

Sunset Rays
The "Son" still shines at Sunset Drive Church
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Rev. Dr. Thomas (Tom) Murphy

The Mission Goes On!

Officially the 2019 session of the Virginia Annual Conference has passed into the history books. However, our "*Moving Forward in God's Mission*" has begun anew. After three days of meetings in Roanoke with a full agenda of fellowship, worship, reports of this past year's ministry and mission activity, and voting for delegates to the upcoming Jurisdictional and General Conference Session for 2020; we were challenged by our Conference Lay Leader, Mr. Warren Harper, to REMEMBER The Mission Field:

- is calling you
- will put you out of you comfort zone
- will change your perspective
- is there for the lost are found
- is a command from God
- is wherever you are
- is where your baptismal water comes alive

And remember Jesus' words, he said, "I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Is this not a challenge for each of us at Sunset Drive as we face a New Year of ***Connecting-Growing-and Serving?*** Pray the Lord guides us as we seek to be Jesus' disciples in this world . Amen!

Pastor Tom

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

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

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

Upcoming Church Events

- **Out To Lunch Bunch** will be going to the new El Ranchero restaurant, on South Main Street in Broadway on Tuesday, July 9th . We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am. Please let Kay Bowman know if you plan to attend 896-7665.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, July 9th and Tuesday, July 23rd , from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **Sunset Drive's final chicken BBQ of 2019 is Saturday , July 13th**. Last chance to get Best BBQ Chicken in the Valley. Carl Grey's secret recipe. 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.
- **August 2019 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, July 16^h . Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Ladies Lunch** will be on Tuesday, July 30th at 11:30 am Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.



Barbeque Chicken Dates

submitted by Leon Miller

It's the Last Chicken BBQ of the season!!

Saturday, July 13th

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Food Pantry Information

submitted by Bev Thompson

If you donate food items for the local food pantry, please check the expiration dates on your items. **The food pantry cannot use anything with an expired date** . It saves everyone time and effort if dates are checked before the items are placed in the donation box in the back narthex. Thank you

CONNECT, GROW, SERVE

From the Vision Team

After retiring in 2018 as Harrisonburg District Superintendent, Tommy Herndon joined the Virginia United Methodist Foundation as Vice President, Legacy Giving and Stewardship Development. The Foundation serves local United Methodist churches and Conference agencies in their efforts to expand their programs and ministries through planned giving and endowment funds. Tommy writes and shares via email, a weekly devotional called "Monday Morning Start-up." This is June 17's edition:

HE PASSED AWAY

When I was in high school, my parents started a nursing home in Leesburg, Virginia. We only had fourteen beds and my mother and father did most of the work. When I went to college, I would find myself looking forward to talking to Mr. Foushee when I went home. Mr. Foushee was ninety five years old and always acted like he wanted to hear what was going on in my world. Once when I came home for the weekend, I went by to see Mr. Foushee and his bed was empty. Mr. Foushee had passed away the day before. He and I often read scripture together and talked about salvation. I was sad, but Mr. Foushee was with Jesus and that made me happy.

As I thought about Mr. Foushee, I thought about how we need to talk to everyone about Jesus. We are not promised tomorrow and we need to be prepared. Matthew 28 :19 of our scripture says "We need to make disciples of all nations!"

We need to overcome our fear of telling others about Jesus. Mr. Foushee was easy to talk to but some are not so easy. Regardless, we need to talk! We need to spread the good news about Jesus to all! We never know when we will turn the corner, see an empty bed, and wish we had shared the good news with them. Salvation is for everyone and we are called to share it with everyone. I can't imagine anything worse than knowing someone who died that we had the chance to tell them about Jesus but failed to do so.

This text is called "The Great Commission" and it is for every one of us!

Matthew 28:19 – Go and make disciples of all nations.

Tommy's experience provides a very basic way for us to CONNECT with People: "we need to talk". When we take time (and make time) to talk or 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	Dennis Turner	Dixie Miller	Donna Belle Dove	Ellie Roach
Jacque Roach	Judy Rhodes	Lacey Roberts	Leon Miller	Mike Dick
Sandy Cupp	Pastor Tom Murphy		Bev Thompson	Christopher Runion

Sunset Ladies' Ministry

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

The April yard/bake sale grossed over \$2000. A huge thank you to all involved by donating, pricing, sorting, baking, selling, hauling, promoting, cashiering, buying.....and the list goes on. We had just the right amount of bake goods. The yard sale items sold well too. Packing up and cleaning up was easier than usual.again a big thanks to all involved.

We hope those who are participating in secret prayer pals have contacted their partner to let her know that someone is praying for her. It's nice to get that card that acknowledges that someone has her in prayer throughout the year.

Donations in May were designated for Camps Jigsaw and Overlook and the Salvation Army.

We will not meet again until Thursday, September 19th. We hope you'll start the new ministry year with us. New ladies and new ideas are always welcome.

Congratulations

Congratulations to ***John and Elizabeth Reeves Fricke*** on the arrival of their daughter ***Michaela Lou Fricke***. Michaela was born on Thursday, June 6th. We rejoice in this birth with the parents, big brother Jack, and big sister Caroline, grandparents Ken and Phyllis Reeves.

Happy Birthday

July

- 4 Jack Lohr, Michele White
- 5 Jodi Clarke, Jordan Holsinger
- 7 Ellie Roach, Marlin Fulk, Carla Fisher
- 8 Sophie Davis
- 9 Angela Craig, Susan Holsinger
- 11 Travis Fulk, Garnett Turner, Les Pettigrew
- 12 Ben Orebaugh
- 14 Donna Arbogast, Brenda Hoover
- 16 Tara Langston
- 18 Emily Dick
- 19 Eleanor Campbell, Glen Hulvey
- 21 Laura Deavers, Lisa Thacker, Billy Hulvey
- 22 Jonathan Thompson
- 24 Heather Reeves
- 26 Aaron Hoover, John Haviland
- 27 Liz Orebaugh
- 30 Karla Dick, Carl Grey Hoover, Ed Roach, Andy Thomas



Happy Anniversary

July

- 4 Mike and Cecee Hawkins
- 13 Grant and Laura Holsinger
- 18 Dennis and Kay Turner
- 21 Scott and Valerie Arbogast
- 23 Jeremy and Lisa Jo Fulk

