

# Sunset Rays

*The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church*

**November 2016**

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

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*"All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens...  
The purple headed mountains...  
The cold wind in the winter...  
God gave us eyes to see them...*

## **God Almighty made them all!**

So wrote Cecil Frances Alexander in 1848 inspired, no doubt, from Genesis 1:31 as found in scripture. With the Fall fast upon us, and "old man Winter" at our door, there is a crispness in the air with the promise of things to come...

At Sunset Drive we are anticipating exciting new possibilities that stretch out before us in stewardship opportunities, outreach ministry, and worship experiences. These things-yet to come-will enable us to fully appreciate the numerous ways God is calling us to be about our Lord's ministry. Let us prepare ourselves as we experience:

*"All Saints Day Celebration of Life"  
Sunday Worship, November 6<sup>th</sup>;*

*"The Joy of Generosity"  
The theme for our worship experience in November;*

*"Community Thanksgiving Service"  
at our own Sunset Drive Church, 7 pm , November 20<sup>th</sup>;*

*"Preparing for the Advent of Our Lord"  
Ready or Not! , November 27<sup>th</sup>*

*"The Splendor of Christmas"  
-In December-*

4<sup>th</sup>: 'Crashing the Celebration!'

11<sup>th</sup>: 'Children's Musical': "Sheep in Heavenly Peace"

18<sup>th</sup>: Cantata, "Silent Night, Holy Night"

24<sup>th</sup>: 'Christmas Eve', Candlelight Communion\*

25<sup>th</sup>: 'Christmas Day Worship' (Surprise!)

*"The John Wesley Covenant Service"*  
*A special Service of prayer, renewing our baptism, and*  
*preparing for the New Year 2017*

***\*Christmas Eve Service will be observed at 7 pm.***

All of the above experiences lie before us, bright and beautiful! Plans are in the making. Our brothers and sisters at church are blending their talents to praise God by utilizing their gifts and graces to portray the glory of life, the promise of salvation, the fulfillment of a Savior, and the hope for a new and prosperous 2017! Plan now to join with us as we finish out 2016 and hear once again the words, "Prepare the way of the Lord." "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!"

*Pastor Tom*

## **In Sympathy**

- † **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***Dixie Miller, Erica Kann, and Family***. Dixie's mom and Erica's grandmother, Nora Funk passed away, Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- † **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***The Mary Spitzer Family***. Mary passed away on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. She will be greatly missed by the Sunset Drive Family.
- † **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***The Merlie Fahrney Family***. Merlie passed away on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. He will be greatly missed by the Sunset Drive Family.

## **Upcoming Church Events**

- ***UMM*** meeting on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm.
- ***Set clocks back at bedtime*** - on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. ***Return to Standard Time on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>***.
- ***UMM Community Breakfast*** on Saturday, November 12<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 Strut's (Main Street, Broadway) on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am. Please let Kay know if you plan to attend @ 896-7665. This will complete our restaurant tours for this season.
- ***Prayer Shawl Ministry*** will meet on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1pm to 3pm. New members are welcome.
- ***December 2016 Newsletter Deadline:*** Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- ***Administrative Council Meeting*** on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.
- ***2016 Charge Conference*** will be on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.



# Keep current with News & Events

submitted by Barry Davis

Have you ever asked the following questions?

What date and time is that church meeting I need to attend?

Where can I get an extra copy of the bulletin?

Where can I listen or download a copy of the sermon from today?

Where can I find a copy of the Newsletter?

Is there a list of upcoming church events somewhere for me to view?

How do I make a monetary donation to the church if it's not Sunday?

The answer: Our Website.

You can find an up-to-date calendar, bulletins, sermons, newsletters, upcoming events and online giving information on our website. Please take a few minutes and browse the site to see what's there. You'll be surprised at how much information is right at your fingertips.

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>

## Inclement Weather and Cancellation Notice

Should it become necessary to cancel Sunday services or other activities during the week due to winter weather conditions, a cancellation notice will be posted through the following media: WHSV TV-3, the church website and the church Facebook



## Finance Committee

submitted by Dennis Turner

**Don't forget about setting up a recurring offering.**

Automating your donations permits uninterrupted giving in the event of illness, vacations, snow. 'Set it and forget it'. Pay GOD first – set up a recurring donation on the same date you get paid – weekly, semi-weekly, bi-monthly, monthly.

Visit our website, [www.SunsetDriveUMC.com](http://www.SunsetDriveUMC.com), click on DONATE. If you order anything online, pay anyone on line, you can do this.

Ask Steve Shifflett about his experience with electronic giving.

# Pictorial Directory

submitted by Lee Jackson

The new pictorial directory pictures will be taken

*Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>:* from 2:30 to 9:00 p.m.

*Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>:* from 2:30 to 9:00 p.m.

*Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>* from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Adult children who are not members of SDUMC may also come and have their pictures taken and they will also receive a free 8 x 10 picture. If you then wish to have a picture of your entire family, you will need to sign up in two adjacent time slots.

Anyone who has pictures of any Church activities, please send them to Lisa Thacker or Katie Almquist for possible use in the directory. Also if you have a color picture of the Church that is on the present directory, we would like to have that to use on the new directory.

If you have any questions call Lee Jackson at 540-896- 2461.

Please sign up to have your picture taken; the directory will not be complete without

## Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoeboxes

submitted by Bev Thompson



### **We are continuing what Jesus started**

It's time again to fill a shoebox for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Shoebox. Every shoebox gift delivered by Operation Christmas Child is a tangible expression of God's amazing love. But a shoebox is just the beginning. It also presents an opportunity in more than 100 countries for you to invite a child into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Shoeboxes are available in both the front and back

narthex. Instructions on packing a shoebox are included in the box. The collection day here at Sunset Drive UMC is Sunday, November. 13<sup>th</sup>. Imagine the results if every one of us filled at least one shoebox! Thank you for making a child's life a little brighter and for help spreading the Word around the world. If you have any questions, please call Bev. (896-2643)

## Women's Group

submitted by Bev Thompson

The SDUMC Ladies' Ministry meets the 3rd Thursday of the month. This fall the ladies have donated a total of \$800 to Cub Scout Pack 1, Gemeinschaft, the Daily Bread Food Pantry, Our Community Place, and AVA Care. The ladies will be giving a donation to the new church directory and to the WRE classes in the near future. In December there will be a SDUMC Ladies Christmas dinner. Stay tuned for more details. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. A date for the dinner will be announced soon. We will again be having a yard sale in the spring of 2017, so as you're doing your fall and Christmas cleaning, please remember us. At the November meeting, the ladies will be assembling goodie jars for some of the older members of the community. All of the ladies in the church are invited to attend the meeting and be a part of this project. The meetings are held at 6:30 pm in the Dorcas classroom. Plan to join us for spiritual growth and mission work.

# Update of the Work Mission Trip to Waverly, VA

submitted by Mike Hawkins

Greetings everyone as we move into November and prepare for some cooler weather and the Thanksgiving holiday. As part of the SDUMC Work Mission Team that traveled to Waverly, VA October the 2nd thru Oct. 7th, I was asked by the team to provide an update on the trip and share some highlights of the trip. This being my first mission trip with the church, I can say it was quite an experience and thanks be to God for allowing the team to touch the lives of some of the folks in the town of Waverly who are still recovering from a tornado that roared through their town back in February. During our 5 days of work in and around Waverly, we were able to work on at least 4 different homes while helping to spread God's love thru our labor and our presence. We also were able to share a meal and worship with our brothers and sisters at the Waverly UMC, who as a church has been a beacon of hope to their community. Our team, comprised of Reverend Glen, Robbie White, John Sellers, Alice Reisch and myself worked hard and stayed focused during the trip as we kept an eye on the weather and hurricane Matthew that was spinning up the east coast. The following will give you a quick recap of our trip and some insight into our mission work.

Upon arrival on Sunday night, Oct. the 2nd we were welcomed and introduced to our new home for the next 5 days, a 100+ year old church that was being renovated into a mission center, complete with separate bunk bed areas for men and women, restroom facilities, an updated kitchen and a dining area with a TV. Out back of the church was a mobile trailer with 9 showers and laundry facilities as needed. Our accommodations were comfortable and power of the Holy Spirit was certainly upon this place, one could feel the presence of the Lord and perhaps those who had worshiped in this old church over the many decades.

On Monday, our team began work on our first home, a house owned by a gentleman named Jerome who's house had sustained water damage from a leaky roof that desperately needed to be replaced after the tornado. While speaking with Jerome, he mentioned he had prayed for someone to show up and work on his roof and was afraid that incoming hurricane Matthew might completely destroy his roof. At the end of our day on Monday, our team had removed half of Jerome's roof, reinforced a good number of trusses, put down new plywood and prepared the area for new singles. Definitely an honest day's worth of work. On Tuesday our team returned, applied the needed shingles and went to work on the second half of the roof, by the end of Tuesday the rest of the roof was ready for singles. Wednesday morning we finished up Jerome's roof which also included a carport roof as well and prepared to move onto our second home. With aching bodies, we made our second trip to the local landfill to dump our remaining roof debris and took a well deserved lunch break at our favorite BBQ restaurant.

Wednesday afternoon brought our team to the home of Connie, a single wide trailer that needed the roof painted and some trim work to complete repairs done by previous mission teams. Connie was so joyful that we showed up to finish painting her roof. We applied a special Sta-kool elastomeric paint just for metal roofs and finished up some trim work on her front deck. It was a joy meeting Connie and her 2 young grandsons as they got off the school bus in the afternoon. We were also able to meet Connie's daughter who works as a nursing assistant and who was thankful for us taking care of her momma's place. During the day on Wednesday, Robbie was able to replace a lock and fix a door problem on another home on the same block for a gentleman who was a US Army Veteran and somewhat of the neighborhood elder. The stories and wisdom that this man shared with the team were both heart breaking and heartwarming to say the least. By the end of Wednesday, we had completed the coating on half of Connie's roof and broke a bit early to get back to the mission center and clean up for a dinner and service at the Waverly United Methodist Church. Upon arrival at WUMC, we enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner, shared in some wonderful fellowship and broke bread together during Holy Communion. The fine folks of WUMC were grateful for our service and for helping them to rebuild their broken community.

Thursday morning took us back to Connie's to complete the painting of her roof which was worked on by Reverend Glen and myself. Alice our team "Mom" had to head back to Broadway to take care of other business and Robbie and John went back over to Jerome's to install some soffit. After lunch Robbie, John and myself finished up the job at Connie's and maneuvered our work trailers around for our Friday work site before a rain shower set in. Back at the mission center we enjoyed a lasagna dinner and the fixings prepared by Chef Langston. Nothing like a good meal amongst brothers in Christ at the end of a very productive day. With the incoming hurricane, our team decided that Friday at noon would be our stopping point so that we could head out before the storm.

On Friday morning, we headed out to the home of Valley, an older woman who's household consisted of 9 members, including 3 grandchildren. Valley's home needed some minor repair work on its siding and some places patched up on the roof to hold it over the winter until spring when the funds could be approved and a roofing team brought in to replace the roof. By lunch time our team completed our work, fixed her mail box and cut back a tree limb hanging over the roof. It was tuff to say goodbye, but Valley was a woman of faith and she was truly thankful for what we did in the face of the incoming storm. After getting cleaned up and a wonderful lunch at the local Italian restaurant, we headed back to the Shenandoah Valley, back to Broadway you could say. It was a wonderful week, a week of doing God's work in a laboring way. A week that I do hope we as a church can do again, to make a difference in the lives of others. Blessings to all and thanks be to God..!

## Youth

submitted by Lacey Roberts

Here is the calendar for November. December will be full of giving and exciting holiday events.

November:

Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Youth Group: 6:30 pm-7:30pm "Prophecies in Old Testament"

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> - Sunday school: 9 am "Daniel" and children's church at 10

Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> -The youth will go to Chic Fil A to eat dinner. Leaving at 6:45pm  
returning by 8:15ish.

Wednesday November 9<sup>th</sup> -No YOUTH

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>-Sunday school: 9 am "Daniel"

Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group: 6:30 pm-7:30pm "Give your worries to God"

Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday school: 9 am Breakfast served!

We will meet in the fellowship Hall for eggs, bacon, gravy, and fresh fruit!

Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> -Youth Group: 5:45 pm-6:30 pm. We will be cooking and delivering a Thanksgiving meal to two local families.

Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - Sunday school: 9 am "Daniel"

Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup> - Youth group: 6:30 pm -7:30 pm Backpack for Hope

*\*Notice: Stop Hunger Now has been moved to January. In the past, it's been on Election Day.*

# Children's Group

submitted by Erica Kann

## Children's Schedule for November

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>: 6 pm- Dinner (provide at a cost) 6:30 pm-7:15pm: Christmas play practice

Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm- Dinner (provide at a cost) 6:30 pm-7:15pm: Christmas play practice

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>: 11 am-12pm: Christmas Play Practice: with music

Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>: 6:30pm-7:15pm: Activity- Armor of God: Genesis 15

Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 pm-7:15pm: Christmas play practice: with music

## Church Announcements

- Orders for In Honor and In Memory Christmas Poinsettia will be begin on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> . The cost is \$10.00 (per name). Order forms will be in the bulletins on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- If you put items in the freezer or refrigerator in the fellowship hall please label them with your name and the date. There are labels, pens, and reminders on these appliances. For multiple items, such as butter containers, soft drinks, ice cream toppings, etc., just label one of the group. Please throw out anything you have left that is outdated. No leftovers should be put in the refrigerator unless you plan to use the item within a couple days. ( Things like partial meals and opened drinks should be taken home or thrown out.) If you have any questions or need help, call Donna Arbogast. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Community Events

- The Broadway-Timberville Ruritan Club is entering its 31<sup>st</sup> year Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army. This year, in addition to ringing at the Timberville Food Lion, we will also be scheduling at the Timberville Wal-Mart on the following Saturdays: November 26<sup>th</sup> , December 3<sup>rd</sup> , 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. We normally ring in five 2-hour time slots from 9am to 7pm. Would your church consider taking one full Saturday to ring? With 2 hour time slots, that would be 5 individuals or families. I handle delivering the kettles, setting up and picking up the kettle at the end of the day. At the Timberville Wal-Mart, we will not ring if it's raining or snowing or if the temperature is below 40 degrees. Please let me know if your church is interested by email or on my cell phone at 540-333-6410. Thank you very much and God Bless.
- The Broadway-Timberville Ruritans are sponsoring a blood drive on January 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be held immediately following our worship service from 11:00-1:00 in the social hall. If you are a regular donor, please keep the date in mind so you haven't given blood too close to this date. We are hoping for a good turnout so the Blood Services will continue coming to our area. Ken Reeves

# Happy Birthday

## November Birthdays

- 1 Jozelyn Kann
- 3 Jackson Freds
- 5 Adam Long, Mark Long
- 7 Ashley Rexrode, Lois Dinges, Shelley Ellington
- 8 Jeffrey Mason, Jeremy Mason, Logan Jordan
- 9 Carolyn Lantz, Lowell Fulk
- 11 Sharon Krantz
- 12 Terry Bowman
- 14 Austin Wilt
- 15 Gene Nesselrodt
- 16 Donna Belle Dove
- 18 Micki Peoples
- 19 Brian Fidler, Christopher Hoover, Randy Thomas
- 20 Nicole Smith, Preston Cupp
- 21 Jason Fulk
- 22 James Hardesty, Katie Dove, Seth Hardesty, Tristan Hollar, William Freds
- 24 Christie Sengul
- 28 Sarah Fulk
- 30 Brooke Crawford



# Happy Anniversary

## November Anniversaries

- 21 Chris and Karen Hoover
- 25 Virgil and Rosemary Mumaw

