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Sunrise Presbyterian Church

October 2024 Newsletter

## Stewardship Sunday

OCTOBER 27, 2024

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Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. -1 Peter 4:10

Every October, we reflect on what Sunrise means to each of us. It is a season of dedication and rededication. This year as we give thanks, our gratitude is deepened by the realization that we are so incredibly fortunate!

We are reminded of our own history of rebuilding following the devastation of Hurricane Hugo, 35 years ago. Those that lived through the exhausting weeks, months, years of putting home, community, and life back together can feel the bone-tired weariness of our neighbors throughout the southeast. Sunrise has resources to help, and you will have an opportunity to contribute. We will identify a church “on the ground” to help with this distribution.

It is in the face of a disaster that we experience the power, strength, and resilience of community. It is a witness to the best in our humanity. I imagine you have heard stories of first responders risking their lives for others as the floodwaters raged. One image that stands out to me is the account of the rescue of patients from a hospital roof. Doctors, nurses, and hospital staff risked their safety as they literally carried patients on their backs to the rooftop, awaiting helicopter rescues.

It is when community matters the most that we discover how much we depend on one another. Recently, I heard an insightful reflection. As people bemoan the deep sense of isolation so many are feeling, there is a word that forms a significant response, engage! Becoming engaged in something beyond ourselves brings out the best in us and gives us purpose.

#### *October is Stewardship Month*

You will be hearing about the life of Sunrise. What it takes to support our ministry and mission. Each Stewardship Season we are reminded that our commitment to God involves *time* and *talents*, as well as *treasure*. Too often, we think of stewardship in strictly financial terms, that is, what money we donate to the church; however, stewardship involves so much more than our financial commitment. God has entrusted to us our time and talents, as well as financial resources. We are encouraged to share all three in service to the ministry and mission of Sunrise.

#### *The Vibrant Community Life of Sunrise*

There is an energy and enthusiasm around Sunrise. Our family and youth ministries are thriving! The Family Service has grown and seen up to 49 people in attendance one Sunday! The Family Service is inspiring our young people. We have a large, active group of Middle School youth led by our new staff person, Breezy Baxley. Senior High youth are now meeting weekly with longtime member Vic Apat volunteering to coordinate and provide leadership for a growing group of young people. The Men's Prayer Breakfast meets each Tuesday morning at 7:30 a.m. Adult Sunday school is held in the church library. Both the Women's Morning and Evening Bible Studies meet monthly. There will be a Fun Fall Day event for the children in the Fellowship Hall on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Our annual *Live Nativity* with its traditional animals is scheduled for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. This year, Sunrise has so much to celebrate!

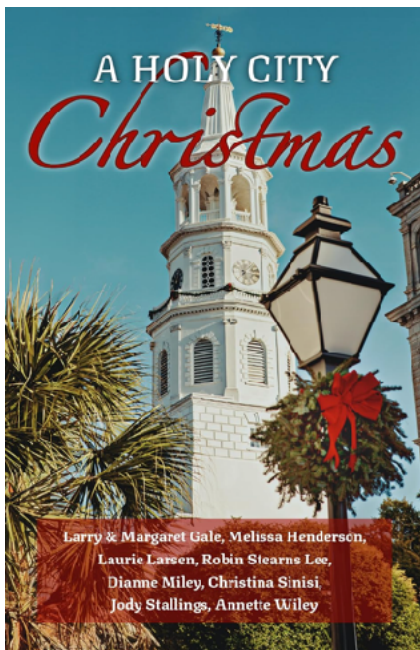
In God's grace,



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*Pics from the Family Service & Middle School Youth Group*



Congratulations to Melissa Henderson & the ACFW (American Christian Fiction Writers) South Carolina Lowcountry Chapter, who has published another anthology. Melissa's story "Sunrise Shells and Christmas Bells" is included in the book where there is special mention of Sunrise Church and Breach Inlet. To get your copy and support the ACFW, visit <https://a.co/d/eWN4iEL>

*New Member Class!*

**A New Member Class** led by Shauna Nelson is scheduled for October 6th, October 27th, and November 4th at 8:15 a.m (choose the day that works best with your schedule). Participants will be introduced to the congregation at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. If you are interested in learning more about Sunrise or interested in joining, please email Hannah in the Church Office ([hello@oursunrise.org](mailto:hello@oursunrise.org)). If you have expressed an interest in a New Member Class in the past couple of years, feel free to check with Hannah to make certain Shauna has your name and contact information.



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

- ~ *RobertTa Blanchard and René Severns in memory of Dick Blanchard and Bill Dawson*
- ~ *RobertTa Blanchard and René Severns in memory of Tim Kane*



**The annual Christmas at Sea project** is a very special way to bring some compassionate relief to lonely and isolated mariners of all faiths at Christmastime. Last year, over 3600 gift wrapped boxes (52 of them were from Sunrise Church) were delivered to the crewmembers visiting Charleston ports during the Christmas season. It is a wonderful time of year for giving and the seafarers appreciate the gifts so much! We'll be announcing shortly a date in October to pickup the amount of boxes you want to fill either in the Narthex or in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors. We will also have an available list of suggested items to fill each box with. To return packed and wrapped boxes, you may drop them off in the return bin (please be sure to attach the provided label indicating if the gift is for a male/female). Thank you!



## *ECCO Grocery Bag Sunday*

Sunrise Church will have grocery bags available in the Narthex beginning on **Sunday, October 6th**. All grocery bags need to be returned to the Narthex or in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors by **Sunday, October 13th**.

The Grocery Bag Sunday program is a cooperative effort between ECCO and local churches. Each participating church is provided with empty grocery bags with an attached "wish list" of items that are critically low on the ECCO food bank shelves. These donations are critical to helping to maintain a steady flow of food. ECCO would like to thank all the churches in our area who participate in this program. Thank you!

# October at Sunrise



**Growing Faith's** next meeting will be on October 20th at 9 am in the upstairs classroom. Any older elementary & middle school students (4th - 8th grade) are invited to join us! ~ Reece

**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 Zoom option. ~ 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 bonfires, 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, feel free to 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 10:40 am and will also meet October 13 & 27 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 [breezy@oursunrise.org](mailto:breezy@oursunrise.org) (843) 860-9581.

**The Women's Morning Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, October 8th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library. 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 October 15th 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.

**MEN'S  
BREAKFAST**  
*Sunrise Church*

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.

# Sunrise Columbarium and Memorial Garden

Selecting your final resting place is a lifetime decision. If you have made your decision, thinking about it, or want to begin learning about it, the members of the Columbarium Committee, the Session and those who have purchased niches are available to listen and provide supportive assistance. Each Sunday in October, there will be greeters in the fellowship hall after worship who are available to talk with you about the columbarium garden and provide any information you may need to purchase niches and memorial plaques.

The goal is to raise \$150,000 needed to sign contracts to begin construction of the garden and the columbarium. Many thanks to everyone who has purchased niches and plaques, and made donations to the Columbarium Fund. Approximately half of the funds have been received. In order to help make the purchase of niches more financially feasible for all members and their families, and to help raise the balance of the funds, the Columbarium Committee is offering a Pre-Construction Purchase Agreement. An application may be made with a deposit of at least \$2000 of the purchase price for each niche, and the balance paid within six months of the application being accepted.

More information is on the church website at [www.oursunrise.org](http://www.oursunrise.org) under Resources. The church office also has pamphlets and Information Packets with all the information you need to make a purchase. 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](mailto:ihavelka@comcast.net) or at 843-412-1884 for additional information.

Click on the link below to view the plan for the columbarium and garden:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vElk93DWSQM>



Sunrise Church

FALL FUN DAY

JOIN US FOR GAMES, TREATS, A CRAFT, & MORE  
MAKE SURE TO WEAR YOUR COSTUME

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

AFTER THE FAMILY SERVICE



# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>29</p> <p>8:15am - New Member Class</p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship)</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>2:45pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singers</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>7pm - High School Youth</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:15pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30am - Bridge -</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Communion</p> <p>8:15am - New Member Class</p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship)</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>2:45pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singers</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>10am - Women's Morning</p> <p>7pm - High School Youth</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:15pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30am - Bridge -</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Cents-Ability</p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship)</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:40am - Middle School</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Columbus Day</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>2:45pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singers</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>5:30pm - Women's Evening</p> <p>7pm - High School Youth</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6pm - Battery Gadsden</p> <p>6:15pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30am - Bridge -</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship)</p> <p>9am - Growing Faith - Family</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:30am - Middle School</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>2:45pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singers</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>7pm - High School Youth</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:15pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:30am - Bridge -</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1pm - Wedding</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8:15am - New Member Class</p> <p>8:45am - Choir Practice</p> <p>9am - Adult Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Fellowship (Fellowship)</p> <p>10am - Family Service</p> <p>10am - Worship Service</p> <p>10:40am - Middle School</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>2:45pm - Music Lessons</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:45pm - Seaside Singers</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:30am - Men's Breakfast</p> <p>7pm - High School Youth</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10am - AA Meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9am - Veritas</p> <p>5:30pm - Agape Do Karate</p> <p>6:15pm - Choir Practice</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:30am - Bridge -</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6am - Lowwelo (parking lot)</p>

The graphic features the word "October" in a large, orange, cursive font with a small branch of leaves and berries on the top left of the letter 'O'. Below it, the word "birthdays" is written in a smaller, gold, serif font.

# October birthdays

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>1. Brennan McDavid</b>     | <b>21 Nancy Butler</b>         |
| <b>2 Lynn Riker</b>           | <b>21 Patsy Hindman</b>        |
| <b>4 Ted McKnight</b>         | <b>22 Martine Hiers</b>        |
| <b>4 Brian Catalana</b>       | <b>22 Hallie Smith</b>         |
| <b>5 Peggy Denby</b>          | <b>23 Mac Neese</b>            |
| <b>8 Judy DiSalvo</b>         | <b>25 Donna Draughn</b>        |
| <b>8 Jenny Harper</b>         | <b>27 Tommy Bulwinkle</b>      |
| <b>9 Carol Ann Liner</b>      | <b>28 Mary Ann Heidenreich</b> |
| <b>11 Matthew Bell</b>        | <b>28 Jane McDavid</b>         |
| <b>12 Henry Fehon</b>         | <b>28 Samuel Kitchin</b>       |
| <b>14 Jimmy Hiers</b>         | <b>28 Tom Schmidt</b>          |
| <b>14 Sherry Eppelsheimer</b> | <b>28 Nina Bell</b>            |
| <b>15 Bobbie Miller</b>       | <b>29 Kate Wilson</b>          |
| <b>15 Tanya Parker</b>        | <b>29 Susannah Hipps</b>       |
| <b>17 Barbara Smith</b>       | <b>31 Marla Lockhart</b>       |
| <b>18 Connie Drew</b>         | <b>31 Olivia Hauff</b>         |
| <b>18 Annabelle Rosen</b>     |                                |



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