

THE BEACON

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

June 2024 Newsletter



*We packed 122
hygiene kits!*

Rest, Rejuvenate, and Reconnect

For years, I would start my June **Beacon** article with a reminder about the *hazy, lazy days of summer* ~ those couple of months when life would slow down, and we could catch our collective breaths. I'm not sure that the summer months are like that any longer. Routines change, but do not seem to slow down. This year, I'm adding to the themes of *rest* and *rejuvenation* the suggestion to *reconnect*.

In a recent sermon titled, *The Good Life* I referenced the 2023 book ***The God Life: Lessons from the World's Longest Scientific Study of Happiness***. Please do not let the phrase, "scientific study" scare you. The statistical data is simply the foundation for people's real-life experiences and stories. The study is multi-generational spanning 80 years. At the heart of the study's conclusions is that a good life involves lasting relationships.

Now, I'm going to combine three topics: the Trinity, Pentecost, and *Reconnecting*!

The last Sunday in May was Trinity Sunday. You may not know how difficult clergy find preaching about the Trinity. Sermons on the Trinity run the risk of being theoretical and rather abstract. Describing God as the *Three-in-One* can easily plunge us into a theological discourse; however, there are two significant aspects about God that the Trinity reveals to us: *the power of God's presence and relationships*.

Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Holy Spirit brings the full revelation of God as *relational*. Each time we affirm God as, *the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit* we are declaring the relational nature of God.

The very heart of God is relationships. I'm not sure we fully appreciate the import of that revelation. The Trinity is not meant to be a description of God, but a testimony to God's nature.

So, *Reconnecting* means nurturing the relationships in our lives. It involves setting aside time and energy to be with friends and family. In this way, summer can promote *rest* and *rejuvenation*.

In God's grace,



While the church's schedule tends to become lighter during June, July, and August, there are still regular, weekly activities for us to be *connected*:

Sundays

9:00 a.m.	Choir practice
9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday school (Church Library)
10:00 a.m.	Family Service (Family Chapel)
10:00 a.m.	Worship (Sanctuary)
9:00 ~11:30 a.m.	Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesdays

7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
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Sunrise Columbarium and Memorial Garden Update

Plans are moving forward 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 has been sent to the columbarium company. They will use the landscape plan to design the columbarium. Plans for the columbarium and the garden are expected to be completed soon.

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.



Congrats!!!

Addie Dawson

Class of 2024

Bishop England High School

Attending Texas Christian University in the fall

Majoring in Fashion Merchandising

SPECIAL OFFERING Sunday, June 16th

The Mother's Day Presbyterian Homes Offering will be taken up on Father's Day this year due to the Pentecost Offering in May. South Carolina Presbyterians have a long tradition of generously supporting the PCSC Mother's Day Offering. Money received from the Mother's Day Offering are used exclusively for those residents who, through no fault of their own, have outlived their financial resources and need assistance to remain in Presbyterian Communities.





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

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

~ Roberta Blanchard and René Severns in memory of Ernest Thomas

WELCOME *New Members*

Jim & Maryellen Bonheimer



Sunrise has been a member of the Hands of Christ's Presbytery-wide project since 2004, which has now grown to over 22 local area congregations. In keeping with the Presbyterian Reformed tradition, we believe that education is the key to the success of individuals and communities. The program seeks to assist children in economic need as they begin the new school year with some of the necessary tools for success, regardless of their faith background. Last year was our 20th distribution season, having served 1,944 children, totaling 65,342 children since 2003. Stay tuned for more information on requested items to support the back to school initiative.

Save the Dates ~ 2024 Distribution Schedule

Fri. Aug 2 Zion-Olivet 3347 Rivers Ave, North Charleston 4:00-6:00 PM

Sat. Aug 3 Zion-Olivet 3347 Rivers Ave, North Charleston 10:00AM-12 noon

Sat. Aug 3 Second Presbyterian, 342 Meeting St, Downtown Charleston 10:00 AM -1:00 PM

Sat. Aug 3 Hebron Zion, 2915 Bohicket Rd, Johns Island, 10:00AM-12 noon

Mon. Aug 5 Yeamans Park, 5931 Murray Dr, Hanahan, 3:30-5:30 PM

Fri. Aug 9 Westminster, 1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd, West Ashley, 4:00-6:00 PM

Sat. Aug 10 Westminster, 1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd, West Ashley 10:00AM-12 noon

Sat. Aug 10 St. James Presbyterian, 1314 Secessionville Rd, James Island, 10:00AM-1:00PM

June at Sunrise

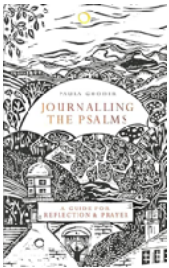
Growing FAITH

Growing Faith is taking June and July off for the summer. Have a great 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 is taking a summer break and will resume September 10th with a new study. 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 June 18th at 5:30 pm 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.

JUNE

birthdays

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| 1 Al Dawson | 19 Lindsey Bennett |
| 2 Susan Dickinson | 20 Jay Holliday |
| 3 Theresa Hipps | 20 Bettie Norton |
| 5 Jayne Nendorf | 21 Piper Johnson |
| 6 Barbara Smith | 21 Carolyn Goforth |
| 7 Leesa Phipps | 22 Kip Nettles |
| 7 Connor Kern | 25 Patrick McDavid |
| 10 Connor McKee | 25 JB Belicka |
| 13 Sharon Rogers | 26 Bill Major |
| 13 Joseph Jones | 26 Ann Reaser |
| 13 Ameline Stewart | 28 Pam Kane |
| 14 Mary Hill | 28 Amy Jackson |
| 16 Lauren Neese | 28 Lin Schaffer |
| 16 Piper Barnhart | 28 Lauren Milly |
| 18 June Dawson | 29 Stephanie Heckart |
| 18 Dylan Wermuth | |
| 18 Carter Wermuth | |

June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
8:45am - Choir Practice	1:30pm - Music Lessons	7:30am - Men's Breakfast	10am - AA Meeting	5pm - Wedding Rehearsal	11am - Bridge - Fellowship	
9am - Adult Sunday School	5:30pm - Agape Do Karate			5:30pm - Agape Do Karate	5pm - Wedding ~ Sanctuary	
9am - Fellowship (Fellowship						
10am - Family Service						
10am - Worship Service						
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Communion	Outer Banks	Outer Banks	10am - AA Meeting 11am - Bridge (Fellowship	5:30pm - Agape Do Karate	11am - Bridge - Fellowship	
8:45am - Choir Practice	1:30pm - Music Lessons	7:30am - Men's Breakfast				
9am - Adult Sunday School	5:30pm - Agape Do Karate					
9am - Fellowship (Fellowship						
9am - New Member Class						
10am - Family Service						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Certs-Ability	Outer Banks	Polling Station	10am - AA Meeting	5:30pm - Agape Do Karate	11am - Bridge - Fellowship	
8:45am - Choir Practice	1:30pm - Music Lessons	7:30am - Men's Breakfast				
9am - Adult Sunday School	5:30pm - Agape Do Karate					
9am - Fellowship (Fellowship						
10am - Family Service						
10am - Worship Service						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8:45am - Choir Practice	1:30pm - Music Lessons	7:30am - Men's Breakfast	10am - AA Meeting	5:30pm - Agape Do Karate	11am - Bridge - Fellowship	
9am - Adult Sunday School	5:30pm - Agape Do Karate	5:30pm - Women's Evening				
9am - Fellowship (Fellowship						
10am - Family Service						
10am - Worship Service						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Church Office Hours:
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday

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