

SUNRISE CHURCH | JUNE 2025

# The Beacon

## Let God Be Your Light

"He is like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth."

-2 Samuel 23:3-4

*Summer Plans*

Summer brings new schedules and routines. There are summer trips, cookouts, and long evenings. The change of schedules provides both challenges and opportunities. Around Sunrise, it is a time for projects and planning.

You may have noticed a number of projects underway:

- The library's carpet is being replaced by "hardwood" flooring like in the classrooms. Volunteers are installing it. The bookshelves are being painted to coordinate with the wall color: thank you Charlotte and Collin Webster.
- The ramp railing by the Fellowship Hall is being rebuilt by volunteers.
- A "taller" toilet and grab rails are being installed in the Women's Restroom by volunteers.
- Gutter upgrades are being installed around the Fellowship Hall.
- The HVAC in the Fellowship Hall has been installed. Mini-splits will be installed in the library and Middle School Youth Rooms.

Plans for this summer and fall:

- On Sunday July 20 the Choral Ensemble (*New Song*) from Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA will be in worship. You may remember them from an earlier visit with us. We will have a Cover Dish Lunch after worship.
- Please note the dates for *Hands of Christ* volunteering. We will be promoting this opportunity for hands-on mission outreach.
- Moving into the fall, we will be identifying other ways to show the love of Christ to neighbors, near and far.
- Please note the Stephen Ministry training that will begin this summer. It is such an important congregational ministry, and we have an amazing new Stephen Ministry Leader.
- Sundays for family worship continue through the summer:

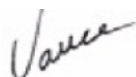
First Sundays are *Family Sundays* in the sanctuary

Second Sundays: Either Neila Cary or Michelle Page will be leading the Family Service

Third Sundays: Breezy and the Middle School Youth lead the Family Service

Fourth Sundays: Either Neila Cary or Michelle Page will be leading the Family Service

In God's grace,



# Hands of Christ Distribution Schedule

Sunrise has been a member of the Hands of Christ's Presbytery-wide project since 2004. 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. Since 2003, Hands of Christ have served over 69,000 individuals by providing clothing and school supplies just prior to the start of the school year.

Sat Jul 26 Aimwell 8925 Charleston Hwy, Colleton County, 10AM-12PM

Sat Jul 26 Second Presbyterian, 342 Meeting St, 10AM-1PM

Wed Jul 30 Edisto 1890 Cypress Bottom Rd, Edisto Island, 4-6 PM

Fri Aug 1 Zion-Olivet 3347 Rivers Ave, North Charleston, 4-6 PM

Sat Aug 2 Zion-Olivet 3347 Rivers Ave, North Charleston, 9:30Am-12:30 PM

Sat Aug 2 Hebron Zion, 2915 Bohicket Rd, Johns Island, 10AM-12PM

Sun Aug 3 Summerville Presbyterian, 407 S. Laurel St, 3:30-5:00 PM

Mon Aug 4 Yeamans Park , 5931 Murray Dr, Hanahan, 4-6 PM

Fri Aug 8 Westminster, 1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd, West Ashley, 4-6 PM

Sat Aug 9 Westminster, 1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd, West Ashley 10AM-12PM

Sat Aug 9 St. James Presbyterian, 1314 Secessionville Rd, James Island, 10AM-1PM



## Pentecost Offering - June 8

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of children, youth, and young adults.



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

- In loving memory of Linda McCrary Hawkins given by Gary Hawkins
- In memory of Peggy Wolford given by Betty Jane Dillon



# Sunrise Columbarium & Memorial Garden

The columbarium garden has been dedicated and two inurnment services have already been held. Preplanning for your final resting place can help give you peace of mind knowing that your wishes will be fulfilled, and that it will be less stressful and easier for your family at the time of need. If you are interested in purchasing a niche or memorial plaque, information is available on the church website at [www.oursunrise.org](http://www.oursunrise.org), at the church office or by contacting Ida Havelka, Columbarium Committee Chair, at [ihavelka@comcast.net](mailto:ihavelka@comcast.net) or 843-412-1884.

The contributions of those who have donated their time and talent and to those who have donated to the Columbarium Fund to furnish the columbarium garden and to provide for its care are greatly appreciated.

Anonymous Donor  
Daphne & Ralph Byers  
Marilyn & Robert Curtis  
Barbara & Dickey Dingle  
Faith & James Frink  
Sheila & Lamar Graves  
Ida & Bob Havelka

Stephanie & Stephen Heckart  
Mary Anne Lake  
Julie Milly  
Kathy & Mark Plecity  
Dan Severn  
Michele Smith

Memorial gifts and donations may be made to the Columbarium Fund for the perpetual care of the columbarium and garden. Contributions given *in memory of* or *in honor of* someone will be included in the Beacon.



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## Stephen Ministry

Sunrise is excited to be restarting its Stephen Ministry, an empathetic Christian ministry for those with a profoundly heavy heart. It is more than grief support for someone in crisis. Stephen Ministers provide a one to one listening presence, on average 1 hour a week, to sit with someone as they journey through a difficult life event that creates profound stress for that individual. Events can include a serious or terminal illness, both personally or of a family member, a significant trauma, the loss of a job, or the loss of a loved one.

We anticipate offering training for new Stephen Ministers this summer. If you have questions regarding the Stephen Ministry, please contact Michele Smith at [MIsmith755@gmail.com](mailto:MIsmith755@gmail.com). If you feel you may need a Stephen Minister, please contact Vance.

# June at Sunrise

**Growing Faith's** next meeting will be on June 29th at 9 am in the youth group room. Any older elementary & middle school students (4th - 8th grade) are invited to join us!

**The Adult Sunday School** class will continue with its Bible study that connects the many familiar stories and people of the Bible. The class meets weekly in the church library at 9:00 a.m. There is a video conference option via google meet. ~ Vance

**High School Youth Group** (9th-12th grade) meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the church library. Our evening includes a meet & greet, devotional time, dinner and fun activities such as a beach bonfire, a night at the fair, community service projects and many other fun activities. Come join us and feel free to bring a friend...or two. If there are any questions, please contact Victor Apat at [vapat6604@gmail.com](mailto:vapat6604@gmail.com) or 843-442-1177.

**Middle School Youth Group** (6th-8th grade) meets Sundays at 10:30 am and will also meet June 8th and 22nd from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at Sunrise Church. This month's meetings will include dinner, games, and a group devotional. If you have any questions, please reach out to Breezy at [breezy@oursunrise.org](mailto:breezy@oursunrise.org) or (843) 860-9581.

**The Women's Morning Bible Study** is on summer break and will resume in September. Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you in the Fall!

**The Women's Evening Bible Study** will continue their study June 17th 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 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy great food, fellowship, and a devotion.

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 8:45am - Choir Practice 9am - Adult Sunday School 9am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 10am - Worship Service 10:40am - Middle School Youth	2 2:45pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate	3 7:30am - Men's Breakfast 7pm - High School Youth Group	4 10am - AA Meeting	5 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate	6 10:30am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall	7
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# June Birthdays

1 Al Dawson  
2 Susan Dickinson  
3 Theresa Hipps  
5 Jayne Nendorf  
6 Barbara Smith  
7 Leesa Phipps  
7 Connor Kern  
8 Victoria Frink  
10 Connor McKee  
13 Sharon Rogers  
13 Joseph Jones  
13 Anna Lee Lynch  
13 Ameline Stewart  
14 Mary Hill  
16 Lauren Neese  
16 Piper Barnhart  
18 June Dawson

18 Dylan Wermuth  
18 Carter Wermuth  
18 Dan Severns  
19 Lindsey Bennett  
20 Jay Holliday  
20 Bettie Norton  
21 Piper Johnson  
21 Carolyn Goforth  
22 Kip Nettles  
25 Patrick McDavid  
25 JB Belicka  
26 Bill Major  
26 Ann Reaser  
28 Pam Kane  
28 Amy Jackson  
28 Lin Schaffer  
28 Lauren Milly  
29 Stephanie Heckart

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8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
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