

SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Morning Worship: 10:00 am December 24, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY in ADVENT

Entering into Our Worship Together

CHIMES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the season of live memories.

People: Let us remember the life of the One whose birth we hail.

Leader: This is the season of new beginnings.

People: Let us begin our watch for the One whose grace we extol.

Leader: This is the season of great expectations.

People: Let us expect the summons of the One whose love we proclaim.

All: This is the season of glad celebrations!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Hymnal #234

GREETINGS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Brian Craig Family

Congregational Response, singing: **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

MORNING PRAYER

**External God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world.
Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins,
and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be
everlasting, praise, and glory, world without end. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Adult Choir

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From 1Timothy 2:5-6;1:15;3:16

Hymnal #889

*HYMN

"Joy to the World"

Hymnal #246

Response and Offerings

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

Proclamation of God Through Word and Song

"The First Noel"	(stanzas 1-3)	Hymnal # 245
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	(stanzas 1-2)	Hymnal # 218
"Angels We Have Heard On High"	(stanzas 1,3)	Hymnal # 238
"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"	(stanzas 1-2)	Hymnal # 240
"While Shepherds Watched"	(stanzas 1-3)	Hymnal # 236

Reflections on Christmas

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	(stanzas 1,4)	Hymnal # 230
"There's A Song in the Air"	(stanzas 1,4)	Hymnal #249
"Love Came Down at Christmas"	(stanzas 1,3)	Hymnal # 238
"Away in a Manger"	(stanzas 1-3)	Hymnal # 217
"The Friendly Beasts"	(stanzas 1,6)	Hymnal # 227
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	(stanzas 1-2)	Hymnal # 229

Our Response to God's Word and Song

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sending Forth

*SENDING HYMN

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

Hymnal #251

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



If you have a prayer request for someone, please email it to sdumcprayerchain@gmail.com
or call Bev at 896-2643. Thank you.

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 ...

Sarah Fulk (Bev Thompson)
Pastor Tom, Dreanna, and the Murphy Family
Fred Olson (Bev Thompson)

Our Extended Family ...

Amanda Shipe (Angie Coffman)

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)



Staff

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



Pianist: Susan Holsinger
Organist: Brenda Hoover

Greeters:

Sunday, December 24th: Dick Strawderman
Sunday, December 31st:

December Usher

Zach Roberts

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."

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service TONIGHT at 7pm.

January/February 2018 Upper Rooms are available in narthex, in both regular and large print.

Adult Choir will practice on Wednesday, December 27th, at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. New members are welcome



Stewardship Report –December 17, 2017

Church School Last Sunday 35
Worship Last Sunday 131

Worship/Tithes	\$	4,609.45
Sunday School	\$	4.00
Repair Reserve	\$	15.00
Faith Class	\$	25.00
Backpack	\$	100.00
UMCOR	\$	50.00
In Kind Donation	\$	1,852.66

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

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

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