

Sunset Rays
The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church

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Newsletter for: SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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"Signs of September"

Can it be? I hear parents say "back to school" and sigh with welcomed relief. It is a time for realized necessary return to a normal pattern of living for many families...though some youth would like extended summer.

On the "church front" things are about to get "into the swing" of activities. Ladies meetings will start up. Men's activities will engage, such as our wonderful monthly Saturday morning breakfasts, continued Youth gatherings and study, Bible study class, acolyte training, Sunday school class gatherings, and the list goes on....

In addition to the above, and more, we will be observing **Home Coming** on the 23rd ! On that Sunday we will gather to see individuals and families from near and far, worship with some good ole music to inspire our praise to God, and hear our guest speaker the Reverend Dr. Jim Mahaffey one of our former pastors. It will be wonderful to see and hear from him once again. Following our worship there will be lunch for all in our social hall. The day promises to be packed with fun, renewing acquaintances, and "down-right" enjoyment! So, mark the date right now! Mark your calendar and plan to come, bring family, and invite your neighbors and friends. We are going to have fun...and we want you there!

Pastor Tom Murphy

Announcements from Pastor Tom

- A New Church School Class forming! Come join with us as we begin a new Adult Sunday School Class. It will meet in the Church Annex beginning September 2nd at 9 am. The curriculum will center around contemporary issues and call upon Biblical insights to nourish our thinking. The class will be presentation and discussion. Pastor Tom will be the teacher/moderator.
- Our Bible Study Class will resume Wednesday, September 5th at 6:30 pm, in the Faith Sunday School Room. Our topic will be "A Crazy Holy Grace" by Frederick Buechner. With his book and our Bibles, we will explore "The Healing Power of Pain and Memory." Plan to join with us in the study.

New Security Process

submitted by Dwayne Runion

In response to the horrific events that have taken place in houses of worship across our nation, the Trustees in conjunction with all other committees feel the need to protect the congregation to the best of their ability and within the bounding limits of the UMC church. Beginning **September 2nd**, the back entrance to the church next to the fellowship hall will be locked at **10 am** with a sign asking guest whom arrive after 10 am to please use the front red doors. While we know this may be an inconvenience in the beginning we would rather be criticized for being over cautious than have to be in remorse if something were to happen.

Upcoming Church Events

- **Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, September 5th, Wednesday, September 12th, Wednesday, September 19th, and Wednesday, September 26th at 6:30pm in the conference room. Our topic will be "A Crazy Holy Grace" by Frederick Buechner. With his book and our Bibles, we will explore "The Healing Power of Pain and Memory." Plan to join with us in the study. The Participant books have arrived, please contact the church office if you plan to attend. The cost of the book is \$10.
- **Transition Team Meeting** on Sunday, September 9th at 6pm.
- The **"Out to Lunch Bunch"** will be going to Cracker Barrel in Woodstock on Tuesday, September 11th, at 11:30am. We will leave the church parking lot at 11am. If you plan to go, please let Kay Bowman know at 896-7665.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, September 11th and Tuesday, September 25th, from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **24 to Double Meeting** on Thursday, September 13th at 7pm.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, September 17th, at 7pm.
- **October 2018 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, September 18th. Please have all information to church office.
- **Nomination Committee Meeting** on Tuesday, September 18th at 7pm.
- **Sunset Drive Ladies** will meet on Thursday, September 20th at 6pm.
- **Homecoming** will be Sunday, September 23rd. Worship is at 10am with a Carry-In luncheon at 11am. We will welcome back one of our former pastors, the Reverend Dr. Jim Mahaffey.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, September 25th at 11:30 am Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.

Christian Education at Sunset Drive UMC submitted by Sandy Cupp

Our Sunday School classes provide an opportunity for Bible study and connecting with others as we read, study, and discuss God's word and its meaning for our lives. This experience helps build and strengthen our faith in a supportive atmosphere!

- We will be offering two new Sunday School classes beginning **September 2, 2018**.
 - **Book Study / Topical Study** - Pastor Tom Murphy will facilitate this class in the Annex Conference Room. Members of the class will choose the topic or book for study and discussion. This class is for adults of all ages.
 - **Intermediate Youth Class** – This class is designed for 5th – 8th grade youth. Bible lessons will be shared in a fun, meaningful way suited for this age group.
- **During the 10:00 a.m. worship service on August 26, we will recognize our children.** Children will go to their new classes on Sunday, September 2nd.

Children and Youth Sunday School Classes (9:00 – 9:45 A.M.)

Nursery: Ages Birth - 3 Years Old

Location: Nursery

Primary Class: Preschool and Kindergarten

Location: Across the hall from the nursery

Elementary Class: 1st Grade – 4th Grade

Location: Downstairs – Last classroom to the left

***Intermediate Youth Class: (New Class)** 5th Grade – 8th Grade

Location: Downstairs - 1st classroom to the left

Youth Class: 9th Grade – 12th Grade

Location: Downstairs multi-purpose room

Adult Sunday School Classes (9:00 – 9:45 A.M.)

***Book Study / Topical Study: (New Class)**

Location: Annex Conference room

Faith Class:

Location: Conference room

Forever Young Adult Class:

Location: Across from the nursery

Dorcas Class:

Location: Adjacent to the narthex

Men's Class:

Location: Adjacent to the narthex

Please join us!

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: <https://www.sunsetdriveumc.com>

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

Thank you

A Special THANKS to those who rang the bell for the Salvation Army during their Christmas-In-July Red Kettle Campaign and THANKS to those members who stopped by to drop nickels, dimes and dollars in the kettle. The Salvation Army's mission is year-round as they provide the necessities of life – food, shelter and warmth, so the need for funds is year-round too. Sunset Drive's Ringers collected \$216.85 in the red kettle on Tuesday, July 10 and for the week the Broadway-Timberville Ruritan Club sponsored kettle collected \$1,485.88.

Ringers *Living Each Day as a Steward* with their Time, Talents and Treasures: Pastor Murphy, Steve Shifflett, Joe Adolf, Norma Lee, Roger Conner, Dawn Long, Dennis Turner and our youth Laurel Roberts, Corin Skates, and Gabby Skates as well as Youth Coordinator Lacey Roberts.

Youth

submitted by Lacey Roberts

We had a very, very busy summer and we're getting things planned for this Fall and Winter. We will soon start back up the Backpack Program, work with both schools on clean up, and some activities will be planned with Camp Jigsaw. Please note that our hours will go back to 6:30 pm-7:30pm. However, I will try to be there around 6:15 to get food ready and set up for each evening. After this month, we may change things up a bit depending on the numbers we have. If we feel we need to split the youth (6-8 and 9-12), then we will talk with the kids and parents and decide what's best for everyone. Right now, we have about 23 and several that have been coming over the summer.

This is a typical youth group evening:

6:30- Fellowship and hang out

6:40-Lesson until about 7

7:00- Eat and go over upcoming events

7:15ish- Games and hang out (throw ball outside, talk with friends, play games)

7:30- Prayer

Youth September Schedule

submitted by Lacey Roberts

Here is the schedule for September:

Wednesday, September 5th : Youth group 6:30pm-7:30pm. Trash pick up at local schools (Packs ice cream!)

Sunday, September 9th: Sunday school 9 am

Wednesday, September 12th : Youth group 6:30 pm-7:30pm. Lesson and snacks

Sunday, September 16th - Sunday school 9am (Children's time)

Wednesday, September 19th - Youth group (TBA)

Sunday, September 23rd - Sunday school 9am

Wednesday, September 26th - Youth Group 6:30pm-7:30 pm (Begin Shirley's popcorn fundraiser)

Sunday, September 30th - Sunday school at the mountain (food and sermon) We will leave the church at 9am and be back by 12pm. Bring your camera and a side dish for breakfast!

Please feel free to contact Zach or myself with any questions you have. We look forward to a busy 2018-19 year.

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UMM Community Breakfast

The UMM will **NOT** be having their monthly breakfast on Saturday, September 8th because the town is having the Fall Festival this weekend. You can still have breakfast out . The Broadway Fire/Rescue Squad is having a breakfast at the fire station. Let's all get out and support them ! Thank you

Choir

submitted by James Kiser

The Choir rehearsal schedule:

The choir rehearses [**currently*] on Wednesday evenings @ 7pm from [*mid*] July thru May. Any adjustments to the rehearsal schedule [*i.e. weather*] will be announced.

** If this day/time is a concern or hindrance for someone, please reach out to James.*



The Choir's [*general*] commitment:

The choir is currently slated to lead music on the first, fourth [*and sometimes fifth*] Sundays of each month; August thru May. The choir is requested to be present in the choir loft on the first, third, fourth/fifth Sundays of each month.

Experience:

All are welcome to come and join the choir. Do you like to sing? We are an opportunity where you can use your God-given joy of singing to *serve in your home church!* No previous choral experience needed. Come, see if the SDUMC choir is a fit for you! Contact James Kiser if you have questions: lyricbaritonejames@gmail.com

2018 Christmas Program

With such a small choir [*currently*], a *full* cantata might not be likely. TBD. However, I am exploring the possibilities for a chorally lead Christmas program [*of some kind*] for 2018. Details regarding and potential rehearsal schedule(s) to be announced.

The Praise Band

The Praise Band is led by Kyle Flora, and meets as can be scheduled. The Praise Band provides music leadership on the second Sundays of each month [*year 'round*]. Contact Kyle Flora if you have questions: kpflo78@gmail.com

The Children's Choir

The Children's choir is led by Erica Kann, and meets on Wednesday from 630 to 730pm [*see her prior email for details*]. The children provide music leadership on the third Sundays of each month [*year 'round*].

Contact Erica Kann if you have questions: ekann292@gmail.com

Other Music opportunities:

The Choir(s) is (are) not the only way(s) to be involved. There are always opportunities for anyone to provide special music, on any Sunday. Do you play an instrument? We'd love to hear it! Do you know someone who sings/plays? Please update James with contact information for outreach.

Contact James Kiser if you have questions: lyricbaritonejames@gmail.com

Children's Group

submitted by Erica Kann

Wednesday, September 5th , we will kick off the Wednesday night activities/choir with a potluck beginning at 6:15 pm followed by a game of Family Feud or Beat the Parents. We will end the night by 7:30pm. The following Wednesday, September 12th , we will have our first choir practice, before the kids perform on the following Sunday, September 16th . Please have them begin listening to [Every Move I Make](#) and [Oceans](#). We will also begin Christmas music.

We will be having the first Christmas Play read through on Sunday, September 16th directly after church. I will not be at church this Sunday, but I have books and cds for the children to start listening to. I have assigned the following parts -

Conductor – Kai Orebaugh; Mrs. Davis – Rachel Haviland; Max – John Haviland; Jenny – Jozelyn Kann; Abby – Natalie Flora; Ava – Ainsley Flora; Mr. Higginsworth – Jaxen Phillips; Little Girl – Abby Fulk; Traveler – Skylar Phillips; Child 1 – Cole Clark; Child 2 – Adam Haviland; Child 3 – Eli Flora; Child 4 – AA Roberts; and, Child 5 – OPEN Passengers (Choir)– Huck Kann, Ally Clarke, Mia Orebaugh, Coleman Skelly, Elizabeth Gilley Behind Scenes – Jacob Gilley

Please note that these aren't final, we will make the decision after the read through. There was one year we had to switch everyone I think! Also, if your child's name is not on this list and you want it to be, please let me know. Please note we will be performing this the ***FIRST weekend in December. Sunday, December 1st*** .

Children's Group September Schedule

submitted by Erica Kann

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Activity Time</i>
Wednesday, September 5	Activity	6.15 - 7:30pm
Wednesday, September 12	Choir	6:30 -7:30pm
Sunday, September 16	Choir Perform (Every Move I Make)	10:00am
Sunday, September 16	Christmas Play Read Through	11:00 - 12:00pm
Wednesday, September 19	Activity	6:30 -7:30pm
Wednesday, September 26	Choir Practice	6:30 -7:30pm

Homecoming

Homecoming will be Sunday, September 23rd . Worship is at 10am We will welcome back one of our former pastors, the Reverend Dr. Jim Mahaffey. ere will be a covered dish luncheon following the Homecoming service Please bring a couple dishes and your families and enjoy the fellowship! If you are interested in helping serve or clean up, please contact Donna Arbogast.

Daily Bread Food Pantry

submitted by Alan Laughlin

Here is the suggested donation of food items used monthly at the Daily Bread Food Pantry at Broadway Presbyterian Church. A donation boxes it located in the back entrance to the church next to the fellowship hall.

Cereal
Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce
Pasta (shell macaroni, noodles)
Canned Pasta with Tomato Sauce (Spaghetto's, ravioli, etc)
15 oz Canned Green Beans
15 oz canned corn
15 oz canned beans (pork and beans, pinto, baked, kidney, ect)
canned soup (small or large)
Ramen noodles
Macaroni and Cheese mix
canned meat (tuna, chicken, beef, salmon, etc.)
canned fruit (large or small)
Peanut Butter
Paper/Hygiene Products (toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, soap, feminine hygiene products)

All donation are greatly appreciated.

We are getting ready for our next "off-site" fun and fellowship activity.

We've been asked to sell food at the Paul Orebaugh estate sale on **Saturday, September 22nd** . It's a fundraiser that doesn't involve smoke, pancakes, BBQ chicken or old, dusty "treasures." There will be something for everybody to do: grocery shopping, making sandwiches, laughing, stirring crock pots, baking pies, filling ketchup bottles, laughing, serving food, hauling ice, and all kinds of other things. The sale starts at 9:00 and goes "until." You don't have to work all day, and lots of things can be done before that Saturday. Keep the date in mind.

Details will be coming out in the near future. This will be a fun day and a chance to get to know others in our church family.

You're invited to be a part of all the fun and fellowship as we CONNECT with others, GROW our church, and SERVE the Lord.

In Sympathy

We extend Christian sympathy and prayers to ***The Almquist Family***. JR and Katie's infant son, ***Calvin*** passed away on Sunday, August 19th. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Happy Birthday

September

- 1 Tammy Jordan,
- 2 Gerald Bean
- 3 Anna Showalter, Brian Billhimer
- 4 Ben Jones, Derrick Stultz, Jared Billhimer
- 5 Jody Turner, Rudy Hohenstein
- 6 Taylor Rhodes
- 7 Benjamin Hahn
- 2 Jeffery Thomas
- 11 Dixie Miller, Weston Estep
- 12 Buck Nazelrod, Caley Ellington
- 14 Brad Williams, Taylor Long
- 16 Lindsey White, Dawn Wenger
- 18 Shannon Rellins
- 19 Colby Mongold, Sandy Mongold
- 20 Scott Moore
- 23 Amy Hoover, DD Sellers, Kathy Turner,
- 24 James Sager, Ralph Ford
- 25 Dave Peoples
- 26 Allison Hawkins, Eddie Long, Pam Dowrey, Peggy Packard
- 28 Eli Flora
- 29 Don Rellins
- 30 Wayne Arbogast, Jean Thomas, Bransen Hensley, T.J. Stroop,



Happy Anniversary

September

- 9 Jeremy and Tonya Turner
- 11 John and Peggy Packard
- 15 Fred and Sue Olson
- 17 Richard and Kathy Sharpe
- 22 Kris and Erica Kann
- 23 Jeff and Ashley Formica, Jack and Penny Lohr
- 25 Jeff and Laura Deavers
- 29 Matt and Sharon Krantz

