

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

**Newsletter for: SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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*Spring's Reminder*

We are in the midst of spring time! Have you taken time to reflect during these days of sunshine and rain, warmth and dampness? Have you listened to the sounds of the day? Blot out the traffic, industry, and the noise of planes and trains. Look deeper into life and its sounds from the earth. Can you see a picturesque painting in the clouds? Can you watch the ants scurrying across terra firma? Does the bloom of a jonquil catch your attention or the upward petals of a tulip delight your imagination? These are signs of spring.

The poet goes even deeper into a sign of spring. He says,

*Across the edges of the world there blows a wind  
Mysterious with perfume of a Spring;  
A Spring that is not of the kindling of earth,  
That's more than a scent of bloom or gleam of bud;  
The Spring of God in flower!  
Down there where neither sun nor air came through,  
I felt it blow across my dungeon wall ---*

*Far off, far off He comes,  
And we are swept upon our knees  
As meadow grasses kneeling to the wind.*

*(adapted: William A. Percy)*

Won't you stop, look, listen just a little more often and sense the presence and power of God's creation? Life can be strengthened if we just take time with our Heavenly Father to appreciate all God has given in his creation. No better time to do it like now; no better place to do it than in the Shenandoah Valley...or, really, anywhere! So, get to it and praise God!

*Pastor Tom*

## Upcoming Church Events



- **VBS Meeting** on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 11am.
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, May 11<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, May 14<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, May 28<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, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **June 2019 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, May 28<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>

## 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.

# CONNECT, GROW, SERVE

From the Transition Team

Just a few months ago our congregation was introduced to a vision for the future of Sunset Drive that is, in its simplest form, CONNECT with God and People; GROW in Christ, and SERVE Others. The focus going forward is implementing the Connect, Grow, Serve vision into our existing ministry teams and the daily life of Sunset Drive.

We have many great examples of how we as individuals can use our God given gifts to build stronger relationships with God, our church family and community; draw nearer to Christ; and, joyfully serve/help others in our church family, in our schools and community. We encourage everyone to THINK and PRAY about "How did God use me this week; 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 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.

The Mission of all United Methodist Churches is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our Connect, Grow, Serve vision and its implementation will customize for Sunset Drive just how we make disciples of Jesus Christ. The way Sunset Drive makes disciples of Jesus Christ will differ from our sister churches because our church body is different, our environment is different, our history is different. The cover of our Worship bulletin is now graced with our Connect, Grow, Serve vision. It is a visible step that will be followed by many more in the form of print, word and action. The Transition 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	Dennis Turner	Dixie Miller	Pastor Tom Murphy
Jacque Roach	Lacey Roberts	Mike Dick	Ellie Roach	Donna Belle Dove
Sandy Cupp	Judy Rhodes	Leon Miller	Christopher Runion	

## 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.

# Secret Prayer Pals

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

Secret Prayer Pals, now is the time to let your partner know who has been praying for them Give them a call. See them in person. Send them a card. Just let them know it was you. I know I've been wondering who was praying for me. New forms will go in the bulletin on April 28<sup>th</sup> to be returned in the next 2 Sundays. We will draw for our new partners on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> .

## Happy Birthday

### May

- 2 Michael Malloy
- 5 Jacob Gilley
- 6 Mark Hadley, Kelly Long, Larry Bowman,
- 7 Bryce Turner, Amanda Harpine
- 8 Jim Branner, Nancy Hoover, Diane Thomas, ,
- 9 Holly See, David Wenger
- 10 Judy Rhodes, Kristy Wisman
- 11 Katie Davis
- 12 Amy Frasure, George Hadley, Diana Drury, Marijo Wood
- 13 Penny Lohr
- 14 Jeff Holsinger, Jacque Roach
- 15 Amanda Sager
- 16 Jesse Hardesty, Rosemary Moyers
- 18 Dawn Long, Virgil Mumaw, Dick Strawderman
- 19 Katie Adams, LaVonne Crist,
- 20 Dennis Turner, Diann Harris,
- 21 David Billhimer
- 23 Valerie Arbogast, John David Dove
- 24 Mike Hawkins
- 28 Roger Conner
- 29 Phyllis Reeves
- 30 Faye Herndon



## Happy Anniversary

### May

- 2 Darren and Diana Drury
- 4 Tom and Amy Hoover, Phillip and Joanna Thompson, Don and Shannon Rellins
- 12 David and Tammy Jordan
- 13 Buck and Susan Nazelrod
- 21 Dwayne and Sheila Runion
- 25 Jeremy and Laura Rhodes
- 29 Leon and Dixie Miller

