

Sunset Rays
The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church
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Newsletter for: SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Thomas (Tom) Murphy



It is almost Summer, can the Virginia Annual Conference Session be far behind? This year your Conference Delegates, Pastor Tom and Mike Malloy, will be present. The session this year will be held in the Hampton Roads Convention Center in Hampton, Virginia June 15th -June 17th. The Theme for those days of worship , business, and appointment making will be: "Servant Leaders: Making a Difference." Drawing from the scripture 1 Peter 4:10 that *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace its various forms,"* conference participants will engage those days in the following ways:

- visiting ministry outside if the conference in surrounding neighborhoods,
- UMCOR Kit building in the Convocation Center, and
- presentations on social justice issues at the Convocation Center.

May God bless our efforts as servants of the Church, and may the Holy Spirit guide us as we conference together and engage ourselves in these expressions of servanthood.

I ask you to begin, right now, to make this forthcoming conference a matter of your prayer life. Ask the Lord to "take hold" of our meeting and guide all there to be open to the Spirit as we worship, plan our ministries, and anticipate the assignment of ministers for the coming year. What a connection we have as United Methodist Christians. What opportunity to serve others in the blessed name of Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Pastor Tom

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.



Upcoming Church Events

- **No Adult Choir** on Wednesday, June 3rd, and June, 13th . Adult Choir practice is TBD for June 20th and June 27th .
- **SPRC Meeting** on Wednesday, June 6th at 7pm.
- **24 to Double Meeting** on Thursday , June 7th , at 7pm
- The **"Out to Lunch Bunch"** will be going to Cracked Pillars, Main Street Bridgewater on Tuesday, June 12th at 11:30am. We will leave the church parking lot at 11am. If you plan to go, please let me Kay Bowman know at 896-7665.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, June 12th and Tuesday, June 26th , from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, June 18th at 7pm.
- **July 2018 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, June 19th. Please have all information to church office.
- **Transition Team Meeting** on Wednesday, June 20th at 7pm.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, June 26th at 11:30 am Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.



Blood Drive

Virginia Blood Services has scheduled with Sunset Drive to have a blood drive at the church on Saturday, July 28 from 9:30 am until 1:30pm. As always, blood is in demand and this is a great opportunity to help our fellow citizens. Both Sunset Drive UMC and Linville Creek Church of the Brethren are cooperating with Virginia Blood Services to host a blood drive periodically.



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

Our website: <http://www.sunsetdriveumc.com>

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

Looking for a Book?

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.

The Graduating

High School Graduates



Grayson Hawkins, son of Cecilia and Michael Hawkins, Grandson of Wilma Jean Kinsey and brother to Allison Hawkins will be graduating from Broadway High School on June 9th. Grayson will be looking at continuing his education and 3D Design and Computer Animation training at several regional technical schools while also considering serving his country in the United States Navy.

Elizabeth Hoover, the daughter of Tom and Amy Hoover, will be graduating Broadway High School and Massanutten Regional Governor's School and is planning on attending James Madison University in the fall to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders.

College Graduates

Jessica Koeppen, daughter of Kim Koeppen, graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Science in December. She is currently working as a flight instructor while she continues to obtain necessary flight hours before she moves to a major airline as a pilot.

Meridith Rhodes Peele—graduated from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia in 2018 with a Master's Degree in Public Health with a focus in Health Promotions. She works as an Infection Preventionist Nurse at Providence Alaska Medical Center in Anchorage, Alaska. Meridith is the daughter of Steve and Judy Rhodes, the wife of Sterling Peele, and the mother of Jackson, Wyatt, and Afton. They reside in Palmer, Alaska.

We will honor our graduates during the worship service on Sunday, June 10, 2018.

We are proud of our graduates and wish each of them the best in their future endeavors!

Thank you

- Thank you to everyone for the calls, cards, flowers, and visits following my move to Shenandoah Place . You have made this difficult transition easier. Sincerely, Merteen Arbogast new contact information: 50 Burkholder Lane , New Market, VA 22844 and 540-405-2909

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be Sunday, June 10th through Thursday June 14th. Our theme is "Stories from the OT: Stories of faith, courage, and hope. Youth will be helping again this year as well as if they would like to be in the youth class. VBS will go from 6pm to 8pm and dinner will be provided!

UMC Market

The United Methodist Church, in partnership with major online retailers, has created a shopping portal that gives UMC members a commission for purchases made through UMCmarket. Many consumers prefer to shop online because it saves time, provides more variety, and it is easy to do. Now when you shop at designated stores, you will be contributing to the UMC at the same time.

You need to visit UMCmarket.org and create an account. It doesn't cost anything. When you create your account, you will be asked to designate a beneficiary church to which the commissions for purchases will go. It is that easy! When you get ready to shop online again, just go to UMC.market and log in and start shopping. After you make a purchase, there will be a place to list the store you purchased from and the amount you spent. They will take care of everything else. Whenever the total for all church members reaches \$100, they will send a check to your designated church. These are just a few of the participating retailers: Home Depot, Books a Million, PetCo, Target, Staples, Oriental Trading, Scholastic Teacher Store Online, Enterprise Car Rental, Under Armour, and Gap. Now you can support your church while you shop. How easy is that

Congratulations

- ***Congratulations*** to ***Adam and Brittany Beahm*** on the arrival of their daughter ***Emerie Rayne Beahm***. Brody was born on Monday, May 19th. We rejoice in this birth with the parents, grandparents Joe and Jennifer Lohr Beahm, and great grandparents Jack and Penny Lohr and Joe and Janet Beahm.

In Sympathy

- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***The Stearn and Strawderman Families***. Dick Strawderman's sister Nancy Stearn passed away on Tuesday, May 22nd.

Finance Committee

submitted by Dennis Turner

Do this in remembrance of me.

How many times in our lives have we participated in Holy Communion, the most reverent of Christian services? How many times have we thought about the preparation for that moment? Who makes all of those little pieces of bread? And how in the world can a whole tray of little cups be filled without running them over? And the Communion Linens, they always seem so perfectly placed.

Donna Belle Dove and Joanna Thompson are our Worship Committee Communion Coordinators and they make it happen. It can take about 90 minutes to prepare the bread and juice. One piece of bread makes about 20 cubes with the help of an electric knife. And the juice in the cup – yes there is a tool for that; fill the reservoir, pull the trigger and just the right amount is dispensed. This is the easy part.

The Communion Linens are a different story. The linens, by the way, were given by Rev. Wilton and Helen Thomas in memory of their son. Ironing them is a real challenge. After washing they have to be dry but not too dry. They have to be held taut, but not too tight, as they are ironed on two ironing boards. And they have to be touched as little as possible. It can take about 45 minutes to iron the Communion Linens, but Oh, they look so nice.

Very little of your offerings are used for Communion; bread and juice is not overly expensive and mostly Donna Bell and Joanna do not request reimbursement. Sunday, June 3rd, when you enter the Sanctuary and you gaze at the altar and see the Communion Linens you'll know that Donna Bell and Joanna have been at work, *Living Each Day as a Steward* with their time and talents and resources. The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Nurture Committee

submitted by Sandy Cupp

Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School is planned for June 10th through June 14th from 6pm– 8pm for students in PreK – 8th grade. We have a great program planned on Old Testament Stories of Faith and Hope. Thanks to everyone who has agreed to help with Bible School. You can register your child at <https://goo.gl/forms/GPlu1J3KksQEuWjq2> Contact Erica Kann at (540) 908-0624 with any questions.

Chicken BBQ

Our church has last chicken barbeques for the season: Saturday, June 2nd. We need volunteers to cook, wrap, and sell the chicken. The cooking crew begins at 5:00 a.m. Wrapping begins at approximately 7:30 a.m. and selling begins soon after that. Anyone interested in helping please contact Sandy Cupp at 896-7882. This is a great time to have fun and fellowship as we earn money to help with our church ministries!



Mission News

submitted by Alan Laughlin

We're starting to plan for the gathering items for the our Kits for Conference. The year we are asking for items to make cleaning buckets, school kits, and hygiene kits. Annual Conference is June 15th through June 17th and we want to allow enough time to gather supplies and to pack.

Hygiene Kits

1 hand towel (15"x25" to 17"x27") kitchen towels and microfiber towels are not allowed

1 washcloth

1 metal nail file or nail clipper (no emory boards or large nail clippers)

1 comb (sturdy and no longer than 6") rattail combs are acceptable with a minimum of 6" of teeth

1 bath-size bar of soap in wrapper 6 (no Ivory or Jergens)

1 adult-size toothbrush in wrapper

6 Band-aids (3/4" to 1/2")

1 gallon-size ziplock bag

\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

School Kits

1 14x16 inch cloth bag

Homemade or purchased bags are both acceptable

Heavy-duty fabric only, such as denim, corduroy, drapery fabric, etc.

No advertisements, religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols

Closures are optional but must be buttons, snaps, or Velcro sewn in middle of opening, if used.

1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip only; no plastic scissors)

3 pads of paper (spiral notebooks, top-bound notebooks, and side-bound notebooks, count as "pads of paper") (they need to be wide-ruled paper)

150 sheets or less of notebook paper (wide-ruled) can be substituted for one pad

Combinations of any of these "pads of paper" can be used

1 hand-held pencil sharpener (must be at least 1" long) Please remove from wrapper.

(1) 12" ruler (hard or flexible with no advertisements on it) Cartoon characters, flowers, etc. are acceptable.

6 unsharpened pencils (no religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols)

(1) 2" or larger-size eraser (no religious, patriotic, military, or camouflage symbols)

(1) 24-count box of crayons (24-count box only)

Cleaning Bucket Kits

Resealable lid Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner Advertisements on the outside are acceptable No square buckets (Only round buckets are used to ensure proper stacking during transport)

Liquid laundry detergent One 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottle(s) only

Liquid household cleaner 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray cleaners)

Dish soap 16-28 oz. bottle, any brand

50 Clothespins

Clothesline One 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines (Cotton or plastic)

7 Sponges No cellulose sponges due to mold issues (Non-cellulose sponges or "foam sponges" only. Foam or man-made sponges will not retain water and cause mildew). These sponges can be found in the household and automotive departments of stores and some restaurant supplies houses. Some commonly available brands include (Scotch-Brite, Dobie All-Purpose Pad, Lysol Multi-Purpose Durable Scrub Sponge, Scrub Daddy Original, Melamine Foam Kitchen Wash Cleaning Sponge) Remove from packaging

24-Roll heavy-duty trash bags 33-45 gallon sizes Remove from the box

18 Cleaning wipes Handi-wipes or reusable wipes (No terry cleaning towels (Remove from packaging)

1 Can air freshener Aerosol or pump

1 Insect-repellant spray 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover

2 Pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves Should be durable enough for multiple uses Remove from packaging

1 Pair work gloves All Cotton All Leather Cotton with Leather Palm

5 Scouring pads Remove from wrapper

No stainless steel, Brillo pads or SOS pads (nothing with soap built in)

1 Scrub brush Plastic or wood handle

5 Dust masks

There will be a container in the narthex where you can drop off any of these items as often as you wish. If you are unable to shop for items, you may make a donation to "Kits for Conference" and the money will be used to purchase the items. There will also be complete instructions on how to assemble the entire kit if you want to put it together yourself. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated. These kits give comfort and assistance to people all over the world. This is a great opportunity to do God's work! Thank you for your support of this project.

Happy Birthday

June

- 1 Tim Proctor
- 2 Eric Hoover, Eric Shipe, Mollie Crist
- 3 Jessica Koeppen
- 5 Mia Orebaugh
- 6 Braxton Long
- 7 Brian Wenger
- 8 Debbie Brown, Savannah Turner
- 9 Shelia Proctor
- 10 Cecee Hawkins
- 11 Amy Hoover, June Williams, Wilma Long
- 15 Debbie Long
- 16 Barbara Williams, Brandon Drury
- 17 Gary Harpine
- 18 Donnie Crider
- 20 Hailey Jones
- 21 Maggie Roberts
- 23 Jean Dove, Pal Long
- 24 Alma Crider, Lilah Deavers
- 26 Whit Grandle
- 27 Lacey Roberts, David Jordan
- 28 Virginia Ann Hulvey



Happy Anniversary

June

- 7 Scott and Diann Harris
- 9 Doug and Janet Wager
- 14 Alan and Ann Laughlin
- 16 C.W. and Peggy Grandle, Donnie and Susie Crider
- 19 Tim and Charlene Gilley, Steve and Judy Rhodes, Trent and Lori Turner
- 21 Sam and Christina Harris
- 22 Margaret and Beck Whitmore, Mark and Donica Hadley,
- 24 Travis and Ashleigh Fulk
- 26 Matt and Jodi Clarke, Ed and Jacque Roach
- 29 Lowell and Dianne Fulk

