

The Beacon

Sunrise Presbyterian Church

October 2021 Newsletter



SUNRISE CHURCH PRESENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT

TO HOST A TRUNK, EMAIL
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OCT 30
4PM TO 5PM

**3222 MIDDLE
STREET
SULLIVAN'S ISLAND**



The Long, Delayed Homecoming

¹By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. ²On the willows there we hung up our harps. ³For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" ⁴How 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,

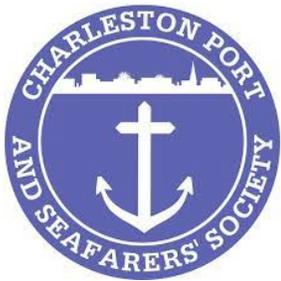


Opportunities IN October



| 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.

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

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

Or

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

OCTOBER
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SUNSET AT SUNRISE



**Derek
Deakins**
(Violin and
guitar)



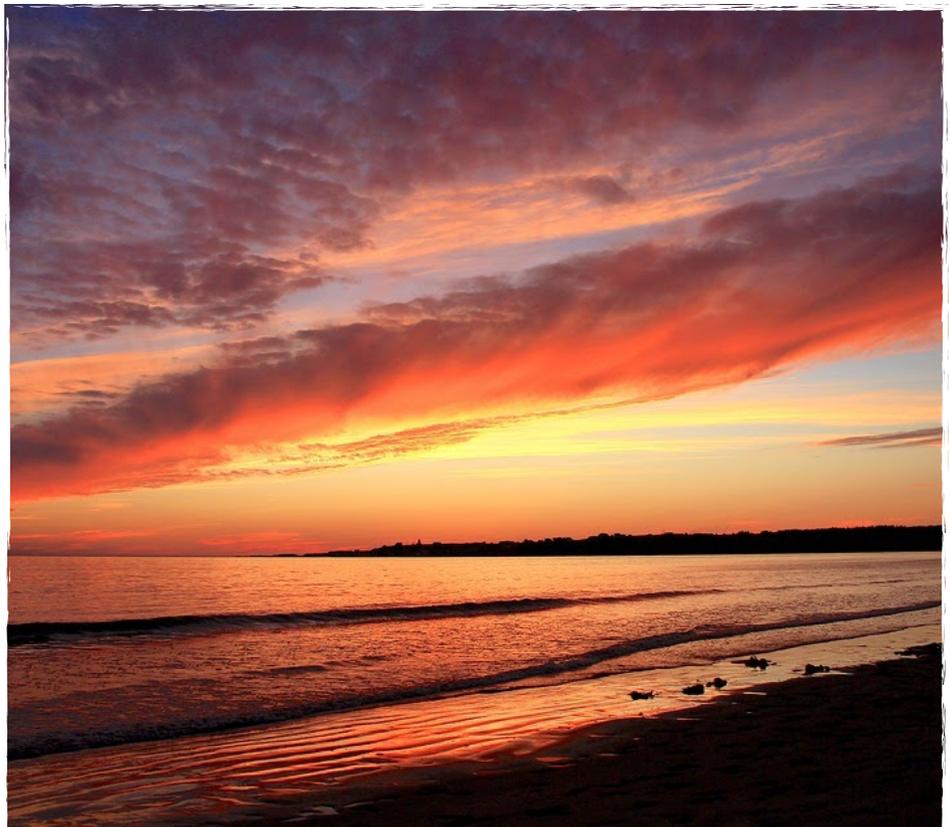
**Lisa
Deakins**
(Violin)



**Matthew
Parker**
(Piano)



**Richard
Cavallo**
(Clarinet)



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

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

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October 2021

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