

Sunset Rays
The "Son" still shines at Sunset Drive Church
August 2019

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Rev. Dr. Thomas (Tom) Murphy

The Last Month of the Summer

'But, Work Ahead!'

Though it be the last month of summer, according to the dictionary, August promises to be an exciting one for Sunset Drive activities. Events will be offered that you won't want to miss. The events will feature:

- * worship services focusing upon the theme: *"Summer With the Prophets"*. We will remember and glean inspiration from the Old Testament Prophets in sermon and song. We are told that our new air conditioning unit will be in place and we will be back in the sanctuary, after having held services in the social hall during repairs.
- * preparations for **Homecoming** will gather momentum as we welcome friends and family to gather on Sunday, September 29th for fun, fellowship, and food. We will also welcome our preacher for that day the Reverend Dr. Victor Gomez, District Superintendent of our Harrisonburg District, and his family to our church. *Start making plans now to come and invite others to be a part of this special occasion.*
- * the Finance Committee is in the midst of planning for our budget for 2020. Our church fellowship has been faithful and responsive to the ministries and missions we continue to support. Let us pray for continued generosity that is indicative of a caring and giving people. Let us always remember that when summer vacation comes, and we are away, the needs for our church's ministry continues.
- * the Mission Committee is presently seeking to reach out, even more, to community for involvement. The committee is planning to have a "Community Conversation" with leadership from across the Broadway/Timberville area. They plan to bring together representatives from police and fire departments, city council, social services and the like. Pray for this gathering as we plan to meet over lunch on Wednesday, September 11th in our social hall. Opportunities of service for our neighbors are unlimited.
- * our yearly Charge Conference with several other churches will be held this year at Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church. Our District Superintendent will lead our reporting on September 28th. Various committees in our Sunset Drive Fellowship will begin now to prepare their reports reflecting our total ministry for the Conference Year 2018-2019. Let these 'preparation days' be a time for us to reflect prayerfully on our ministry.

* upcoming events are being planned in addition: afternoon and evening musical programs will feature the Rockingham Male Chorus, Sunday October 27th and The Vesper International Singers November 3rd. Mark your calendars now; you won't want to miss either special event.

All of the above are "in the works!" August really is planning time, and we wait with anticipation for the things God is leading us to experience together. Let the Spirit guide and the people rejoice!

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>

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Upcoming Church Events

- **Out To Lunch Bunch** will be going to Olive Garden in Harrisonburg on Tuesday, August 13th, 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, August 13th and Tuesday, August 27th, from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **September 2019 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, August 20th. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Ladies' Lunch** will be on Tuesday, August 27th at 11:30 am Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.



Thank you

- We would like to express our appreciation to the Paul and Gerri Orebaugh Trust Fund for their generous contribution.
- **Mark Hadley**, son of George and Janet Hadley, has been on Our Military Family Prayer List. Mark has completed his Service in the U.S. Navy. Thank you Mark, for your service to our country.

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

Happy Birthday

August

- 4 Zane Turner
- 5 Erika Dick, Dot Gladden, Huck Kann
- 7 Helen Thomas, Andy Haviland
- 8 Tanner Fulk, Brian Powell, Luke and Daniel Boller
- 9 Kay Bowman
- 10 Joanna Thompson
- 12 Joan Shifflett
- 17 John Crist
- 18 Tom Hoover, Doris Emswiler
- 19 Eva Rellins
- 20 Merteen Arbogast, Norma Lee, Craig Hoover, Terri Hoover
- 24 Ashley Hoover, Ollie Roberts
- 28 Alan Laughlin, Eli Flora
- 31 Lee Andes



September

- 1 Tammy Jordan, Matt Krantz, Mildred (Lucille) Jacksie
- 3 Anna Showalter
- 4 Ben Jones
- 5 Jody Turner
- 7 Kathyne Haviland
- 8 Dreanna Murphy

Happy Anniversary

August

- 1 Wayne and Donna Arbogast, Ronnie and Donna Belle Dove, Kyle and Meghan Flora
- 5 Lowell and Sandy Turner, Scott and Becky Harris,
- 9 Tim and Shelia Proctor
- 17 George and Janet Hadley
- 20 Tim and Robin Turner
- 21 Tom and Dreanna Murphy
- 25 Michael and Shelley Ellington

