

Sunset Rays
The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church
November 2018

Newsletter for: SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Fulfilling God's Purpose!

(An Open Letter to the Congregation)

"Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1Corinthians 15:58).

Dear friends in Christ,

In the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I greet you!

With excitement and eager anticipation, I write this letter to tell you about the stewardship program we will begin on Sunday, November 11th called ***Fulfilling God's Purpose!*** During the three-week stewardship emphasis, both our worship services and our Sunday school classes will focus on the work of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament as we share how we **fulfill God's purpose.**

We will use God's Holy Word to discover more about who we are as God's people, what God's purpose is for our lives, and how we can live a lifestyle of stewardship rather than limiting stewardship to one day a week or one period of time during the church year,

I sincerely pray that each of you will avail yourself of the opportunities to worship Christ, our Chief Steward, and to learn about his will for your life. It is also my prayer that our congregation might be energized and equipped to **fulfill God's purpose** for the praise and glory of our Lord, to build up the faithful, and to reach the unchurched for his Kingdom.

God's blessing on your continued faithful stewardship of the blessing he has entrusted to your care.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Tom Murphy

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>

Upcoming Church Events

- **Sunset Drive UMC Charge Conference** on Wednesday, November 7th at 7pm.
- **24 to Double Meeting** on Thursday, November 8th at 7pm.
- **Now Hear This.** We need all who can to please join with us for "Clean-up Day." We will gather on Saturday, November 10th at church to "beautify" the ground around our church before Mr. Frost sets in. So, bring your rakes, trimmers, etc. and help us spruce up the grounds. United Methodist Men will be serving breakfast that morning. Let's meet for breakfast at 7:30 am, eat, and start cleaning up!
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, November 10th, from 7:30am to 9am. Meal includes- Turner ham, bacon, pancakes, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, hot and cold drinks. Donations to be used for United Methodist Men's projects. The breakfast is opened to the community, so spread the word.
- Following worship service Sunday, November 11th, there will be time for a **Service of Healing and Anointing**. If you would like to be a part of the experience. Plan to stay after Worship Service and be a part of this special service.
- The **"Out to Lunch Bunch"** will be going to O'Charley's in Harrisonburg on Tuesday, November 13th, 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.
- **Bible Study Class** will begin again with a new study from the Bible on Wednesday, November 14th. Plan now to join with us as we select a "book or letter" from Holy Scripture to read and discuss. Your presence will add to the richness of our adventure together.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, November 13th and Tuesday, November 27th, from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **Sunset Drive Ladies** will meet on Thursday, November 15th at 6:30pm.
- **December 2018 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, November 20th. Please have all information to church office.
- **Worship Committee** will meet on Tuesday, November 27th at 7pm.



Mission News

submitted by Alan Laughlin

We are in the middle of collecting donations to make Flood Buckets and Hygiene Kits. We have set a date of Sunday November 4th to have things in and then will assemble them.

We have been looking into places to go to help with clean up in areas affected by the recent storms. Samaritans Purse has places needing help and will house them at his time that seems like a good fit for us. Basically we just need to get there and be ready to help.

Thanks to everyone who has helped with this, we couldn't have done it without you.

Children's Group November Schedule

submitted by Erica Kann

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Activity Time</i>
Wednesday, November 7 th	Activity	6:30pm -7:30pm
Sunday, November 11 th	Choir Perform	10 am
Sunday, November 11 th	Christmas Play Practice	11am- 12 pm
Wednesday, November 14 th	Christmas Play Practice	6:30 pm -7:30 pm
Sunday, November 25 th	Christmas Play Practice	11 am -12pm
Wednesday, November 28 th	Christmas Play Practice	6:30pm -7:30pm

Youth Group November Schedule

submitted by Lacey Roberts

Here is the schedule for

November

Wednesday, November 7th - Dinner at O'Niells! We will meet at church at 5:45 and be back by 8. Please bring \$3.

Sunday, November 11th - Sunday school (Luke)

Wednesday, November 14th - youth group 6:30-7:30 (Lesson and snacks)

Sunday, November 18th - Sunday school (Luke)

Tuesday, November 20th - youth group 5:00-7:30 Backpack Program *Notice this is a Tuesday. We will meet at JCMES and then head over to the church to prepare

Thanksgiving meals

Sunday, November 25th - Sunday school (Luke)

Wednesday, November 28th - youth group 6:30-7:30 (Game night)

Happy Birthday

November

- 1 Jozelyn Kann
- 3 Robbie White, Jackson Freds
- 5 Adam Long, Mark Long
- 7 Tom Murphy, Ashley Rexrode, Lois Dinges, Shelley Ellington
- 8 Jeffrey Mason, Jeremy Mason, Logan Jordan
- 9 Lowell Fulk, Carolyn Lantz,
- 11 Sharon Krantz
- 12 Terry Bowman
- 13 Sheila Runion
- 14 Austin Wilt
- 16 Donna Belle Dove
- 18 Micki Peoples
- 19 Brian Fidler, Christopher Hoover, Randy Thomas
- 20 Nicole Smith, Preston Cupp
- 21 Jason Fulk
- 22 James Hardesty, Katie Dove, Seth Hardesty, William Freds
- 24 Christie Sengul
- 28 Michael Kiniry, Sarah Fulk



Happy Anniversary!

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- 21 Chris and Karen Hoover
- 25 Virgil and Rosemary Mumaw