

SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Morning Worship: 10:00 am April 22, 2018

FORTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Entering into Our Worship Together

CHIMES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

Let Us Be In An Attitude of Prayer

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Help us to clear the cluttered heart of every thought unworthy of your praise;

People: Prepare us to match the faith we profess with the deeds that glorify your name: Create in us a clean heart, O God.

Leader: Breathe your spirit into our traditions that they may strengthen us to do your work: Create in us a clean heart, O God.

People: Reshape us through worship that we may become your living benediction in the world: Create in us a clean heart, O God.

All: So gift us, so bless us. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"O Worship the King"

Hymnal #73
(stanza 1- 2, 4-5)

MORNING PRAYER

We open our lives, holy and yet accessible God, to the indwelling of your Spirit. We want your Spirit to speak to our minds, influencing how we think, learn, and make decisions. We want your Spirit to direct our hands, enabling them to be a helping and healing presence. We want your Spirit to warm our hearts, overcoming our coldness, anger, and cynicism. We want your Spirit to energize our wills, strengthening our resolve to do what is right. These things we ask in the Name of Jesus, who taught us to pray;

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The World Methodist Social Affirmation

Hymnal #886

ANTHEM

"He Came In Love"

Adult Choir

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**

CHILDREN'S TIME AT THE ALTAR

(Children's Church is offered for children ages 4-11 years old)

(Our nursery is available for children from birth to 3 years old)

Bev Thompson

Proclamation of God's Word

THE EPISTLE READING

1 John 5:3-5

Pew Bible, pg 328

***CENTERING HYMN**

"Jesus Calls Us"

Hymnal #398
(stanza 1- 2, 4-5)

THE GOSPEL READING

John 20:24-28

Pew Bible, pg 154-155

SERMON

"A Pearl Great Price"

Pastor Murphy

Our Response to God's Word

Grant us to be strong in the living of our days that we may be a bulwark to those who are weak. Grant us to be wise that our wisdom may shed a needed light upon a darkened way. Grant us to be brave that our courage may bring hope to others wherever we find despair serving as your disciples. Amen.

Sending Forth

***SENDING HYMN**

"Pass It On"

Hymnal # 572

***BENEDICTION**

Let us go forth into the world giving ourselves into the keeping of Almighty God. Let us trust in His power, His wisdom, and His love as we seek to be heralds of His Kingdom now and in the world yet to come. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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

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 ...

Hanz (Bev Thompson)
Tristan Hollar (Kirk and Belynne Hollar)

Our Extended Family ...

Harold Moyers (Bev Thompson)

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
Interim Music Director: J.D. Kiser
Youth Coordinator: Lacey Roberts



Greeters:

Sunday, April 22nd : Amy, Ashley, and Beth Hoover
Sunday, April 29th: Wayne and Donna Arbogast

Nursery Volunteers:

Sunday, April 22nd: Liz Orebaugh and Sandy Cupp
Sunday, April 29th : Volunteers Needed

Children's Church Leaders:

Sunday, April 22: Steve Phillips and Matt Krantz
Sunday, April 29: Sandy Cupp And Esther Malloy

April Usher

Trevor White

April Sound System

Dwayne Runion

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."

May/June 2018 Upper Rooms are available in narthex, in both regular and large print.

May 2018 Newsletter information due on Tuesday, April 24th.

Sunset Ladies Lunch will be on Tuesday, April 24th, at 11:30 am. Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Tuesday, April 24th, from 1pm to 3pm in the conference room. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.

Audit Team Meeting on Wednesday, April 25th at 9am.

NO Bible Study on Wednesday, April 25th. Bible Study will begin a new series on Wednesday, May 2nd, at 6:30pm in the conference room. Come one come all !!

Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, April 25th, at 7:30pm, in the Sanctuary.

The **Ladies' Ministry** is planning their annual yard/bake sale. The sale will be held on Saturday, April 28th in the fellowship hall. We are able to store some things in the garage now if they are in your way. As spring-cleaning begins, keep us in mind. We will accept most things except clothing. If you need help moving items, let us know. However, the best time to *drop things off* will be *Monday, April 23rd, Tuesday, April 24th, or Wednesday, April 25th before the sale.* On those days we'll be in the social hall. Of course, we will take things later if those days aren't suitable.

VBS Meeting on Sunday, April 29th at 11am.

Trustee Meeting on Monday, April 30th at 7pm.

We plan to recognize our **high school and college graduates** (including grad school) on Sunday, June 10th. Information about each graduate will be included in our June newsletter. Please contact Sandy Cupp at 896-7882 or sandycupp@aol.com by May 15 with any information on our graduates.

Virgil Mumaw has generously donated most of his collection of books to the church. There are some great books on Bible study, Christian living, history, the apostles, and other topics. The books are located in the office near the fellowship hall. Stop by and browse. Take a book or two and return it whenever.



You are invited to a Farewell Celebration for

our Harrisonburg District Superintendent, Tommy Herndon,
and

for our District Program Director, Glen Langston, on Sunday, June 10th, at Dayton UMC. Come any time from 2:00pm to 5:00pm to express your appreciation for Tommy and Carolyn's and Glen and Tara's ministries among us.

There will be some presentations at 3:30 p.m.

* Refreshments are provided. Card baskets will be available to receive your special sentiments.

This event will take place in the Fellowship Hall and is located at 215 Ashby Street in Dayton, Virginia



Stewardship Report –April 15, 2018

Church School Last Sunday	66
Worship Last Sunday	92

Worship/Tithes	\$	1,861.00
Sunday School	\$	3.00
Faith Class	\$	26.00
Nursery Supplies	\$	50.00
Discretionary	\$	30.00
Fellowship Hall Rental	\$	100.00
Repair Reserve	\$	10.00
Sound System	\$	15.00

Men's Breakfast made \$1,185.00 for Camp Jigsaw at John C. Meyers.
Current financials are on the bulletin board for you to examine

Mother's Day Bulletin

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Submitted by _____

Amount given \$ _____

Cost: \$1.00 for each name listed: Funds *will go to The Flower Fund*

(Please put cash or check with the form in the "Mother's Day" envelopes located in the pews. Then place the envelope in the offering plate or turn into the church office)

*Information **MUST** be turned into Church office
no later than **Wednesday, May 9th**.*

Names will be listed in bulletin on Sunday, May 13th.

Thank you,
Flower Fund



When was The United Methodist Church created?

The United Methodist Church was created on April 23, 1968, when The Evangelical United Brethren Church and The Methodist Church joined to form a new denomination.

Uniting the two churches had been in the making for more than 10 years. Two years before the union, the General Conferences of each church separately approved the Plan of Union.

On April 23, Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, representing The Evangelical United Brethren Church, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of The Methodist Church joined hands at the constituting General Conference in Dallas, Texas. In unison, the two bishops, 1,300 delegates and 10,000 visitors recited these words:

"Lord of the Church, we are united in Thee, in Thy Church and now in The United Methodist Church. Amen."

To make the union happen, each denomination made compromises. The racially segregated Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church was eliminated, women clergy were assured the right to be ordained and have full clergy rights, and the Methodist practice of life tenure for bishops was adopted.

The Uniting Conference also approved the development of an official insignia for the new church and **the cross and flame** was adopted later that year.

Late in the conference, delegates realized that the work of actual uniting could not be completed in 1968. A special session of General Conference was approved for 1970. It met in St. Louis.

Thus these two churches, each with distinguished histories and influential ministries in various parts of the world, came together to become the largest Protestant denomination at that time.