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Sunrise Presbyterian Church

September 2024 Newsletter

# Surrise Columburium and Memorial Garden

Join us for Columbarium Open Houses immediately after worship each Sunday in September









See pages 2 and 4 for more details

There is so much exciting news around Sunrise. This month *The Beacon* is brimming with activities and events! We are blessed with a large number of families with children and young people. The Family Service has grown to be a strong ministry at Sunrise. We now have eleven Middle School youth and are launching a Middle School Youth Program with a new leader! Our Senior High youth are beginning a new chapter under the inspirational leadership of Vic Apat.

Here are the schedules for our two youth programs:

#### Middle School Youth Schedule

(*Grades* 6-8)

#### **Sunday Mornings**

On Growing Faith Sundays (Ordinarily, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Growing Faith [led by Reece]	<b>Upstairs Classroom</b>
10:00 a.m. − 10:30 a.m.	Helping to Lead Family Service	Family Chapel
10:30 a.m. − 11:00 a.m.	Middle School Youth Time	Family Chapel

### **Sunday Mornings** ~ **All Other Sunday Mornings**

10:00 a.m. − 10:40 a.m.	Worship (sit together with Breezy ~	Sanctuary

opportunities to participate)

10:40 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. *Middle School Youth Time* Family Chapel

## **Twice Monthly Meetings** ~ Ordinarily, Sunday Evenings

5:30  p.m. - 7:00  p.m.	Youth Group with Dinner	Fellowship Hall
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Youth and Parents will select the Sunday evenings

(For September: 9/15 & 9/29)

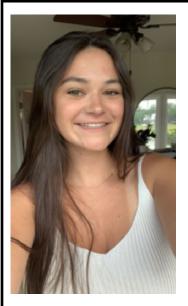
## Senior High Youth

(Grades 9-12)

First meeting this fall will be Tuesday, September 10 ~ 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be dinner, a devotion, and planning for future fall activities that will take the Senior Highs on some amazing adventures! You may contact Vic Apat for more information by texting him at: (843) 442-1177.

As we move into the fall, we will be celebrating all of the exciting new programs and activities at Sunrise. There truly is something for everyone at Sunrise!

In God's grace,



My name is Breezy and I am so excited to be reaching out to you as the new Sunrise Presbyterian Youth Leader! A little about me:

I am a Christian who is passionate about my walk with the Lord. I was born and raised in Charleston, SC. I grew up on John's Island on a Christmas tree

farm (only thing we were missing was snow)! I am an animal mom of two rescue cats named Cav and Hammy. In my free time, I love to take pictures of my friends and family as well as playing my favorite songs on the ukulele. I am very passionate about mentoring the youth in their decision to not only follow Jesus but to accept Him into their hearts. I am very excited to meet all of you in the upcoming weeks!



Let's kick off our Sunday Evening Middle School Meetings.

Join us

9/15/24 5:30-7:00pm 9/29/24 5:30-7:00pm for devotionals, dinners and games!!

Both events will be held at Sunrise Presbyterian Church 3222 Middle Street

hope to see you all there! Please feel free to reach out at anytime by email: breezy@oursunrise.org or by phone: (843)860-9581



# September 29th

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to embrace God's reconciling messsage as active peacemakers. Giving envelopes will be available in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for giving generously.



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

- RøberTa Blanchard and René Severns in memøry of Dick Blanchard and Bill Dawson
- ~ Roberta Blanchard and René Severns in memory of Tim Kane

# Announcing the Surrise Columbarium and Memorial Garden!

The Columbarium Committee was pleased to announce the plans for the Columbarium and Memorial Garden during worship on August 25. You are invited to attend the first Columbarium Open House immediately following worship on September 1 in the Fellowship Hall. The open house will be an opportunity to learn more about the columbarium and garden, and how to purchase a niche or memorial plaque.

There will be another open house immediately after worship on September 8 in the fellowship hall. Applications and payments will be accepted beginning that day. Additional open houses will be held each Sunday in September.

Plan now to attend worship and the open house on the September 1 to see and hear more about this significant addition to our church life. You may also support the Columbarium and Memorial Garden by donating to the Columbarium Fund. Contact Ida Havelka, Columbarium Committee Chair, at ihavelka@comcast.net or at 843-412-1884 for more information. Click on the link below to view the plan for the columbarium and garden.

## https://youtu.be/vEIk93DWSQM?feature=shared

Dear Congregation and Families,

The location of Sunrise Presbyterian Church, between the marsh and the ocean, is one of our greatest assets. We have continually tried to use it for the benefit of others that they may share the serenity, beauty and peace with which God has blessed this place. This year we are initiating a new effort to do that in a more tangible way. We are constructing a memorial garden including columbarium walls with niches to inurn the cremated remains of loved ones. We see this as an extension of our ministry to our congregation and families who have a relationship with their church life here, a reverence for the beauty of this place and who are looking for a sacred resting place of reflection and remembrance for themselves and their loved ones.

In addition to incorporating deceased loved ones into our prayer life and onto our cherished landscape overlooking the marsh, we are offering you the opportunity to support the Columbarium and Memorial Garden through the purchase of niches and memorial plaques. We invite you to attend the Columbarium Open Houses immediately after worship each Sunday in September. Learn about the columbarium garden as a way of dealing with decisions we all must make about our final resting place and to let us serve you in that regard. Donations may also be made to the Columbarium Fund.

Most sincerely, Your Session



With fall fast approaching, this is a great time to get involved and join a new group at Sunrise. If you love to sing, the choir may be the perfect group for you! Rehearsals are Sunday mornings and beginning September 5th also Thursday evenings from 6:00 - 7:15 pm. Please reach out to Matthew at <a href="matth:mthwprkr5617@icloud.com">mthwprkr5617@icloud.com</a> if you'd like more information.

## September at Sunrise

## Growing FAITH

**Growing Faith's** next meeting will be on September 15th at 9 am 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. I look forward to taking faith to the next level with your children! ~ Reece

The Adult Sunday School class will continue with its Bible study that connects the many familiar stories and people of the Bible. We tend to read the Bible in small segments and lose the larger picture of God's activity across the generations. Part of the study will be appreciating the literature and historical context of the Biblical story from Genesis through Revelation. The class meets weekly in the Church Library at 9:00 a.m. There is a Zoom option. ~ Vance

**Middle School Youth Group** (6th-8th grade) meets Sundays at 10:30 am and will also meet September 15 & 29 from 5:30 - 7 pm at Sunrise Church for a group devotional worship, games, and time hanging out with friends while we provide dinner! If you have any questions, please reach out to Breezy at <a href="mailto:breezy@oursunrise.org">breezy@oursunrise.org</a> (843) 860-9581.

The Women's Morning Bible Study will resume meeting Tuesday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library. The study this year will be an overview of the Bible with an emphasis on how the familiar stories are connected. Too often, we read the scriptures in small segments, missing the larger flow of the biblical story. 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 September 20th 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.



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- 3 Matthew Parker
- 4 Winter & Woods Ziegler
- 5 Ruby Frazier
- 7 Steve Dierdorf
- 8 Daniel Nixon
- 9 Paul Burton
- 10 Anna Borden
- 11 Pam Brooks
- 12 Elaine Schupp
- 15 Lindsay Bell
- 15 Harper Naylor
- 15 Tommy Baker
- 16 Phil Riker

- 16 Jack Ciesar
- 16 Liam Naylor
- 18 Lochlan Dykes
- 22 Mandy Hostetler
- 23 Don Belk
- 23 Reece Humphreys
- 24 Shauna Nelson
- 25 Melissa Henderson
- 26 Natalie Allard
- 27 Mac Heffernan
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Church Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

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