

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

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

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**THE FIRE OF LOVE**

*PENTECOST*

Fifty days after Passover for the Jewish people, on the day of Pentecost, also called the Festival of Harvest, a promise was fulfilled. The words of Jesus, *"I will not leave you comfort-less,"* came true. The Holy Spirit came as recorded in the Book of Acts, *"...the believers were gathered (in Jerusalem) meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them, and it filled the house where they were meeting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the **Holy Spirit** and began speaking in other languages, as the **Holy Spirit** gave them this ability."* (2:1-4) God's Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. The **Fire of Love** descended and that event marks the birth of the Christian Church. Dr. Luke through his reports in Acts depicts for us the eyewitness account of the flame, fire, and the birth of a movement that spread throughout the world...and continues this very day.

On Pentecost Sunday, we at Sunset Drive Church, will celebrate the World Wide Church's birthday, and we will also celebrate Heritage Sunday. It will be a time on that Sunday, May 20th that we will recall the coming of the Holy Spirit and the inaugural of the earthly Church. Also, we will remember our heritage via the blending of the former Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. It promises to be a "Spirit-filled" celebration, and we want you to be a part of our history as we celebrate! This is your invitation to be with us as we praise God for what the Lord has done and is doing.

*Pastor Tom*

***SECURITY ALERT!!!***

You have a special invitation to a special presentation by the Harrisonburg Police Department concerning security information for our church, its property, and individual protection as we move in and out of our daily activities. Our own Captain Tom Hoover and two other officers will be conducting the presentation. There will be materials handed out, overhead projection and...refreshments! Plan to be on hand...especially the Trustees of our church, greeters, and ushers.

See you there on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.



## Upcoming Church Events



- **Bible Study** will resume again after Labor Day. Our Study will be on "A Crazy , Holy Grace" by Fredrick Buechner.
- The **Adult Choir** will have practice on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> ,, May 16<sup>th</sup>, May 23<sup>rd</sup> , and May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.
- The **"Out to Lunch Bunch"** will be going to Bar-B-Que Ranch on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am. We will leave the church parking lot at 11am. If you plan to go, please let me Kay Bowman know at 896-7665.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> , from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **24 to Double Meeting** on Thursday , May 10<sup>th</sup> , at 7pm
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, May 12<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 opened to the community, so spread the word.
- **Sunset Drive Ladies Ministry** will meet on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.
- **May 2018 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.

## Upcoming District Events

- **Mission Central Work Dates.** The next dates for work on the new building at Mission Central are May 9<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> excluding Sunday. Many hands are needed to complete this project. If you can carry a board or help hold a piece of drywall we have a job for you. Contact Bob Talbott at [pastorbob.asburyumc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbob.asburyumc@gmail.com) or 540-421-2500 for more information.
- **Harrisonburg District Wide Revival** on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> , 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 Ashby UMC.

## **Autism Camp Breakfast**

On April 14<sup>th</sup>, Sunset Drive hosted a breakfast to benefit a summer Autism Camp (Camp Jigsaw) at John C. Myers. We received \$1,185 in donations. About 175 people attended the breakfast. Our United Methodist cooked breakfast, which included Turner Ham, Bacon, Eggs, Pancakes and Sausage Gravy. Our Youth Group cheerfully served as greeters, servers and host/hostess. We also had many adult and children volunteers who helped with setup, serving and cleanup. In addition, some of our church family will serve as helpers at Camp Jigsaw this summer. For more information, contact Beth Hoover. Our church and community are truly blessed with many faithful followers of all ages, who cheerfully serve as the "hands and feet" of Christ. Someone has said: Go forth and preach the Good News, and use words if you have to! (Actions do speak louder than words) God Bless.

## **Youth**

submitted by Lacey Roberts

### **Vacation Bible School**

VBS will be Sunday, June 10th through Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 26<sup>th</sup> and come back Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup> through July 20<sup>th</sup>, 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!

## **Looking for a Book?**

Virgil Mumaw has generously donated most of his collection of books to the church. There are some great books on Bible study, Christian living, history, the apostles, and other topics. The books are located in the office near the fellowship hall. Stop by and browse. Take a book or two and return it whenever.

## Help Need

submitted by Donna Arbogast

Help 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

### God will leave a light on for you!

It's Sunday morning and dozens of people are at Sunset Drive UMC worshipping God. And then, about 11:30, Ronnie Dove locks the front door and, and, ..... What Happens Then??? Do the mice come out to pray???

Well, there *are* periods of calm and peace within the church building but just as often it's filled with activities furthering Sunset Drive's ministries. There are small group meetings held throughout the week - Bible Study, Children's Ministry, Youth Group, Sunset Ladies Ministry, UMM, Prayer Shawl Ministry and Choir. Committee meetings also break the silence - Administrative Committee, Trustees, Nurture Committee, Worship Committee, Transition Team. During Holy Week, services were held on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday as well as Ash Wednesday in February. VBS is scheduled for the week of June 10. UMM sponsors their community breakfast one Saturday each month. Outside groups use our church building too - Weekday Religious Education meets each Tuesday and Friday in the basement, Cub Scouts meet twice a month and use pretty well all of the class rooms and Ruritan's Board of Directors meets monthly in the Conference Room. Sunset Drive also hosts District meetings such as the 24-to-Double series. Our Fellowship Hall is sometimes rented and it is also used for weddings and funerals.

All told, hundreds of individuals cross the Sunset Drive threshold each month on days other than Sunday as they attend to God's Work. And they can be assured of a comfortable environment thanks to our offerings supporting the purchase of utilities. For the first three months of the year, electricity cost just over \$2000, natural gas was just over \$1500, and water and sewer cost \$230.

So God is working through each of us to leave the lights on for all to further His ministry; another way we Live Each Day as a Steward. Thank you for your gifts and continued support of Sunset Drive UMC and, He'll leave a light on for *you*.

## 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>

## Nurture Committee

submitted by Sandy Cupp

### Graduate Recognition

We plan to recognize our high school and college graduates (including grad school) on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. 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) by May 15<sup>th</sup> with any information on our graduates.

### Nursery Volunteers Needed

We need nursery volunteers for May 27<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Sandy Cupp at 896-7882 or [sandycupp@aol.com](mailto:sandycupp@aol.com) if you can help, or you can sign up at <http://signup.com/login/entry/306993923657322047>.

### Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School is planned for June 10<sup>th</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. for students in PreK – 8th grade. We have a great program planned on Old Testament Stories of Faith and Hope. Thanks to everyone who has agreed to help with Bible School. You can register your child at <https://goo.gl/forms/GPlu1J3KksQEuWjq2> Contact Erica Kann at (540) 908-0624 with any questions.

### Chicken BBQ

Its Chicken BBQ time! Thanks to everyone who helped with the BBQ on April 21<sup>st</sup>! Our church has two more chicken barbeques for the season: Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. We need volunteers to cook, wrap, and sell the chicken. 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 Sandy Cupp at 896-7882. This is a great time to have fun and fellowship as we earn money to help with our church ministries!



# April Highlights

## Spaghetti Dinner



## Easter Egg Hunt



## Thank you,

- Thank you to all who supported the Bake Sale. Your response was overwhelming *and so appreciated.* Jean, Merteen, and Karla

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> through June 17<sup>th</sup> and we want to allow enough time to gather supplies and to pack.

## *Hygiene Kits*

**1 hand towel (15"x25" to 17"x27")** kitchen towels and microfiber towels are not allowed

**1 washcloth**

**1 metal nail file or nail clipper** (no emory boards or large nail clippers)

**1 comb** (sturdy and no longer than 6") rattail combs are acceptable with a minimum of 6" of teeth

**1 bath-size bar of soap** in wrapper 6 (no Ivory or Jergens)

**1 adult-size toothbrush** in wrapper

**6 Band-aids** (3/4" to 1/2")

**1 gallon-size ziplock bag**

**\$1.00** to purchase toothpaste

## *School Kits*

**1 14x16 inch cloth bag**

Homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable

Heavy-duty fabric only, such as denim, corduroy, drapery fabric, etc.

No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols

Closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps, or Velcro sewn in middle of opening, if used.

**1 pair blunt scissors** (rounded tip only; no plastic scissors)

**3 pads of paper** (spiral notebooks, top-bound notebooks, and side-bound notebooks, count as "pads of paper") (they need to be wide-ruled paper)

150 sheets or less of notebook paper (wide-ruled) can be substituted for one pad

Combinations of any of these "pads of paper" can be used

**1 hand-held pencil sharpener** (must be at least 1" long) Please remove from wrapper.

**(1) 12" ruler** (hard or flexible with no advertisements on it) Cartoon characters, flowers, etc. are acceptable.

**6 unsharpened pencils** (no religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols)

**(1) 2" or larger-size eraser** (no religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols)

**(1) 24-count box of crayons** (24-count box only)

### ***Cleaning Bucket Kits***

**th resealable lid** Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner Advertisements on the outside are acceptable No square buckets (Only round buckets are used to ensure proper stacking during transport)

**Liquid laundry detergent** One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only

**Liquid household cleaner** 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water ( No spray cleaners )

**Dish soap** 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand

### **50 Clothespins**

**Clothesline** One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines (Cotton or plastic)

**7 Sponges** No cellulose sponges due to mold issues (Non-cellulose sponges or "foam sponges" only. Foam or man-made sponges will not retain water and cause mildew). These sponges can be found in the household and automotive departments of stores and some restaurant supplies houses. Some commonly available brands include but not limited to (Scotch-Brite, Dobie All-Purpose Pad, Lysol Multi-Purpose Durable Scrub Sponge, Scrub Daddy Original, Melamine Foam Kitchen Wash Cleaning Sponge) Remove from packaging

**24-Roll heavy-duty trash bags** 33-45 gallon sizes Remove from the box

**18 Cleaning wipes** Handi-wipes or reusable wipes ( No terry cleaning towels (Remove from packaging)

**1 Can air freshener** Aerosol or pump

**1 Insect-repellant spray** 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover

**2 Pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves** Should be durable enough for multiple uses Remove from packaging

**1 Pair work gloves** All Cotton All Leather Cotton with Leather Palm

**5 Scouring pads** Remove from wrapper

No stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)

**1 Scrub brush** Plastic or wood handle

**5 Dust masks**

There will be a container in the narthex where you can drop off any of these items as often as you wish. If you are unable to shop for items, you may make a donation to "Kits for Conference" and the money will be used to purchase the items. There will also be complete instructions on how to assemble the entire kit if you want to put it together yourself. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. These kits give comfort and assistance to people all over the world. This is a great opportunity to do God's work! Thank you for your support of this project.



# Happy Birthday

## May

- 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

- 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

