



## Sunset Rays

*The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church*

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

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### *It's About Stewardship*

As the Season of Fall blankets us with the promise of leaves turning and cooler weather capturing our attention, we marvel at the beauty of God's handiwork. The Psalmist wrote, *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein..." (24:1)* We know that as God's people we are to glorify our Lord by appreciating all that God gives. We are to be good stewards as we honor God's gifts of nature and life itself. Therefore, we strive to make witness in all that we do "to give God the glory."



One way we can live up to our calling to serve the Lord is through our committed stewardship in our financial giving. It is during the month of late October and November that Sunset Drive Church will focus our prayers, preaching, and study upon the theme: **Living Each Day as a Steward!** We will remember what King David wrote long ago when he said, *"The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me"* (Psalm 138:8). And in remembering that admonition, we will also recall our commitment as church members to be faithful disciples and stewards with... *"our time, talents, gifts, and service."* Yes, we will need your prayerful support as we formulate ministry for our 2018 budget, but we will also address the stewardship of Time, Talents, and Service. To live each day as a Steward for the Lord God is an awesome responsibility. Can we take up such a banner? Will we take up such a banner for the Lord? Jesus said, *"Behold, I have come to do your will, O God"* (Hebrews 10:7), and the Apostle James reminds us that we, too, are to be *"doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving ourselves"* (James 1:22).

Begin now to offer prayer to God that the Holy Spirit will fill our hearts in believing that "all things are possible" if we have faith in the One who calls us to Will and to Do! *Join in the march forward with expectation!*

**A Wonderful Line-up of Worship Experience** is before us:

October 8<sup>th</sup>- The Reverend Glen Langston, preaching Sermon:  
Sermon: "Defining Evangelism"  
October 15<sup>th</sup>- Worship, Preaching, and "Transition Team Review"  
October 22<sup>nd</sup> - "A Great Day of Singing" with the Word shared and some of the "old songs" we love to sing!  
October 29<sup>th</sup> - The beginning of our stewardship emphasis featuring the theme: "*Living Each Day as a Steward*"  
Sermon: "The Steward's Identity".  
November 5<sup>th</sup> - Sermon: "The Steward's Purpose".  
November 12<sup>th</sup>- **Commitment Sunday** when we bring our "pledges" before the Lord.  
Sermon: "Then Steward's Life Style".

**Outstanding Acolytes** have been preparing to lead our congregation in forthcoming worship experiences. Those comprising our class of training were the following:

Ainsley Flora	Alyssa Allen
Ashley Hoover	Ashton Allen
Jaxen Phillips	John Haviland
Jozelyn Kann	Kai Orebaugh
Natalie Flora	Rachel Haviland
Skylar Phillips	

Congratulations to all who are volunteering to serve the Lord is such a vital ministry!

**How About a Visit with the Doctor?** Join the Wednesday night Bible Study to 6:30pm. You will learn about a passionate man who wrote about our Lord Jesus from Doctor Luke's perspective. You will also enjoy the fellowship with those who come to listen, share, and pray together. How about it? You don't want to miss it!

## 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>

# Upcoming Church Events



- **UMM Meeting** on Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.
- **Bible Study** will meeting on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup>, and October 25<sup>th</sup> , at 6:30 pm. We will be studying the Gospel of Luke. All are Welcome!!
- The **Adult Choir** will have practice on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup>, and October 25<sup>th</sup> , at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. 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.
- Animals Galore! Come and join us for **The Blessing of the Animals!** Once again, we will gather to thank God for his animals, our friends, who give us joy! We will meet at Broadway Presbyterian Church (107 E Lee St, Broadway) on Sunday, October 8th at 3pm. Come and join in the fun and celebration!
- The **"Out to Lunch Bunch"** will be going to The Home Place, in Mathias, WV on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, leaving the church parking lot at 11 am. If you can join us, please contact Kay Bowman at 896-7665.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 3pm.
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, October 14<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.
- **Soup and Sandwich Lunch** to benefit hurricane relief will be held on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the worship service. Come eat, enjoy the fellowship, and make a donation to help those in need of assistance. If you signed up to bring food, please have it here before the worship service. Thank you.
- **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.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **November 2017 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> . Please have all information to church office.
- **Worship Committee Meeting** on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Sunset Ladies Ministry Meeting** on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> , at 11:30 am Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.
- **2017 Charge Conference** is Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. ALL reports are due on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

# Nurture / Spiritual Development Committee

submitted by Sandy Cupp

## Homecoming Meal

Thanks to Kay Turner and Donna Arbogast for organizing our homecoming meal. Thanks to everyone who brought the delicious food. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship, great food, and pictures provided by Dennis Turner and Katie Almquist. It was also a treat to have Bob and Patti Throckmorton as our special guests.

## Nursery

We are so fortunate to have young children in our church. We need 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 two times during each six month period. Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet to serve in the nursery: [www.volunteersignup.org/DDRJT](http://www.volunteersignup.org/DDRJT)

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do. You can also contact Sandy Cupp at sandycupp@aol.com.

## **Nurture Positions to be filled for 2018**

### Adult Sunday School Literature Coordinator

Responsibilities:

- Unpack and verify the Cokesbury literature order.
- Give packing slip to the treasurer.
- Distribute literature to each adult classroom the week before each new quarter begins.
- Contact Cokesbury representative if standing order needs to be changed.

### Nursery Coordinator

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate 2 volunteers to be in the nursery each Sunday during the worship service.
- Post a schedule of volunteers for each quarter.

## **Thank you**

- To Rev. Murphy and church family. Thank you for all of the prayers, calls, and concern for my son JD and our extended family. Everyone is improving. Jean Dove.
- I would like to say Thank you for all of our thoughts, card, kind words, and prayers over the last months. I am very blessed that God lead me to Sunset Drive. Lisa Thacker

## Sunset Drive Ladies

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

Sunset Drive United Methodist Ladies met Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Since our last meeting was in May, this was an organizational meeting for the next 9 months. We reviewed last year's activities and decided that we would continue in the same direction this year. Donations to the local food pantry and Meals on Wheels will be given every 4 months instead of every month. Tentative dates were set for the ladies' Christmas dinner and the spring yard sale. Other activities and donations will be discussed on a month-to-month basis. Stay tuned for specific dates for upcoming activities. All ladies of the church are invited to be a part of this. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the church. Please join us.

## Trustees

Sunset Drive has been going through some beatification over the past few months. Here are some picture from the staple cleaning and painting,



# Birthday

## October

- 1 Alicia Proctor
- 2 Mandy Freds
- 3 Amanda Reeves, Chris Herndon, Nathan Billhimer
- 5 Brittany Stroop
- 6 Chelsea Ellington, Katie Turner
- 7 Amanda Williams
- 8 Tim Gilley, Joan Wenger, Mary Jo Hulvey,
- 9 Allison Malloy
- 10 Ainsley Flora, Phyllis Fidler
- 12 Katie Almquist
- 13 Mickey Long, Jimmy Lee,
- 14 Sandy Gay, Tara Fulk
- 15 Charlene Gilley, Cathy Crist
- 16 Peggy Grandle, Katherine Malloy
- 18 Amanda Mills, Jennifer Beahm
- 19 Rachel Fulk
- 20 Sandy Turner, Lori Turner,
- 21 Ronnie Dove
- 22 Anna Lea Moore
- 23 Tracey Long
- 24 William Campbell, Dawn Hensley,
- 25 Claire Fulk, Jeremy Fulk
- 26 Dale Hulvey
- 27 Dale Cupp
- 28 Billie Gentry, Felicia Glick
- 29 Leon Miller, D.W. Gay, Jeff Lohr,
- 30 Robin Turner, Sarah Hoover
- 31 Ann Laughlin, Susie Crider



# Happy Anniversary

## October

- 1 Glen and Tara Langston
- 5 William and Eleanor Campbell
- 18 Eric and Brenda Hoover
- 22 JR and Katie Almquist
- 23 Harold and Lisa Thacker
- 26 Michael and Melissa Kiniry