

Sunset Rays  
*The "Son" still shines at Sunset Drive Church*  
**April 2019**

**Newsletter for: SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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*FROM Maundy Thursday*

*To*

***EASTER!***

According to Dr. Luke 's Gospel, *And when the hour came, he (Jesus) sat at table, and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."* (Luke 22:14-16)

*"Then the chief priests and captains and captains of the temple, came out against Jesus. They seized him and led him away..."* (22:v54)

*"Pilate then called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people....they cried out, "Away with the man (Jesus) and release to us Barabbas !"–a man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection started in the city, and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus; but they shouted out, "Crucify, crucify him!"* (23vs.13-21)

They led him (Jesus) away and delivered him up to their (crowd's) will... Two others , who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with (Jesus).. (vs 32)

It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then, Jesus, crying with a loud voice , said "***Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!***" And having said this, he breathed his last. (vs.44-46) RSV Bible Word Publishing Company

**BUT THANKS BE UNTO GOD**

He lives! He Lives! Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me, he talks with me  
along life's narrow ways.

He Lives! He Lives! Salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives?

**Jesus Lives within my heart!**

(adapted: from "He Lives," Alfred H. Ackley)

From Sunrise to Sunset, may your journey during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter be a comfort and promise given, never to be forgotten. **To God be the Glory!!!**

*Pastor Tom*

## Sunset Drive Lenten Activities

*Theme: "Return to Me"*

*Preaching Series:*

**Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 31, "Coming Together"**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent - April 7, "Making A New Thing"**

**Palm Sunday, April 14, "Preparing"**

### **Holy Week**

Maundy Thursday

April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Good Friday

April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

### ***EASTER SUNDAY***

***Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>***

*Sunrise on the Mountain Top!* At the Grandle's cabin 6:00 am.

### ***EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP IN CHURCH***

***Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 10 am***

**"Easter Is Believing!"**

## Upcoming Church Events

- **Bible Study** continues Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup>: Our Lenten study is "Made for A Miracle" by Mike Slaughter. It is comprised of 6 sessions each Wednesday night at **6pm**. We encourage you to come as you prepare your hearts and minds.
- **Audit Committee Meeting** on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **Finance Committee Meeting** on Thursday, April 11th at 6:30pm.
- **Sunset Drives Ladies' Ministry Meeting** on Thursday, April 11th at 6:30pm.
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, April 13<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 open to the community, so spread the word.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **May 2019 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.



## 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](mailto:barry8360@yahoo.com)

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

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

## Thank you

- We would like to thank our Church family for the love and care shown during George's surgery and recovery. It was your prayers that helped us get through this difficult time. God Bless you all. Janet and George Hadley.
- We of the Hoover family wish to express our gratitude to everyone at Sunset Drive church for the many thoughtful gestures you have provided to us. We are amazed at the many ways you have found to show us that you care, and we appreciate ALL of your acts of kindness. Carl Grey , Nancy, Craig and Terri.

## Barbeque Chicken Dates

submitted by Leon Miller

It's Chicken BBQ time again!!

Please mark your calendars!!

The dates for Sunset Drive Chicken BBQ will be:

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>



Best BBQ Chicken in the Valley. Carl Grey's secret recipe.

Plan ahead:

Volunteers will be needed for cooking, wrapping and selling. The cooking crew begins at 5:00 a.m. Wrapping begins at approximately 7:30 a.m. and selling begins soon after that.

## Community Upcoming Events

The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its 49<sup>th</sup> annual spring concert titled "Spiritual Songs" on Friday, April 12th at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 14th at 3:00 p.m. at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The concert will feature Antonin Dvorak's Mass in D in the first half, followed by contemporary and traditional arrangements of African-American Spirituals. Tickets are available at the door, 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.

## VBS 2019

**VBS** will be held *Sunday, June 9 through Thursday, June 13, 2019*. VBS Sunday will be *Sunday, June 16*. Our theme is **Rock Solid - "Building A Foundation In Christ"**.

## VBS help

submitted by Donna Arbogast

Food needed for Bible School : We will be feeding our children and staff again this year. We need donations of sandwiches (one dozen cut into 24 halves- ham and cheese or peanut butter and jelly) to be served on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> . We also need baked macaroni and cheese ( large casserole dish or crockpot) to be served on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. If you would be able to help with either of these please contact Donna Arbogast at 896- 1632 or [darbogast1953@gmail.com](mailto:darbogast1953@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

## Sunset Ladies' Ministry

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

On Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> SDUMC Ladies met. We prepared cards to mail and hopefully brightened the day of some of our church family members. Donations were designated for Meals on Wheels, Food Pantry, Back Pack program and Pleasant View. We collected several large boxes of food during our February food drive. It has been delivered. **Thanks to all who contributed.**

Our yard/bake sale is Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> . Donations can be put in the garage. We will organize the week prior to the sale. This is also the town yard sale day. We packed goodie boxes for our church shut-ins, prayed over them, and divided them up for delivery.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Please join us. Please note this is the 2nd Thursday instead of the 3rd.

## Yard/Bake Sale

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

The Ladies' Ministry is planning their annual yard/bake sale. The sale has tentatively been set for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> . It will be held inside again. We are able to store some things in the garage now if they are in your way. As spring-cleaning begins, keep us in mind. We will accept most things except clothing. If you need help moving items, let us know. However, the best time to drop things off will be the Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday before the sale. On those days we'll be in the social hall. Of course, we will take things later if those days aren't suitable. Check your attic. Check your basement. Check your garage. Check your closets. Make us smile!



## In Christian Sympathy

- We **extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Barry Davis and the Gentry Family. Barry's dad and church member **Glenn "Max" Gentry**, passed away on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will be missed by our Sunset Drive Family.
- We **extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to the Richard Jacksie family and Mildred(Lucille) Jacksie. Richard, passed away on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. He will be missed by his Sunset Drive Family.
- We **extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to the Ruby Baker family. Ruby, passed away on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. She will be missed by her Sunset Drive Family.
- We **extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Jeff Holsinger and family. Jeff's brother Ronald passed away on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. He will be missed by his Sunset Drive Family.

## Happy Birthday

### April

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| 2  | Juanita Fulk  |
| 4  | Nora Blair, Shirley Getz, Bea Sager                                 |
| 5  | Beau Turner   |
| 7  | Phillip Hoover, Sarah Moore   |
| 8  | Bill Thomas, Debe Thomas, Tammy Lohr                                |
| 9  | Issac Hulvey  |
| 11 | Tina Dove   |
| 13 | Ashley Formica, Matthew Hoover,                                     |
| 14 | Michael Hoover  |
| 15 | Holly Packard, Sharon Jones   |
| 16 | Janet Wager   |
| 17 | Jonny Wisman, Seth Wenger   |
| 18 | Reese Arbogast, Dwayne Runion, Bill Mason                           |
| 19 | Lisa Knupp, Delores Fulk, Karen Hoover,                             |
| 20 | Clemson Almquist, Jill Fidler,                                      |
| 21 | Ashleigh Fulk, Christopher Runion, Stephanie Kimble, Summer Cichosz |
| 22 | Kris Kann   |
| 23 | Eliana Formica  |
| 24 | Erin Powell (Is this BRIAN Powell?)                                 |
| 26 | Ryan Deaver, Marge Alexander  |
| 27 | JR. Almquist  |
| 29 | Kim Koeppen   |
| 30 | Wilton Thomas, Trevor White, Leah Jo Fulk,                          |



## Happy Anniversary

### April

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| 25 | Jeff and Susan Holsinger   |
| 28 | Carl Grey and Nancy Hoover |

