

Sunset Rays  
*The "Son" still shines at Sunset Drive Church*  
**January 2020**  
Newsletter for SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
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*"We've Only Just Begun"*

As the New Year begins, we have already made one or more resolutions. How practical they may be only time and energy will tell. Thinking and praying on such things I recalled some insights shared by a Unitarian preacher some years ago. These thoughts were passed on to me by a United Methodist clergyman and friend.

*"My Symphony"*

*To live content with small means, to seek elegance rather than luxury and refinement  
rather than fashion;  
to be worthy, not respectable and wealthy, not rich, to study hard, think quietly, talk  
gently, act frankly;  
to listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages, with an open heart; to bear all cheerfully,  
do all bravely,  
await occasions, hurry never.  
In a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden, and unconscious grow up, through the  
commonplace.  
This is to be my symphony.*

by William Henry Channing

How we start our New Year is up to us. What will our symphony be? God helping us, let us strive to seek and listen to what the Lord is saying to us as we begin once again to follow God's light and wisdom in 2020.

*Pastor Tom*

## **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.



## Upcoming Church Events

- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, January 11<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, January 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- Begin the New Year by joining us in **Bible Study**. We will meet in the Faith Classroom at 6:30pm on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> to organize our study. Come prepared to pick book or letter in the Bible you wish to study. See you there!
- **Administrative Council Meeting** is Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **February Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Ladies' Lunch** will be on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.

## Planning Ahead for 2020

- Scout Sunday: Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>
- Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>
- Good Friday: Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Mother's Day: Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>
- VBS: Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>
- VBS Sunday: Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>
- Annual UMC Conference: Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>
- Father's Day: Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>
- Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

## Children's Group

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

Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30 pm -Family Game night!

Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30 pm - Lesson/Activity

Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30 pm - Choir

## 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>

## Happy Birthday

### January

- 2 Sandy Cupp
- 4 Quinton Thomas
- 6 Jerry Arbogast, Jean Kinsey
- 7 Ann Grandle, Rosemary Mumaw, Trent Bowman
- 8 Joe Adolph
- 10 Cole Clarke
- 12 Janet Hadley
- 13 Jeff Deavers, Steve Phillips
- 17 Susan Olson
- 21 Cole Turner, Michele Moore
- 22 Tanner Craig
- 23 Becky Halterman, John Sellers, Doug Wager
- 27 Tonya Turner
- 31 Skylar Phillips



## Happy Anniversary

### January

- 8 Terry and Cheryl Stoehr
- 28 Zach and Lacey Roberts

## 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

## Happy Anniversary

### February

- 6 Steve and Joan Shifflett

