Each is designed to meet different worship needs. While the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. share the same scripture and message, the musical offerings are different. At 11:00 a.m. the choir provides inspiring anthems, duets, and solos. The 10:00 a.m. Family Service is held in the Family Chapel upstairs in the Education Wing. It is designed to introduce children to worship. The older children are invited to help in leading parts of the service.

Education

There are a number of educational opportunities at Sunrise from weekly to monthly.

Weekly: Each Sunday morning, during the 10:00 a.m. hour there is an Adult Sunday school class that meets in the church library that I teach. Following the Family Service, there is a Sunday school class for the children. It includes a craft that emphasizes that week's scripture. Each Tuesday morning, the Men's Prayer Breakfast meets at 7:30 a.m. for a wonderful breakfast, followed by a devotional based on a scripture passage.

Monthly: Once a month, there is a Morning and Evening Bible study for women. The morning Bible study is the Miriam-Naomi Circle that meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. On the third Tuesday evening of the month, Reece leads the Women's Evening Bible Study. Please read the articles about each of these groups in the Beacon.

New this fall is a monthly Sunday school class for 4th through 8th graders, *Growing Faith*. It meets at 9:00 a.m. on the third Sunday of the month.

Youth: 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.

Fellowship

Weekly: Each Sunday we have fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. and continuing until after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. It is a wonderful way to meet new friends and keep up with each other's lives.

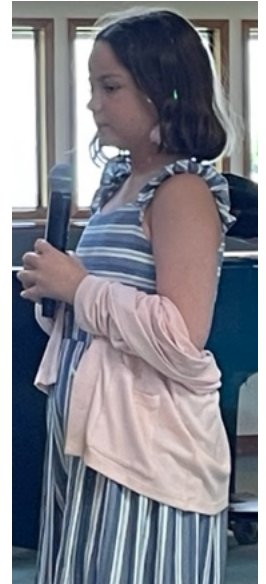
Monthly: The FEAST groups meet monthly. They build a strong, supportive bond between Sunrise members. Gary Hawkins coordinates these groups and would be glad to get you involved. Please contact the church office for more information at: hello@oursunrise.org. The weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast is a fellowship group, as is the monthly Miriam-Naomi Circle.

Special Events: Each fall, we have a special church-wide worship/fellowship event! There is always a single 10:00 a.m. worship service followed by a cookout and covered dish lunch.

In God's grace,



Pictures from August 27th 9 am *Growing Faith*, 10 am Family Service & 11 am Service where *Growing Faith* young people were presented with Bibles.



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**BACK TO SCHOOL
BLOCK PARTY**

Thank you for all of the generous school supply donations for the Neighbors Together Back To School Block Party! Happy First Day of School to all the students in the Lowcountry! Neighbors Together saw over 400 toddlers, students, moms, dads, grandmas, aunties, cousins, uncles, grandpas, teachers, and even a few community leaders at the party. It was an INCREDIBLE day celebrating the excitement of starting a new year of learning while enjoying community with our neighbors.



Sunrise Presbyterian Church Columbarium and Memorial Garden

For centuries churches have had graveyards to provide a final resting place for their members and their families. For the past several decades the rate of cremation has been increasing. This year the rate is expected to rise to nearly 70%. With the increase in cremations, a growing number of churches have columbariums. A columbarium is a structure, frequently in the form of a wall, containing individual spaces (niches) to house cremated remains. Many columbariums are located in memorial gardens.

Six churches in our Presbytery already have memorial gardens with columbariums: First Scots, Westminster, Palmetto, First Presbyterian of Hilton Head, Providence Presbyterian Hilton Head, Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island. Some of the other churches in our area with columbariums include Georgetown Presbyterian, St. Mark's Isle of Palms, St. Matthews Lutheran, Mepkin Abbey.

Sunrise is evaluating the establishment a columbarium and memorial garden on the Jasper Boulevard side of the building overlooking the marsh. The columbarium and garden will enable Sunrise to more completely fulfill our mission of providing ministry throughout a member's life from birth to death.

- It gives those who choose cremation a sacred, safe and beautiful final resting place.
- It provides members the opportunity of advanced planning.
- It gives members another connection to Sunrise.
- The project would increase involvement of members.
- There is a shortage of columbarium niches; therefore, there a demand of them. This additional worship opportunity would help attract new members.

The cost of the columbarium and garden will be paid for by donations and the sale of niches. More detailed information will be provided at a later date.

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




With Fall fast approaching, this is a great time to get involved and join a new group at Sunrise. If you love to sing, the choir may be the perfect group for you! Rehearsals are Sunday mornings and beginning September 14th also Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:15 pm. Please reach out to Matthew at mthwprkr5617@icloud.com if you'd like more information.

September at Sunrise

Growing FAITH

Growing Faith will meet again on September 17th 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.

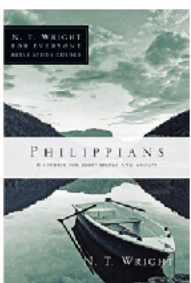


The Miriam-Naomi Circle will begin a new bible study September 12th at 10 am in the Library using the book *Romans Learner Session Guide: Books of Faith* by Matthew J. Marohl. The church has the books available for purchase. Please see Pastor Vance to get your copy. We welcome new participants in the 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 September 19th Chapter 6 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>27</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service</p> <p>9am - Growing Faith -</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am - Veritas Class</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p> <p>8pm - AA Meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do</p>	<p>1</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge -</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Labor Day</p> <p>9am - Veritas Class</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge -</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Cents-Ability</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am - Veritas Class</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do</p> <p>6pm - Seaside Singers -</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Miriam-Naomi</p> <p>5:30pm - Women's</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>15</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge -</p>	<p>16</p>
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<p>24</p> <p>9am - Devotional Service</p> <p>9:30am - Fellowship</p> <p>10am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Family</p> <p>11am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Boy Scouts -</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9am - Veritas Class</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do</p> <p>6pm - Seaside Singers -</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>29</p> <p>12:30pm - Bridge -</p>	<p>30</p>



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