

Sunset Rays
The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church
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Newsletter for: SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Thomas (Tom) Murphy

As you read this remember that we, in the Christian Church, continue to celebrate the Season of Epiphany. For many churches, Epiphany is the climax of the Advent/Christmas season. It includes four to nine Sundays depending on the date of Easter. This year we will observe Easter on Sunday, April 16th.



The term Epiphany means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the Wise Men bringing gifts to visit the Christ Child. In so doing they "revealed" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. For many Protestant church traditions, the Season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday which begins the Season of Lent leading to Easter.

The traditional symbols of Epiphany are usually associated with the Magi, including three crowns or a single crown, three gifts, a five-point star, or a combination of star and crown. A more modern symbol for Epiphany is a globe or an image of the world. Throughout this season, we echo the prayer of the prophet Isaiah who prayed, "*Arise shine; for your Light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*" (60:1) May God's Light shine upon you and bless you during this wonderful season.

Pastor Tom

In Sympathy

- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***Helen Armentrout*** and ***the Rev. Lewis Armentrout Family***. Pastor Armentrout passed away on Monday, January 16th. He will be greatly missed by the Sunset Drive Family.

Congratulations

- ***Congratulations*** to ***Scott and Becky Harris*** on the arrival of their daughter, ***Virginia Grace Harris***. She was born on Wednesday, January 25th. She weighed 7.9 lbs and 18.5 inches long. We rejoice in this birth with the parents, big sister Nora Myree, grandparents Eric and Brenda Hoover and Tim and Joan Harris. Also, Great Grandparents Glen and Virginia Ann Hulvey.

Thank you

- Thank you to my church family for all of the prayers, cards, gifts, and most importantly, the visits. You have helped make the move to Shenandoah Place much easier. I wish each of you a very happy, healthy new year. Dot Gladden
- Nancy Hoover would like to **thank everyone** for all the prayers, phone calls, food and visits during her illness. She is home but is still not feeling very good. She's still nauseated, so she has no appetite. She's also still a little disoriented and is having issues with her balance. She is in good spirits and is hoping to make a full and speedy recovery,

Upcoming Church Events

- **Bible Study** will continue meeting on Wednesdays February 1st, February 8th, February 15th, and February 22nd at 6:30 pm. We are studying the prophet Isaiah. All are Welcome!!
- **UMM** will meet on Tuesday, February 7th at 7pm.
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, February 11th, 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 open to the Community, so spread the word.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, February 14th and Tuesday, February 28th from 1pm to 3pm. New members are welcome.
- **Sunset Drive Ladies** will meet on Thursday, February 16th, at 6:30pm.
- **March 2017 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, February 21st. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, February 28th, at 11:30 am Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.



Mark Your Calendar for the Upcoming Dates

Ash Wednesday- Wednesday, March 1st
Daylight Savings Time begins- Sunday, March 12th
Palm Sunday- Sunday, April 9th
Maundy Thursday- Thursday, April 13th
Good Friday- Friday, April 14th
Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast- Sunday, April 16th
Easter Service - Sunday, April 16th

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



Keep current with News & Events

submitted by Barry Davis

A friendly reminder that 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

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

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

Children's Group

submitted by Erica Kann

I think it is safe to say that last nights' family night was a success. The kids loved playing Beat the Parents against the adults and the adults loved watching the kids process their answers. It got a little lively. We will be having another dinner and family game night on the first Wednesday in February. The choir will be having practice next Wednesday and the following Sunday directly after church. They will be performing on Sunday, February 26th. I just received an email from Sunnyside confirming we are still planning to visit them on Wednesday, February 15th. I plan for us to arrive at 6:30pm and be done by 7:15pm. If you could let me know if your child(ren) plans to attend and their age. The residents enjoy knowing that information. Typically we have the kids introduce themselves at the event. We will sing songs from our Christmas play and the song that we will be singing on the 26th.

I need to get information out about the Easter play that will take place on April 23rd. Please let me know if your child would like a speaking part. This is nowhere near the Christmas Play.

Also, Sunday, February 5th, directly after church I would like to have a short meeting regarding this year's Bible School.

Cub Scouts- Pack 1

submitted by Rick White, Cub Master

Happy New Year! It's been a busy year so far and we're far from finished. By the time you read this, we'll have just run our annual Pinewood Derby where the boys made little cars and we raced them. Its loads of fun for all involved and I'll be sure to include pictures for the next newsletter. Our Wolf Den recently visited the Broadway Fire Station and we got an awesome tour of the facility and the capabilities of our amazing firefighting volunteers.

We're looking forward to Scout Sunday on February 12th and being a part of the church service and worshipping our Lord with you. We'll be holding our annual Blue & Gold Banquet on Saturday, February 25th where our second year Webelos Scouts cross over to the Boy Scouting program. We hope they continue on the Scouting path where they'll continue to learn duty to God and country, service to others, and the importance of self-care and confidence. Well that's it for now. God bless and thank you for allowing us to be a part of your amazing ministry!

Communications

Greetings to all and thanks to the Lord February is here, bring on the longer days and warmer weather! Just a quick update on Church Communications, we are looking forward to being a part of the new Church Administrative Structure and working closely with the other ministry coordinators, including Sandy with Spiritual Development, Judy with Worship, Alan with Mission Outreach and Crystal with Membership Care. Communications hopes to also help communicate needs from Finance, Nominations & Leadership Development, Staff Parish Relations and the Trustees as requested. With Pastor Tom's guidance and the new model for the Church Structure and Church Council in place, communications hopes the church can come together as a unified church and use our different ministries to grow in our Missions and Outreach, Spiritual Development, Worship Services and continue to nurture our Children, Youth, Young Adults, Adults and Senior Adults. Communications hopes to be better at communicating our good works to each other and more importantly to the community we serve. As Communications Coordinator, I hope we can communicate the blessings we have received as a church and use these blessings to make it possible for us to live out our faith, grow in our discipleship and reach out to others.

I along with a few other interested members will be forming a team; we will then be meeting with Pastor Tom to development a communications strategy for the year that can be tweaked each month at our Church Council meetings. In the meantime, Communications will continue to use social media, bulletin inserts and other forms of communications to promote church related events etc... We look forward to working closely with Pastor Tom, Barry, Dixie and Leon for oversight and guidance. In closing, remember what Proverbs 15:2 says: "The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly". Blessings to all.

Respectfully,

Michael Hawkins, Communications Coordinator

Sunset Ladies

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

Sunset Drive United Methodist Ladies met on Thursday, January 19th at 6:30pm at the church. The following items were discussed at the meeting:

1. Along with our monthly \$75 donation to the Broadway Food Pantry, donations of \$100 are being made to the following organizations: New Creations, New Community Project, Back Pack Program, Heifer International and Pleasant View.
2. We made a \$100 donation to help with the costs of the new directory.
3. We will provide a continental breakfast for the Broadway/Timberville Ministerial Association on Tuesday, Feb. 21st. Fruit, Danishes and drinks will be provided.
4. Our annual yard/bake sale will be held on Saturday, April 29th. This will be an indoor/ outdoor yard sale utilizing the garage, social hall and church parking lot as needed. *We ask you to continue to remember us when and our yard sale when you're doing winter/spring cleaning.*
5. At our February meeting we will be assembling goodie bags to be delivered to the Meals on Wheels recipients since they missed their Christmas bags. This is pending approval from the Meals program supervisor.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 16th, at 6:30 at the church. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.

Happy Birthday

February

- 1 Carol Lee, Meredith Peele, Kai Orebaugh
- 3 Blake Wenger, Julie Pennington, Melissa Proctor
- 4 Patrick Malloy, Ryan Wisman
- 5 Laurel Roberts, Kay Turner
- 7 Jane Garrett,
- 8 Kyle Flora
- 9 Esther Malloy, Grant Holsinger, John Packard
- 10 Phillip Thompson
- 11 Betty Sue Melchor, Terry Ford
- 12 Meghan Flora
- 14 Nick Turner
- 15 Emily Turner
- 19 Mike Dick
- 20 Tim Branner, Elizabeth Hoover
- 22 Natalie Flora
- 23 Beth Moore, Kim Mills
- 24 Landon Wisman
- 27 C. W. Grandle, II, Pat Leffel
- 28 Samantha Dove



Happy Anniversary

February

- 6 Steve and Joan Shifflett
- 23 Kevin and Michele Biller

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