

**SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Morning Worship: 10:00 am December 17, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY in ADVENT

***Entering into Our Worship Together***

PRELUDE Abby Fulk, Ainsley Flora, Natalie Flora, Jozelyn Kann

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "There's a Song in the Air" Hymnal #249

GREETINGS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Matt Krantz Family

Congregational Response, singing:

**"O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on  
Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

***CHRISTMAS CANTATA***

***"COME LET US ADORE"***

Arranged and by Russell Mauldin  
Created by Russell Mauldin & Sue Smith

"JESUS CAME TO US AS A BABY ON THIS EARTH"

"It's Christmas" (Opener) with "Away in a Manger"

"Do You Hear What I Hear" Soloist Katie Almquist

"Midnight Clear" (Love Song) with "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

"Close to Christmas"

" Adore"

MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here  
below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CHRISTMAS CANTATA***

"JESUS CAME TO EARTH TO BRING SALVATION"

"A Christmas Alleluia"

"Noel" Soloist Karla Dick

"A King Like This"

"It's Christmas" (Finale) with " Away in a Manger" and

"Go Tell It On The Mountain"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Our Acolytes lead us out as we go forth to serve.

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**Adult Choir Members:**

**Sopranos**

Katie Almquist

Karla Dick

Susan Holsinger

JoAnn Milander

**Altos**

Cecee Hawkins

Jean Kinsey

Sue Olson

Micki Peoples

**Tenors/Basses**

JR Almquist

Mike Hawkins

James Kiser

Christopher Runion

John Sellers

Bud Skillman

Dear Congregation,

It is our prayer that during this Christmas Season and the coming year, you will join us in remembering God's special gift he sent to us, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

We pray that you allow Him to fill your life with  
Joy, Hope, Peace, and Love! ...The Participants  
in Today's Cantata



**Prayer Concerns**

*(Prayer requests must be received in the office at 540-896-3970 or office@sunsetdriveumc.com by Thursday at 10am to be included. Names stay on for **two weeks.**)*

**Our Church Family ...**

Brian Fidler (Bev Thompson)  
Fred Olson (Bev Thompson)  
Pastor Tom, Dreanna, and the Murphy Family

**Our Extended Family ...**

**Prayer for Our Military Family.....**

Will Freds: U.S Army (son in law of CW and Peggy Grandle)  
Mark Hadley: U.S Navy (son of George and Janet Hadley)  
David Lee: U.S Army (grandson of Jane Garrett)  
Mark Long: U.S Navy (son of Dawn Long)  
Chris Mullenax: U.S Army Special Forces  
Tim Slutman, U.S Army (close friend of the Almquist family)



*Congratulations* to Wesley and Chasity Allen on the birth of their daughter Amelia Rae, born on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> weighing 7lbs 3.4ozs. Everyone is doing well.



**We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to *The Murphy Family* . Pastor Tom and Dreanna's grandson passed away on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> .



We welcome guest pianist, *James Kiser*, who is playing for our worship service this morning. We appreciate him sharing his talent for the Lord with us this morning.

# SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Over 129 years of serving God and the Community**



**"Seeking to live our faith, growing in our discipleship, and reaching out to others."**

**Staff**

Pastor: Tom Murphy  
Secretary: Lisa Thacker  
Custodian: Angie Coffman  
Music Coordinator: Brenda Hoover  
Youth Coordinator: Lacey Roberts



Pianist: James Kiser  
Adult Choir Director: Brenda Hoover  
Narrator: Christopher Runion  
Sound Operator: Dwayne Runion

**Greeters:**

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> : Steve and Judy Rhodes  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> : Dick Strawderman

**December Usher**

Zach Roberts



The information for the *January Newsletter* is due on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Administrative Council* on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> has been *CANCELLED*. Our next meeting is Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

*Advent Study Series* will continue on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall . This will temporarily replace our regular Wednesday evening Bible Study. Our study, over four weeks, will be Max Lucado's *Because of Bethlehem*. We will consider a *remarkable Gift in an Unremarkable Package*. Do come and join with us for this exciting preparation study paving the way for our Christmas Celebration!

The *Adult Choir* will practice on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

*Christmas Eve Communion and Candle Light Service* on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Intergenerational Sunday School Class**

We will be offering a new Sunday School class beginning January 7, 2018. This class is for our youth as well as parents, young adults, and anyone interested in exploring the Bible more deeply. This class does not take the place of any of our existing adult Sunday School classes, but will be offered as an alternative for anyone wishing to attend. Zack Roberts will be leading the intergenerational class that will meet in the fellowship hall from 9:00 – 9:45 on Sunday mornings. We are excited about this added opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship!

Sandy Cupp, Spiritual Development / Nurture Chair



**Stewardship Report –December 10, 2017**

Church School Last Sunday 42  
Worship Last Sunday 122

Worship/Tithes	\$ 2,868.50
Sunday School	\$ 4.00
Faith Class	\$ 25.00
New Equipment	\$ 50.00
Repair Reserve	\$ 10.00
Sound System	\$ 15.00

*Current financials are on the bulletin board for you to examine*

## Yearend Gifts to Sunset Drive United Methodist Church

Our 2017 Stewardship emphasis was the Joy of Generosity – experiencing the joy that comes from giving, serving, and growing in the Lord. If you wish to have an up-to-date Contribution Statement to compare to your Joy of Generosity goal, please contact Financial Secretary Beverly Thompson, 896-2643, and one will be provided quickly.

Your paper-based 2017 tax deductible financial gift to Sunset Drive must be received by Sunday, December 31 or postmarked no later than that date.

Your electronic 2017 tax deductible financial gift to Sunset Drive may be made on December 31, 2017 using the Donate button on SunsetDriveUMC.com.

If you have appreciated assets – stocks, bonds, mutual funds that have gained in value since purchase, you can make them a gift to Sunset Drive UMC and

- a) avoid all broker commissions / fees,
- b) avoid all capital gains taxes,
- c) take the full market value of the security as a 2017 tax donation (regardless of what you may have originally paid for it),
- d) possibly satisfy your 2017 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) if you are over age 70½, and
- e) benefit Sunset Drive UMC with the full market value of the security.

This is a win, win, win.

- Sunset Drive receives a donation larger than if you were to sell the assets and donate the proceeds after taxes.
- Your gift is larger than the cost you originally paid for the assets.
- You claim an itemized, charitable deduction on the full value of the asset which is a larger deduction than if you donated the proceeds after taxes from the sale.

The Virginia United Methodist Foundation can arrange the transfer from you to the Foundation where the assets will be sold immediately with the proceeds sent directly and confidentially to Sunset Drive UMC. If you have general questions, contact Dennis Turner, Finance Committee Chair at 540-896-0327. For detailed questions and further instructions, contact **Ted Soto**, Vice President – Investing and Stewardship Development, at the Virginia United Methodist Foundation at **804-521-1122** or [tedsoto@vaumc.org](mailto:tedsoto@vaumc.org).

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## *In Honor of*

**Our Children: Will and Mandy Freds; Whit and Janna Grandle; Zach and Lacey Roberts-** by CW and Peggy Grandle  
**Our Grandkids: William, Laurel, Maggie, Jackson, Braelyn, Aayden, Cole, Alyssa, and Oliver-** by CW and Peggy Grandle  
**Our Mom: Ann Grandle-** by CW and Peggy Grandle  
**Cecilia Hawkins-** by Michael Hawkins  
**Betty Hinkle -** by Chris, Karen, Aaron, Brittany, and Phillip Hoover  
**Amy Hoover-** by Beth and Ashley Hoover  
**Carl Grey and Nancy Hoover-** by Craig and Terri  
**Karen Hoover -** by Chris, Aaron, Brittany, and Phillip Hoover  
**Glen and Virginia Ann Hulvey -** by Eric and Brenda Hoover and Family  
**Norma T. Lee-** by Melinda Chitwood  
**Judy Post-** by Jean Dove and Merteen Arbogast  
**Hilda Runion-** by Dwayne, Sheila, and Christopher Runion  
**Dick Strawderman and Lois Bowman-** with love, by- Barbara, Butch, Cricket, Keith, and families  
**Edwin and Sue Turner-** Eric and Brenda Hoover and family  
**Garnett R. Turner-** by Melinda Chitwood

Please be sure to take your poinsettias after the Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service

## *In Memory of*

**Zena Aragose-** by Ashley and Beth Hoover  
**Milford and Bernice Biller-** by Dennis and Kay Turner  
**Wilma Davis; Elmer and Nell Rose Miller-** by Jennifer Phillips  
**Our Grandparents: Donson, Grandle, Hulvey and Johnson-** by CW and Peggy Grandle  
**Our Parents- Jody Grandle; Bill and Peg Hulvey-** by CW and Peggy Grandle  
**Albert Harpine-** by Doug Harpine  
**Velma Harpine-** by Doug Harpine  
**Clara Hawkins-** by Michael Hawkins  
**Elmo Hinkle -** by Chris, Karen, Aaron, Brittany, and Phillip Hoover  
**Dwight and Madge Hoover-** by Steve and Joan Shifflett  
**Mr. and Mrs. W. Eugene Hoover-** by Chris, Karen, Aaron, Brittany, and Phillip  
**Woody and Teenie Hoover-** by Bev Thompson  
**Elwood and Teenie Hoover-** by Carl Grey and Nancy Hoover  
**Eugene and Bonnie Hoover -**by Eric and Brenda Hoover and Family  
**Bill and Peg Hulvey-** by John and D.D. Sellers  
**Donald W. Jobe-** Bruce and Donna Price  
**J.T. Long-** by Lily, Ryan, Aidan, Taylor, Chloe, and Jenna  
**Midge Long-** by The Long Family  
**Friday and Goldie May-** by Carl Grey and Nancy Hoover  
**Geraldine Orebaugh-** by Chris, Karen, Aaron, Brittany, and Phillip Hoover  
**Paul and Geraldine "Geral" Orebaugh -**by Eric and Brenda Hoover and Family  
**Pat Pretlow -** by CW and Peggy Grandle  
**Wayne Runion -** by Dwayne, Sheila, and Christopher Runion  
**O. Raymond and Ruth Sellers-** by John and D.D. Sellers  
**Elaine Strawderman and Jay Strawderman-** with love, by- Barbara, Butch, Cricket, Keith, and families  
**Arland and Hope Shifflett -** by Steve and Joan Shifflett  
**Granvil and Violet Turner-** by Dennis and Kay Turner  
**Lena A. Turner-** by Melinda T. Chitwood  
**Lena A. Turner-** by Garnett Turner and family  
**Wayne and Betty Turner-** by Phillip and Joann Thompson