

Sunset Rays
The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church
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"A Change Is-A Coming!"

Can you believe it! We have already experienced an exciting Easter celebration with a Sunrise Service and Congregational worship on Easter Sunday Morning. The flowers, contributed in honor and memory of loved ones and friends, decorated our sanctuary beautifully along with our new "praise/seasonal banners." The songs sung by attenders at worship and the anthem performed added greatly to our praise of Almighty God. A new beginning was being realized once again in the Resurrection story.

With Spring Time in the air one cannot but notice that change is all around us. The trees and bushes are beginning to bud, the birds singing their particular songs are filling the air with excitement, and the daylight is extending itself with each new day. One cannot help but recall the words of the hymnist, and sing to oneself, the following words:

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord **of all** to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord **of all** to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

(words by Folliot S. Pierpoint)

Yes, change is in the air as God spreads God's wonders around us. With thankful hearts we give our Lord praise and thanksgiving for all the beauty provided in nature and in lives lived out in His name. At Sunset we continue to serve in the days ahead as children, youth, and adults strive to witness to the faith and fellowship in Christ our Lord. To help us in our ministry some of the following activities are forthcoming...and we invite you to be a part of some or all of them:

Pastor Tom

Upcoming Church Events



- **Transition Team** meeting on Sunday, April 8th at 6pm.
- **Lenten Study Series** will conclude on Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30 pm in the Faith Church School Class.
- The **Adult Choir** will have practice on Wednesday, April 4th , April 11th , April 18th and April 25th at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.
- The "**Out to Lunch Bunch**" will be going to the Gobbler Grill in Broadway on Tuesday, April 10th . We will be meet there at 11:30am. If you plan to go, please let me Kay Bowman know at 896-7665.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, April 10th and Tuesday, April 24th , from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **24 to Double Meeting** on Thursday , April 12th at 7pm
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, April 14th , 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.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, April 16th at 7pm.
- **Sunset Drive Ladies Ministry** will meet on Thursday, April 19th at 6pm.
- **May 2018 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, April 24th. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, April 24th , at 11:30 am Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.
- **Audit Team** will meet on Wednesday,, April 25th at 9am in the conference room.
- The **Ladies' Ministry** is planning their annual yard/bake sale. The sale will be held on Saturday, April 28th in the fellowship hall. 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, April 23rd , Tuesday, April 24th , or Wednesday, April 25th 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.

Upcoming District Events

- Harrisonburg District and Asbury UMC will host a information gathering on the work of the "**Commission on a Way Forward**" on Sunday, April 22nd from 1pm-2:15pm. This is a follow-up to the Bishop's Chat and Chew 2.0. There will also be a follow-up discussion on Sunday, May 6th from 2:30 pm to 4:00pm at Asbury.
- **Harrisonburg District Wide Revival** on Sunday, May 20th at Asbury UMC at 3pm. The Reverend Greg West , Chaplain, Virginia Wesleyan College.

You are invited to a Farewell Celebration for

our Harrisonburg District Superintendent, Tommy Herndon,
and
for our District Program Director, Glen Langston, on Sunday, June 10th, at Dayton UMC.
Come any time from 2:00pm to 5:00pm to express your appreciation for Tommy and
Carolyn's and Glen and Tara's ministries among us.

There will be some presentations at 3:30 p.m.

* Refreshments are provided. Card baskets will be available to receive
your special sentiments.

This event will take place in the Fellowship Hall and is located at
215 Ashby Street in Dayton, Virginia



Sunset Drive Ladies Ministry

submitted by Donna Belle Dove



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!

Mission News

submitted by Alan Laughlin

We're starting to plan for the gathering items for the our Kits for Conference. The year we are asking for items to make cleaning buckets, school kits, and hygiene kits. Annual Conference is June 15th through June 17th and we want to allow enough time to gather supplies and to pack.

Watch the bulletins, Newsletters, Web page, and bulletin board for the items we are looking for and I'm hoping we can make a lot of Kits.

We will also be working on making Blessing Bags look for more information.

Youth

submitted by Lacey Roberts

April Schedule

Wednesday, April 4th : Youth Group 6:30pm-7:30pm (youth center)

Sunday, April 8th: Sunday school 9am (*We will be out of town, but will have someone cover or you may go to another classroom.*)

Wednesday, April 11th : Youth Group 6:30pm-7:30pm Trash pick-up at JCMES AND JFRANK. I will have someone pick up JJ's ice cream afterwards.

Saturday, April 14th : Breakfast at the church to support Camp Jigsaw. (Autism camp in the summer!) We will be helping serve, greet, cleanup and then eat! Please spread the word! Directly after this, we need many hands to help plant potatoes. We will start at 10am and finish by 11am.

Sunday, April 15th. Sunday school 9am (Parables)

Wednesday, April 18th: No Youth Group

Sunday April 22nd:- Sunday school 9 AM (Parables)

We are invited to Valley FCA (Fellow Christian Athletes) at EMU for an event called Fields of Faith. There will be games, food trucks, and then a small service at 6pm. If we have enough numbers, we will take the van.

Wednesday, April 25th : Youth Group 6pm-7:30pm Backpack Program and then work on VBS props and lessons

Sunday April 28th : Sunday school 9am

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!

Help Need

submitted by Donna Arbogast

NEEDED: We will be serving dinner to children and staff each evening of Vacation Bible School this year. We are in need of sandwiches to serve on Sunday, June 10, 2018. If you are interested please call Donna Arbogast at 896-1632. We are asking for one dozen sandwiches cut in half (24 halves). Since it will be for children, we would prefer either peanut butter and jelly or plain ham and cheese. We will have mayo and mustard available. These can be brought to the church that Sunday morning. Thank you so much.

Finance Committee

submitted by Dennis Turner

Living Each Day as a Steward using our Time, Talents and Resources

Each Sunday about 20 children ages 4 to 11 gather for Children's Time at the Alter to hear a shorten, simplified version of the Pastor's message. Afterwards, these children flow down the aisles and out the back doors to, to do we know where?

Yes, to Children's Church! Sunset Drive's Nurture/Spiritual Development Committee organizes and staffs Children's Church in the basement for these children while the Worship Service continues in the Sanctuary. What do these children do in Children's Church?

Children learn Bible stories using materials purchased from Cokesbury that are also used for Sunday School. Children enjoy the materials a second time plus different activities and crafts are added. The Sunday School classes and Children's Church are just finishing a Deep Blue curriculum that covers the Bible in 3 years.

Ten members of Sunset Drive devote their time on the Nurture/Spiritual Development Committee led by Sandy Cupp. Children's Sunday School is taught by twenty different Sunset Drive members and nine members rotate leading Children's Church. The most recent purchase of DVD Bible stories, lessons, and activities for our children was in February and cost \$276.75 for March - May. Your offerings are used to purchase these materials.

God continues to amaze us at what He provides through the members of His body, the Sunset Drive United Methodist Church.

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 Local Events

- **Gun Violence Family and Survivor Retreat** on Wednesday, April 11 – Thursday, April 12 in Washington, D.C. This two-day, all-expenses paid retreat is for individuals in the Washington, D.C. and surrounding areas who have lost loved ones to gun violence or have themselves survived gun violence. It will provide a space of healing and empowerment for these persons who have suffered from gun violence, encouraging their presence and action in the movement to end gun violence. The retreat is open to any survivor of gun violence, regardless of faith affiliation. For more information and to register, contact the Rev. Jeania Ree Moore (jmoore@umcjustice.org) and Rebecca Cole (rcole@umcjustice.org).
- The **Shenandoah Valley Choral Society**, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its 48th annual spring concert on Friday, April 13th at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, April 15th at 3:00pm at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The "Haydn Fest" concert will present choral and instrumental works by the classical giant, Franz Josef Haydn. Featured works include, Te Deum #2 in C, Trumpet Concerto in E flat, Symphony #2 in C, and Mass In E Flat (Great Organ Mass). The SVCS choir will be accompanied by the SVCS chamber orchestra and guest soloists. Tickets are available at the door, locally from Choral Society members, Red Front Supermarket (in Harrisonburg), Bridgewater Foods (in Bridgewater), and online at www.singshenandoah.org. Admission is \$15 for adults/ \$12 for seniors and students.



Happy Birthday

April

- 2 Juanita Fulk
- 4 Nora Blair, Shirley Getz, Bea Sager
- 5 Beau Turner
- 7 Phillip Hoover, Sarah Moore
- 8 Bill Thomas, Debe Thomas, Tammy Lohr
- 9 Issac Hulvey
- 11 Tina Dove
- 13 Ashley Formica, Matthew Hoover,
- 14 Michael Hoover
- 15 Holly Packard, Sharon Jones
- 16 Janet Wager
- 17 Seth Wenger
- 18 Reese Arbogast, Dwayne Runion, Bill Mason
- 19 Lisa Lantz, Delores Fulk, Karen Hoover,
- 20 Clemson Almquist, Jill Fidler,
- 21 Ashleigh Fulk, Christopher Runion, Stephanie Kimble
- 22 Kris Kann
- 23 Eliana Formica
- 24 Erin Powell
- 26 Ryan Deavers, Marge Alexander
- 27 JR. Almquist
- 29 Kim Koeppen



Happy Anniversary

April

- 25 Jeff and Susan Holsinger
- 28 Carl Grey and Nancy Hoover