

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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"United as One"

This coming June 18-19, the 239th Session of the Virginia Annual Conference will be held via Zoom under the direction of our Bishop Sharma Lewis. Due to the Covid-19 virus our Conference is still mitigating the reality of its existence. We will not gather in person this year at one given place, but we will gather around our screens and participate via streaming.

The theme for this year's Conference will be "United as One." The scriptural background comes to us from John's Gospel 17:20-23, *"That they all might be One...as you and I are one Father."* As followers of Jesus Christ, disciples all, lay and clergy will participate as One around our screens in worship, in giving attention to ministry and mission reports, and sharing in Bible study. Among our guest participants will be Bishop David Graves of the Alabama-West Florida Conference, The Reverends Lydia E. Rodriguez, preaching for the Service of Remembrance, and June Carpenter preaching for the Retirement Worship Service. Dr. John Kinney of Virginia Union University Seminary, noted theologian, will lead the Conference in a Bible Study. Voting members representing Sunset Drive Church will be our own Leon Miller and Pastor Tom Murphy.

For further details concerning our forthcoming Conference, you may connect with vaumc.org/ac2021/. Join with me in praying for our Conference gathering as we seek to serve the Lord of the Church. May God's mighty Spirit guide all that is said and done to the Glory of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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

Our website: <https://www.sunsetdriveumc.com>

Our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sunsetdriveumc>

“Great News!”

submitted by Pastor Tom and The Post Recovery Group

It pleases me to announce that the Bishop has informed the Annual Conference that the following immediate steps may be taken in local churches:

- Fully vaccinated leaders may preach without masks
- Fully vaccinated persons may be unmasked indoors
- And outdoor settings
- Fully vaccinated persons may sing without a mask
- Indoors and in outdoor settings
- Distancing is still required for the time being

Our Church Health Committee has now been renamed “Post Recovery Group” or acronym PRG. We will continue to follow our Conference Office guidelines as we move forward in pandemic ministry. Bottom line: we are free to remove masks if Fully Vaccinated, or not, depending upon your wishes. NOW WE CAN RETURN TO CHURCH AND REJOIN THE FELLOWSHIP OF ONE ANOTHER THAT WE HAVE MISSED FOR OVER A YEAR! Praise God who leads the Church and the joy of being together in discipleship ministry and worship! Hope to see YOU back in church to sing, pray, and to fellowship together.

Upcoming Church Events

- **July 2021 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, June 22nd . Please have all information to church office.



Thank You

- ♥ I just want to say thank you so much to my Sunset Drive Church family for all the cards, phone calls, text messages and especially your prayers during my recent illness. I can't tell you how much your love and support means to me! I am doing much better than I was and I'm currently scheduled to have surgery again this Thursday, June 3rd, to have the kidney stone broken up since it is too large to pass on its own. Thank you again for your prayers! Shelia Proctor

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Lucas and Heidi Shoults** on the arrival of their daughter **Isla Mae Shoults**. Isla was born on Thursday, April 29th. We rejoice in this birth with the parents, grandparents Dave and Tammy Jordan, and great grandma Janet Wager.

In Sympathy

We extend Christian sympathy and prayers to **The Glen Langston Family**. Pastor Glen passed away on Sunday, May 2nd. He will be missed by his Sunset Drive family.



Sunday School

submitted by Sandy Cupp

We are happy to announce that we are offering a Sunday School class **Sunday's from 9:00 – 9:40 a.m. in the fellowship hall**. This class is geared for adults, but youth are welcome as well. This class will continue throughout the summer. We will wear masks and practice social distancing.

We plan to return to our regular Sunday School program with classes for children, youth, and adults in September 2021. We are so excited to be studying God's word and sharing with one other during Sunday School!

Children's Church is Back

submitted by Sandy Cupp

Parents and children, **Children's Church is back at 10:00 a.m.** You can take your children ages 3- 11 to the fellowship hall before you go to the sanctuary for the 10:00 am worship service. Our Children's Church leaders will share scripture, a Bible story, and an activity that relates to the story. You can pick up your children after the service. Children will wear masks and practice social distancing. Again, we are delighted for the return of our Children's Church!

In Honor and In Memory for Father's Day

We will be offering an "In Honor" and "In Memory" insert in the Father's Day bulletin. The cost is \$1 for each name listed and *the funds will go to the UMM*.

Forms and envelopes are available in the narthex (Please put cash or check with the form in the "Father's Day" envelopes located in the bulletin or narthex. Then place the envelope in the offering plate or put in Father's Day form box in narthex). **Information MUST be turned into Church office no later than Wednesday, June 16th**. Names will be listed in bulletin on Sunday, June 20th.



Updated shut- in addresses

Some of our shut- ins have moved. Here are their new addresses. They love to hear from their church family.

Jim Branner
Shenandoah Place
50 Burkholder Lane
New Market, VA 22844

JoAnn Milander
Life Care of New Market
315 E. Lee Hwy.
New Market, VA 22844

Celebrating our High School and College Graduates

submitted by Sandy Cupp

Graduation season is upon us! We plan to recognize our graduates in June. If you have a high school, college, or post college graduate this spring, please let us know. You can send info to Sandy Cupp at sandycupp@aol.com
Info to include:

Graduate's name, parent's names, along with grandparent's names (if you choose), high school or college, future plans, and any other info that you would like to share. Also send a picture for us to include in the July newsletter and on screen during our Graduate Recognition Sunday.



Happy Birthday
June

- 1 Tim Proctor
- 2 Eric Hoover
- 3 Jessica Koeppen, George Dowrey
- 5 Mia Orebaugh
- 7 Aiden Bennett
- 10 Sheila Proctor, Rocky Fisher
- 11 Cecee Hawkins
- 15 Tom Boller
- 21 Maggie Roberts
- 22 Jean Dove
- 24 Lilah Deavers
- 26 Whit Grandle
- 27 Lacey Roberts, Dave Jordan
- 28 Virginia Ann Hulvey

Happy Anniversary

June

- 7 Scott and Diann Harris
- 14 Alan and Ann Laughlin
- 16 C.W. and Peggy Grandle
- 19 Tim and Charlene Gilley, Steve and Judy Rhodes, Trent and Lori Turner
- 21 Sam and Christina Harris
- 22 Margaret and Beck Whitmore, Mark and Donica Hadley,
- 24 Travis and Ashleigh Fulk
- 26 Ed and Jacque Roach
- 29 Lowell and Dianne Fulk



Happy Birthday

July

- 4 Michele White



- 5 Jodi Clarke, Jordan Holsinger
- 7 Ellie Roach, Marlin Fulk, Carla Fisher
- 8 Sophie Davis
- 9 Angela Craig, Susan Holsinger
- 11 Travis Fulk, Les Pettigrew
- 12 Ben Orebaugh
- 14 Donna Arbogast, Brenda Hoover
- 16 Tara Langston
- 18 Emily Dick
- 19 Eleanor Campbell
- 21 Laura Deavers, Lisa Thacker, Billy Hulvey
- 22 Jonathan Thompson
- 24 Heather Reeves
- 26 Aaron Hoover, John Haviland
- 27 Liz Orebaugh
- 30 Karla Dick, Carl Grey Hoover, Ed Roach, Andy Thomas

Happy Anniversary

July

- 4 Mike and Cecee Hawkins
- 13 Grant and Laura Holsinger
- 18 Dennis and Kay Turner
- 21 Scott and Valerie Arbogast
- 23 Jeremy and Lisa Jo Fulk

