

# The Beacon

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

March 2024 Newsletter

## HOLY WEEK 2024

O U R S U N R I S E . O R G  
**SUNRISE CHURCH**

**24**  
MAR

**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE**  
SANCTUARY | 10:00 AM

**28**  
MAR

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SEDER**  
FELLOWSHIP HALL | 6:00 PM

**29**  
MAR

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
SANCTUARY | 7:30 PM

**31**  
MAR

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**  
COMMUNITY SERVICE ON BREACH INLET | 7:00 AM

**31**  
MAR

**EASTER SERVICE**  
SANCTUARY | 10:00 AM

*A Special Easter Season**Holy Week*

Mark your calendar! This year, Holy Week closes out the month of March. It is a full week of special events. We will celebrate Maundy Thursday with the Passover Seder/Last Supper in the Fellowship Hall and Good Friday with *The Service of Shadows* beginning at 7:30 p.m. Easter morning begins with the Community Sunrise Service on the beach at Breach Inlet. This year, it starts at 7:00 a.m. with the sun rising over the ocean at 7:08 a.m. Let me describe each of these special events and encourage you to attend.

*Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>*

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. It is a wonderful celebration. We will be combining The Family Service and 10:00 a.m. Worship Service for the joyful celebration! Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. Children are invited to bring their baskets!

*Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.*

This year, we will be in the Fellowship Hall sharing the Passover Seder meal and the Lord's Supper. This is a very special evening. The Last Supper that Jesus celebrated with his disciples in the Upper Room was the Passover Seder. It retells the story of God rescuing the people of Israel from Egypt. It was during the Last Supper that Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. This event makes that important connection as we first share the celebration of the Passover and then finish the evening with Communion.

*Good Friday Service of Shadows, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.*

Good Friday sets the stage for the glory of Easter morning! During *The Service of Shadows* we are brought to the foot of the Cross. As the sun sets the sanctuary is filled with shadows until it is nearly dark. The service closes with the tolling of a bell thirty-three times for each year of our Lord's earthly life. If you have never attended *The Service of Shadows*, I invite you to experience the journey of Jesus from the Upper Room to the Garden of Gethsemane to his final words on the Cross.

*Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**Community Sunrise Service on the Beach, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 a.m.*

Easter morning dawns with the Community Sunrise Service on the beach at Breach Inlet. This is an ecumenical, community worship service with many of the churches on the islands participating. The service begins at 7:00 a.m. [sunrise is at 7:08 a.m.]

*Celebration of the Resurrection, March 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 10:00 a.m.*

This Easter, the Session voted to have a single 10:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. We will have the *Flowering of the Cross* and Reece Humphreys is planning a special message for the children before they leave the sanctuary for an Easter craft.

Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week highlight the full range of human emotions. Please plan to experience this remarkable week in our savior's life.

In God's grace,



# SOUPER BOWL of Caring Sunday



## THANK YOU!

Sunrise Presbyterian Church's 2024 Collection

raised:

**150 food items**

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 11, 2024

*Alison Reese*

**Alison Reese**  
Executive Director  
Tackle Hunger: Home of the  
Souper Bowl of Caring

# Pastor Vance's Birthday Celebration



## Pictures from the Valentine's Breakfast hosted by the Men's Breakfast Group



Near the end of 2023, ECCO'S local church partnerships have collected over 79,000 pounds of food, hygiene and cleaning supplies for their Wellness Pantry.

**Grocery bags with shopping lists attached will be available in the Narthex and in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors beginning Sunday, March 17th. All filled grocery bags need to be returned by Sunday, March 24th.** Below are some suggested donation items. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

- Jam/Jelly
- Rice (box or bagged any type)
- Cereal
- Canned Pasta
- Canned Fruit
- Grits/Oatmeal
- Spaghetti Noodles/Pasta Sauce
- Canned Vegetables
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Toilet Paper
- Bar Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Household cleaner



*Help decorate  
our  
Sanctuary  
for Easter  
Sunday!*



Easter Lily order forms are available in the Narthex. Please consider ordering them *in memory of* or *in honor of* loved ones. Forms may be placed in the offering plate or turned into the church office. You may also give online at <https://www.oursunrise.org/give/> with "Easter Lily" in the memo line and email your dedication to the church office at [hello@oursunrise.org](mailto:hello@oursunrise.org). The flowers are a beautiful way to help decorate our sanctuary for the Celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The order deadline is March 24th.

# Sunrise Columbarium and Memorial Garden

The Construction & Maintenance Committee has been working diligently evaluating landscape/construction companies. Site visits have been made to clients of the final two companies being considered. A decision is expected to be made very soon. The names of the columbarium company and the landscape/construction company will be communicated as soon as the decisions are final.

Meanwhile, the Legal Committee has been developing a contract for the sale of niches and the rules and regulations. The Finance Committee has been evaluating insurance requirements, and the Niche Sales and Donations Committee has been developing informational material.

The goal is to have the columbarium and garden completed in 2024. We look forward to sharing updates about the project.

Contact Ida Havelka, Columbarium Committee Chair, at [ihavelka@comcast.net](mailto:ihavelka@comcast.net) or at 843-412- 1884 for more information.

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## SUNRISE BOY SCOUT LEADER CHOSEN SCOUTER OF THE YEAR

At the annual Awards Banquet for our district, Benjamin Naylor was chosen as Scouter of the Year from a large pool of adult leaders. The following is an excerpt of the address the Executive Scout Leader gave as the award was presented and it will give you an idea of the activities that our Cub Scouts have participated in here at Sunrise Church.

“Ben has exhibited exceptional leadership in reviving our Pack 59 Cub Scout program by recruiting and retaining youth in our Unit. He has done this by providing enthusiastic leadership, encouraged participation, and by being fully engaged with the parents and families of our Cub Scouts. The Pack has flourished under his calm and positive leadership and he has provided a wide range of fun expediences for our youth. No matter what was going on in his personal life, Ben never missed leading a Pack event or meeting. One of our most appreciated events was a weekend camp out for Cubs and parents at Barnwell State Park. There were events through the day and Ranger Russ led a moonlight trail hike one evening to learn about nocturnal creatures. Big fun. The Pack attended the Sea Spot Run Fishing Tournament, Cub Haunted Weekend, and Camp Ho Non Wah Summer Camp to name a few other activities. Ben also focused our Cubs on community service projects such as the Beach Sweep on Sullivan’s Island. To launch our program for 2024, he recently lead the Pack on a visit to the IOP Fire Station where the Cubs learned about fire safety and the community service activates of our local IOP Firefighters. Sustained leadership that embodies the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law are hard to find. But Benjamin Naylor embodies this Scouting Spirit”.



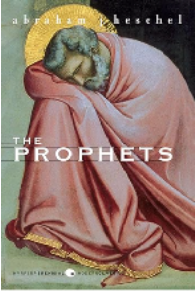
This award put Sunrise Presbyterian Church in a very positive light for the Scouting program being presented at our church.

Ross Heaton

# March at Sunrise

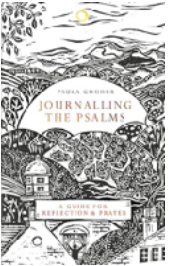
## Growing FAITH

*Growing Faith* will meet March 24th 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 using the book *The Prophets* by Abraham Heschel on Sundays at 9:00 am in the Library. *The Prophets* is widely recognized as a masterpiece of biblical scholarship. Heschel attempts to understand the thoughts, feelings, and impressions of each of the prophets, presenting the reader with a sense of their very being.

**The Miriam-Naomi Circle** will meet March 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.



The Women's Evening Bible Study will continue their study at 5:30 pm on March 19th using *Journaling the Psalms: A Guide for Reflection and Prayer* by Paula Gooder. New participants are always welcome.

**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.



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.

# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>25</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>9am - Growing Faith - Family</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Boy Scouts - Fellowship</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9am - Veritas Class</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singers</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>1</p> <p>11am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2pm - Wedding - Sanctuary</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9am - Veritas Class</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singers</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>1pm - Columbarium Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Cents-Ability</p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>4:30pm - Boy Scouts - Fellowship</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9am - Veritas Class</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singers</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Miriam-Neomi Circle</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9am - Veritas Class</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singers</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>5:30pm - Women's Evening Bible</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Battery Gadsden</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>23</p> <p>McDavid Wedding</p>
<p>24</p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)</p> <p>10am - Growing Faith - Family</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:30am - Easter Egg Hunt</p> <p>2pm - Boy Scouts - Pinewood</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9am - Veritas Class</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - 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 Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p> <p>6pm - Maundy Thursday &amp; Seder</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:30pm - Good Friday Service of</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am - Karate Testing - Fellowship</p>
<p>31</p> <p>7am - Sunrise Community Service</p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>10am - Easter Service</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1:30pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singers</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>6</p>





# March

## BIRTHDAYS

1 Roberta Blanchard

2 Bill Dawson

2 Linda Nettles

4 Mikayla Locke

5. Amanda Holliday

6 Devin McDavid Jones

8 Robin Feerst

8 Mary Anne Lake

10 Lou Bovie

10 Barbara Dingle

11 Carly McDavid

14 Chuck Lockhart

14 Brianna Hill

15 Elinor Varndell

15 Sarah Hooper

17 Mark George

22 Joe Hager

23 Dan Hancock

24 Gayle Nixon

25 Charlie Evans

27 Walker Chalmers

28 Hope Murph

29 Tom Taylor

31 Pat Latham

31 Bob Waller

31 Emily Fairchild

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