

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

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

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**"There's Music In the Air!"**

We are delighted that the Rockingham Male Chorus is coming our way to bring special music for our ears! Read the following information about their concert of music and a bit of their history:

The Rockingham Male Chorus of the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia is a group of volunteer musicians from a variety of backgrounds, careers and denominations who welcome the opportunity to travel and sing the gospel of Christ. "The Singing Men" as they are known, travel hundreds of miles on an annual basis giving 20- 30 concerts covering an area from Pennsylvania to Florida. Organized in 1966, the founder and original director of the Rockingham Male Chorus was Dr. Nelson T. Huffman, a music professor who taught at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia. Dr. Huffman led the "Singing Men" through their 500th concert before retiring in 1987. The Chorus subsequently reorganized and selected David MacMillan to serve as its director. David MacMillan, a graduate of Shenandoah Conservatory of Music in Winchester, VA continues to serve as the director of the Chorus, and his wife, Kathy, serves as accompanist. Chorus members gather on a weekly basis from September until May for rehearsals. Presently, the Chorus has provided over 1300 concerts and still enjoys the active participation of one charter member. The members of the Rockingham Male Chorus enjoy good fellowship and a strong camaraderie as well as a common sense of mission. They love to share the Word in their concerts and welcome the opportunity to greet and fellowship with their audiences in Christ's name.

The ministry of the Rockingham Male Chorus includes numerous recordings on cassette tapes and compact discs that are available for purchase. Admission to a Rockingham Male Chorus concert is free however a freewill offering is received to help offset administrative and travel expenses.

Their performance will be Sunday evening October 27th at 4 p.m. In addition, we will have a good old "Great Day of United Methodist Singing" on Sunday, October 20th during the ten o'clock Worship Service. Plan now to join with us for a month of wonderful music performance and participation in worship!



*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](mailto: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 Rancho restaurant, on South Main Street in Broadway on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 meeting Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- The **Worship Committee** will meet on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the conference room.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** meets on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup>, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30 pm in the conference room. This session we are studying the Book of Revelation. Come join us as we grow spiritually
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 7:30am to 9am. Meal includes- Turner ham, bacon, pancakes, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, hot and cold drinks.. The breakfast is open to the community, so spread the word.
- **Trustees** will meet on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Sunset Ladies Group** will resume meetings on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- **Administrative Council** meeting on Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.
- **November 2019 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Ladies' Lunch** will be on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.



## WRE

submitted by Heidi Bunn

Dear Sunset Drive Church Family,

My name is Heidi Bunn and this is my 5th year teaching WRE at John C Myers. I want to thank your congregation for the continued use of the basement room as our classroom. For those of you unfamiliar with WRE it stands for Weekday Religious Education. I am able to take 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students (with parental permission) off of school grounds once a week to teach them about the Bible and our Lord and Savior! I only get 30 minutes a week for each class and this includes the walk to and from the school (our time together is short but great!). As of right now, I am able to teach more than 130 John C Myers students every week! Thank you again for your support of this important ministry!

## Children's Group Schedule

submitted by Erica Kann

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>: Children's Choir from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Play Practice at 11am

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> : Children's Group Activity from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>: Children's Choir from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Play Practice at 11am

Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> : Christmas Play Practice from 6:30pm-7:30pm

## Thank you

I would like to Thank you all for the prayers, cards, flowers, kindness and patience through my dad, Orville Collins health problems and his passing. Thank you Pastor Tom for your patience with my schedule changes and prayers. I would like to Thank Bev Thompson for preparing the bulletins so I was able to spend precious time with my dad and family. Thank you to Bev and Sandy Cupp for helping to complete the Charge Conference information. My family and I were deeply Thankful for all the kindness and sympathy. Lisa Thacker and the Collins family

## In Sympathy

- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to our secretary Lisa Thacker and family. Lisa's father Orville Collins passed away on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.
- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***The Garrett Turner Family***. Garrett passed away on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. He will be missed by his Sunset Drive Family.
- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***The Gene Stultz's Family***. Gene passed away on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. He will be missed by his Sunset Drive Family.

## Happy Birthday

### 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
- 14 Sandy Gay, Tara Fulk
- 15 Charlene Gilley
- 16 Peggy Grandle, Katherine Malloy
- 19 Rachel Fulk, Drew Krantz
- 20 Sandy Turner
- 21 Ronnie Dove
- 24 Bill Campbell
- 25 Claire Fulk
- 27 Dale Cupp
- 29 Leon Miller
- 30 Robin Turner, Sarah Hoover
- 31 Ann Laughlin



### November

- 1 Jozelyn Kann
- 2 Robbie White, Jackson Freds
- 7 Tom Murphy, Lois Dinges
- 8 Logan Jordan
- 9 Lowell Fulk

## Happy Anniversary

### October

- 1 Glen and Tara Langston
- 5 William and Eleanor Campbell
- 18 Eric and Brenda Hoover
- 22 JR and Katie Almquist
- 23 Harold and Lisa Thacker
- 26 Michael and Melissa Kiniry

