

Sunset Rays  
*The "Son" still shines at Sunset Drive Church*  
**February 2020**

**Newsletter for SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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*"Let God Do It"*

We are well into a New Year. What promises did you make to yourself ...to God.? What accomplishments do you aspire to attain, what visions do you seek as you dream your dreams for the year 2020? It's not too late to reassess and seek God's guidance. Possibly you might learn what God can do in and through you. A poem anonymously written may give you pause to think:

*"Let God Do It"*

by: Anonymous

Life started out on a canvas,  
With Christ making a painting of me;  
But I took the paint brush from Jesus,  
And painted what I wished to see.

The colors I painted kept running.  
And the objects grew all out of size,  
Till the mess I saw on the canvas  
Seemed now so completely unwise.

Then I bought back the canvas to Jesus  
With the color and figures so wrong:  
In the market simply was worthless,  
Yet His blood made my painting belong.

He stood there with no condemnation,  
Never mentioned the mess I had made;  
He just stared at the painting all over,  
For the price had already been paid.

As he dipped His brush in the rainbow,  
The colors grew brighter in hue;  
And in Glory of Heaven's Salvation  
Brought the forms in perspective anew.

Since I took the brush back to Jesus,  
And let Him do the picture for me;  
I've found that the painting by Jesus,  
Is the one that I first hoped to see.

# Upcoming Church Events



- **VBS Meeting** on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am.
- **Bible Study** will meet in the Faith Classroom at 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup>, and February 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be studying the Gospel of Mark. Join us as we study the oldest gospel in the new testament. See you there!
- **Vision Team** will meet on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, February 8<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 meeting Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **Trustee Meeting** is Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** is Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **March Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Ladies Group** will meet on Thursday, February, 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- **Sunset Ladies' Lunch** will be on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.
- The **Red Cross** will hold a blood drive on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 until 1:00. A sign-up sheet will be available in the East Entrance of the church or you may go online to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/> and hit either the "Donate" tab or the "Find A Blood Drive" tab to register.

## 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>

## Inclement Weather and Cancellation Notice

Should it become necessary to cancel Sunday services or other activities during the week due to winter weather conditions, a cancellation notice will be posted through the following media: WHSV TV-3, the church website and the church Facebook.



## The Ladies Ministry

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

The Ladies Ministry is planning their annual yard/bake sale. The sale will be held on Saturday, April 25. It will be held inside again. We are able to store some things in the annex now if they are in your way. As spring-cleaning begins keep us in mind. We will accept most things except clothing. If you need help moving items let us know. However, the best time to drop things off will be Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday before the sale. On those days we'll be in the social hall. Of course, we will take things later if those days aren't suitable. Check your attic. Check your basement. Check your garage. Check your closets. Our bake sale will be at the same time, so get your baking pans ready.



## Children's Group

submitted by Erica Kann

Here is the February schedule for the Children's Group.

Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, - 11am: VBS Meeting

Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm-7:30pm: Lesson/Activity

Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>- 6:30pm-7:30pm: Choir

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm-7:30pm: Lesson/Activity

## Youth Group

submitted by Lacey Roberts

Here is the February schedule for the Youth Group.

Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday school 9am

Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup> - Youth group 6:30pm-7:45pm We will make treats for Mr. Showalter's class at JCMES.

Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday school 9am and then to Bridgewater to ice skate. More in TBA

Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> - No youth

Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> - Sunday school 9am

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> - Youth group 6:30pm-7:45pm Back pack program, Lesson, and then work on VBS

## In Sympathy

**We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Larry Bowman and family. Larry's mother, Beulah Bowman passed away on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Happy Birthday

### February

- 1 Meredith Peele, Kai Orebaugh
- 4 Patrick Malloy
- 5 Laurel Roberts, Kay Turner
- 7 Jane Garrett, Glen Langston
- 8 Kyle Flora
- 9 Grant Holsinger, Esther Malloy, AA Roberts, John Packard
- 10 Phillip Thompson
- 16 Bev Thompson
- 18 Austin Deavers
- 19 Mike Dick
- 20 Beth Hoover
- 22 Natalie Flora, Rachel Haviland
- 25 Abby Fulk
- 27 C.W. Grandle
- 29 Elizabeth Gilley



## Happy Anniversary

### February

- 6 Steve and Joan Shifflett
- 23 Kevin and Michele Biller



## Happy Birthday

### March

- 4 Fred Olson
- 6 Susan Nazelrod
- 9 Abby Bennett
- 12 Steve Rhodes
- 13 Donna Price
- 14 Tim Turner



## Happy Anniversary

### March

- 12 Benjamin and Elizabeth Orebaugh
- 13 Glen and Virginia Ann Hulvey

