

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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Rev. Dr. Thomas (Tom) Murphy

HARVEST FESTIVAL

at

Sunset Drive United Methodist Church

WHEN: Sunday, October 24, 2021

PLACE: The grounds around the church

TIME: From 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

WHO'S INVITED? "EVERYBODY...YOU ARE!"

Are you ready for some fun, fellowship, robust activity and entertainment? Oh yes, did I mention food too! There will be BBQ, hot dogs, green beans, mac and cheese, rolls, and pies/cupcakes! These will be served at the end of activities...and what are the activities:

Pumpkin decorating

Spider crawl

Ring pumpkin toss

Haystack race

Ghost football

Monster race (carved out giant feet like VBS)

Face painting

Oh yes! There will be a Candy Apple Bar and a "Hay ride!"

Talk about FUN...you will experience it...if you come. Plan now to join in the activities and the get acquainted opportunities we all will enjoy. I plan to be there...how about you?

Pastor Tom

Upcoming Church Events

- **October Administrative Council meeting** in Monday, October 18th at 7pm.
- **November Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, October 19th. Please have all information to church office.
- **Sunset Drives Ladies** will meet on Thursday, October 21st at 6:30pm.
- **October Word Search** deadline is Tuesday, October 26th.



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>

Prayer List

Our Church Family ...

Lois Dinges
Doris Emswiler
Phyllis Fidler
Kathryn Ford
Dot Gladden
Rosemary Mumaw
Richard and Kathy Sharpe
Joe Adolph
The Gilley family

Prayers for Our Military Families

Will Freds: U.S Army (son-in- law of CW and Peggy Grandle)
Mark Long: U.S Navy (son of Dawn Long)
Chris Mullenax: U.S Army Special Forces
Richard Ruley: US Air Force (great nephew of Michael and Esther Malloy)



In Sympathy

- ♥ **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Scott Murray and family. Scott's dad, Dr. Frederick Elliott Murray, passed away on Saturday, September 18th.
- ♥ **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Virgil Mumaw's family. Virgil passed away on Sunday, September 18th. He will be missed by his Sunset Drive family.
- ♥ **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Dawn Murray and family. Dawn's dad, William "Bill" Edgar Branner, passed away on Tuesday, September 21st.
- ♥ **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Barry and Sophie Davis. Barry's Grandma Bettie passed away on Tuesday, September 21st.
- ♥ **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Joe Adolph and family. Joe's dad, Ralph Adolph, passed away on Wednesday, September 29th.
- ♥ **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***The Wilton Thomas Family***. Pastor Wilton passed away on Thursday, September 30th. He will be missed by his Sunset Drive family.

Thank you

- I want to thank Pastor Tom and our church family for the love and care you gave me and our family during Virgil's illness and passing. You were on top of everything. God really blessed us when he led us to Sunset Drive UMC, such a caring and loving church.
Rosemary & family

Sunset Drive UMC Charge Conference

I would like to ***Thank you*** all for completing your Charge Conference reports. I am happy to say that all of the reports were turned in on time. I really appreciate all your help getting this task completed. Thank you again. Lisa

Potato Harvest

This year we harvested 48 bushels of potatoes for the local food banks. Thank you to everyone who helped with the potato patch. It wouldn't be possible without your help and support.



WRE

WRE is having the 2021 WRE Benefit Auction on Saturday, October 23rd at 10am. The bake sale will be on Friday, October 22nd from 5pm-8pm. The auction and bake sale will be held at Shady Oak- Weavers Mennonite Church. If you would like to donate or have question please call 438-9997.

A Wesleyan Adventure

In this crazy world of personal demands, we get caught up in the frenzied, divisive, and destructive lifestyle our culture offers us. There are alternative ways of life accessible to everyone regardless of age, financial standing, education, health, relative power, or biblical understanding.

We need to take our Bible more seriously. We have not allowed ourselves time to remember who we are as: people who know about practices of forgiveness, reconciliation, and new life. We have focused on trivialities and divisions that distract us from loving God and neighbor.

This coming October 13th through November 10th, on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm, you are invited to be part of a unique Wesleyan experience as we seek "a way of holy living" as we examine Christian practices of "Doing No Harm, Doing Good, and Staying in Love with God." Spiritual disciplines not only include practices binding us to God every day, but they also include actions that heal the pain, injustice, and inequality of our world. Join us in the adventure as we seek God's goodness and grace together. If interested, please call the church office and sign up! (540-896-3970) I want YOU to be part of this adventure with me.
Pastor Tom

Military Personnel

We would like to honor those who have served or are currently serving in the Military by listing their names in the November Newsletter. If you or someone in your family have served our country or are currently serving, please contact the church office at 540-896-3970 or office@sunsetdriveumc.com. If you know that your information has been included in the past, you don't need to re-submit the information; but if you are unsure, please go ahead and send in the information. I would rather receive the information twice than miss one of our Military members.

Meals on Wheels

Valley Program for Aging Services (VPAS) is seeking volunteers to deliver meals to homebound older adults living in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Meal delivery days are Monday and Wednesday each week. Meals are picked up at 10:00 at "A Bowl of Good" in Harrisonburg on Mt. Clinton Pike. Routes take an hour to an hour and a half to complete. Volunteers use their personal vehicles and are not reimbursed for travel expenses. Training is provided and background checks are required. Practices are in place for safe meal delivery. If you would like more information or a volunteer application packet, please email lauraw@vpas.info or call 540-433-2893

Monthly Newsletter

Do you have any suggestions or ideas for information you would like to see in the monthly Newsletter? Please contact the church office at office@sunsetdriveumc.com.

Sunset Drive United Methodist Church Services

Sunday Morning Worship Services

Our Sunday morning Worship Services begin at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. Worship gives us a chance to come together as children of God to offer our praises, to sing, to pray, and to hear God's word and His message for our lives. We invite each of you to join us in the sanctuary or in the parking lot as we worship God, celebrate all He has done for us, and seek to further His kingdom. All are welcome!

Children's Church (Ages 3-6th grade)

We offer Children's Church each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 – 10:45. During this time, the children have a Bible lesson, sing, pray and play a game or have a craft to accompany the lesson. The children really enjoy this time together!

Adult Sunday School

Our Adult Sunday School class continues to meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 – 9:45 each Sunday morning. Many thanks to Leon Miller and Mike Dick for teaching this class. Attending Sunday School is a great way to strengthen your faith as you share and explore God's word together in a small group. All are welcome!

Children's Sunday School

We had hoped to restart our Children's Sunday School program from 9:00 – 9:45 beginning this month. However, we need to postpone this restart until we can secure Sunday School teachers. Our goal is to have teachers serve one Sunday each month. We would like to begin our Sunday School reboot with two classes which means we will need 8 -10 people to commit to serve as teachers each month. Please pray for our Children's Sunday School program. If God is calling you to serve as a teacher for our children, please contact Sandy Cupp (sandycupp@aol.com) or Erica Kann (ekann292@gmail.com).

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry had to suspend their knitting get-togethers during the pandemic. Now that the VAUMC has eased up their COVID-19 restrictions, some folks are interested in dusting the cobwebs off their knitting needles and wrapping yarn around them once again. Anyone can participate, no experience required. Needles, yarn, lessons and laughs are all supplied. Over the years, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has reached out to many of our own church members as well as to our extended family and friends. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Ministry, please let us know. Thank you

submitted by Bev Thompson



Kingsway Apple Tree Project

Kingsway Prison Ministries is once again starting to collect Christmas gifts for children in the Valley who have a parent who is incarcerated. We have many children in the Broadway/Timberville area who are served by this project. There is a Christmas tree in the narthex with tags containing a child's name and a gift suggestion on it. Please take an "apple" off the tree, sign your name on the clipboard and bring in an unwrapped gift for that child. You don't have to buy the suggested gift; anything age-appropriate is fine. We are so blessed here at Sunset Drive; let this be an opportunity for us to pass along these blessings. The deadline to return presents in *Sunday, November 21st*.

They are also looking for donations for the incarcerated parents:

1 6oz tube of toothpaste (any kind) and
wide-ruled 5" x8" writing pads.

Hygiene Closet

submitted by Lacey Roberts

We are helping a teacher at JCMES start a Hygiene Closet here at school. We will be collecting items starting next week for students in need at the school. There will be a box placed in the Narthex but if you have any questions, please contact Lacey Roberts or Jodi Clarke. The list of the items needed are on the bulletin board or on the flyers in the Narthex. Thank you, and thanks for donating to such a special cause at our local elementary school.

Youth Group

submitted by Lacey Roberts

The youth group has been staying busy over the past couple of months. Our monthly trash pick up at schools has begun and we've been meeting weekly for dinner and a lesson. We've collected several bags for the Hygiene Closet and next month we will be helping with Backpack of Hope. The youth helped volunteer parking cars at Oktoberfest this month and we are getting ready for the Sunset Harvest at the end of the month. A huge thank you to Mr. and Mrs. People's for inviting us into their home for a tour of the tool museum. All the kids were happy to learn new things and to see what it was like to "wash" back in the 20's! This month, we will focus on the book of Esther and get ready for the Fall Harvest!

Fall Harvest- Sunday, October 24th 4-5:30

Games, hay ride, "haunted tent", crafts and a dinner at 5! Please tell your friends and come enjoy an afternoon of family fun!!!

September Word Search

Congratulations to all who turned in the September Word Search.

Donna Belle Dove

Ronnie Dove

Lisa Thacker

Christmas Poinsettia Orders

submitted by Judy Post

We are continuing to get back to normal during our worship time here at Sunset Drive UMC.

With that in mind, plans are in the making to have the Poinsettia tree in the narthex this year as in previously done. You can purchase them " In Memory of" or "In Honor of"

More information will be forthcoming in the Sunday bulletins and November Newsletter.

Happy Birthday

October

- 1 Alicia Proctor
- 2 Mandy Freds
- 3 Amanda Reeves
- 8 Tim Gilley
- 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



Happy Anniversary

October

- 5 William and Eleanor Campbell
- 18 Eric and Brenda Hoover
- 23 Harold and Lisa Thacker
- 26 Michael and Melissa Kiniry

Happy Birthday

November

- 1 Jozelyn Kann
- 2 Robbie White, Jackson Freds
- 7 Tom Murphy,, Lois Dinges
- 8 Logan Jordan
- 9 Lowell Fulk
- 11 Sharon Krantz
- 12 Terry Bowman
- 13 Sheila Runion
- 16 Donna Belle Dove
- 18 Micki Peoples
- 19 Chris Hoover
- 20 Preston Cupp
- 22 William Freds, Angie Coffman
- 24 Christie Sengul- Dove
- 28 Sarah Fulk



Happy Anniversary

November

- 21 Chris and Karen Hoover



Trick-or-Treat!



Name: _____

Please color and return to Sunset Drive. There will be a box in the narthex to leave your coloring page. We will have to coloring pages displayed on the bulletin board in the narthex. Watch for new coloring or activity pages next month Newsletter. Open to all ages.

Harvest Festival 2021

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- Family
- Haybales
- Corn Maze
- Fellowship
- Candy Corn
- Scarecrow
- Hot Dogs
- Autumn
- Flannel Blanket
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Ring Toss
- Bonfire
- Halloween
- Spider Crawl
- Candy Apple
- Harvest Festival
- October
- Hay Ride
- Fun
- Sunset Drive
- Trick or Treat
- Face Painting

Name: _____

Please return to Sunset Drive by October 26th. Those who complete the word search will be listed in November's Newsletter. There will be a box in the narthex to return your word search. Watch for new coloring or activity pages next month Newsletter. Open to all ages.

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Happy Halloween Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am					1	2
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24 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am Harvest Festival 4pm-5:30pm	25	26 October Word Search deadline	27 "A Wesleyan Adventure " Bible Study 6:30pm	28	29	30

NOTES: