

The Beacon

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

November 2023 Newsletter



Everyone had a *sweet* time together in October!



In Thought, Word, and Deed

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. (Colossians 3:12-14)

The passage above speaks first about God's unconditional love. Then, it describes what that love looks like translated into practice. Finally, it reminds us that forgiveness is an essential part of loving each other.

I find myself returning to this three-fold theme when speaking with couples as they prepare for marriage. When hurt and heartache has been a part of their family life, I share with them the power of unconditional love to transform any broken relationship. At one wedding ceremony many years ago, I found myself suddenly and quite surprisingly speaking about forgiveness in my homily. While I had not planned on talking about forgiveness, my brief reference to it had a significant effect on some family members attending. The bride called me two weeks after the wedding ceremony to tell me that there had been family members at her wedding that had not seen nor spoken to each other for over thirty years. Because of what I had said about forgiveness, they sat down together at the same table at the reception and spoke with each other.

This family example reminds us of the need for forgiveness, and the power of unconditional love. It is truly a message for our times, and it is the hope we all desperately need. I now appreciate much more the deep connection between forgiveness, unconditional love, and the other attributes of remaining in community with each other that this passage from Colossians advocates.

As we approach the Christmas Season, I invite you to recognize how our time together in church helps inspire us to live the message of the Christmas Season. On Christmas Eve, we hear the title for Jesus - the Prince of Peace. Within our church family, we create a space for love, patience, and forgiveness. It truly is an inspiring message!

In God's grace,



Congregational Meeting Called for Sunday, November 12 at Noon

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 12, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. The purpose of the Congregational Meeting is to elect three Elders to the Class of 2026. There will be a presentation on the proposed Columbarium and Memorial Garden. The Session seeks the support of the congregation for this addition to Sunrise Presbyterian Church's ministry.

The Elder Nominating Committee places in nomination:

- Ray Dickinson to serve as Finance Elder
- Lamar Graves to serve as Building and Grounds Elder
- Stephanie Kimker to serve as Worship and Music Elder

A handout with a picture and brief bio of each nominee will be available on Sunday, November 12.

November 12th Thornwell Offering

Thornwell's foster care program, residential program, and family & educational support programs offer homes that are safe and loving, hope for a brighter future, and wholeness & healing. Thornwell serves children and families throughout Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.



Daylight Savings Time Ends
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH
Fall Back 1 Hour

Sunrise Church Welcomes Our New Members:

-Kathy & Mark Plecity

Lauren & Trent Tinker (children TJ, Hallie, Reid)

-Lisa & Chris Dykes (children Colm & Locklan)

-Daphne & Ralph Byers

SUNRISE MEMORIAL GARDEN AND COLUMBARIUM: PROCESS

Information about plans for the Sunrise Memorial Garden and Columbarium has been provided in the Beacon and the Sunday bulletins for the past couple of months. The concept is to build a columbarium and a memorial garden on the Jasper Boulevard side of the church. The columbarium and garden would enable Sunrise to more completely fulfill our mission of providing ministry throughout a member's life from birth to death.

With the support of the congregation, a columbarium committee will be formed. The committee will select the company to build the columbarium. The cost of the niches and plaques would be determined. Rules and regulations would be written. Informational sessions would be provided to the congregation. The pre-sale of niches would take place prior to the installation of the garden and columbarium. The committee would supervise the installation of the columbarium and garden.

A dedication service will be held when the installation is completed. At that time the columbarium and garden would be available for inurnment services. An inurnment service is typically held in the garden prior to the memorial service in the sanctuary. During this sacred service the urn is placed in the niche.

The Sunrise Memorial Garden and Columbarium will:

- Give those who choose cremation a sacred, safe and beautiful final resting place
- Provide members the opportunity of advanced planning
- Give members another connection to Sunrise
- Increase the involvement of the congregation
- Help attract new members
- Improve the financial stability of the church

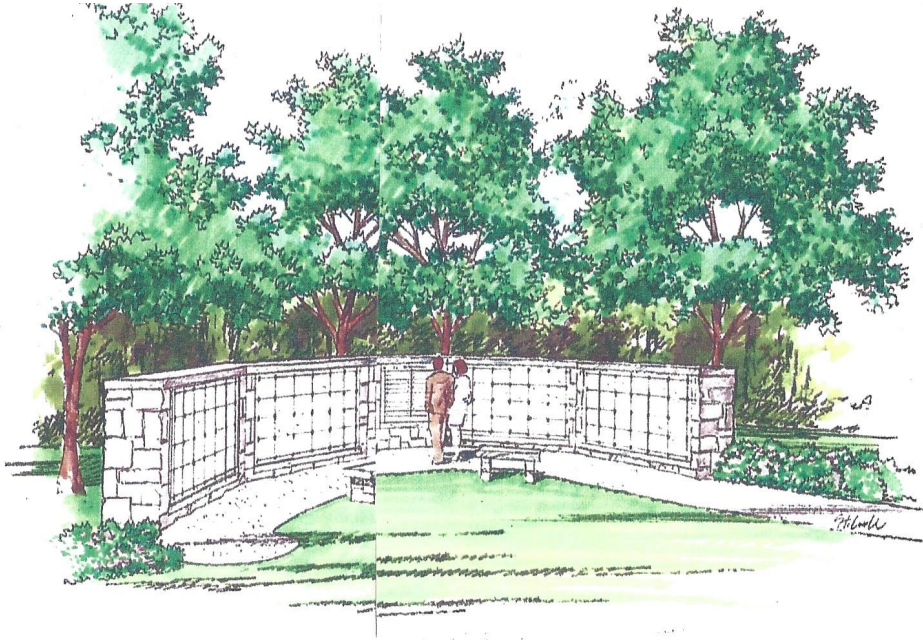
Information about the columbarium and garden will be presented at the congregational meeting to be held this month. Please plan to attend. For more information contact Ida Havelka at ihavelka@comcast.net or 843-412-1884. Contact Bob Havelka at rhavelka@comcast.net or 843-412-1908.

Sunrise Columbarium and Memorial Garden Concept

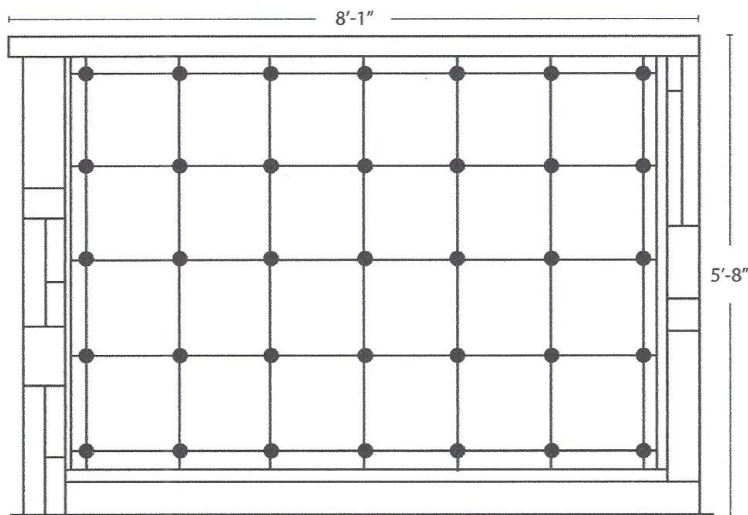
Location: The columbarium and garden would be located on the Jasper Boulevard side of the building overlooking the marsh. This would be a place to sit, remember family members and friends, pray or simply enjoy the sunset over the marsh.

Phase 1: Two walls, each with 24 double niches. Each niche holds two urns.
Memory Wall with 48 plaques between the two walls. (see yellow highlighted view below)

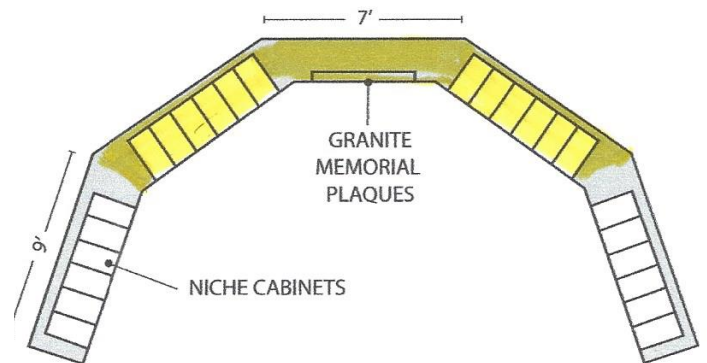
Phase 2: Additional walls of 24 double niches as needed.



SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - COLUMBARIUM DESIGN -



NICHE WALL - ELEVATION



NICHE WALL - PLAN VIEW



All Saints Sunday

November 5th

Early Service at 9 am

Family Service at 10:00 am

Traditional Service at 11:00 am

❖ Traditional tolling of the bell

❖ Recognition of those who entered *The Church Triumphant*



The 2023 Angel Tree for East Cooper Meals on Wheels will be up and decorated in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 19th. In order for Meals on Wheels to arrange the distribution of the gifts, they must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 3rd. The tag on the back of the angel indicates gifts to choose from. To help ensure the gifts are distributed to the appropriate recipients, each gift should be placed in a gift bag with the “angel” tag attached to the bag. We are also collecting 2024 calendars so feel free to leave them under the Angel Tree. Thank you so much for your continued support of Meals on Wheels by remembering the 300+ Meals on Wheels recipients.



ECCO Grocery Bag Sunday

Thank you for participating in ECCO Grocery Bag Sunday. Your donations are much appreciated!

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

~ Roberta Blanchard & Family in memory of Dick Blanchard with love

If you'd like to help keep the garden beautiful, please complete the donation form located in the narthex and note Remembrance Garden on the check memo line. Contributions given in memory of or in honor of someone will be included in the Beacon & Dedication book.



Christmas *at* Sea

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! Please pick up 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). Please bring all filled and wrapped boxes back to the church by **November 19th**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



what to pack

- * A standard bag of individually wrapped candy pieces (a whole bag)
- * A deck of playing cards
- * A large bar of name-brand soap
- * A pack of disposable razors (4 or more per package)
- * Standard size name-brand shaving cream
- * A full-size stick of deodorant
- * A full-size tube of toothpaste
- * Toothbrushes (2-3 in a pack)
- * Sunscreen
- * A greeting card or note



November at Sunrise



Growing FAITH

Growing Faith will meet November 12th 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. ~ 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.

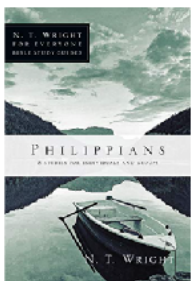


The Miriam-Naomi Circle will meet November 7th at 10 am in the Library using the book *Romans Learner Session Guide: Books of Faith* by Matthew J. Marohl. The church has the books available for purchase. Please see Pastor Vance to get your copy. We welcome new participants in the Circle. After we meet, 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 November 14th at 5:30 p.m. as we continue our Bible study of the book *PHILIPPIANS* by N. T. Wright. We'll continue to meet at the church and via Zoom. -Reece



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CHRISTMAS TOGETHER

**WE ARE SEEKING...
NEW COATS!**



Sunrise will have an orange bin in the Narthex to drop off coats.
Please bring in all coats by Sunday, December 3rd. Thank you
for your generosity!



Birthdays

1 Kaye Marsh

3 Mary Alice Day

3 Trae Borden

4 Dick Glave

4 Ethel Swartz

5 Nita Casey

6 Bobbi Conner

6 David Brown

8 Pat Bigelow

9 Helen Dierdorf

9 Rodger Tully

9 Brooke Rowland

10 John Nelson

11 Betty McClary

12 Wesley Neese

12 Maddie Hassold

15 Briggs Murray

17 Nancy Waller

17 Hart Hiers

18 Dan Feerst

18 Daniel Casey

18 Graham Parker

19 Judy Fairchild

20 Ron Denton

20 Ted Fairchild

21 Vickie Baker

22 Hayden Clarke

23 Victor Smith

23 Willow Frazier

25 John Shoemaker

25 Kathy Plecity

29 Kate Fairchild

30 Kelly Long

30 Noah Barnhart

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9am - Devotional Service 9:30am - Fellowship 10am - Choir Practice 10am - Family 11am - Worship Service 4:30pm - Boy Scouts -	30 9am - Veritas Class 1:30pm - Music Lessons 6pm - Seaside Singers -	31 7:30am - Men's Breakfast	1 10am - AA Meeting	2 9am - Veritas 5:30pm - Agape Do 6pm - Choir Practice	3 12:30pm - Bridge -	4 6:30am - Lowvelo
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