

SUNRISE CHURCH | SEPTEMBER 2026

The Beacon



JOIN US FOR

Family Night

SONGS, GAMES, DINNER, & BREAKOUT GROUPS

FOR ALL AGES: NURSERY, YOUTH & PARENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 5:00PM - 6:30PM

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord . . . (Jeremiah 31: 31-34b)

There is a special event planned on Sunday, September 13 from 5:00-6:30. It is titled, *Family Night*, but it is intended for all the generations in the congregation. It is designed to include songs and a devotional time, a spaghetti supper, and *breakout* groups for the various age groups. Everyone is invited, especially families with school-age children.

The purpose of this event is to focus on supporting families in the faith development of their children. For the parents, the breakout group will present ideas for family faith development within their households. We will also explore ways of supporting families with church events.

For the children there will be activities and games as part of the *breakout* time. The Middle School Youth will be assisting Breezy and Ava with the children's activities and games.

Here is the design for *Family Night*: 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 13th.

Gathering: Songs and devotion before supper.

Supper organized by Vic Apat with help of the college-age Youth Group.

Menu:

Spaghetti noodle with butter and Parmesan cheese for the kids, plus hotdogs.
Regular spaghetti for the adults with a salad and bread, as well as hotdogs.
Dessert will be ice cream with toppings and cookies.

Breakout groups for the different age groups.

Michele Smith is keeping the Crib Room with infants.

Ava Williams is leading the activities and games for the preschool group.
Breezy and the Middle School Youth are leading the elementary age group.

Maryellen Bonheimer and I are leading a program for the parents and other adults.

The invitation includes anyone interested in attending. The idea is that the nurture of children and young people is a congregational experience. Church members, other than parents, help support the sharing of our faith with the next generations!

The scripture passage from Jeremiah celebrates the sharing of our faith from one generation to the next. It involves a variety of ways for sharing the story of our faith across the generations. As the passage from Jeremiah so beautifully states: when the witness of God's faithfulness is shared, it touches the heart and soul. *No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord . . .*

In God's grace,





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

- In memory of Betty Jane Dillon given by Roberta Blanchard
 - In memory of John Petzold given by Roberta Blanchard
 - In memory of Betty Jane Dillon given by Gary Hawkins
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The Legacy Society

The Legacy Society is a gifting program launching in late September, which will provide an opportunity for individuals to make significant gifts to the church. Please stay tuned for updates in Sunday's weekly bulletin announcements for more information.

Choir Rehearsal Startup

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 9th also Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Please reach out to Matthew at mthwprkr5617@icloud.com if you'd like more information.

Sunrise Columbarium & Memorial Garden



The Columbarium and Memorial Garden is a sacred place for the inurnment of loved ones, as well as a place for prayer, meditation, or to sit and remember your loved ones surrounded by the peace and beauty of the garden and the marsh. Niches may be purchased for yourself as well as your family members.

Memorial plaques may be purchased for those who are inurned or interred elsewhere, but would like to be remembered at Sunrise. If you have plans for your final resting place to be somewhere else, you may purchase a plaque for yourself, and a space will be reserved for your

plaque. The plaques are placed on the Memorial Wall of the columbarium (see photo).

Members and their families are eligible to purchase niches and memorial plaques. Others with a long-standing relationship with Sunrise or its members may be deemed eligible with the approval of the Session. Information is available on the church website at www.oursunrise.org under Resources, at the church office, or by contacting Ralph Byers at 917-273-6173 or at ralphbyers@gmail.com.

Memorial gifts and donations may be made to the Columbarium Fund to support the perpetual care of the columbarium.



Welcome New Sunrise Members

Sunrise would like to welcome its newest members Richie Hille, Harrison Hayes, and Donald Reinhart. Please be sure to give them a warm welcome when you see them!

September at Sunrise

Growing Faith's meets monthly in the Middle School Youth Group room. Any older elementary & middle school students (4th - 8th grade) are invited to join us!

The Adult Sunday School class uses the book *Out of the Depths: The Psalms Speak for us Today* for their current Bible study. This book offers a fresh reading of the Psalms and examines their enduring relevance to today's theological issues. The class meets weekly in the library at 9:00 a.m. There is a video conference option via google meet. ~ Vance

Youth Group (6th-12th grade) meets Sundays at 10:30 am and also twice a month in the evenings from 4:30 - 6:30 pm. This month's evening meet up dates are September 6 & 27 and will include dinner, games, and a group devotional. If you have any questions, please reach out to Breezy at breezy@oursunrise.org or (843) 860-9581.

Our college-age group meets on Thursday evenings at 75 Society Street, Apt 8 in Charleston at 7:00 p.m. for Bible study, a meal, and then finishing the evening with a game like Uno. This youth group is a continuation of our Senior High group from last year under the leadership of Harrison & Ritchie.

The Women's Morning Bible Study will resume Tuesday, September 8th at 10 am in the library. This Bible study connects the many familiar stories and people of the Bible. New members are always welcome.

The Women's Evening Bible Study will meet Tuesday, September 15 at 5:30 pm beginning a new study using the book *The Gospel of John* by Melissa Spoelstra. If you are interested in joining as a new member, this would be a great time. New members are always welcome! ~ Caroline

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 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy great food, fellowship, and a devotion.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 8:45am - Choir Practice 9am - Adult Sunday School 9am - Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) 10am - Family Service 10am - Worship Service 10:40am - Middle School Youth 4pm - Cub Scouts	31 6:45pm - Seaside Singers	1 8am - Men's Breakfast	2 10am - AA Meeting	3 6pm - Lens Fraud/Scam Prevention 7pm - College Youth Group	4 10:30am - Bridge - Fellowship Hall	5
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September Birthdays

1 Rivers LaTorre
2 Marcia Fletcher
3 Matthew Parker
5 Ruby Frazier
7 Steve Dierdorf
8 Daniel Nixon
9 Paul Burton
10 Anna Borden
11 Pam Brooks
12 Elaine Schupp
14 Shirley Joyner
15 Lindsay Bell
15 Harper Naylor
15 Tommy Baker
16 Phil Riker

16 Jack Ciesar
16 Liam Naylor
18 Lochlan Dykes
19 Shelia Graves
23 Don Belk
23 Reece Thomas
24 Shauna Nelson
25 Melissa Henderson
26 Natalie Allard
27 Mac Heffernan
29 Mary Katherine Kern
29 Hannah Kern
30 Viva Herscher
30 Judy Naylor
30 Robert Hipps
30 Shane McDavid

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