

**SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Morning Worship: 10:00 am December 2, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY in ADVENT

***Entering into Our Worship Together***

PRELUDE  
ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT  
GREETING

Let Us Be In An Attitude of Prayer

HYMNS WE SING                    "Go Tell It On The Mountain"                    Hymnal #251

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

\*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                    "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"                    Hymnal #203

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS                    Hymnal #33

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE                    The Gilley 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.**

\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH    The Apostles' Creed                    Hymnal #881

MORNING PRAYER

**Ever present God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Grant that we may ever be found watching for the coming of your Son. Save us from undue love of the world, that we may wait with patient hope for the day of the Lord, and so abide in him, that when he shall appear, we may not be ashamed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Church of Scotland, 20th Cent., ALT.)

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.**

***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 Christmas Play  
***The Christmas Express***

*"All Aboard the Christmas Express!"*

**Scene 1**

*"Good News! Great Joy!"*

*Duet – Ainsley Flora & Abby Fulk*

**Scene 2**

*"Jesus is the Reason for the Season"*

**Scene 3**

*"Before the Rocks Cry Out"*

*Soloist – Natalie Flora*

**Scene 4**

*"J is for Jesus"*

*Duet – Sophie Davis & Aayden Roberts*

**Scene 5**

*"A Miracle Working God"*

**Scene 6**

*"Joy to the World"*

*Soloist – Jozelyn Kann*

**Scene 7**

*"Finale"*

*Duet – Skylar Phillips & Natalie Craig*

*"Curtain Call"*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



Children's Christmas Play  
***The Christmas Express***

***Cast***

Conductor #1 – Kai Orebaugh  
Conductor #2 – Jaxen Phillips  
Mrs. Davis – Rachel Haviland  
Max – John Haviland  
Abby – Natalie Flora  
Jenny – Jozelyn Kann  
Ava – Ainsley Flora  
Mrs. Higginsworth – Natalie Craig  
Traveler – Skylar Phillips  
Little Girl – Abby Fulk  
Child #1 – Cole Clarke  
Child #2 – Adam Haviland  
Child #3 – Eli Flora  
Child #4 – Aayden Roberts  
Child #5 – Sophie Davis  
Choir Members –  
    Tanner Craig  
    Andrew Krantz  
    Kennedy Formica  
    Ellie Formica

***Crew***

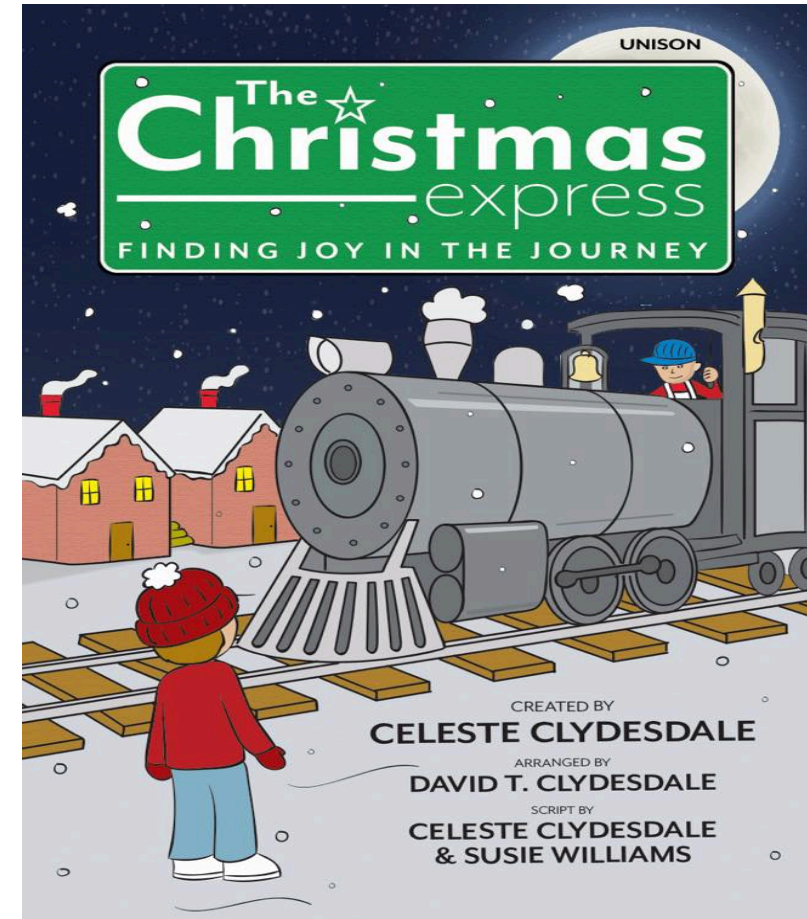
*Directors* – Erica Kann/Meghan Flora  
*Set Design* – Erica Kann, Meghan Flora, Dwayne Runion, Leon Miller, Wayne Arbogast,  
    Barry Davis  
*Sound System/Lights* – Dwayne and Christopher Runion

**THANK YOU!!!!**

Thank you to all those who helped with "The Christmas Express". These performances could not happen without a very supportive church family. Thank you Dad (aka Leon) for building the train and Meghan and Barry for helping paint it.

# SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Over 130 years of serving God and the Community**



**"Seeking to live our faith, growing in our discipleship, and reaching out to others."**

We joyfully welcome into membership at Sunset Drive this morning **Charlene Gilley, Tim Gilley, Les Pettigrew, Steve Phillips, Brian Powell, and Key Powell.**



If you enjoyed this morning performance, There will be an Encore performance at 6pm followed by a small reception. Be sure to invite your family and friends.



*Days of Giving* for Habitat for Humanity: during Advent, Timberville is seeking help to raise money to assist families build strength and self-reliance . Pick up a "little paper house" to help with the project and return to our church to spur the project on! God bless!

Our **Charge Conference** will be held at Manor Memorial United Methodist as a combined Charge Conference on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm . All are welcomed.

**Bible Study Class** will be meeting Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to continue our study of the Letter to the Romans. We will be considering the first chapter of that letter. So, come and begin with us.

**The Worship Committee** will be meeting on *Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>* at 7:30pm to plan Advent and Christmas events, All members are urged to be on hand.

**UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> , 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.

The **Transition Team** will be meeting on Sunday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm to evaluate our church group meetings on Connect-Grow-Serve. All members are encouraged to be present.



### **Inclement Weather and Cancellation Notice**

Should it become necessary to cancel Sunday services or other activities during the week due to winter weather conditions, a cancellation notice will be posted through the following media: WHSV TV-3, the church website, and the church Facebook.

**Home for Christmas, Tales of Hope & Second Chances**, a DVD study on the Advent themes of hope, love, joy and peace, written by Rev. Justin Coleman, Senior Pastor of University UMC in Chapel Hill, NC, will be offered at Sunset Drive UMC on three Wednesday mornings, December 5<sup>th</sup> , 12<sup>th</sup> , and 19<sup>th</sup> , from 10:30 am to Noon. The study shares real life stories of struggle and triumph of formerly incarcerated or gang-affiliated men and women as they experience the light of hope and new life through the rehabilitation program of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles. Homeboy Industries is a Christian organization that offers the love of Christ through programs of job training, anger-management and other counseling and education services.

The study will be led by Juliana (Julie) Ritchie, a ruling elder at Broadway Presbyterian Church. Juliana is completing a program through Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond for certification as a Commissioned Ruling Elder. Members and friends of Sunset Drive UMC and Broadway Presbyterian Church are invited to attend. We hope you will join us in the Fellowship Hall for good fellowship and light refreshment as we gain new and fresh understanding of the significance of Advent through scripture, story, and prayer.

An optional book by the same title containing short readings and devotions is available online through Cokesbury.com at a cost of \$16.99.



The **Shenandoah Valley Choral Society**, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its 49<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas concert on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The concert entitled "Welcome All Wonders" will feature a variety of new and traditional carol settings accompanied by brass, percussion, organ, and piano.

Tickets are available at the door, locally from Red Front Supermarket (Harrisonburg), Bridgewater Foods (Bridgewater), and on-line at [www.singshenandoah.org](http://www.singshenandoah.org). Admission is \$15 for adults/\$12 for seniors and students.

**Staff**

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



**Nursery Volunteers:**

Sunday, December 2: Matt Krantz and Sharon Krantz

**Children's Church Leaders:**

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> : No Children's Church

**December Usher**

Ronnie Dove

**December Sound System**

Dwayne Runion



**Stewardship Report: November 25, 2018**

Church School Last Sunday 40  
Worship Last Sunday 97

General Fund \$ 5,139.84  
Needed weekly to meet budget: \$4,225.46  
Restricted Funds \$ 191.00

*Current financials are on the bulletin board for you to examine*

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA TREE**

Poinsettia (s) given: \_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ White

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Amount given \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cost of each Poinsettia is \$10.00 (per name). Please make check payable to: SDUMC "Flower Fund" .

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

Please get your order in early to insure you get the poinsettia you want.

**FIRM Deadline of *TODAY*. No order will be taken after that date.**