

Sunset Rays
The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church
November 2017

Newsletter for: SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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LIVING EACH DAY as a STEWARD!

C.W. Lewis said, " There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, ' All right, then, have it your way.' As redeemed children of God, of course, we desire to belong to that first category. We long to **live each day as stewards** who earnestly pray, "Thy will be done." As God's stewards, we are devoted to using all that we are and have for his purpose. We are God's stewards each and every day.

On Sundays, October 29th, November 5^t, and November 12th (Commitment Sunday) the theme of our worship services and our church school emphasis will be living each day as a steward. We will learn how the Holy Spirit, working through Word and Sacrament, transform us to be more like our Chief Steward, Jesus, who willingly poured out his life in giving and serving, ultimately sacrificing his very life for our eternal lives. Just as Jesus faithfully served his Father by serving us, we are to use our lives and gifts in faithful service to him by serving others. *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards for God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).*

As your pastor, I pray that each of you will take advantage of these opportunities to grow in the grace and knowledge of your Lord that you might be strengthened in faith both for eternity and for a fruitful life here on earth.

The three weekly themes are as follows:

October 29th - "The Steward's Identity"
November 5th - "The Steward's Purpose"
November 12th- "The Steward's Lifestyle" (Commitment Sunday)

May God grant us strength and wisdom to be the faithful stewards that he has called us to be.

Pastor Tom Murphy

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>

Upcoming Church Events



- **Bible Study** will be held on Wednesday, November 1st, November 8th, November 15th, and November 29th at 6:30 pm. We are studying the Gospel of Luke. All are Welcome!!
- The **Adult Choir** will have practice on Wednesday, November 1st, November 8th, November 15th, and November 29th at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. We have plenty of room in the choir loft just waiting to be filled by anyone who enjoys music and singing for the Lord. Come check us out and join us as we Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord! Questions?? Please call Brenda Hoover, Adult Choir Director. New members welcomed
- **Administrative Council** meeting will be held Sunday, November 5th in the church conference room directly after the service to review and approve the 2018 budget.
- **UMM Meeting** on Tuesday, November 7th at 7pm.
- **ALL Charge Conference Reports** are due on Tuesday, November 7th.
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, November 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 opened to the community, so spread the word.
- **2017 Charge Conference** is Monday, November 13th at 7pm. ALL reports are due on Tuesday, November 7th.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, November 14th and Tuesday, November 28th from 1pm to 3pm.
- **Sunset Drive Ladies Meeting** on Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 pm.
- **Community Thanksgiving Service** will be on Sunday, November 19th at 7pm at Freedom Fellowship on Main Street in Broadway. The Rev Roger Austin will be preaching the service. Attendees are encouraged to bring a canned/dry food for the Broadway Food Pantry.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, November 20th at 7pm.
- **December 2017 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, November 21st. Please have all information to church office.

Cub Scout Pack 1

submitted by Rick White

Where is this year going? Here it is and we just celebrated Halloween with the Pack Halloween party. Everyone came dressed up, enjoyed a magic show by Brian Bence (which I highly recommend), and had games as well. We even had six boys earn their Bobcat awards! Fun was had by all.

As we come into the Holiday Season, we'll be having our annual food drive where we drop off bags to neighborhood homes on Saturday, October 28th and come back the following Saturday, November 4th to pick them up filled with food that we bring to the food bank at the Broadway Presbyterian Church. So far, we've visited the JMU geology museum and Frazier Quarry this year with so much more to explore and experience still to come. We're using social media this year to grow our program and have been very active on our Facebook page. We could use your help in growing the reach of our program, and it's simple to do. All you do is like our Facebook page and share the posts. That way your friends and family get to see how active our program is and maybe they'll want to get involved in the fun. We're using the hashtag #WEareCubScouting to build awareness. You can access our page by typing this link into your web browser: bit.ly/Pack1VA

If you know a boy between the ages of 5 and 10 that would benefit from our program, please have them call me using the contact info below. Remember that today's Cubs are tomorrow's leaders! God Bless & thank you for allowing us to take part in this most important ministry.

Rick White, Cubmaster, Pack 1
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Sunset Drive Ladies

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

SDUMC Ladies met on Thursday, October 19th at the church. Cards were addressed to send to several people that might be in need of a pick-me-up.

The date for the ladies Christmas dinner was confirmed for Monday, December 11th. Donations were made to Samaritan's Purse to provide clean water to areas in need. Supplies have been bought for the WRE classroom. In November we will be putting together "Blessing Boxes" for shut-ins. Also in November there will be a ladies inspirational program at Sangerville Ruritan Hall hosted by a group called L.I.F.T. Watch the bulletin for details. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 16th. All ladies are invited

Youth

submitted by Lacey Roberts

As we prepare for colder weather ahead, all we can think of to stay positive is a little bit of sweet tea, football and Jesus! Our youth had a very busy October and we want to thank all of you for your hard work and community work. Here is our schedule for November:

November:

November 1st - Game night! 6:30 pm -7:30 pm.

Come out to play some Bible and other games and win some prizes!!

November 5th - Sunday school 9 am. Children's church 10 am

November 8th - 6 pm-7pm. Visit to Timberview and then ice cream

November 12th - Sunday school 9am Lesson on Stewardship

November 15th - 6 pm-7pm: Backpack Program at JCMES

November 18th - 5 pm -7 pm: Practice parts for Youth Sunday on 11/19

November 19th - Youth Sunday (We will be in charge of the whole service)

November 21st - 5:30 pm -7:30 pm- Prepare and deliver two Thanksgiving meals

November 23rd - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

November 26th - Sunday school 9 Lesson on Being Thankful

November 29th - Youth dinner 6:30 pm -7:30 pm

Birthday

November

- 1 Jozelyn Kann
- 3 Robbie White, Jackson Freds
- 5 Adam Long, Mark Long
- 7 Tom Murphy, Ashley Rexrode, Lois Dinges, Shelley Ellington
- 8 Jeffrey Mason, Jeremy Mason, Logan Jordan
- 9 Lowell Fulk, Carolyn Lantz,
- 11 Sharon Krantz
- 12 Terry Bowman
- 13 Sheila Runion
- 14 Austin Wilt
- 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, William Freds
- 24 Christie Sengul
- 28 Michael Kiniry, Sarah Fulk



Happy Anniversary

November

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

