

THE BEACON

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

November 2024 Newsletter



Highlights
from the Fall
Fun Day



There is a Called Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 10, immediately after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The Elder Nominating Committee has completed its work and recommends the following ballot:

Finance Elder Cal McRae, our Treasurer, has volunteered to be elected for a 3-year term.

Welcome and Assimilation Elder Jim Bonheimer is a newer member of Sunrise and is excited to serve as an Elder. He was recommended by someone that saw how proactive Jim is in greeting and welcoming people

Personnel Elder Mark Plecity has deep roots at Sunrise. His grandmother, Betty Plecity, was a longtime member.

Pastoral Care has a special opportunity. We have two people interested in teaming up to cover the wide variety of service provided through our pastoral care ministry. Since Sunrise has 12 adult Elder positions available and also the Elder for Youth, the Session is recommending that both people serve in the role of Pastoral Care Elders. By the way, the teaming up Elders has been done before at Sunrise.

Pastoral Care Elder Michele Smith has a nursing degree as well as a law degree. She is pleased that her life is now allowing her this opportunity to serve.
(*Stephen Ministry Leader and Trainer*)

Congregational Care Elder Helen Panitt sings in the choir and feels called to visit members of the congregation and coordinate others in a ministry of visitation for members that may have difficulty coming to church. She is also interested in revitalizing our notecard ministry, as well as coordinating volunteers for receptions following a memorial service (bereavement).

Clerk of Session Ray Dickinson has agreed to continuing serving for two years as Clerk.

All Saints' Sunday

The beginning days of November are a time of sacred commemoration. November 1st is known as "All Saints' Day." In some Christian churches, November 2nd is recognized as "All Souls' Day." The two traditions stretch back to the early centuries of the church. By the 400's Christian martyrs and saints were remembered on different special days throughout the church. The saints were remembered on the first of November, "All Saints' Day," which appears to have originated in Great Britain, where the first of November was a Celtic day of remembrance for the dead. "All Souls' Day" was then designated for all Christians who died in the faith.

In a nutshell, that is the tradition around All Saints' Day. It is a sacred time of remembrance. At Sunrise, we celebrate this sacred time on the first Sunday in November. Some years it falls on November 1st, but the date in November is less important for us than gathering in the sanctuary to remember those friends and family members that have "Entered the Church Triumphant" in the last year. Our remembrance includes prayers, scripture, hymns, communion, and the tolling of the bell. We will commemorate "All Saints' Sunday" this year on November 3rd.

In God's grace,



Sunrise Church Welcomes Our New Members:

- Jenn Terry (daughters Lilla & Reagan)
- Jake Cannon
- Courtney Crooks (husband Dustin and daughter Avery)
- Patrick & Nicole Smith



**NOVEMBER
MIDDLE SCHOOL
MEETUPS**

FAIR NIGHT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

5:30-7:30PM

Admission for all middle schoolers is covered! Because we will not be at the church, food and drink will not be provided this night however they are more than welcome to bring money with them to buy such things.

From Charleston heading west on I-26:
Merge onto US-78 West via EXIT 205A
End at Exchange Park, 9850 Highway 78

CHURCH NIGHT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

5:30PM-7:30PM

Normal middle school fun night, dinner, devotional and games included!
3222 Middle Street



ECCO Grocery Bag Sunday

Thank you for participating in ECCO Grocery Bag Sunday. Your donations totaled to 346 pounds.



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

~ *Roberta Blanchard and René Severns in memory of Tim Kane*

November 10th

Thornwell Offering

Thornwell's foster care program, residential program, and family & educational support programs offer homes that are safe and loving, hope for a brighter future, and wholeness & healing. Thornwell serves children and families throughout Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

Sunrise Columbarium and Memorial Garden

Sunday, November 3, is All Saints' Day. This is a special day to remember those who have gone before us. The Columbarium and Memorial Garden will be our special place of remembrance. Not only will it be the final resting place for those who chose cremation, but also a beautiful serene garden for all of us to sit and pray and remember our loved ones.

On November 3 you are invited to the Columbarium Open House after worship in the fellowship hall. This is an opportunity to learn more about the columbarium garden and how to purchase niches and memorial plaques.

Thanksgiving is approaching. It is a time when many of us gather together with our families. Selecting your final resting place is a family decision. Perhaps this is an opportunity to have a conversation about the columbarium garden. Both you and your family members are eligible to make purchases. Some families are purchasing a "family of niches" similar to purchasing a family plot. If you have made your decision, thinking about it, or want to begin learning about it, members of the Columbarium Committee are available to listen to your family's needs and provide supportive assistance.

A pre-construction opportunity is available including special pricing and a Pre-Construction Agreement. You may purchase a niche with a deposit of \$2000 and pay the balance within six months.

The columbarium is being ordered, and we are moving toward the Construction Phase. Just over half of the \$150,000 to build the columbarium garden has been received. If you are planning to purchase a niche or memorial plaque, and you are able, making your purchase now will help raise the needed funds. Even if you are not making a purchase, please consider making a donation to the Columbarium Fund. We need your support to reach our goal.

More information is on the church website at www.oursunrise.org under Resources. The church office also has pamphlets and Information Packets with all the information you need to make a purchase. Contact Ida Havelka, Columbarium Committee Chair, at 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=vEIk93DWSQM>

November at Sunrise



Growing Faith's next meeting will be on November 17th 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 or 843-442-1177.

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) meets Sundays at 10:30 am and will also meet November 3rd at the Fair and November 10th from 5:30 - 7:30 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 (843) 860-9581.

The **Women's Morning Bible Study** will meet Tuesday, November 12th 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 November 19th 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.

All Saints Sunday

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November 3rd

Family Service & Traditional Service at
10:00 am

- ❖ Traditional tolling of the bell
- ❖ Recognition of those who entered *The Church Triumphant*

Remembrance Garden's Fall Planting

Sunrise is preparing for the Remembrance Garden's fall planting and would appreciate donations to make this possible. If you would like to make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please fill out a dedication form in the Narthex.



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Angel Tree

The 2024 Angel Tree for East Cooper Meals on Wheels will be up and decorated in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, November 17th**. In order for Meals on Wheels to arrange the distribution of the gifts, they must be returned to the church by **Sunday, December 1st (if you can get them to the church)**. The tag on the back of the angel indicates gifts to choose from. To help ensure the gifts are distributed to the appropriate recipients, each gift should be placed in a gift bag with the "angel" tag attached to the bag. We are also collecting 2025 calendars so feel free to leave them under the Angel Tree. Thank you so much for your continued support of Meals on Wheels by remembering the 300+ Meals on Wheels recipients.

Congregational Meeting Called for Sunday, November 10

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 10, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. The purpose of the Congregational Meeting is to elect new Elders to the Class of 2027.

The Elder Nominating Committee places in nomination:

- Cal McRae to serve as Finance Elder
- Mark Plecity to serve as Personnel Elder
- Jim Bonheimer to serve as Welcome and Assimilation Elder
- Michele Smith to serve as Pastoral Care Elder
- Helen Panitt to serve as Congregational Care Elder

Christmas at Sea

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 (60 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! Please pick up 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). Please bring all filled and wrapped boxes back to the church by **November 10th**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



what to pack

- * A note of encouragement or Christmas card
- * A deck of playing cards
- * 2 bars of unscented soap
- * A pack of disposable razors (4 or more)
- * 10 oz can shaving cream
- * A 3 oz stick of deodorant
- * A 6 oz tube of toothpaste & toothbrush
- * One tube chapstick
- * A small surprise such as yo-yo, mini puzzle, jacks & ball set
- * 1 bottle hair shampoo

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
8:15am - New Member Class 8:45am - Choir Practice 9am - Adult Sunday School 9am - Fellowship (Fellowship) 10am - Family Service 10am - Worship Service	9am - Veritas 2:45pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6:45pm - Seaside Singers	7:30am - Men's Breakfast 7pm - High School Youth	10am - AA Meeting	9am - Veritas 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6:15pm - Choir Practice	10:30am - Bridge -	6am - Lowvelo (parking lot)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Communion 8:45am - Choir Practice 9am - Adult Sunday School 9am - Fellowship (Fellowship) 10am - Family Service 10am - Worship Service 10:40am - Middle School	9am - Veritas 2:45pm - Music Lessons 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6:45pm - Seaside Singers	Polling Station 7pm - High School Youth	10am - AA Meeting	9am - Veritas 5:30pm - Agape Do Karate 6:15pm - Choir Practice	10:30am - Bridge -	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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November

1 Kaye Marsh

3 Mary Alice Day

3 Trae Borden

4 Dick Glave

4 Ethel Swartz

5 Nita Casey

5 Jim Bonheimer

6 Bobbi Conner

6 David Brown

8 Pat Bigelow

9 Helen Dierdorf

9 Rodger Tully

9 Brooke Rowland

10 Ron Connelly

11 Betty McClary

12 Wesley Neese

12 Maddie Hassold

15 Briggs Murray

17 Nancy Waller

17 Jenn Terry

17 Hart Hiers

18 Dan Feerst

18 Daniel Casey

18 Graham Parker

19 Judy Fairchild

20 Ron Denton

20 Ted Fairchild

21 Vickie Baker

22 Hayden Clarke

23 Victor Smith

23 Willow Frazier

25 John Shoemaker

25 Kathy Plecity

29 Kate Fairchild

30 Kelly Long

30 Noah Barnhart

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