

SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Morning Worship: 10:00 am December 23, 2018

FOURTH 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 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Hymnal #213

*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 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Hymnal #234

GREETINGS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE The Arbogast/Clarke 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.**

MORNING PRAYER

**External God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world.
Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins,
and restore with in us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be
everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*HYMN "Joy to the World" Hymnal #246

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT "Why Bethlehem?" Pastor Tom Murphy

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)

Steve Phillips

Proclamation of God Through Word and Song

"The First Noel"	(stanzas 1,2,3)	Hymnal # 245
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"	(stanzas 1-2)	Hymnal # 218
"Angels We Have Heard On High"	(stanzas 1,3)	Hymnal # 238
"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"	(stanzas 1-2)	Hymnal # 240
"While Shepherds Watched"	(stanzas 1,2,3)	Hymnal # 236

Reflections on Christmas

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"	(stanzas 1,4)	Hymnal # 230
"There's A Song in the Air"	(stanzas 1,4)	Hymnal #249
"Love Came Down at Christmas"	(stanzas 1,3)	Hymnal # 238
"Away in a Manger"	(stanzas 1,2,3)	Hymnal # 217
"The Friendly Beasts"	(stanzas 1,6)	Hymnal # 227
"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	(stanzas 1-2)	Hymnal # 229

Our Response to God's Word and Song

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sending Forth

*SENDING HYMN "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Hymnal #251

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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 ...

Merteen Arbogast (Bev Thompson)
Marlin Fulk (Bev Thompson)
Carl Grey Hoover (Bev Thompson)
Dixie Miller (Bev Thompson)
Wyatt Peele (Bev Thompson)

Our Extended Family ...

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
Youth Coordinator: Lacey Roberts
Organist: Susan Holsinger



The church office will be closed December 25th, 26th and 27th.

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Over 130 years of serving God and the Community



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

Sunset Drive Youth will be Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army today at the Timberville Christmas Village from 1 to 7pm. Please stop by to donate your nickels, dimes and dollars to help provide hot meals for the homeless, help combat poverty, provide emergency shelter and food pantry services. You may even hear some Christmas Carols while you shop for locally made gifts.

Christmas Eve Communion and Candle Light Service on Monday, December 24th at 7pm

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.



Stewardship Report: December 23, 2018

Church School Last Sunday	48
Worship Last Sunday	110

General Fund	\$ 12,957.07
Needed weekly to meet budget:	\$4,225.46
Restricted Funds	\$ 740.21

Current financials are on the bulletin board for you to examine



Nursery Volunteers:

Sunday, December 23rd: Sandy Cupp and Volunteer
Sunday, December 30th: Sharon Krantz and Volunteer

Children's Church Leaders:

Sunday, December 23rd : Meghan Flora and Ashleigh Fulk
Sunday, December 30th: Sandy Cupp and Esther Malloy

December Usher
Ronnie Dove

December Sound System
Dwayne Runion

Open Letter to the Congregation



Hello, Sunset Drive!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! First of all. I am very excited to see what God has in store for us together as we prepare, and make music for and in worship.

My wife, Lorna, and I returned to Virginia a year and a half ago to be near our daughter's family (Teri, husband Billy Hasley, and (grand-)sons Ben and John). I was Choirs/Strings/Orchestra Director at Shenandoah Valley Academy from 1996-2006, and Teri married 'into the Valley.' Teri works at F&M Bank, and Billie works at Hart's Automotive here in Broadway. Older brothers, Tom—cancer radiation therapist in the Phoenix, AZ, area and Tim—computer graphics company in Michigan.

My music life has always been connected to 'the church.' As a Christian college student, I directed a Baptist church choir, then a Presbyterian church choir. Later, a Methodist choir in California, and one here in Virginia (Clover Hill-down the road). Most recently, while we were in the Napa Valley caring for my wife's parents, I served a Lutheran church.

It has always been my goal to be faithful to each congregation's and denomination's history and traditions, providing music that is prepared to the extent that, in its presentation, it can come from the heart, and not just the mind. (You'll hear me talk about the differences if you come to the practices!) I am totally in line with the "Wesleyan Quadrilateral" and propose to filter everything I do through those principles.

Blessings, Harlen Miller



In Honor of

Our Children: Will and Mandy; Whit and Janna ; Zach and Lacey-by CW and Peggy Grandle

Our Grandkids: William, Laurel, Maggie, Jackson, Braelyn, Aayden, Cole, Alyssa, and Oliver- by CW and Peggy Grandle

Mike Hawkins- a hard working man!-by Wilma Jean Kinsey

Betty Hinkle- by Chris, Karen, Aaron, Brittney, and Phillip Hoover

Carl Grey and Nancy Hoover- by Craig and Terri Hoover

Karen Hoover- by Chris, Aaron, Brittney, and Phillip Hoover

Judy Post- by Merteen and Jean

Hilda Runion- by Dwayne, Sheila, and Christopher Runion

Dick Strawderman and Lois Bowman- by- Butch, Cricket, Keith, and families

Wayne and Brenda Taylor- by Craig and Terri Hoover

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Milford and Bernice Biller- by Dennis and Kay Turner
Jamie Mick Ferger- by Roger Conner
John and Alma Foster- by Tom and Dreanna Murphy
Our Grandparents: Donson, Grandle, Hulvey and Johnson- by CW and Peggy Grandle
Our Parents- Jody Grandle; Bill and Peg Hulvey- by CW and Peggy Grandle
Albert Harpine- by Doug Harpine
Velma Harpine- by Doug Harpine
Clara Hawkins- by Michael Hawkins
Elmo Hinkle - by Chris, Karen, Aaron, Brittney, and Phillip Hoover
Floyd and Viola Hinkle- by Chris, Karen, Aaron, Brittney, and Phillip Hoover
Dwight and Madge Hoover- by Steve and Joan Shifflett
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hoover- by Chris, Karen, Aaron, Brittney, and Phillip Hoover
Gladys Hoover- by Chris, Karen, Aaron, Brittney, and Phillip Hoover
Laney Hoover- by Chris, Karen, Aaron, Brittney, and Phillip Hoover
Bill and Peg Hulvey- by John and D.D. Sellers
Ann Kathryn Jobe- by Bruce and Donna Ann Price
Donald William Jobe- Bruce and Donna Ann Price
J.T. Long - by the Grandchildren: Lily, Ryan, Aidan, Taylor, Chloe, and Jenna
Mildred "Midge" Long- by The Long Family
Ervin and Gladys Murphy- by Tom and Dreanna Murphy
Matthew Jason Murphy-by Tom and Dreanna Murphy
Blair Neff- by Chris, Karen, Aaron, Brittney, and Phillip Hoover
Mary Neff- by Chris, Karen, Aaron, Brittney, and Phillip Hoover
Paul and Gerri Orebaugh- by Chris, Karen, Aaron, Brittney, and Phillip Hoover
Wayne Runion - by Dwayne, Sheila, and Christopher Runion

In Memory of

O. Raymond and Ruth Sellers- by John and D.D. Sellers
Arland and Hope Shifflett - by Steve and Joan Shifflett
Elaine Strawderman and Jay Strawderman-by Butch, Cricket, Keith, and families
Granvil and Violet Turner- by Dennis and Kay Turner
Lena Albrite Turner- by Garnett Turner and grandchildren: Chad Ritchie, Fran Ritchie, Adam Chitwood, Jenna Chitwood, Kelly McLendon, Kerry McLendon, Walker Turner, Celia Turner, Cayden Chitwood, William Ritchie, and Claire Ritchie
Wayne and Betty Turner- by Phillip and Joanna Thompson and family

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