

Sunset Rays
The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church
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OUR JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

Over these last two Sundays we have observed Jesus' journey to Jerusalem in our worship and Bible study. We have attempted to capture our Lord's encounters with his disciples and people as he taught from village to village and raised important issues while **embracing the uncertainties** of life. As a congregation we will continue that journey in worship and study up to Palm Sunday, March 25th, through Holy Week, March 29th until we celebrate Easter Sunday, April 1st, and the Lord's glorious Resurrection! Plan to join with us during these important days of Lent as we intentionally remember our Savior's labor of love bringing his message of forgiveness and salvation to our world.

As we prepare once again to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection, let us keep before us the passion of this season by recalling this prayer for our contemplation and assurance:

*Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
to suffer death on the cross.*

*Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will
and in the glorious victory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and ever. Amen.*

(by Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987)

Pastor Tom

Upcoming Church Events



- **Nurture Committee Meeting** on March 4th at 11am (following worship service)
- **Transition Team** meeting on Sunday, March 4th at 6pm.
- **UMM Meeting** on Tuesday, March 6th at 7pm.
- The **Youth** will host a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, March 7th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Meal includes spaghetti (meatballs), salad, fresh bread, green beans, dessert. Free will offering and money will go towards the Youth mission trips
- **Lenten Study Series** will continue on Wednesday, March 7th, March 14th, March 21st, and March 28th at 6:30 pm in the Faith Church School Class. Our study will be Magrey R. deVega's **Embracing The Uncertain**. We will explore six stories in the Gospels as Jesus travels towards Jerusalem, where he will be crucified. Do come and join with us for this exciting preparation for Easter.
- The **Choir** will have practice on Wednesday, March 7th, March 14th, March 21st, and March 28th at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.
- **24 Double Meeting** on Thursday, March 8th at 7pm.
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, March 10th 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.
- **WRE** cordially invite the congregation to join them in their 2018 Choral Presentation on Saturday, March 10th at 4pm. The concert is being held at Eastern Mennonite University in the EMU Commons-Varsity Court.
- **Daylight Saving Time** begins on Sunday, March 11th.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, March 13th and Tuesday, March 27th, from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **Sunset Drive Ladies Ministry** will meet on Thursday, March 15th at 6pm.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, March 19th at 7pm.
- **April 2018 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, March 20th. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch will** be on Tuesday, February 27th, at 11:30 am Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.
- **Palm Sunday Worship** on Sunday, March 25th, at 10am in the sanctuary. We will remember Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem.
- **Mandy Thursday Service**, March 29th, at 7pm in the sanctuary celebrating our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples.
- **Tenebrae, Good Friday Service**, March 30th, at 7pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Easter Sunrise Service** will be held on Sunday, April 1st. Rides to the Grandle cabin from the parking lot of the church.
- **Easter Sunday** with the music, preaching, and fellowship as we glorify our Lord and his Resurrection!

Transition Team

submitted by Barry Davis

The Transition Team continues our work towards a 3 to 5 year Vision for Sunset Drive based on feedback from the congregation which includes the survey responses from October 2017. A detailed letter was mailed the week of February 19th to all members of the congregation that have an address on file at the church office. This letter outlines the work that has taken place so far and the work that is ongoing. It also provides an overview of the survey results that was taken during Sunday Service on October 15, 2017. There are additional copies located in the Narthex and on our church website for your convenience. If you have any questions or comments, please contact any member of the Transition Team or the church office.

Sunset Drive Ladies Ministry

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

The Ladies Ministry had their regular meeting on Thursday, February 15th. It was decided to send donations to the following organizations: Village Arts Center (\$200), Rockingham County Young Life (\$100), and Community Services Board (\$100). At our March meeting we will be assembling 40 bags for our community shut-ins. These will contain some prepackaged food goodies, hygiene items and some fun stuff too. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15th at 6:30. Please join us in the conference room.



The Ladies' Ministry is planning their annual yard/bake sale. The sale will be held on Saturday, April 28th. Since it worked so well last year, it will be held inside again. We are able to store some things in the garage now if they are in your way. As spring-cleaning begins, keep us in mind. We will accept most things except clothing. If you need help moving items, let us know. However, the best time to drop things off will be Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday before the sale. On those days we'll be in the social hall. Of course, we will take things later if those days aren't suitable. Check your attic. Check your basement. Check your garage.

Check your closets. Make us smile!

Easter Flowers

The Easter Flower forms and envelopes will be available in the bulletins and narthex starting Sunday, March 4th. The cost will be \$8 per flower. Please put form and money in the envelopes marked Easter Flowers and place in offering plate or the box located in the narthex. All orders must have money attached when ordered. Deadline for ordering *Sunday, March 18th*.

Thank you

Thank you for all their cards, phone calls, thoughts, and prayers as I have gotten through this rough time. Thank you, Phyllis Mason

Youth

submitted by Lacey Roberts

Here is the Youth calendar of events for the month of March.

March

Sunday, March 4th: Sunday school 9am (Who is Satan?) Children's church 10am.

Wednesday, March 7th: Youth will host Spaghetti dinner from 5pm to 6:30pm.

Free will offering. Money will go towards mission trips. Meal includes: spaghetti, salad, green beans, fresh bread, desserts and drinks. Please invite your friends!

Sunday, March 11th: Sunday school 9am (Salvation)

Wednesday, March 14th: Youth 6:30pm to 7:30pm (Backpack Program) lesson and snacks

Saturday March 17th: Volunteer at JCMES spring carnival 2:50pm to 5:15pm (dinner provided)

Sunday, March 18th: Sunday school 9am (Salvation) Children's time

Wednesday, March 21st: Youth TBA

*I will let everyone know if we plan to do something fun over spring break.

Thursday, March 29th - Maundy Thursday service (youth to read scripture)

Friday, March 30th Good Friday service (youth to possibly act out)

Sunday, April 1st: EASTER SUNRISE service will be up at the cabin. All are invited to attend. You make bring a covered dish (something light) and experience something pretty awesome when the sun comes up over the mountains. We will start around 6:30am with a 5 minute scripture reading and then eat and watch the sun rise. Bring your camera!!

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be Sunday, June 10th through Thursday June 14th. Our theme is "Stories from the OT: Stories of faith, courage, and hope. Youth will be helping again this year as well as if they would like to be in the youth class. VBS will go from 6pm to 8pm and dinner will be provided!

Youth Mission Trip

This year we will be going to Roanoke for our mission trip. We will leave Thursday, July 26th and come back Sunday, July 29th. This is a great opportunity for our youth to work with those less fortunate, help rebuild a home, and many other things in their community. We will be staying at the Salvation Army (which is now a church and is clean!). I will send out more details once I talk with Tim the director. We have gone several times in the past and the kids had a great experience. This is for rising 7th-11th only.

Volunteering

Over the weeks of July 9th through July 20th, we will be volunteering (not the entire day) at JCMES with their camp for children with ASD also known as autism. I'd love to see a large group of us to help with this!

Sympathy

✝ **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***The Hoover and Turner Families. Chris Hoover's, Eric Hoover's, Mike Hoover's, and Tim Turner's*** **uncle** Paul Orebaugh passed away on Sunday, February 11th.

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

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

Happy Birthday

March

- 1 Bill Williams
- 2 Colton Wenger, Scott Harris
- 4 Fred Olson
- 6 Kathie Jo Almquist, Susan Nazelrod
- 8 Jeff Harris
- 10 Walker Turner
- 12 Steve Rhodes
- 13 Donna Price, Joshua Adams
- 14 Tim Turner
- 16 Erica Kann, Jesse Long, Peggie Turner
- 17 Bailey Harris, Pat Milstead
- 18 Nichole Dinges
- 19 Jacob Fulk,
- 20 Judy Post, Becky Harris, Erin Williams,
- 21 Belynne Hollar, Mark Hoover, Ronald Turner, Stephanie Cantrell
- 23 Ambi Hahn
- 24 Melinda Brown
- 25 Jeffery Formica, JoAnn Milander
- 26 Laura Rellins, Jackson Peele,
- 27 Jennifer Phillips, Jenna Long
- 28 Brandie Lantz Hensley, Marilyn Jenkins
- 29 Scott Arbogast, Landon Craig, Dawn Hohenstien
- 30 Barry Davis, Larry Davis



Happy Anniversary

March

- 12 Benjamin and Elizabeth Orebaugh 13 Glen and Virginia Ann Hulvey

