



## Sunset Rays

*The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church*

**May 2017**

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

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On this coming Mother's Day we pause to give thanks for all that our mother(s) have meant to us from birth and through the years. A poem by Joanna Fuchs expresses well our gratitude for the mom(s) who have graced our lives with love and devotion.

### **Everything Mom**

How did you find the energy, Mom  
To do all the things you did,  
To be teacher, nurse and counselor  
To me, when I was a kid.

How did you do it all, Mom  
Be a chauffeur, cook and friend,  
Yet find time to be a playmate,  
I just can't comprehend.

I see now it was love, Mom  
That made you come whenever I'd call,  
Your inexhaustible love, Mom  
And I thank you for it all.

# Upcoming Church Events



- The church will try to **plant the potato patch**, if the rain stays away on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:30 pm. Please contact Dave Peoples at 896-5336 or Ken Reeves at 540-421-4494 (you can text Ken) It provides a chance for great fellowship and makes the work load easier as well. Last year we harvested well over 100 bushels of potatoes which provided a lot of meals for the areas families. Hope to see as many as possible this Wednesday in the potato patch.
- **Bible Study** will continue meeting on Wednesdays May 3<sup>rd</sup>, May, 10<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>, May 24<sup>th</sup>, and May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm. We are continuing to study the prophet Isaiah. All are Welcome!!
- The **Communion Visitation Committee** will meet on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Transition Team Meeting** on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- The **"Out to Lunch Bunch"** will be going to the Cracker Barrel restaurant in Harrisonburg on Tuesday, May 9<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, May 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1pm to 3pm. New members are welcome.
- **Nomination Committee** will meet on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, May 13<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. *This will be the last Community Breakfast until September 9<sup>th</sup>.*
- **Church Clean-up**. We are planning on cleaning up the church lawn in pulling weeds, trimming trees and hedges and spreading mulch on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> after the men's breakfast.
- **June 2017 Newsletter Deadline**: Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Drive Ladies** will meet on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.
- The last day of **WRE** for the 2016-2017 school year will be Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, May 30<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)

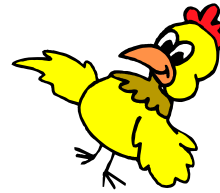
Our website: <http://www.sunsetdriveumc.com>

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

## Barbeque Chicken Time

submitted by Brenda Hoover

It's Chicken BBQ time again!!  
Please mark your calendars!!  
The dates for Sunset Drive Chicken BBQ will be:  
Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> (tentatively)



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!

## Cub Scout-Pack 1

submitted by Rick White

We've had a great time this past month here at Pack 1! This past weekend some of our boys went and visited the District Spring Camporee in New Market. The boys are busy, busy, busy finishing up their activities to earn their respective badges next month at our Spring Crossover event held at Friendship Park in Criders, VA. The Wolves are going on a nature hike this weekend and our Pack Meeting tomorrow is all about animal care and safety.

We're in the process of putting together some fantastic summer activities to keep the boys and their families in touch with the Pack including a movie night at the Drive-in at Stephens City in June, we're working on a pool party in July, and camping in August.

Thanks to Scott Sprague (Webelos 1 Co-Den Leader) and the rest of the committee, we have a new logo for our Pack which you'll be able to see in the coming months.

If you have a boy or know of a boy between the ages of 5 - 10 that would benefit from a program that teaches citizenship, teamwork, and the outdoors, we'd love to have you come check out our Pack. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call me at 540-324-3070 or email [pack1cs@gmail.com](mailto:pack1cs@gmail.com)

## Sunset Drive Ladies

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

Sunset Drive Ladies met Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the church. Donna Belle Dove had a short devotion that talked about moving from the "winter"(down) times of our lives and concentrating on the "spring" times of our lives. Along with the monthly donation to the local food pantry, we will begin a monthly donation to the local Meals on Wheels program. We also purchased cole slaw and packaged 200 cups of it for the Johnston Family benefit that was held Saturday, April 22<sup>rd</sup> . Cards were prepared for people in need of a spirit booster. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the church. All ladies are invited to attend.

# Spiritual Development/Nurture Committee

submitted by Sandy Cupp

## Special Thanks:

- Many thanks to the Grandle family for hosting the sunrise service and breakfast at their mountain cabin on Easter Sunday.
- The children did a great job sharing the Easter play with the congregation on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks to Erika Kann and Meghan Flora for working with the children on this special presentation.

## Fellowship Meals:

The following church wide fellowship meals are planned for the year:

- Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>– Church Picnic following the worship service – Broadway Park Shelter #3
- Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>– Carry-in Breakfast at 8:15 a.m.
- Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> –Carry-in Luncheon after our Homecoming Worship Service

## Graduate Recognition:

We plan to recognize our high school and college graduates (including grad school) on Sunday, June 4, 2017. Information about each graduate will be included in our June newsletter. Please contact Sandy Cupp at 896-7882 or [sandycupp@aol.com](mailto:sandycupp@aol.com) with any information on our graduates.

## Bible School:

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.

## Bereavement

Thanks to everyone who donated and prepared food for the reception following Tamara Long's Memorial Service. Her family and friends were grateful for the love shown to them by our church family.

# Youth

submitted by Lacey Roberts

## **May Schedule**

**Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>:** Relay for Life- We will meet at the fairgrounds at 6 and walk until about 9. More info to come about this event.

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>:** Mission work at 9:30 AM We will power wash and paint!

\*\*This year, we will have our mission days June 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be doing local volunteer work, lessons, help with New Creation, and work on VBS. This year our middle school will have a lesson and the high school will participate in skits for the younger kids.

# 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 disaster. You can drop off your items in the box in the narthex. We need to collect all the items by Sunday, June 11th. 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 the 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.

# Church Directory

Here are some revisions to the church directory

- Phil Long, 2221 Grantham School Road, Mt Olive, NC 28365
- Sterling and Meridith Peele, PO Box, Palmer, AK 99645
- Andy and Lee Jackson, 104 Meadow Lane, Bridgewater, VA 22812

## In Sympathy

- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***The Tamra Grandle Long Family***. ***Tamra*** passed away on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. She will be greatly missed by the Sunset Drive Family.

## Happy Birthday

May

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|----|--|
| 2  | Michael Malloy                                       |
| 5  | Jacob Gilley   |
| 6  | Mark Hadley, Kelly Long, Larry Bowman,               |
| 7  | Bryce Turner, Amanda Harpine                         |
| 8  | Jim Branner, Nancy Hoover, Diane Thomas, ,           |
| 9  | Holly See, David Wenger                              |
| 10 | Judy Rhodes, Kristy Wisman                           |
| 11 | Katie Davis  |
| 12 | Amy Frasure, George Hadley, Diana Drury, Marijo Wood |
| 13 | Penny Lohr   |
| 14 | Jeff Holsinger, Jacque Roach                         |
| 15 | Amanda Sager   |
| 16 | Jesse Hardesty, Rosemary Moyers                      |
| 18 | Dawn Long, Virgil Mumaw, Dick Strawderman            |
| 19 | Katie Adams, LaVonne Crist,                          |
| 20 | Dennis Turner, Diann Harris,                         |
| 21 | David Billhimer                                      |
| 23 | Valerie Arbogast, John David Dove                    |
| 24 | Mike Hawkins   |
| 28 | Roger Conner   |
| 29 | Phyllis Reeves                                       |
| 30 | Faye Herndon   |



## Happy Anniversary

May

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| 2  | Darren and Diana Drury                          |
| 4  | Tom and Amy Hoover, Phillip and Joanna Thompson |
| 7  | Don and Shannon Rellins                         |
| 12 | David and Tammy Jordan                          |
| 13 | Buck and Susan Nazelrod                         |
| 21 | Dwayne and Sheila Runion                        |
| 25 | Jeremy and Laura Rhodes                         |
| 29 | Leon and Dixie Miller                           |

