

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

**Newsletter for SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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***"What's Lent All About?"***

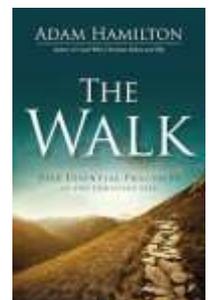
Some years ago a film called "*Chocolat*" came to the theaters. It is based on a book of the same name. The film relates the story of a small French town during **Lent**. Everyone in town is trying hard to avoid rich foods but what should open at the same time? A chocolate shop. It is agony to walk past the shop with its velvety chocolate smells. You can't help but think that the townsfolk had missed the point - especially when one of the most self-righteous characters breaks into the shop and gorges on the chocolates inside. **Lent** is not that kind of 'self-denial.' There is little value in simply giving up stuff! It's about giving stuff. It's about giving your life to Christ Jesus.

We are reminded in the New Testament that **Lent** is a time for introspection, prayer, and concentrated spiritual connection with the Lord. It is a time, during these forty days to Easter, letting ourselves be remade by God. Join with us at Sunset Drive Church in worship as we focus upon the theme **Walking With Jesus**. Be a part of a six week class led by Zach Roberts (meeting in the fellowship hall at 9 am) sharing in a study written by Adam Hamilton entitled "The Walk." Examine Jesus' faith walk and examine your own. Let this Lenten Season be special for you as you draw closer to Jesus, then Holy Week (Maundy Thursday and Good Friday) will take on a new meaning for you.

*Pastor Tom*

## **Sunday Morning Lenten Study**

*The Walk*: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life, Adam Hamilton will be presented on six consecutive Sundays beginning this coming Sunday, March 8th. Zach Roberts will be our teacher. The sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall of our church beginning at 9 am. There will be presentation, discussion, and good fellowship as we walk the footsteps of Jesus as he makes his way to Jerusalem. This opportunity will encourage you to follow our Lord during these 40 days and nights during the Lenten Season. Don't miss this experience!



# Upcoming Church Events



- **Bible Study** will meet in the Faith Classroom at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and March 25<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!
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meeting Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-3pm. We supply the yarn, needles, and lessons. New members are welcome.
- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, March 14<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.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** is Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Sunset Ladies Group** will meet on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- **April Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Ladies' Lunch** will be on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am. Please bring a covered dish to share in some wonderful fellowship.

## Sunset Drive Lenten Activities

### Sunday Morning Lenten Study Series:

Sunday mornings at 9am- "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton

### Preaching Series:

First Sunday in Lent - March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10am  
Second Sunday in Lent - March 8<sup>th</sup>, " at 10am  
Third Sunday in Lent - March 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10am  
Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10am  
Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10am  
Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10am

### Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Good Friday Service, Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

### Easter Sunday Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>  
*Sunrise on the Mountain Top* at the Grandle's cabin 6am.

### Easter Sunday Worship In The Sanctuary

Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am

## 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>

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## General Conference Preview

In preparation for information relative to the forthcoming General Conference of the United Methodist Church meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on May 4th, there will be an "information luncheon" held in the fellowship hall of our church on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> following our morning worship. The Vision Team will be bringing pre-Conference information to help us understand the separation proposals being presented at that Conference concerning LGBTQ. There will be a light lunch, and we are asking you to bring sandwiches, soup, or cookies for our lunch together. Please call the church office if you have any questions. Plan to attend this important gathering.

## Spring Cleanup

Sunset Drive Annual Spring cleanup day will be Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Come out for the UMM Community breakfast and stay to help with Spring Clean.

Many hands make light work!



## In Sympathy

- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Doris Emswiler and family. Doris' brother, Glen E. "Jack" Hartman passed away on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Amy Roscher and family. Amy's father, Mike Liskey Jr., passed away on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to the Buck "Lindy" Nazelrod family. Buck passed away on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Buck will be missed by his Sunset Drive Family.

## Thank you

I wish to thank my friends at SDUMC for all the following this past year:

- Many beautiful cards and creative ones from children and SS classes.
- phone calls and visits
- communion stewards
- Pastor Murphy
- Lisa, for mailing bulletin, sermon CD's, newsletters
- snow removal from my drive way
- breakfast delivered
- books, devotionals ,resources, study material
- and most of all your prayers to sustain me.

The mobility problem remains the same.

God's Blessings to each of you in the New Year, Jean Dove

## Barbeque Chicken Dates

submitted by Leon Miller

It's Chicken BBQ time again!!

Please mark your calendars!!

The dates for Sunset Drive Chicken BBQ will be:

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>



Best BBQ Chicken in the Valley. Carl Grey's secret recipe.

Plan ahead:

Volunteers will be needed for cooking, wrapping and selling. The cooking crew begins at 5:00 a.m. Wrapping begins at approximately 7:30 a.m. and selling begins soon after that.

## 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.



## Happy Birthday

### March

- 4 Fred Olson
- 6 Susan Nazelrod
- 9 Abby Bennett
- 12 Steve Rhodes
- 13 Donna Price
- 14 Tim Turner
- 16 Erica Kann, Jesse Long
- 20 Judy Post
- 22 Lorie Murphy
- 25 JoAnn Milander
- 26 Laura Rellins, Jackson Peele
- 27 Jennifer Phillips
- 29 Scott Arbogast, Landon Craig
- 30 Barry Davis



## Happy Birthday

### April

- 2 Juanita Fulk
- 4 Shirley Getz, Bea Sager
- 5 Beau Turner
- 7 Phillip Hoover
- 13 Matthew Hoover
- 14 Mike Hoover

## Happy Anniversary

### March

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



## Happy Anniversary

### April

- 25 Jeff and Susan Holsinger
- 28 Carl Grey and Nancy Hoover