

The Beacon

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

May 2024 Newsletter



"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

(ECCLESIASTES 3:11)



There's a word we use a lot in the family service: IMAGINE. It usually sounds something like this: "Imagine you've been outside listening to Jesus talking; you're hungry and it doesn't look like there's enough food for everyone." Sometimes it sounds like this: "Imagine your parents take you out of town on a trip. They are on the way back home and realize you're not in the car." Anyone can hear a biblical story and think about what it may have looked like 2,000 years ago, but what if it happened to you...what if it happened today? It's amazing how our ideas change when we find *ourselves* in the middle of a story and not some random stranger.

Recently we've asked the children to imagine being born and growing up in a country they love...then one day their family decides they have to leave that country and move somewhere else to be safe. And what if they get to that new place and don't have even the basic necessities. Or what if there's a bad storm or an earthquake and their home is destroyed? Try to imagine what you would need. For many of the children who attend the family service this is an easy question to answer. It's easy because many of them have already participated in the World Church Service hygiene kit program. In 2019 and 2022 the congregation generously donated items that were packed by the children into kits that were later used by storm victims and refugees. These kits were used by adults and children alike during times they likely never expected. Both refugees and storm survivors who find themselves without the most basic necessities are undoubtedly relieved to be given a bag containing soap, a toothbrush, and a washcloth.

It's time for us to help replenish the supply and be there for people when they need it most. That's where you come in! The children will be packing hygiene kits Sunday, May 19 at 10am. In 2022 we packed 101 kits. Let's beat that number this year! This is what we need from you. Starting this Sunday there will be a bin in the Narthex for the items listed below. Please help us fill and refill that bin over the next four Sundays. Each week between now and May 12 I'll give you an update of what we've collected and what we still need.

ITEMS NEEDED (Please excuse the specificity, but we can only use certain items in the kits.)

- Washcloths
- Hand towels
- Wide-tooth combs (not the fine-tooth pocket combs)
- Nail clippers (either fingernail or toenail)
- Bath soap (regular size, individually wrapped)
- Toothbrushes (individually boxed or wrapped)
- Band-Aids (standard sized)

Other items cannot be accepted for this project. A tube of extended expiration date toothpaste will be added to each hygiene kit prior to reaching its recipient.

Thank you for playing a part in this hands-on mission project! -Reece

Sunrise Columbarium and Memorial Garden Update

Plans are being made for the Sunrise Columbarium and Memorial Garden. The garden will be located on the Jasper Boulevard side of the church overlooking the marsh. The landscape architectural design is in the final stage of development. The columbarium company will use the landscape plan to design the columbarium. Design plans for the columbarium and the garden are expected to be completed by the end of May.

The Niche Sales & Donations Committee is developing informational material about the columbarium garden. If you have skills in graphic art, marketing or advertising, and if you would like to help, please contact Ralph Byers at ralphbyers@gmail.com or at 917-273-6173.

We look forward to sharing updates about the project. Contact Ida Havelka, Columbarium Committee Chair, at ihavelka@comcast.net or at 843-412-1884 for more information.



The Seaside Singers Community Choir, which is a mixed male and female chorus, bringing challenging arrangements to delight East Cooper and Beach audiences, invites you to *One World of Music* on Sunday, May 5th at 4 p.m at Christ Episcopal Church in Mount Pleasant. A \$10 donation is suggested. Sunrise has complementary tickets at the church office if you would like to attend. Please reach out to hello@oursunrise.org to pick them up.

**MAY
19TH**



**PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

The Pentecost Special Offering is Sunday, May 19th

The Pentecost Offering helps guide young people in Christian formation from their earliest years to young adulthood. With our gifts, we are there to help build these youngest members of the body of Christ into the people God would have them become.



The Remembrance Garden

The Remembrance Garden will be getting a much needed makeover this spring/summer. If you'd like to help with this project, 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 binder in the Narthex.

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

- Gary Hawkins in memory of Linda Hawkins and in honor of John Wertz



May at Sunrise

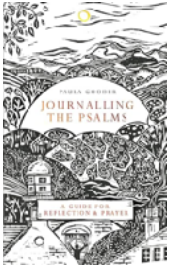
Growing FAITH

Growing Faith will meet for snacks, trivia, and a lesson on May 19th 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. We'll be taking June and July off for the summer. ~ 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 May 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.



The Women's Evening Bible Study will continue their study at 5:30 pm on May 21st 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.

IN LOVING *memory*



Ernest Thomas (1956-2024)



5/3 Brandon Clark

5/4 Nancy Dean

5/6 Korey McDavid

5/8 Cydne Abernathy

5/9 Matt Norton

5/10 Cyndi Kunkle

5/11 Chris McKee

5/12 Susanne Marshall

5/13 Jean Campbell

5/14 Bill Casey

5/14 Malin Allard

5/15 Karen Schmelter

5/16 John Petzold

5/18 Bonnie Burton

5/19 Mattie Smith

5/20 Dottie Ashley

5/20 Candace Rosen

5/21 Peggy Wolford

5/21 Debbie Croxton

5/24 Shelly White

5/26 Ross Heaton

5/26 Nicole McKee

5/27 Neila Cary

5/28 Carol Dawson

5/28 Bob Hooper

5/29 Jackson Naylor

5/30 Chris Hardwick

5/31 Kathy Jordan

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
8:45am - Choir Practice	9am - Veritas Class	7:30am - Men's Breakfast	Outer Banks Parking Lot	Outer Banks	Outer Banks	11am - Wedding Parking
9am - Adult Sunday School	1:30pm - Music Lessons		9am - Veritas	6pm - Choir Practice	11am - Bridge - Fellowship	1pm - Thomas Memorial
9am - Fellowship (Fellowship)	5:30pm - Agape Do Karate		10am - AA Meeting			
10am - Family Service	6:45pm - Seaside Singers					
10am - Worship Service						
4:30pm - Boy Scouts -						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion	9am - Veritas Class	7:30am - Men's Breakfast	10am - AA Meeting	9am - Veritas	11am - Bridge - Fellowship	
8:45am - Choir Practice	1:30pm - Music Lessons	10am - Miriam-Naomi Circle		5:30pm - Agape Do Karate		
9am - Adult Sunday School	5:30pm - Agape Do Karate			6pm - Choir Practice		
9am - Fellowship (Fellowship)						
10am - Family Service						
10am - Worship Service						
4:30pm - Boy Scouts -						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Cents-Ability	9am - Veritas Class	7:30am - Men's Breakfast	10am - AA Meeting	9am - Veritas	11am - Bridge - Fellowship	
8:45am - Choir Practice	1:30pm - Music Lessons	6pm - Battery Gadson -		5:30pm - Agape Do Karate		
9am - Adult Sunday School	5:30pm - Agape Do Karate			6pm - Choir Practice		
9am - Fellowship (Fellowship)						
10am - Family Service						
10am - Worship Service						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
8:45am - Choir Practice	1:30pm - Music Lessons	7:30am - Men's Breakfast	10am - AA Meeting	10am - SIPD Blood Drive	11am - Bridge - Fellowship	
9am - Adult Sunday School	5:30pm - Agape Do Karate	5:30pm - Women's Evening		5:30pm - Agape Do Karate		
9am - Fellowship (Fellowship)				6pm - Choir Practice		
9am - Growing Faith - Family						
10am - Family Service						
10am - Worship Service						
2:45pm - Girl Scouts -						
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
8:45am - Choir Practice	Memorial Day	7:30am - Men's Breakfast	10am - AA Meeting	5pm - Wedding Rehearsal	5pm - Wedding ~ Sanctuary	
9am - Adult Sunday School	1:30pm - Music Lessons			5:30pm - Agape Do Karate		
9am - Fellowship (Fellowship)	5:30pm - Agape Do Karate			6pm - Choir Practice		
10am - Family Service						
10am - Worship Service						

Church Office Hours:
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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