

Sunset Rays  
*The "Son" still shines at Sunset Church*

**March 2019**

**Newsletter for: SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**PREPARING TO BE PREPARED!**

Come Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be hearing about, and observing, Ash Wednesday across the Christian Church. This particular day ushers in for us a time to confront our human mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. It is a prelude to the season of Lent a period of prayer and introspection as we ready ourselves to celebrate the great day or Resurrection known as Easter. It is that time of forty days, not counting Sundays. The Sundays are considered "little Easters" conveying the penitential spirit of Lent tempered with the joyful expectation of the Resurrection.

**Sunset Drive Lenten Activities**

*Theme: "Return to Me"*

*Preaching Series:*

**Ash Wednesday - March 6**, "With All Your Heart, "Return to Me"

**First Sunday in Lent - March 10**, "God's Generous Heart"

**Second Sunday in Lent - March 17**, "Imitating"

**Third Sunday in Lent - March 24**, "Repenting"

**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

Good Friday

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

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 10am**

**"Easter Is Believing!"**

Let us prepare for a God-centered, Spirit-filled experience during this Holy Season. Let us keep in mind this prayer:

*O Lord of all good life, I pray that you would purify my life. Help me each day to know more of you, and by the power of your Spirit use me to show forth your love to others. Make me humble, brave, and loving; make me ready for adventure. I do not ask that you make me safe, but keep me ever loyal to the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*Pastor Tom*

## **Upcoming Church Events**

- **VBS Meeting** on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> after worship service (11 am).
- **Transition Team Meeting** on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. All members encouraged to attend.
- **Daylight Savings Time** begins- Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Remember to Spring forward.
- **Bible Study** of Romans is completed. On Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, our Lenten study of "Made for A Miracle" by Mike Slaughter will begin. It will comprise of 6 session each Wednesday night at 6pm. We encourage you to come as you prepare your hearts and minds.
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, March 9<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.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **April 2019 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Drive Ladies** will meet on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.



## **Special Prayer Date**

Of recent date, **our Bishop, Sharma Lewis**, has had to undergo a second surgery on her hip. Because of this severe surgery and healing, churches around our Virginia Conference have been given the opportunity to lift her up in special prayer each day. Sunset Drive's opportunity for such is this *Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>*. Let us join together to pray for our Sister, our Bishop, for God's healing power on her behalf. Keep Bishop Lewis in your prayers. God bless

## 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.



## 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>

## 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.

## 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"**.

# Sunset Ladies' Ministry

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

SDUMC Ladies' Ministry met Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. There were 9 present. Judy Rhodes had devotions. Cards were prepared for those in need of a pick-me-up. Along with our regular donations to Meals on Wheels and the Food Bank, Pleasant View and the backpack program were selected to receive donations of \$200 each. We are sponsoring a non-perishable food drive for the month of February to be delivered to the food bank.

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, the women provided a continental breakfast for the District ministers' that was hosted by Sunset Drive.

We packed 20 goodie boxes for our church shut-ins. They will be delivered in the upcoming weeks. We pray they brighten their day.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please make a note that our April meeting has been moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict with Maundy Thursday communion. Please join us.

## 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 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 Doris Emswiler and family. Doris' sister, Janice "Satchel" Hoover, passed away on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Katherine Ford, Lois Dinges and family. Katherine's son and Lois' brother, James Ford, passed away on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Richard Dellinger Sr. family. Richard passed away on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. He will be missed by his Sunset Drive Family.
- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Ruby Baker and family. Ruby's sister, Janet Crider Wampler, passed away on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

# Happy Birthday

## March

- 1 Bill Williams
- 2 Colton Wenger, Scott Harris
- 4 Fred Olson
- 6 Kathie Jo Almquist, Susan Nazelrod
- 8 Jeff Harris
- 10 Walker Turner
- 12 Steve Rhodes
- 13 Donna Price, Joshua Adams
- 14 Tim Turner
- 16 Erica Kann, Jesse Long, Peggie Turner
- 17 Bailey Harris, Pat Milstead
- 18 Nichole Dinges
- 19 Jacob Fulk,
- 20 Judy Post, Becky Harris, Erin Williams,
- 21 Belynn Hollar, Mark Hoover, Ronald Turner, Stephanie Cantrell
- 23 Ambi Hahn
- 24 Melinda Brown
- 25 Jeffery Formica, JoAnn Milander
- 26 Laura Rellins, Jackson Peele,
- 27 Jennifer Phillips, Jenna Long
- 28 Brandie Lantz Hensley, Marilyn Jenkins
- 29 Scott Arbogast, Landon Craig, Dawn Hohenstien
- 30 Barry Davis, Larry Davis



# Happy Anniversary

## March

- 12 Benjamin and Elizabeth Orebaugh
- 13 Glen and Virginia Ann Hulvey

