

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

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

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*"Moving Forward in God's Mission"*

Carly Simons, American singer-songwriter, musician, and children's author, is well known for her numerous recordings especially in the seventies. One particular hit recording she made is "Coming Around Again." That song has hung onto me over the years as special events I look forward to materialize. Such an event-time has arrived.

On June 20-22 of this year United Methodist laity and clergy will gather in Roanoke, Virginia to conduct our 237th Session of the Virginia Annual Conference. The theme this year will be *Moving Forward in God's Mission*. There will be singing, devotions, preaching, Conference Lay Leaders' addresses, reports from across the Conference relative to special ministries, special awards presented, Bible studies, and since this is the Conference before our General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference for the South East, elections will be held. It will be necessary to elect sixteen lay and sixteen clergy representatives to attend these upcoming conferences. It all shapes up to be a very busy time!

In addition to the above, there will be reunions, both lay and clergy, sharing stories and events since the last Annual Conference. There will be meals shared as divinity school alums connect with each other. There will be a Memorial Service honoring those pastors who have died since the last Conference, a service of Ordination for our newest clergy and deacons will be held, and ultimately new appointments to our churches will be made for the coming year.

Much will transpire over a three day period of time. Back home in our church fellowships, we encourage our congregants to be in prayer as pastors and laity gather. It is my earnest prayer that our church family at Sunset Drive will be in continuous prayer that the Lord will guide our meeting and impart wisdom to all actions taken. Whatever transpires, we know that God is with us, and in the words of John Wesley, *"The best is yet to come!"*

*Pastor Tom*

## Upcoming Church Events



- **VBS Meeting** on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am.
- **Out To Lunch Bunch** will be going to O'Charley's, Harrisonburg on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> leaving the church parking lot at 11 am. Please let Kay Bowman know if you plan to attend 896-7665.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **Sunset Drives Ladies' Ministry Meeting** on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- **Trustee Meeting on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**
- **July 2019 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **A blood drive** will be held at Sunset Drive UMC on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am until 1pm in the church fellowship hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the east entrance and appointments can also be made online at the Red Cross website. Go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and type in the 22815 zip code to bring up the Sunset Drive schedule.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, June 25<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>

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## Thank you

- I would like to thank Rev. Dr. Thomas Murphy, friends, and church members of Sunset Drive United Methodist church for their kindness, prayers, and sympathy during the illness and recent death of my husband, Richard Jacksie. Mildred Jacksie
- Dear Sunset Drive Friends, We want to thank you so much for all your cards, calls, and most of all your prayers. We felt those prayers, and the power of prayer is what has pulled Marlin through this and will continue to heal him during his recovery. He has gone through a journey in the valley but is reaching for the mountain top now! We are so blessed to have church family and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God bless, Marlin Fulk Family

# The Graduating Class of 2019

We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, June 2 during our worship service.

- **Blane Thomas Murphy**, son of Tom III and Jackie Murphy, and grandson of Tom and Dreanna Murphy, is graduating from Harrisonburg High School on June 8 after completing the Stem and Honors Program. Blane will be attending Virginia Commonwealth University this fall.
- **Julia Rivera**, who has served as our guest pianist during the past year, graduated from Shenandoah Valley Academy on May 26. Julia will be attending Walla Walla University in Washington state, doing a pre-med major and music minor.
- **Jaden Skates**, son of Curtis and Sharon Skates, will graduate from Broadway High School on June 8. Jaden will work at Shenandoah Growers again this summer, while attending welding classes at Blue Ridge Community College. He hopes to eventually have a career in underwater welding, while continuing to create 3D animation on the side. Jaden received a varsity letter his Junior & Senior year for starring on the Unified Basketball team. He also received a varsity letter all 4 years for competing on the swim team, & even made it to regionals his senior year. Not many people know this, because he was sworn to secrecy...but Jaden supported many Broadway teams throughout his 4 years at BHS from inside the mascot costume as "Strut". He was selected to be a member of the Green & White Society as a senior at BHS. He will be wearing a green & white tassel at graduation to represent this.
- **Jon Bryce Turner**, son of Tim and Robin Turner and grandson of Edwin and Betty Sue Turner; Diane Wagner and the late Ross Wagner, will graduate from Broadway High School on June 8. Bryce will be attending Potomac State College in Keyser, WV studying Sports Management and playing baseball for the Catamounts.
- **Lindsey Michele White**, daughter of Robbie and Michele White and granddaughter of Bill and Phyllis Mason, will graduate from Broadway High School on June 8. Lindsey will be attending Eastern Mennonite University and plans to major in elementary education with a minor in Spanish. She also plans to play soccer at EMU.

*We are proud of our graduates and wish each of them the best in their future endeavors!*

# Congratulations

Congratulations to Garrett Turner and the Turner family for celebrating 70 years at the Fulks Run/ Turner Ham store.

## 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, 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"**.

## VBS Help Needed

submitted by Donna Arbogast

Donna Arbogast could still use some volunteers to make sandwiches and macaroni and cheese for the VBS crew. They need peanut butter & jelly and ham & cheese sandwiches for Sunday, June 9th. If you can make a dozen sandwiches, cut into 24 halves, please call Donna and let her know. You can drop them off at church that morning or bring them to the church that evening at 5:00. They also need a few more dishes/crock pots of macaroni and cheese for Tuesday, June 11th. If you would like to help with any of this food, please call Donna Arbogast at 896-1632. We can all help make VBS a great experience for a bunch of little people.

# CONNECT, GROW, SERVE

From the Vision Team

Last month we shared our next steps of incorporating Sunset Drive's vision of *CONNECT with God and People, GROW in Christ and SERVE Others* into our existing ministry teams and the daily life of Sunset Drive.

As we studied and prayed about our role as a Transition Team, we entertained discussions of, not only the future of Sunset Drive, but also the future of this group. We have come to realize that our current work of sharing our vision and incorporating it into the daily life of Sunset Drive is no longer "transitional" in nature but more educational with respect to the long-term desired changes resulting from our vision. We, therefore, have agreed that "Vision Team" is more descriptive of our ongoing work.

*CONNECT with God and People, GROW in Christ and SERVE Others* is certainly not an earth-shattering concept. Our group has examined many of our current Sunset Drive examples of each of the key components:

CONNECT: Men's breakfast, Yard Sale, VBS, Serving Communion to Shut-ins, potluck dinners

GROW: Worship service, Bible Study, Sunday school classes, Youth Group activities, Ladies' Ministry

SERVE: Mission work, Backpacks of Love, Camp Overlook volunteers, Communion to shut-ins and Visitation Ministries

How then, is *CONNECT, GROW, SERVE* a "new" vision for Sunset Drive?

The "new" is a deeper, more intense, more focused version of *CONNECT, GROW, SERVE*. In a sports analogy: We've got to 'up our game' to achieve our Mission to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As shared last month, we encourage everyone to THINK and PRAY about, "HOW *DID* God use **ME** this week to *CONNECT, GROW, and SERVE*?" When we take time (and make time) to reach out with a phone call, a card, a text message, or some other labor of God's Love, **WE** make a difference in someone's day, and our hearts are blessed in a very unique, very special way -Make "*CONNECT, GROW, SERVE*" part of your daily life too.

The Vision Team is blazing new ground at Sunset Drive as we journey together as Disciples of Jesus Christ. We ask for your continued prayers and feedback.

Blessings !!!

Barry Davis

Bev Thompson

Christopher Runion

Dennis Turner

Dixie Miller

Donna Belle Dove

Ellie Roach

Jacque Roach

Judy Rhodes

Lacey Roberts

Leon Miller

Mike Dick

Sandy Cupp

Pastor Tom Murphy

# Sunset Ladies' Ministry

Belle Dove

submitted by Donna

The Sunset Drive Ladies' Ministry met on April 10, 2019. Devotions were held centering on Holy Week. We prepared cards for those in our congregation that might need a spiritual lift. Donations were made to Meals on Wheels, our local food pantry, Relay for Life, The Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, and Vacation Bible School for a total of \$700.

We worked on preparing the butterfly cards to be handed out at Easter. We then finalized our preparations for the yard/bake sale. We will begin filling the social hall with goodies on Monday, April 22 and work throughout the week, arranging, pricing and tagging for Saturday's sale. We will also promote the BBQ chicken, which is being sold on Saturday also. Jean Dove will be contacted to see if she will contact members for bake sale donations.

Secret Prayer Pals will reveal who they were praying for anytime after Easter. We will put out forms and draw for new partners on May 12. (This was later changed to May 19.)

Since this meeting, we have held our yard/bake sale. We want to thank all of you who helped in any way: baking, donating, making phone calls, contacting people for help, hauling items, carrying in items, cheering us on, buying items, cleaning up....and the list goes on. We couldn't have done it without you and because of you we raised a little over \$2000. This will help us help others in our community. Thank you so much.

We are also sponsoring the Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit AVA Care that serves the Rockingham County/Harrisonburg area. (AVA stands for Advocate. Validate. Answers.) Your donation helps this organization support women and men who are in a crisis situation with an unintended pregnancy. The bottles are to be turned in on Father's Day, June 16.

# Altar Flowers

submitted by Judy Post

Altar Flowers brighten our sanctuary as we worship God. Please consider giving to the Altar Flower Fund to honor your loved ones living or deceased.

Special occasions can also be celebrated with the placing of flowers on the altar in the sanctuary. Your name and your loved one's name/names will be printed in the Sunday Worship Bulletin.

For your convenience, Flower Order Forms are available on the table in the narthex just outside the sanctuary doors. These forms should be dropped in the offering plate with a check attached for your contribution and indicate on the "memo" line that it is for the Altar Flower Fund.

You can help beautify the altar in our church and honor your loved ones at the same time. If you have any questions about dates or how to order, please call Judy Post at 896-7189.

We hope that you think about Altar Flowers when you think about the people, days, and events in your life. Remember that the flowers are completely funded by contributions from the congregation.

# Youth Group June Schedule

submitted by Lacey Roberts

Here is the schedule for

June

Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Decorating party for VBS! 2pm to 4pm and then swim and dinner!!

Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> Practice skits for VBS from 6:30pm to 7:45pm.

Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> - Practice skits for VBS from 6:30pm to 7:45pm..

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - Graduation Day for our wonderful graduates!!! Jaden and Lindsey, we are So Proud of you!!

Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> - First night at VBS! Please be there at 4:45pm to go over things and get ready.

VBS goes from June 9<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm. All are invited and we'd love for your families to join us. Dinner provided and our theme is, "Rock Solid...building a foundation in Christ."

We will take the week of June 10<sup>th</sup> off and start back up on June 19.

June 19<sup>th</sup>- 6:30-7:30 Lesson and discuss Mission Week

June 26<sup>th</sup>- Visit to Timberview from 2-3:30. We will discuss events for July and new events for the upcoming year.

## Sympathy

We **extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to the June Williams family. June passed away on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. She will be missed by her Sunset Drive Family.

## Happy Birthday

### June

- 1 Tim Proctor
- 2 Eric Hoover
- 3 Jessica Koeppen, George Dowrey
- 5 Mia Orebaugh
- 7 Aiden Bennett
- 10 Sheila Proctor, Rocky Fisher
- 11 Cecee Hawkins
- 15 Tom Boller
- 21 Maggie Roberts
- 22 Jean Dove
- 24 Lilah Deavers
- 26 Whit Grandle
- 27 Lacey Roberts, Dave Jordan
- 28 Virginia Ann Hulvey



## Happy Anniversary

### June

- 7 Scott and Diann Harris
- 9 Doug and Janet Wager
- 14 Alan and Ann Laughlin
- 16 C.W. and Peggy Grandle, Donnie and Susie Crider
- 19 Tim and Charlene Gilley, Steve and Judy Rhodes, Trent and Lori Turner
- 21 Sam and Christina Harris
- 22 Margaret and Beck Whitmore, Mark and Donica Hadley,
- 24 Travis and Ashleigh Fulk
- 26 Matt and Jodi Clarke, Ed and Jacque Roach
- 29 Lowell and Dianne Fulk