



## Sunset Rays

*The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church*

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

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Can you believe it? It doesn't seem possible. Summer 2017 is over! Wow! Where did it go? Time out of school; a week or two or more away from the regular routine of work and expected responsibilities. Anticipating time off with family, off to the beach, the mountains, to grandma's house, to see sisters, bothers, uncles and aunts, realizing finally that "all good things must come to an end."

Now, we come face to face with the ultimate structure of our days as we settled into patterns familiar to our life style, or assume adjustments to new realities. No doubt, many of us have played hard over these last weeks of relaxation and vacation. What's on the agenda in the weeks and months ahead? Well, at Sunset Drive United Methodist Church we are gearing up for a new and exciting Fall Season. Check below and familiarize yourself with "what's coming" our way:

- Planning is underway, and excitement is spreading regarding our own **"Home Coming"** on Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate our gathering with worship, picture, and song! Our guest preacher will be one of our former pastors, the Reverend Dr. Bob Throckmorton. Following the service there will be a luncheon and 'surprises'.
- Bible Study begins on September 6<sup>th</sup>...and the class decides on which book of the Bible we will study. What good fellowship, what fun in sharing the faith, and how wonderful to gain knowledge from Holy Scripture. How about you planning to be a part of the fun?
- Acolyte training for our young people with Pastor Tom and his support staff. We will examine what is an Acolyte, what is Worship, Ritual and Liturgy, the Christian Year, Christian Symbols, and The Sacraments. What an opportunity for fellowship and learning the meaning and purpose of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Date and Time TBA

# Upcoming Church Events



- **UMM Meeting** on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Worship Committee Meeting** on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Bible Study** will meeting on begin meeting on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. Bible study will meet on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup>, and September 27<sup>th</sup>. All are Welcome!!
- The **Adult Choir** will begin practicing again on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. We will be practicing for upcoming Worship services and be preparing for the Homecoming Worship Service on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. 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.
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, September 9<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.
- **Transition Team Meeting** on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- The **"Out to Lunch Bunch"** will be going Kyoto Japanese Steak House in Harrisonburg on Tuesday, September 12<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, September 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm.
- **October 2017 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Ladies Ministry Meeting** on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- **Homecoming Sunday** is Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. *Worship is at 10am with a Carry-In Luncheon at 11am.*
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, September 26<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)

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

# Nurture / Spiritual Development Committee

submitted by Sandy Cupp

## Vacation Bible School

- Thanks to everyone who made our Vacation Bible School such a success! Over fifty children spent five days learning about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus!
- Thanks to Lacey and Zack Roberts for all of their hard work with lesson planning. Thanks to Erica Kann for leading us through the week.
- Thanks to the 35 adult and youth group volunteers who worked hard to make the week such a success!
- Thanks to the children and adults who brought cans of food and money to donate to the local food bank.

## Bereavement Meals

- Thanks to everyone who donated food and time to provide meals for the family and friends of Bob Wenger, Wayne Turner, and Betty Turner.
- The families greatly appreciated the love and support shown by our church family.

## Christian Education Sunday

We celebrated Christian Education Sunday on August 27<sup>th</sup> starting with a delicious carry-in breakfast. Thanks to Chris Reisch and Leon Miller for making pancakes and to everyone who brought food to share. The children, youth and Sunday School teachers were recognized during worship service. Children in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades were presented with study Bibles. During his sermon, Pastor Tom shared that Christian education is a lifelong endeavor. Please join us for Sunday School at 9:00 on Sunday mornings and for Bible Study at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings.

## Nursery

We are so fortunate to have young children in our church. We have a need for 2 volunteers to serve in our nursery during worship service each Sunday. Our goal is to have enough folks serving so that each person will be in the nursery one or two times during each six month period. If you did not receive an email and a link to sign up for a Sunday in the nursery, and you are interested in serving, please contact Sandy Cupp at [sandycupp@aol.com](mailto:sandycupp@aol.com). This is a great way to serve your church and to support our children!

## Upcoming Fellowship Meals:

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>– Carry-in Luncheon after our Homecoming Worship Service

## Congratulations

- **Congratulations** to **Scott and Valerie Arbogast** on the arrival of their son **Brody David Arbogast**. Brody was born on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. We rejoice in this birth with the parents, big brother Brian, grandparents Wayne and Donna Arbogast, and great grandparents Merteen Arbogast and Dot Gladden.
- **Congratulations** to **Zach and Lacey Roberts** on the arrival of their son **Oliver Knox Roberts**. Brody was born on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. We rejoice in this birth with the parents, big sister Laurel, big sister Maggie, big brother Aayden, grandparents C.W and Peggy Grandle, and great grandparent Ann Grandle.
- **Congratulations** to **Patrick and Kelly Malloy** on the arrival of their son **Michael James Malloy**. Michael was born on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. We rejoice in this birth with the parents, and grandparents Mike and Esther Malloy.

## Sympathy

- † **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to **The Betty Turner Family . Betty** passed away on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. He will be greatly missed by the Sunset Drive Family.

## Thank you

- We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits, and food that we received for our Dads passing. We would like to thank Pastor Glen for helping with the service. We would also thank Brenda and Susan for the beautiful music they played. Thank you to all the women that provided the meal and snacks before and after the memorial service. Also we would like to thank the ladies that knitted the prayer shawls that were given to each family. It is wonderful to know that we have such a loving and caring church.. The Wayne Turner family.
- We would like to thank everyone for the food, cards, visits, and prayers for the passing of our mother Betty Turner. Thank you to Pastor Tom for the beautiful memorial and graveside services you had for mom. Thank you to Brenda and Susan once again for the beautiful music. A big thank you to all the women that prepared and served the food for both the family meal and snacks for after the memorial service. It has been a hard 3 weeks with both dad's and mom's passing but we are so thankful we have such a loving and caring church family. Thank you, Joanna, Phillip, Jeremy, Tonya, and families.
- Thank you for all who showed concern and prayers for our Texas family. Our son Craig, his wife, our grandchildren and spouses, and our great grandchildren. They are all *SAFE*. Thank you everyone at Sunset Drive for keeping them in your prayers. We are very grateful. Carl Grey and Nancy Hoover

# Homecoming Meal

submitted by Donna Arbogast

There will be a covered dish meal following the homecoming service on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a couple of your favorite dishes to share, and plan to enjoy the fellowship. If you are interested in helping at the meal please contact Donna Arbogast.

# Youth

submitted by Lacey Roberts

This fall, we will be involved with New Creation as well as finding some dates to serve at the food pantry and volunteering at the schools. We will be having a youth Sunday this Fall where all kids participate and we provide the entire service. I will get a date out as soon as possible so we have plenty of help. Fun days will include pumpkin pickin, some bonfires, and Kings Dominion for our yearly trip.

Youth schedule for September.

**Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Sunday school 9 am (Children's church at 10)

**Thursday, September, 7<sup>th</sup>** - We will meet at the church at 5:pm and go to the Presbyterian church food pantry to sort and hand out food. We have been asked to do this every month or possibly every other month. More info TBA. We will be finished by 6:00. Notice this is a Thursday.

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**- Sunday school 9 am

**Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup>** - Youth group 6:30 pm-7:30 pm snacks and lesson

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday school 9am, picnic at cabin \*\*More info TBA

**Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>**- Visit to Timberview Crossing\*We will meet at 6 pm at the church and be back by 7 pm. JJ's for desert!

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** -Homecoming Sunday school 9 am. Bring a dish and come for the great fellowship after the service. (The youth may have a part in this so after I talk to Pastor Tom I will get back with everyone.)

**Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** - Youth group 6:30 pm-7:30 pm lesson and then we will pick up trash at John C.

# Marion Mission Trip

submitted by Alan Laughlin

I traveled to Marion, VA on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> to help with Project Crossroads. That week we saw 35 people working on four different job sites. Our team worked on replacing deck boards on a 30 foot walkway. Then restrained them. We then stained a ramp which was in bad shape and need a face lift. We worked half a day on Wednesday and spent the afternoon at Hungry Mother State Park. The Park is very nice and we had a good time. On Thursday and Friday we built a four by sixteen woodshed for their firewood ministry. It was rewarding to meet the people we helped and to share with them. Project Crossroads helps the community in many ways from home repair to firewood help on colder months to working at the local free clinic. The clinic serves three counties and is very much needed, Project Crossroads is affiliated with The Holston Conference of the UMC. I will hear in October plans for 2018 and we can plan for our participation. Thank you



# Vacation Bible School



## WRE

submitted by Heidi Bunn

Weekday Religious Education will be starting back on September 5th. WRE is open for 2nd - 4th graders of all Rockingham County Schools. This is a wonderful program where children are released for half an hour once a week during the school day to learn more about our awesome God! For some students, this is their only opportunity to learn about their Savior and to have someone pray for them. I am incredibly grateful to Sunset Drive for the continued use of the church to continue this program at John C Myers. I'm also thankful for those individuals and groups who have purchased classroom supplies and offered words of encouragement (thank you ladies!). I will be back for my third year of teaching and am excited to see my old students and meet the new ones! Thank you for everything!

Blessings! Heidi Bunn

## Birthday

### September

- 1 Tammy Jordan,
- 2 Gerald Bean
- 3 Anna Showalter, Brian Billhimer
- 4 Ben Jones, Derrick Stultz, Jared Billhimer
- 5 Jody Turner, Rudy Hohenstein
- 6 Taylor Rhodes
- 7 Benjamin Hahn
- 2 Jeffery Thomas
- 11 Dixie Miller, Weston Estep
- 12 Buck Nazelrod, Caley Ellington
- 14 Brad Williams, Taylor Long
- 16 Lindsey White, Dawn Wenger
- 18 Shannon Rellins
- 19 Colby Mongold, Sandy Mongold
- 20 Scott Moore
- 23 Amy Hoover, DD Hulvey, Kathy Turner,
- 24 James Sager
- 25 Dave Peoples
- 26 Allison Hawkins, Eddie Long, Pam Dowrey, Peggy Packard
- 28 Eli Flora
- 29 Don Rellins
- 30 Wayne Arbogast, Jean Thomas, Bransen Hensley, T.J. Stroop,



## Happy Anniversary

### September

- 9 Jeremy and Tonya Turner
- 11 John and Peggy Packard
- 15 Fred and Sue Olson
- 17 Richard and Kathy Sharpe
- 22 Kris and Erica Kann
- 23 Jeff and Ashley Formica, Jack and Penny Lohr
- 25 Jeff and Laura Deavers
- 29 Matt and Sharon Krantz

