

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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"Summer to Fall: A New Beginning"

There is a story of a seven-year-old son of a Baptist minister who decided to baptize his two cats. He chose the bathtub for this rite. One of the cats was a tiny kitten. It was dunked before it realized what had happened. But the other tom cat wanted no part in this strange ceremony. As the boy brought the cat down toward the water, it hissed and clawed his arms furiously until finally the boy let it go. The liberated cat scampered across the bathroom with only the back of its head getting a little wet. As the cat ran from the room, the little boy called after it in disgust, "Fine, be a Methodist if you want to!"

Well, a little bit of water on the top of the head certainly will not make one a Baptist. Hats off to the seven- year-old for challenging his cat, though he shouldn't have suggested the Methodist/Baptist connection. However, I will add that we United Methodists need to realize that a little more attention to church attendance during Covet might help prepare us to deal with life's issues and relationship-building as followers of Jesus. We need not avoid our fellowship together as a community of faith. These are times to seek the Lord's House of Worship and glean the promises it offers. At Sunset Drive, your church is making all efforts to observe protocols necessary to provide a safe place to worship and fellowship.

So, as we turn our attention from "summer rest" and vacation, and rediscover work responsibilities and every day requirements, let us join together in fellowship praising God in worship and fulfilling our call to ministry. Let's include Sunset Drive Church as a priority in our planning for the year ahead. Let it be a "New Beginning!" As the Apostle said, "...through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart." (2 Corinthians 4:1) May God's Spiritual Waters flow upon us as we do His Will.

Pastor Tom

Upcoming Church Events

- **Red Cross Blood Drive** is scheduled for Monday, September 20th from 3pm until 7pm at Sunset Drive. Watch bulletins for more information.
- **August Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, September 21st . Please have all information to church office.



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 ...

Doris Emswiler
Phyllis Fidler
Dot Gladden
Virgil and Rosemary Mumaw
Steve Rhodes
Richard and Kathy Sharpe

Our Extended Family ...

Kinley Comer (Donna Belle Dove)

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)



Church Secretary Vacation

Lisa, the church secretary, will be out on the office on vacation the week of September 5th through September 11th. The bulletin for *Sunday, September 12th* will be completed on Thursday, September 2nd. Please have all information for *September 12th* bulletin to the church office by *Thursday September 2nd at 10 am.*

Congratulations

Congratulation, *Joe Adolph* !! Joe was named Volunteer of the Year for Broadway High School for many acts of kindness and contributions he makes. Kudos, to a good servant.

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, 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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

submitted by Bev Thompson

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



2021 Charge Conference

Sunset Drive UMC 2021 Charge Conference will be Monday, September 27th at 7pm. The conference will be held via zoom. The zoom link will be available closer to the date for those who would like to attend. All reports must be turned in to Lisa by Tuesday, September 14th. We know that most groups have not met since 2019-2020 due to COVID restrictions so just turn in a report in with the information you do have.

Month Newsletter

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

Children's Group

submitted by Erica Kann

As the end of summer vacation is upon us, I would like to get some events/dates in front of you.

Sunday, September 5 - 9:00 - 9:45AM

Sunday School for children will return. **Please take a moment to complete the following survey. [2021 Interest - Google Forms](#)**

Sunday, September 26 or Oct 3 - TBD

Sunset Drive Fall Festival - More details to follow.

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.

SDUMC Ladies

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

If all goes according to plan, and we know how that works, the ladies will have their first meeting on Thursday, September 16th at 6:30. We will meet in the church social hall for now. All ladies are invited whether you're a church member or not. At this time masks will be for the unvaccinated only, but I will gladly wear a mask if that encourages you to come. I can't wait to get together and hope you feel the same.

In Sympathy

- ♥ **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to Janet Wager and family. Janet's sister, Dot Mizerak passed away on Monday, August 9th. Please keep her family in your prayer especially Dot's daughter whose husband passed away on July 25th.
- ♥ **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to the Jessie Long's family. Jessie passed away Monday, August 9th. She was a member of Sunset Drive from day one.

Good News

Good news ! Steve is out of rehab and is walking up and down stairs. He's come a long way. He and Judy want to thank everyone for all the support through calls, cards, messages and prayers. Judy said everything really helped lift his spirits. Please keep Steve and Judy in your prayers as Steve continues to recover.

Happy Birthday

September

- 1 Tammy Jordan, Matt Krantz, Mildred (Lucille) Jacksie
- 3 Anna Showalter
- 4 Ben Jones
- 5 Jody Turner
- 7 Kathyne Haviland
- 8 Dreanna Murphy
- 11 Dixie Miller
- 12 Sadie Kann
- 13 Doug Harpine
- 16 Lindsey White
- 18 Shannon Rellins, Scott Murray
- 23 Amy Hoover, DD Sellers, Kathy Turner
- 25 Dave Peoples
- 26 Allison Hawkins, Pam Dowrey, Peggy Packard
- 28 Eli Flora
- 29 Don Rellins
- 30 Wayne Arbogast, Jean Thomas



Happy Anniversary

September

- 9 Jeremy and Tonya Turner
- 11 John and Peggy Packard
- 15 Fred and Sue Olson
- 17 Richard and Kathy Sharpe
- 22 Kris and Erica Kann
- 23 Jeff and Ashley Formica
- 25 Jeff and Laura Deavers
- 29 Matt and Sharon Krantz



Happy Birthday

October

- 1 Alicia Proctor
- 2 Mandy Freds
- 3 Amanda Reeves
- 8 Tim Gilley, Joan Wenger
- 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
- 31 Ann Laughlin



Happy Anniversary

October

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





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.

Fall Word Search

Find all the words below.

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COLORFUL
 FALL
 HARVEST
 RAKE
 TURKEY

Name: _____

Please return to Sunset Drive by September 22nd . Those who complete the word search will be listed in October'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.