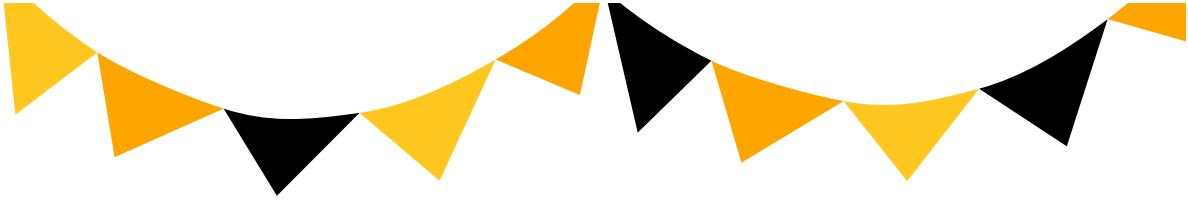


# The Beacon

*Sunrise Presbyterian Church*

*October 2021 Newsletter*



SUNRISE CHURCH PRESENTS

## TRUNK OR TREAT

TO HOST A TRUNK, EMAIL  
SUNRISEPRESBYTERIAN3222@GMAIL.COM

**OCT 30**  
**4PM TO 5PM**

**3222 MIDDLE  
STREET**  
**SULLIVAN'S ISLAND**



*The Long, Delayed Homecoming*

<sup>1</sup>By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. <sup>2</sup>On the willows there we hung up our harps. <sup>3</sup>For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" <sup>4</sup>How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land? (Psalm 137)

When we began planning our *Grand Reopening*, our expectation was for a return to a full Sunday morning schedule immediately after the Labor Day Weekend. Unfortunately, we were unable to return to a FULL Sunday morning schedule that included Fellowship. Sadly, we have had to wait for the return of Sunday morning Fellowship. This waiting is weighing us down. Fellowship is such an important part of the life of Sunrise.

In many congregations, there is a fall tradition known as *homecoming*. In addition to a special worship service, there is always a big fellowship event with lots of food and conversation. It is heartbreaking to think that the last time we were able to gather for a shared meal was way back in early 2020!

The opening verses of Psalm 137, quoted above, speak to an intense longing for a *homecoming*. The people of Israel had been dragged into exile in Babylon. They longed for a happy return to Jerusalem, but had no idea when it might happen. The waiting was maddening for them. You can hear their pain and frustration in the psalm. The fourth verse's question is really a plea: *How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?*

The Bible teaches us that even in the most unlikely of circumstances, God can open new ways of knowing God and one another. For the people of Israel, the Babylonian Exile taught them how to worship God in their homes and local community synagogues. The Temple on Mt. Zion was no longer the primary place for worship.

I am convinced that once we feel safe in returning to Fellowship, there will be a new appreciation for face-to-face conversation over a meal in the Fellowship Hall. What was once a common practice, so easy for us to take for granted, will become a cherished event. *Table Fellowship* has a long tradition in the church. It is about so much more than eating together. Sharing a meal leads to sharing our lives with one another.

Looking into November, it is hoped that we can resume Fellowship with a slightly different emphasis. We are going to *anchor* Sunday mornings with an extended Fellowship. The idea is to make it a *crossroads* for all of our Sunday morning services.

Fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 10:45 a.m. Tables will be setup for those who would like to sit and chat. Food will include a continental breakfast, and on occasion a brunch menu. People have the options of coming from the 9:00 a.m. *Early Service*, arriving before 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, coming down to Fellowship after the *Family Service*, or arriving before the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. There will still be coffee available after the 11:00 a.m. Service.

We are going to give this revised schedule a try to see how it might help us to get to know each other better by creating a *crossroads* between the worship services. This is very much a journey and *work in progress*.

Friends, I hope and pray that very soon we will be physically together both in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.

In God's grace,

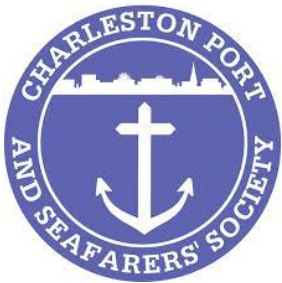


# Opportunities IN October



## Oct 3rd

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to embrace God's reconciling message as active peacemakers. This gift enables the entire church to collaborate in our proclamation of Christ's peace.



**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. In 2021, Sunrise Church packed and delivered 60 Christmas gift boxes to visiting seafarers. It is a wonderful time of year for giving and the seafarers appreciate the gifts so much! This year, no signup is necessary. Beginning **October 17th**, pickup the amount of boxes you want to fill either in the Narthex or in the bin outside the Fellowship Hall doors. 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 no later than **November 14th**. Thank You!

**ECCO FOOD DRIVE**  
**BAGS** WILL BE  
AVAILABLE IN THE  
NARTHEX AND  
OUTSIDE THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL  
DOORS IN THE BIN ON  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER  
24TH AND NEED TO BE  
RETURNED TO THE  
CHURCH SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 31st. PLEASE  
SEE THE LIST OF ITEMS  
REQUESTED TO THE  
RIGHT.



Shelf Stable Milk  
Canned Soup  
Pasta Sauce  
Boxed Pasta  
Cereal & Grits  
Canned Beef Stew  
Condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, salad dressing)  
Baking Items (flour, sugar, oils)  
Bagged Rice  
Personal Hygiene (Shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrush)  
Laundry detergent  
Household cleaning supplies

# SUNRISE PRAYER EMAILS

Sunrise Church sends a meditation and prayer on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday via email and posts on Facebook. If you'd like to receive these during this difficult time of uncertainty we are facing, you may subscribe on our website at <https://www.oursunrise.org/resources/signup/> or by emailing the church office at [sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com](mailto:sunrisepresbyterian3222@gmail.com).

## prayer list

**Recent Prayer Concerns** (Names are listed for a month): Rachel Clark, Reg Simpson, Kelly Long, Carol Crochet (June Dawson's niece), Gail Owen (Lynn Riker's sister), Cory Soal (Ross & Julie Heaton's nephew).

**Continuing Prayer Concerns** (Names are listed for 3 months): Robert Shahid, Lee Sarp, Patrick McDougal, Len & Denice Kowalski and their son Chris (friends of Betty Milner), Mitch Wertz (John & Sue Wertz's son), Linda Scott, Betty Hughes (friend of Shirley Joyner), John Myatt, Bonnie Wells, Madelyn Knight (Kelly Long's mother), Cherry Leslie (Shirley Joyner's friend), Leesa Phipps, Matthew Fullwood, Linda Hawkins, Les Smith (friend of Eric Lavender), Lynne Smith, Mike McCarty (Pat Odom's brother), April Towry (Billie McRae's niece), Chuck Westall, Frank Godfrey, Victoria Jones, Peggy Wolford, Nancy Butler, Kerry Hardy, Betty Imsande, Lou Bovie.

Current 2021 copies of the Upper Room are available in the Narthex and online. If you would like us to mail you a copy, please contact the church office. You may also view an online version of the Upper Room and These Days by using the links below.

<https://www.upperroom.org/standingorderchurches>

<https://www.pcusastore.com/Pages/Default.aspx?ContentID=14604&Title=These-Days>

## Daily Devotionals Available

Give  
Thanks  
With  
A  
Grateful  
Heart



Please continue your financial support of the ministry  
and mission of Sunrise through the following ~

Mailing a check to:  
Sunrise Presbyterian Church  
PO Box 517, Sullivan's Island, SC 29482

Or

Give Securely Online at

<https://www.oursunrise.org/give/>



OCTOBER  
**17**

# SUNSET AT SUNRISE



**Derek  
Deakins**  
(Violin and  
guitar)



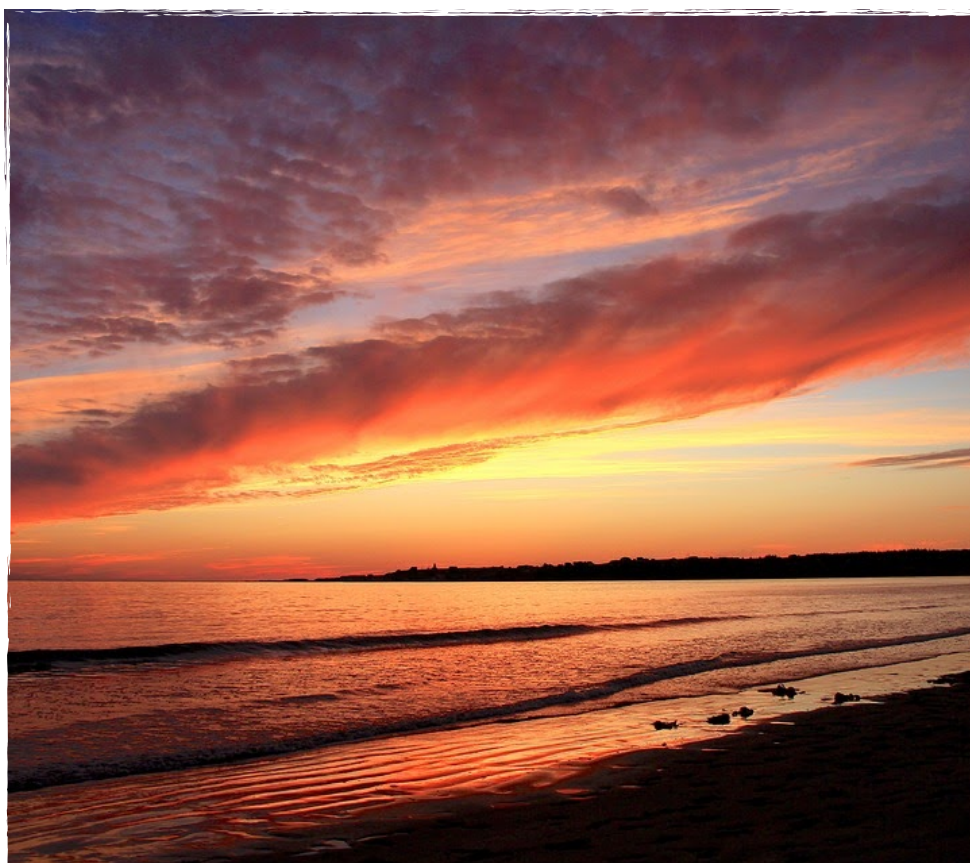
**Lisa  
Deakins**  
(Violin)



**Matthew  
Parker**  
(Piano)



**Robert  
Cavallo**  
(Clarinet)



**Sunday, October 17, 2021**  
**5PM - 6PM | Free Admission**

*Join us for a musical evening featuring classical,  
bluegrass, and jazz.*

**SUNRISE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**3222 MIDDLE STREET, SULLIVAN'S ISLAND**

# Sunrise Church

October 2021

| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday                                  | Saturday  |
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| <b>3</b><br>Communion<br>9:00 am Early Service - Sanctuary<br>10:00 am Choir Practice<br>10:00 am Family Service/Adult Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship Service<br>5:30 pm Youth Group                  | <b>4</b><br>1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs)<br>5:30 pm Agape Do Karate   | <b>5</b><br>7:30 am Men's Breakfast<br>4:15 pm Lisa Dedkins - Fellowship Hall  | <b>6</b><br>Cheer Choreography<br>10:00 am AA Meeting<br>4:00 pm Cheer Group - Fellowship Hall<br>Evenings | <b>7</b><br>5:30 pm Agape Do Karate<br>5:45 pm Choir Practice  | <b>8</b>                                | <b>9</b><br>12:00 pm Lisa Dedkins - Fellowship Hall |
| <b>10</b><br>Cere-A-Bility<br>9:00 am Early Service - Sanctuary<br>10:00 am Choir Practice<br>10:00 am Family Service/Adult Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship Service<br>5:30 pm Youth Group             | <b>11</b><br>Columbus Day<br>Indigenous Peoples' Day<br>1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs)<br>5:30 pm Agape Do Karate | <b>12</b><br>7:30 am Men's Breakfast<br>11:00 am Miriam-Naomi Circle (Library)<br>4:15 pm Lisa Dedkins - Fellowship Hall | <b>13</b><br>10:00 am AA Meeting<br>4:00 pm Cheer Group - Fellowship Hall<br>Evenings                      | <b>14</b><br>5:30 pm Agape Do Karate<br>5:45 pm Choir Practice | <b>15</b><br>Girls on the Run Yard Sale | <b>16</b><br>8:00 am Girls on the Run               |
| <b>17</b><br>9:00 am Early Service - Sanctuary<br>10:00 am Choir Practice<br>10:00 am Family Service/Adult Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship Service<br>5:00 pm Sunset at Sunrise<br>5:30 pm Youth Group | <b>18</b><br>1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs)<br>5:30 pm Agape Do Karate  | <b>19</b><br>7:30 am Men's Breakfast<br>4:15 pm Lisa Dedkins - Fellowship Hall<br>5:30 pm Women's Evening Bible Study    | <b>20</b><br>10:00 am AA Meeting<br>4:00 pm Cheer Group - Fellowship Hall<br>Evenings                      | <b>21</b><br>5:30 pm Agape Do Karate<br>5:45 pm Choir Practice | <b>22</b>                               | <b>23</b><br>10:00 am ACFW                          |
| <b>24</b><br>5:30 pm Youth Group<br>9:00 am Early Service - Sanctuary<br>10:00 am Choir Practice<br>10:00 am Family Service/Adult Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship Service<br>5:30 pm Youth Group       | <b>25</b><br>1:30 pm Music Lessons (Upstairs)<br>5:30 pm Agape Do Karate  | <b>26</b><br>7:30 am Men's Breakfast<br>4:15 pm Lisa Dedkins - Fellowship Hall   | <b>27</b><br>10:00 am AA Meeting<br>4:00 pm Cheer Group - Fellowship Hall<br>Evenings                      | <b>28</b><br>5:30 pm Agape Do Karate<br>5:45 pm Choir Practice | <b>29</b>                               | <b>30</b><br>4:00 pm Trunk or Treat                 |
| <b>31</b><br>Halloween<br>9:00 am Early Service - Sanctuary<br>10:00 am Choir Practice<br>10:00 am Family Service/Adult Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship Service<br>5:30 pm Youth Group                 |   |  |  |  |   |   |



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| 1. Brennan McDavid     | 21 Nancy Butler         |
| 2 Lynn Riker           | 21 Patsy Hindman        |
| 4 Ted McKnight         | 22 Martine Hiers        |
| 4 Brian Catalana       | 22 Michael Barnhart     |
| 5 Peggy Denby          | 22 Hallie Smith         |
| 8 Judy DiSalvo         | 23 Mac Neese            |
| 8 Jenny Harper         | 25 Donna Draughn        |
| 9 Carol Ann Liner      | 27 Tommy Bulwinkle      |
| 11 Matthew Bell        | 28 Mary Ann Heidenreich |
| 12 Henry Fehon         | 28 Jane McDavid         |
| 13 Bev Boucher         | 28 Samuel Kitchin       |
| 14 Jimmy Hiers         | 28 Tom Schmidt          |
| 14 Sherry Eppelsheimer | 28 Nina Bell            |
| 15 Bobbie Miller       | 29 Jean Zecher          |
| 15 Tanya Parker        | 29 Kate Wilson          |
| 17 Barbara Smith       | 29 Susannah Hipps       |
| 18 Connie Drew         | 31 Marla Lockhart       |
| 18 Annabelle Rosen     | 31 Olivia Hauff         |

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