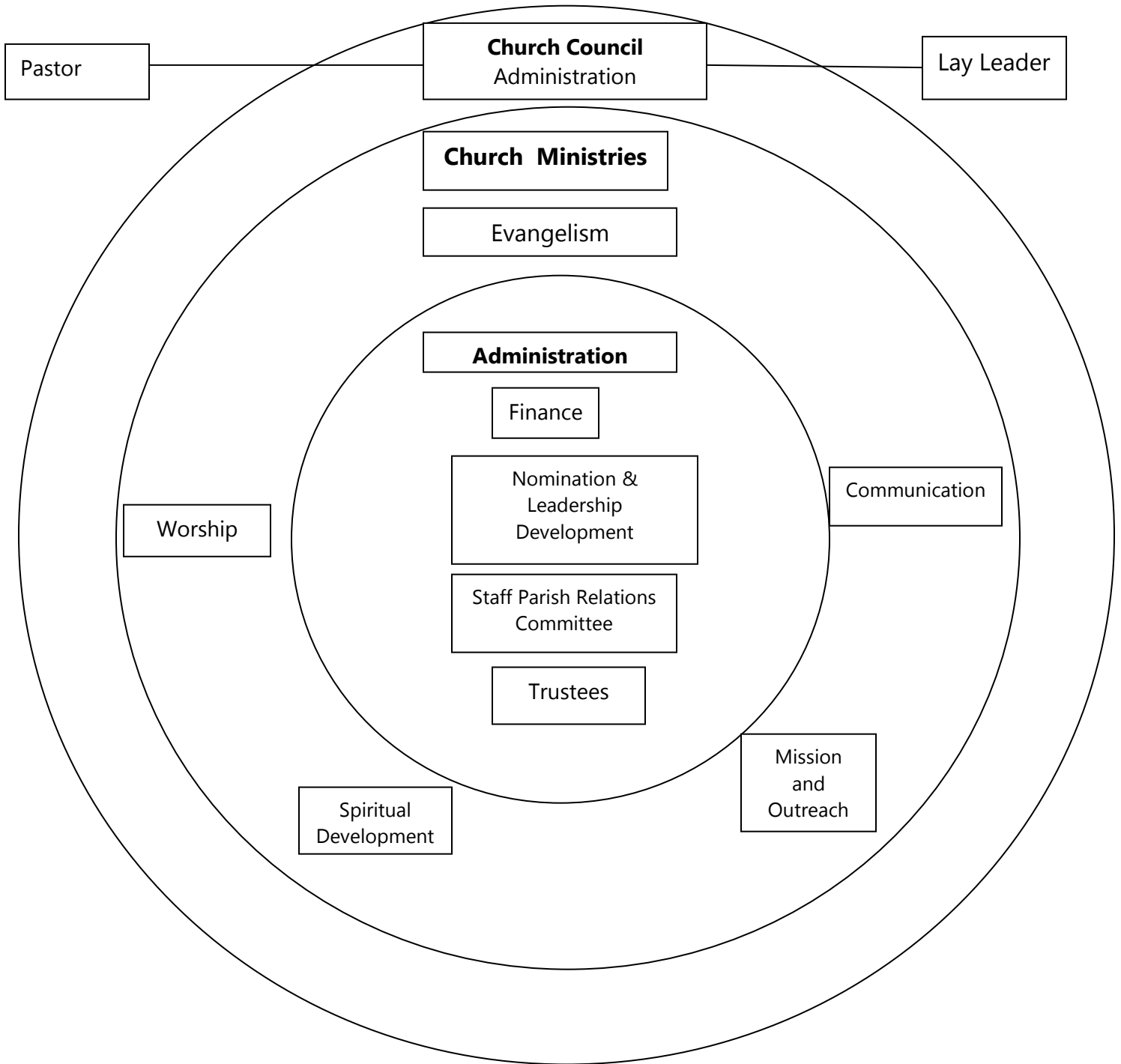




# Model for Church Structure



**SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Church Council Members**

**Just the Council**

Chair  
Vice Chair  
Secretary  
Historian  
Membership Secretary  
Annual Conf. Member

(all of these members  
are required)

**Ministries  
Representatives**

Spiritual Dev. Coor.  
Worship Coor.  
Communication Coor.  
Mission/Outreach Coor.  
Children's Coor.  
Youth Coor.  
Young Adult Coor.

(These members are required  
if the church offers these ministries.  
The chair/ coordinator of any other  
ministries is also a member.)

**Administrative  
Representatives**

Finance Chair  
Staff Parish Chair  
Trustees Chair  
Nominations Chair  
Treasurer  
Financial Secretary

(All of these members  
are required but they do  
have the option of  
appointing another  
member of the  
committee to  
represent them at the  
council.)

**Miscellaneous**

Scouting Liaison  
UMM President  
Women's Ministry Pres.  
At Large Council Members

(The Council has the right  
to appoint any other person  
to the Council)

## Congratulations

- **Congratulations** to Mike and Cecee Hawkins on the birth of their Granddaughter Alexis Jade Fitzwater, born on December 7th weighing 6lbs 8ozs. Mother Allison is doing well and thanks everyone for their love and prayers as we kick off 2017. Blessings to all.

## Thank you

- Thank you to the Forever Young Sunday School Class for helping the Sunset Drive Ladies provide gifts for a family in need this Christmas.
- Thank you all so much for hosting the fundraiser breakfast for our family. It's amazing how kind and generous our community is and we are so grateful. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. The Cook Family

## Upcoming Church Events



- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm. New members are welcome.
- **Bible Study** will begin meeting on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm. All are Welcome!!
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, January 14<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 open to the Community, so spread the word.
- **Communion Servant Training** on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
- **February 2017 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Drive Ladies** will meet on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 11:30 am Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.

## 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](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



## **Sunset Drive Monthly Newsletters**

submitted by Lisa Thacker

Each month Sunset Drive UMC sends out a newsletter "The Sunset Rays" with articles regarding activities, events, and information from various groups of the church. The primary manner of delivery is being sent by email and posted on the Church web page. There are some that still receive the newsletter by mail. If you do not currently receive the newsletter or would like to change from a mailed copy to the email version, please contact the church office at 540-896-3970 or [office@sunsetdriveumc.com](mailto:office@sunsetdriveumc.com).

For 2017 the newsletter information will be due every third Tuesday of the month.

Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>  
Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>  
Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>  
Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

## **Altar Flowers**

submitted by Judy Post

Altar Flowers brighten our sanctuary as we worship God. Please consider giving to the Altar Flower Fund to honor your loved ones living or deceased.

Special occasions can also be celebrated with the placing of Flowers on the altar in the sanctuary. Your name and your loved one name/names will be printed in the Sunday Worship Bulletin. For your convenience Flower Order Forms are available on the table in the narthex just outside the sanctuary doors. These forms should be dropped in the offering plate with a check attached for your contribution and indicate on the "memo" line that it is for the Altar Flower Fund.

You can help beautify the altar in our church and honor your loved ones at the same time. If you have any question about dates or how to order, please call Judy Post at 896-7189. We hope that you think about Altar Flowers when you think about the people, days, and events in your life. Remember that the flowers are completely funded by contribution from the congregation.

# Communications Update

submitted by Mike Hawkins

Greetings and Happy New Year...! What a wonderful December it was with the Children's play, Christmas Cantata, Christmas Eve Service and all the joys of the season. Now that 2017 is here, we are ready to take on the new year and continue our good works here at SDUMC. With Pastor Tom's guidance and the new model for the Church Structure and Church Council in place, let us 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 Seniors. Let us strive to support the church with our monetary gifts and personal service to keep the church strong financially and strong in terms of leadership development. Let us not forget our need to focus on evangelism and to be better at communicating our good works to each other and more importantly to the community. Let us give thanks for the many 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. So in 2017, let us build up each other and allow God's Grace to fill our lives. Like Ephesians 4:29 says, " Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear". Again, Happy New Year and Blessings to all.

## Finance Committee

submitted by Dennis Turner

Grow in the Joy of Generosity Step-by-Step

If you wish to automate your commitment to The Lord, set up a recurring donation that is automatically made at the same frequency that you get paid. If necessary, convert the commitment you made to 'Giving per week in 2017" to an equivalent amount based on your pay frequency – bi-weekly/every two weeks, semi-monthly or monthly. Then:

1. Go to [www.SunsetDriveUMC.com](http://www.SunsetDriveUMC.com)
2. Find the bar of black boxes and click on **DONATE**
3. Click again on *Donate* in the yellow oval
4. Under **donations**
  - a. Enter the amount you will give in the General Operating box.
  - b. Select your Donation Frequency
  - c. Enter your Donation Start Date (a day or two after your next pay date)
  - d. Click Continue
5. Under **Donation information**
  - a. Under Provide your contact information
  - b. Provide your payment type
  - c. Select a Password
  - d. Click that you are not a robot
  - e. Click Process.
6. Experience the Joy of Generosity

Contact Dennis Turner (896-0327) or Beverly Thompson (896-2643) with your questions.

# Community Announcements

The Broadway-Timberville Ruritans are sponsoring a blood drive on January 29th. It will be held immediately following our worship service from 11am-1pm in the social hall.. We are hoping for a good turnout so the Blood Services will continue coming to our area.

## Happy Birthday

### January Birthdays

- 1 Amy Shirkey
- 2 Sandy Cupp, Whitney Johnson
- 3 Ronald Harpine
- 4 Quinton Thomas
- 5 Malinda Smith
- 6 Jerry Arbogast
- 7 Ann Grandle, Rosemary Mumaw, Trent Bowman,
- 10 Cole Clarke
- 12 Janet Hadley
- 13 Jeff Deavers, Steve Phillips
- 14 Kirk Hollar, Chris Bean,
- 17 Susan Olson, Max Gentry
- 19 Desiree' Hollar
- 20 Mary Lee Barb, Susan Mathias
- 21 Cole Turner, Michele Moore
- 22 Tanner Craig, Heather Wilt
- 23 Becky Halterman, John Sellers, Doug Wager
- 25 Diana Adams, Rebecca Lee
- 27 Tonya Turner
- 28 John F. Long, Jr, Wayne Turner, Ashby Harpine, J.R. Dove, Tiffany Runion, Wyatt Peele
- 31 Skylar Phillips, Abby Crist



## Happy Anniversary

### January Anniversaries

28 Zach and Lacey Roberts

*Happy Anniversary*