

Sunset Rays  
*The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church*  
*June 2017*

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

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**"A NEW THING!"**

Get ready for a busy June! Among the activities:

\* We begin the month with celebrating the Season of Pentecost, Sunday June 4th. It is a time when we recognize 'the birth and spread' of the church. Empowered by the Holy Spirit the followers of Jesus spread the Good News from Jerusalem throughout the Roman Empire. The band of disciples preached, taught, healed, and demonstrated love in synagogues, schools, homes, market places, and courtrooms, and on streets, hills, ships, and desert roads...wherever God sent them...and the world has never been the same since.

\* On June 4th we will recognize our school graduates. How proud we are of them rising from high school to the college level, and/or, striking out to pursue careers of various disciplines.

\* We will also prepare to send representatives from our Sunset Drive Church to the gathering of the Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. This year Michael Malloy will be our Lay Delegate, and Pastor Tom will round out our representation as voting delegates. The theme for this 235th Session will be "A New Thing". The conference will be held from June 16-18th in Hampton Virginia. This Conference, no doubt, will be significant in many ways. In addition to our Study Leader, the Reverend Dr. Debra Wallace-Padgett, Bishop of the North Alabama Conference, Bishop James Edward Swanson, Sr. of the Mississippi Conference will lead us in a *Service for the Ordering of Ministry*. In addition the Conference will be guided by our resident and 'New Bishop Sharma D. Lewis'. There will be singing, praying, hearing reports, adopting presentations of ministry and mission, and fellowship. Of course, there will be reunions of joy as we remember our church history and shared friendships. In addition, one of our own fellowship, Katherine Malloy, will be commissioned a Provisional Deacon.

I ask that *you influence* this coming Conference with your prayers for us all that God will guide us in all that we say and do so that we become a positive witness for the Lord of the Church...that the Lord will do a NEW THING!  
Pastor Tom

## Upcoming Church Events



- *Graduate Recognition* on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> during worship service.
- *UMM Meeting* on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- *Bible Study* will continue meeting on Wednesdays June 7<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, and June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We are continuing to study the prophet Isaiah. All are Welcome!!
- The "*Out to Lunch Bunch*" will be going to the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Harrisonburg on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be leaving from the church parking lot at 11 am, if you wish to carpool. I will be making reservations a few days before, so please let me Kay Bowman know at 896-7665.
- *Prayer Shawl Ministry* will meet on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm. New members are welcome.
- *July 2017 Newsletter Deadline:* Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- *Sunset Drive Ladies* will meet on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30pm.
- *Church Picnic* on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 11am. See Spiritual Development/Nurture Committee article for more information.
- *Administrative Council Meeting* on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- *Sunset Ladies Lunch* will be on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</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>

## Barbeque Chicken Time

submitted by Brenda Hoover

The last Sunset Drive Chicken BBQ of the year is Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

Volunteers will be needed for cooking, wrapping and selling. The cooking crew begins at 5:00 a.m. Wrapping begins at approximately 7:30 a.m. and selling begins soon after that. Anyone interested in helping please contact Eric Hoover, 896-1319 or Susan Holsinger, 896-3667. Please join us for another season of "Barbecuey" Food, Fellowship and Fun as we raise money for our church!

# Congratulations

*Congratulations* to Ken and Phyllis Reeves on the birth of their Granddaughter Caroline Maria Fricke, born on May 4<sup>th</sup> weighing 7lbs 6ozs. Mother Elizabeth Reeves Fricke is doing well.

# Spiritual Development/Nurture Committee

submitted by Sandy Cupp

## Church Picnic – Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>

Come enjoy some summer fun and great fellowship at our church picnic on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. We have reserved Shelter #3 (the big one with the fireplace) at the Broadway Park from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Please plan to bring a dish or two to share. Drinks and paper products will be supplied by the church. Everyone is welcome! Feel free to bring a friend. We will plan to eat lunch at noon. Our youth group has challenged the adults to play a game of softball so plan to bring a glove if you are interested in playing a few innings! You can also enjoy a game of bocce ball, corn hole, or horse shoe. This will be a great opportunity to spend time together and have some old fashioned summer fun!

## Bible School – Sunday, July 30 through Thursday, August 3 (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)

Our Vacation Bible School is planned for July 30 through August 3. We have a great program planned on the birth, life, and resurrection of Jesus! Thanks to everyone who has agreed to help with Bible School. A special thanks to Lacey Roberts for designing our curriculum for the week! We have classes and activities planned for three year old preschoolers through middle school aged students. It's going to be an exciting week!

# Youth

submitted by Lacey Roberts

The summer youth group schedule will be available on the bulletin board, via email, and the bulletin. Our focus this summer will be mission work and VBS!

Congratulations to our youth who will be graduating this month.

Kailey Landis  
Kelsey Landis  
Christopher Runion  
Cole Turner

# Mission and Outreach

submitted by Alan Laughlin

We are looking for people that would like to go to Marion VA the first week in August. There are spots available if you can only go for a portion of the week. We will be gardening painting and general repairs. There will be a sign up sheet coming and I hope you will consider this opportunity to help. Thank you.

# The Graduating Class of 2017

## High School Graduates

**Kailey Landis**, daughter of Sandy Brown, and granddaughter of Judy and Bobby White, will graduate from Broadway High School on June 10. She will attend Eastern Mennonite University in the fall where she plans to further her education and play basketball.

**Kelsey Landis**, daughter of Sandy Brown, and granddaughter of Judy and Bobby White, will graduate from Broadway High School on June 10. She will attend Eastern Mennonite University in the fall where she plans to major in education and play basketball.

**Kaitlyn Erin Murphy**, granddaughter of Dreanna and Pastor Tom, has graduated from Rockbridge High School and will be attending the University of Mt. Union in Alliance, Ohio. While there she will be playing on the school Lacrosse team. She is the daughter of Foster and Michelle Murphy who live in Lexington, Virginia.

**Christopher Runion**, son of Dwayne and Sheila Runion, and grandson of Hilda Runion, will graduate from Broadway High School on June 10. He will attend Eastern Mennonite University in the fall where he plans to major in Digital Media and minor in Digital Video Production. He also plans to do a practicum in Technical Theater.

**Cole Turner**, son of Jeremy and Tonya Turner, and grandson of Wayne and Betty Turner, will graduate from Broadway High School on June 10 with an advanced diploma. Cole will continue his last year at MTC in the HVAC program with plans to work in this field. In the fall he will start in the Blue Ridge Community College transfer to JMU program in pursuit of a business degree. He hopes to one day own his own business.

## College Graduates

**Emily Beahm**, daughter of Joe and Jennifer Beahm, and granddaughter of Jack and Penny Lohr, graduated from Logwood University on May 20 with a BS degree in liberal studies and education. She will be teaching first grade at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Shenandoah County.

**Olivia Driver**, daughter of Cricket Driver, and granddaughter of Dick Strawderman, graduated from James Madison University on May 6 with a BS degree in nursing. She is employed at Sentara RMH in the pre-op and post-op unit.

*We will honor our graduates during the worship service on Sunday, June 4, 2017.  
We are proud of our graduates and wish each of them the best in their future endeavors!*

# Kits For Conference

submitted by Bev Thompson

This year we are going to assemble health kits to send to Annual Conference in June. Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disasters. You can drop off your items in the box in the narthex. We need to collect all items by Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are not able to shop for things, you can make a donation instead. You can write a check to SDUMC and write "kits for conference" in memo line.

These are the items that go in the health kit:

- **1 hand towel**

- o 15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches
- o Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable

- **1 washcloth**

- **1 comb**

- o Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long
- o No pocket combs or picks please
- o Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth

- **1 metal nail file or nail clippers**

- o No emery boards, please

- **1 bath-size soap**

- o 3 oz. and larger sizes only
- o No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content
- o Do not remove from original packaging

- **1 toothbrush**

- o Adult size only
- o Do not remove from original packaging

- **6 adhesive bandages**

- o ¾ inch to 1 inch-size
- o Common household Band-Aids

If you have any question about the kits, please call Bev at 540-896-2643. Thank you for your support of this meaningful project.

## Sunset Drive Ladies

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

The yard/bake sale grossed \$2393.20. A huge thank you to all involved by donating, pricing, sorting, baking, selling, hauling, promoting, cashiering.....and the list goes on. A special thank you to Dot Gladden for designating the yard sale as a recipient of many of her items as she prepared for her move.

We have 27 ladies participating in secret prayer pals.

Along with our monthly donations to the Broadway Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels we donated to Camp Overlook's Partners in Mission and the camper scholarship fund.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30.

AVA Care Change for Life bottles are in the narthex. The money collected goes to support women and men facing unwanted pregnancies with the ultimate goal of saving a baby's life. Please help by placing your extra change in the bottle and returning it on Fathers' Day.

## Church Choirs

submitted by Brenda Hoover

The Children's and Adult Choirs will take the summer off. Thanks so much for their dedication for providing special music for the worship services! Anyone interested in sharing their talent to provide special music for the summer worship services please contact Brenda Hoover. (896-1319). Thanks!

## Church Directory

Here is a revision to the church directory

Bill Glendye  
Harrisonburg Health and Rehabilitation  
Room 64  
225 Reservoir St  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Kailey Landis and Kelsey Landis  
4927 Indian Ridge Lane  
Harrisonburg, VA 22802

## In Sympathy

We *extend Christian sympathy* and prayers to *Helen Thomas*. *Helen's sister Hazel Fulk Billhimer* passed away on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

# Happy Birthday

## June

- 1 Tim Proctor
- 2 Eric Hoover, Eric Shipe, Mollie Crist
- 3 Jessica Koeppen
- 5 Mia Orebaugh
- 6 Braxton Long
- 7 Bill Glendye
- 8 Brian Wenger
- 9 Debbie Brown, Savannah Turner
- 10 Shelia Proctor
- 11 Cecee Hawkins
- 12 Amy Hoover, June Williams, Wilma Long
- 15 Debbie Long
- 16 Barbara Williams, Brandon Drury
- 17 Gary Harpine
- 18 Donnie Crider
- 20 Hailey Jones
- 21 Maggie Roberts
- 23 Jean Dove, Pal Long
- 24 Alma Crider, Lilah Deavers
- 26 Whit Grandle
- 27 Lacey Roberts, David Jordan
- 28 Virginia Ann Hulvey



# Happy Anniversary

## June

- 7 Scott and Diann Harris
- 9 Doug and Janet Wager
- 14 Alan and Ann Laughlin
- 16 C.W. and Peggy Grandle, Donnie and Susie Crider
- 19 Tim and Charlene Gilley, Steve and Judy Rhodes, Trent and Lori Turner
- 21 Sam and Christina Harris
- 22 Margaret and Beck Whitmore, Mark and Donica Hadley,
- 24 Travis and Ashleigh Fulk
- 26 Matt and Jodi Clarke, Ed and Jacque Roach
- 29 Lowell and Dianne Fulk

