

# Sunset Rays

*The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church*

*September 2016*

**Newsletter for: SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESKTOP -**

Have you noticed already that the grass growing has slowed down and the leaves are turning yellow and beginning to drop off the trees? If that is not enough...our children are back to school! Did I hear a sigh of relief?

All these signs tell us that "things" are getting back to normal. That means that our church activities are beginning to get underway. As you read some of our assigned dates in this newsletter and are reminded of immediate activities from our worship bulletin, you will realize that Sunset Drive Church is gearing up to have another fill-packed ministry of activities.

I look forward to organizing a bible study, preparing our Transition Team for meetings and deliberations, working with our 'growing youth group', and planning with our financial committee as we prepare for our Stewardship emphasis in November. Wow, it seems that there is potentially a "lot on our plate" as God guides us into the months ahead. None of these ministries can possibly be fulfilled unless we all join in prayer together. Please begin now to lift up your prayers for our church's ministry each day with regularity. Ask God to continue to visit our church in worship, in our church studies, guiding us in our mission outreach, and undergirding us as we seek to be the fellowship that our Lord wants us to be. I believe with all my heart that prayer will be our strength in all things. Will you join with me in this sacred opportunity? There is much we can do together as we serve the Lord of the Church. Believe it!

*Pastor Tom*

## **Keep current with News & Events**

submitted by Barry Davis

Our church website has been updated with new content and is ready for you to visit. The calendar is up to date, all of the newsletters from this year are available, and our most recent sermons and bulletins are available.

The website provides a great source of information for all the hard work you are doing for the church and our community.

If you have any comments or suggestions about how we can improve our website or our Facebook page, please feel free to contact me at [barry8360@yahoo.com](mailto:barry8360@yahoo.com)

Our website: <http://www.sunsetdriveumc.com>

Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sunsetdriveumc>

## Sympathy

- We extend Christian sympathy and prayers to **Shannon Rellins and Family**. Shannon's mom, Barbara Keever passed away, Saturday, August 13th.

## Upcoming Church Events

- **UMM** be will meeting on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **UMM Community Breakfasts** will resume on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30am to 9am. Meal includes- Turner ham, Bacon, pancakes, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, hot and cold drinks. Donations to be used for United Methodist Men's projects. The breakfast is opened to the Community, so spread the word.
- The "**Out to Lunch Bunch**" will be going to the Spring House in Woodstock on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. We will car pool from the church parking lot at 11 am. If you plan to join us, please contact Kay at 896-7665 so a reservation can be made. We welcome new attendees.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm. New members are welcome.
- **October 2016 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Drive United Methodist Ladies** will meet on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- **Homecoming** will be on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School at 9am and worship service at 10am.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Sunset Ladies Luncheon** will be on Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am.



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The Community Breakfast is the second Saturday of each month from September through May.

## Finance Committee

submitted by Dennis Turner

### DO YOU GIVE ELECTRONICALLY?

If you would like to give electronically:

- Visit our website, [www.SunsetDriveUMC.com](http://www.SunsetDriveUMC.com), click on **Donate** or
- Text "\$xx.00" to 540-642-1459, *or*
- Complete a paper form from the narthex.

No check writing. Use checking, debit card or credit card. Same process as buying online. Set it and forget it! Set up recurring donation on same date you get paid. Pay GOD first. Automating your donations permits uninterrupted giving in event of illness, vacations, or snow.

## Adult Choir

submitted by Brenda Hoover

The Adult Choir will begin practicing on Wednesday nights on September 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be preparing anthems for Homecoming and upcoming services. We invite anyone interested to join us for an evening of musical fun and fellowship! Questions?? Please call Brenda Hoover 896-1319.

## Sunset Drive UMC Ladies

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

Sunset Drive United Methodist Church Ladies met on Thursday, August 18. We prepared "thinking of you cards" for several church members who are sick and/or shut-in. Discussion was held on preparing "goodie baskets" for shut-ins and delivering them on a "non-holiday". Donations are being made to these local organizations: Our Community Place, Gemeinschaft, AVA Care, and the local food pantry. A short program was presented on the need for Bibles to spread the Word, especially in areas that are hostile to Christians and Christian missionaries. We may make a donation of Bibles to The Voice of the Martyrs after we check whether the organization's charitable history is positive. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15 at 6:30. All ladies are welcome.

## Nurture Committee

submitted by Sandy Cupp

### Homecoming Meal

Join us for great time of fellowship and delicious food as we celebrate with our homecoming meal on September 25, 2016 following the worship service. Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring a dish or two to share. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Children's Group

submitted by Erica Kann

### Children's Schedule for September

Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>: 6pm: Dinner provide at a cost

6:30 pm-7:15pm: Activity- Work for the Lord: Colossians 3:23-24

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Part handed out

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>: 11 am-11:30am: Choir

Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>: 6:30pm-7:15pm: Activity- A kid after God's own heart: Exodus 14:13-31

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>: 11am: Homecoming/Choir performs

Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 pm-7:15pm: Activity- Finding Jesus: Acts 8:26-40

## Community Events

- "The Misfits" Drama group at Mount Olive Church of Brethren in Timberville will be performing "The Good, the bad, and the Holy" on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. NO Cost for the event and seating is first come first serve.
- Make a difference in a life! Are you empathetic, moved by the needs of ours? Are you willing to sacrifice some time and give a lot of your heart to people facing the end of life? Then being a Sentara RMH Hospice volunteer may be for you! A new hospice volunteer training class is beginning on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Advance registration and assessment interview required by Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Call Volunteer Coordinator Peggy Brubaker at 540-564-5627 or email mabrubak@sentara.com for more information. Male and female volunteers needed.

# Missions

submitted by Pastor Glen Langston

"DO UNTO OTHERS..."

Alan Laughlin, Sunset Drive's Outreach Coordinator, and Glen Langston, former pastor, are working on plans for possible mission ministries this year. **We are scheduled to send a team from the church to Waverly, VA on October 2-9 to assist with the property damage there.** We will be leaving the church on Sunday, October 2 around 2:00 pm and returning on Sunday, October 9 around noon. If interested, you can plan to spend the entire time there or only a portion of the time. The minimum age for going is 14 AND completion of the eighth grade.

Also, the Virginia Conference Disaster Response ministry is developing plans to send local church teams to West Virginia this fall to help rebuild homes damaged by the recent floods. The Disaster Response Team comprised of Glen, Alan, Mike Malloy, Chris and Alice Reisch, Ken Reeves, Lacey Roberts, and Pastor Tom Murphy are hoping to send a team in late November.

**If you are interested in being a part of either of these teams let Chris Reisch know. You can contact him at [akitty@Basicisp.net](mailto:akitty@Basicisp.net) or 896-5381.**

Closer to home, a program titled Rebuilding Together has for years been sending volunteer teams into the county to repair homes that are reaching a point where the residents might have to vacate. These persons must meet at least two of three qualifications of inadequate health, income, or age to do the work themselves. Also they must be owners of the home. Glen has recently discovered such a home in the Mayland area. This home, occupied by a single woman, needs repair to windows and flooring, and probably other repairs. **If you would like to be a part of a team bringing some peace to this lady who recently lost her husband, contact Glen at [DGL7777@aol.com](mailto:DGL7777@aol.com) or 476-4536.**

These opportunities are being offered to you for three reasons. First, because Jesus told us over and over again that God's people "do unto others as you would want them to do unto you." Secondly because God's people are called by God to strengthen themselves in the Lord and share the Lord with others by doing good deeds. And finally, because Sunset Drive used to have an outstanding reputation of reaching out in missions to the community and the world. It is time we reestablish those godly efforts.

# Youth

submitted by Lacey Roberts

Here is the schedule for September:

Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School-9am; Children's church- 10am

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Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> - visit to Timberview 6pm

Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> - JV football at 6! Come support some of our youth!

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>- Sunday School-9am

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - youth 6:30pm-7:30pm

Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>- 7pm: home football game, Come support two of our youth in the JFHMS band. Corinn and Gabby will be performing at the football game with the band

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>- Sunday School-9am Cookout at the Cabin at 5pm!

Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> - youth 6:30pm-7:30pm

Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Come out and support our town at Homecoming!! Parade, food, and football!!

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>- Sunday School-9am Finishing up Romans; start Revelation

Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> - youth 6:30pm-7:30pm

Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> - Come support Ellie and the twins in volleyball! Starts at 6pm

# Happy Birthday

## September Birthdays

- 1 Tammy Jordan, Anna Showalter
- 2 Gerald Bean
- 3 Brian Billhimer
- 4 Ben Jones, Derrick Stultz, Jared Billhimer
- 5 Jody Turner, Rudy Hohenstein
- 6 Taylor Rhodes
- 7 Benjamin Hahn
- 8 Dreanna Murphy, Jeffery Thomas
- 11 Dixie Miller, Weston Estep
- 12 Buck Nazelrod, Caley Ellington
- 14 Brad Williams, Taylor Long
- 16 Dawn Wenger
- 19 Colby Mongold, Sandy Mongold
- 20 Scott Moore
- 21 Betty Turner
- 23 Kathy Turner, Amy Hoover
- 24 James Sager, Ralph Ford
- 25 Dave Peoples
- 26 Allison Hawkins, Eddie Long, Pam Dowrey, Peggy Packard
- 30 Wayne Arbogast, Bransen Hensley, Jean Thomas, T.J. Stroop,



# Happy Anniversary

## September Anniversaries

- 11 John and Peggy Packard
- 15 Fred and Sue Olson
- 17 Richard and Kathy Sharpe
- 22 Kris and Erica Kann
- 23 Jack and Penny Lohr
- 29 Matt and Sharon Krantz

