



Sunset Rays

The "Son" still shines at Sunset Drive Church

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Newsletter for: SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Why Do We Come?

"Home-Coming"

The word is out...there is a special day a coming. It is called Homecoming. It is a time for church members, family members, friends of the church, and neighbors to gather and reminisce about the history of Sunset Drive Church. It is a time to enjoy worship, praising God for God's blessings afforded our congregation via singing, praying, and hearing the Word preached. This year we are fortunate to have with us our District Superintendent, the Reverend Dr. Victor Gomez ,who will open God's Word and through that Word proclaim our call to discipleship. Following our corporate worship we will make our way to the Social Hall and enjoy a cover dish meal together...as only our church fellowship can prepare!



There is a story told about a Sunday School teacher who challenged her children to take some time on Sunday afternoon to write a letter to God. They were to bring back their letter the following Sunday. One little boy wrote the following: "Dear God, we had a good time at church today. Wish You could have been there."

Dear friends, I do believe God will be with us as we gather on September 29th in church celebrating our Homecoming Sunday. We want you there; it would be our loss if you were not enjoying that day with us. Mark your calendar now, and plan to be a part of a very special day in the life of Sunset Drive Church. I will be looking for you!

Pastor Tom

Charge Conference Encounters

Charge Conference will be held on **September 28th at Mt. Tabor UMC** from noon until 3 p.m. All are invited. Sunset Drive will be joined with seven other churches to share in this year's Charge Conference in the following manner: there will be time devoted to **Mission Practicum** (building school kits for UMCOR); **Leadership Practicum** (leadership challenge); and, **Charge Conference** (when all reports from each charge will be verified). This new approach promises to be a learning experience as we share in Christ's ministry with other of our brothers and sisters. We are asked to bring a dish for the joint luncheon . Meat will be provided.

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

- **Choir rehearsals** will resume Wednesday, September 4th, from 7:30pm-8:30pm for Homecoming.
- The **Vision Team** will meet on Sunday, September 8th at 6pm.
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, September 14th, from 7:30am to 9am. Meal includes- Turner ham, bacon, pancakes, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, hot and cold drinks. The proceeds from this breakfast will go to help Harper's Family. She is a local child who is fighting leukemia. The breakfast is open to the community, so spread the word.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, September 10th and Tuesday September 24th, from 1pm to 3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30pm in conference room.
- **Administrative Council** meeting on Monday, September 16th at 7pm.
- **Sunset Ladies Group** will resume meetings on Thursday, September 19th at 6:30pm.
- **Sunset Ladies' Lunch** will be on Tuesday, September 24th at 11:30 am. Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.
- **October 2019 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, September 24th. Please have all information to church office.
- **Linville Creek Church of the Brethren** will host a blood drive on Thursday September 26, from 3:00 until 7:00 pm. The recent blood drive held here at Sunset Drive was a success.
- **2019 Homecoming** will be Sunday, September 29th at 10am. District Superintendent, the Reverend Dr. Victor Gomez, will be our guest speaker and there will be a carry in luncheon after the service.



Pack 1

Our First Cub Scout Pack meeting will be September 3rd at 7:00pm in the basement.

Children's Group Schedule

submitted by Erica Kann

Wednesday, September 4th : Children's Choir from 6:30pm-7:30pm
Wednesday, September 11th : Children's Choir from 6:30pm-7:30pm
Sunday, September 15th: Christmas Play Read-through at 11am
Wednesday, September 18th : Children's Group Activity from 6:30pm-7:30pm
Wednesday, September 25th : Children's Choir from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Youth Group

submitted by Lacey Roberts

Youth group will continue to meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 unless an email/ text is sent. We plan to have 2-3 community projects a month.

September Event Calendar

Sunday, September 1st - Sunday school 9:15 am-9:50 am Children's time, Children's church
Wednesday, September 4th - Youth group 6:30pm-7:30pm (lesson and dinner)
Sunday, September 8th - Sunday school 9:15 am-9:50 am
Wednesday, September 11th -Church cleanup day!! 6:30pm -7:45pm
Saturday, September 14th - Benefit breakfast for Harper (Everyone needs to sign up for a time slot between 7am-9am) Cleanup crew until about 9:30am!
Sunday, September 15th - Sunday school 9:15 am-9:50 am
Wednesday, September 18th - Backpack program 6:30-7:30
Saturday, September 21st - Cabin/ Cookout TBA
Sunday, September 22nd - Sunday school 9:15 am-9:50 am
Wednesday, September 25th - Visit to Nursing home (6:00-7:00) Bring \$4
Sunday, September 29th - Sunday school 9:15 am-9:50 am

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

September

- 1 Tammy Jordan, Matt Krantz, Mildred (Lucille) Jacksie
- 3 Anna Showalter
- 4 Ben Jones
- 5 Jody Turner
- 7 Kathyne Haviland
- 8 Dreanna Murphy
- 11 Dixie Miller, Harlen Miller
- 12 Sadie Kann, Buck Nazelrod
- 13 Doug Harpine
- 16 Lindsey White
- 18 Shannon Rellins, Scott Murray
- 23 Amy Hoover, DD Hulvey, Kathy Turner
- 25 Dave Peoples
- 26 Allison Hawkins, Pam Dowrey, Peggy Packard
- 28 Eli Flora
- 29 Don Rellins
- 30 Wayne Arbogast, Jean Thomas



October

- 1 Alicia Proctor
- 2 Mandy Freds
- 3 Amanda Reeves
- 8 Tim Gilley, Joan Wenger
- 9 Allison Malloy
- 10 Ainsley Flora, Phyllis Fidler
- 12 Katie Almquist
- 13 Mickey Long

Happy Anniversary

September

- 9 Jeremy and Tonya Turner
- 11 John and Peggy Packard
- 15 Fred and Sue Olson
- 17 Richard and Kathy Sharpe
- 22 Kris and Erica Kann
- 23 Jeff and Ashley Formica, Jack and Penny Lohr
- 25 Jeff and Laura Deavers
- 29 Matt and Sharon Krantz



October

- 1 Glen and Tara Langston
- 5 William and Eleanor Campbell