

Sunset Rays  
*The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church*  
**August 2017**

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

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## Sunday School Celebration / Promotion and Carry-In Breakfast

Join us in celebrating our Sunday School program on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Our celebration will begin with a carry-in (potluck) breakfast for the entire church at 8:15 a.m. After a time of good food and fellowship, everyone is invited to check out our Sunday School classes for children and adults. Sunday School classes begin at 9:00 a.m. Our classes for children include: Preschool – Kindergarten, Elementary (Grades 1-5), and Youth (Grades 6 – 12). We also offer a nursery for infants and toddlers. We offer five classes for adults. Our Sunday School classes provide an opportunity for Bible study and relationship building with others as we read, study, and discuss God's word and its meaning for our lives. This experience helps build and strengthen our faith in a supportive atmosphere! Please come join us!

During the 10:00 a.m. worship service, we will recognize our children with a promotion ceremony. Children will go to their new classes on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## Upcoming Church Events



- The **"Out to Lunch Bunch"** will be going Olive Garden in Harrisonburg on Tuesday, August 8<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, August 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1pm to 3pm. New members are welcome.
- **Trustee Meeting** on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- **Transition Team Meeting** on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- **September 2017 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, August 29<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>

## Nurture / Spiritual Development Committee

submitted by Sandy Cupp

### Church Picnic

Our picnic was enjoyed by folks from 5 years old to 90+ years old! We ate delicious food! We played yard games! We had great fellowship! Thanks to everyone who came to the picnic and to all of those who brought the yummy food!

### Vacation Bible School – Sunday, July 30 through Thursday, August 3 (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)

- The theme for this year is "I Am a Disciple of J-E-S-U-S." It is a great program planned on the birth, life, and resurrection of Jesus!
- We have classes and activities planned for three year old preschoolers through middle school aged students.
- Thanks to the many volunteers who are helping with VBS.

### Upcoming Fellowship Meals:

The following church wide fellowship meals are planned:

- Sunday, August 27, 2017 – Carry-in Breakfast at 8:15 a.m.
- Sunday, September 24, 2017 – Carry-in Luncheon after our Homecoming Worship Service

## Church Choirs

submitted by Brenda Hoover

The Children's and Adult Choirs will take the summer off. Thanks so much for their dedication for providing special music for the worship services! Anyone interested in sharing their talent to provide special music for the summer worship services please contact Brenda Hoover. (896-1319).

Thanks!

# Sympathy

- † **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to **The Bill Glendye Family** . **Bill** passed away on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> . He will be greatly missed by the Sunset Drive Family.
- † **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to **The Robert "Bob" Wenger Family** . **Bob** passed away on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> . He will be greatly missed by the Sunset Drive Family.
- † **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to **The Wayne Turner Family** . **Wayne** passed away on Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> . He will be greatly missed by the Sunset Drive Family.

# Happy Birthday

## August

- 2 John Daniels
- 3 Christine Harris
- 4 Zane Turner
- 5 Erika Dick, Dorothy Gladden, Huck Kann, Bob Hahn
- 7 Helen Thomas
- 8 Tanner Fulk, Tyler Rhodes
- 9 Kay Bowman, Leigh Ann Bowles
- 10 Joanna Thompson, Rylan Formica
- 12 Joan Shifflett
- 13 Ryan Long
- 15 Abigail Long
- 17 John Crist
- 18 Tom Hoover, Doris Emswiler,
- 19 Eva Rellins, Jody Jones
- 20 Merteen Arbogast
- 22 Ann Hoover, Tammy Wenger
- 21 Eli Flora
- 24 Ashley Hoover, Aryn Shirkey,
- 25 Wendy Packard
- 27 Melinda Bynum
- 28 Alan Laughlin
- 30 Jeremy Rhodes
- 31 Lee Andes



# Happy Anniversary

## August

- 1 Wayne and Donna Arbogast, Ronnie and Donna Belle Dove
- 4 Kyle and Meghan Flora
- 5 Lowell and Sandy Turner, Scott and Becky Harris,
- 9 Tim and Shelia Proctor
- 15 Barry and Bonny Davis
- 17 George and Janet Hadley
- 20 Tim and Robin Turner
- 21 Tom and Dreanna Murphy

