

Sunset Rays

The "Son" still shines at Sunset Drive Church

December 2021

Newsletter for SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Thomas (Tom) Murphy

OUR ADVENT SERIES, 2021

Some eighty years ago, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer produced the beloved movie called "The Wizard of Oz." A much newer production with actress Jennifer Laura Thompson recalls how her cast mates in a stage play of that story tried to improvise when the set machinery didn't work. Thompson was playing the role of Glinda, the Good Witch, who is supposed to descend to the stage in a large bubble. As Thompson began her descent, the bubble stopped working. She was stuck 40 feet in the air, so her cast mates down below ad-libbed, *"She's coming...its Glinda...she's coming...Glinda's coming...* Expectation, anticipation was held by all!

In like voice, we too signal a reality, the reality of Advent. *"He's coming, he's coming, Messiah is coming!"* As scripture foretold, *"A voice cries out, 'Proclaim a message! ...The Sovereign Lord is coming to rule with power...He will take care of His flock..."* (Isaiah 40:6,10,11)

In worship we will sing and pray and open the Word that will lead us "Home to Advent." Come during this season of expectation and join in the wonder of Advent: "Christ with Us!



Pastor Tom

ADVENT SERIES, 2021

"Coming Home for Christmas"
(The Word, Scripture, Music)

- Sunday, November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

"More Than Jingle Bells" Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36

Hymns: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" 203; "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" 196

- Sunday, December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent

"Children's Pageant"

- Sunday, December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

"Closer Than You Think" Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6

Hymns: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" 218; "Angels from the Realms of Glory" 220

- Sunday, December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"From Something Small" Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-45

Hymns: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" 230; "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" 224

- Friday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service

"Shepherds, Angels, Oh My!"

Hymns: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" 236;

"Joy to the World" 246;

"Silent Night, Holy Night" 239

- Sunday, December 26, 2021

First Sunday after Christmas

(Melodies of Christmas, Hymn Sing!)

Upcoming Church Events

- **January 2022 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, December 21st. Please have all information to church office.
- **December Word Search** deadline is Tuesday, December 21st.
- **Sunset Drives Ladies' Ministry** will meet on Thursday, December 23rd at 6:30pm.



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>

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.



Prayer List

Our Church Family ...

Lois Dinges
Phyllis Fidler
Kathryn Ford
Dot Gladden
Rosemary Mumaw
Richard and Kathy Sharpe

Our "Extended" Church Family ...

Anthony Rhodes
Bobbie Counts

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)



Salvation Army Bell Ringing at Timberville Food Lion

Our Church will Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army at Timberville Food Lion on Friday December 17th from 1pm to 5pm in one-hour slots. Individuals can ring by themselves or with another. Pastor Murphy will be ringing from 1 to 2 and will welcome another who can help spread some Christmas Cheer.

Ringling the Bell is a wonderful experience for individuals and families and a perfect family tradition. Our Salvation Army provides a broad array of social services that range from providing food for the hungry, shelter and safety for families and the homeless, relief for disaster victims, and emergency assistance, all within a Christian setting.

Dennis Turner will be in the Narthex after Worship on December 12 with a sign-up sheet. Please consider this wonderful Christmas experience and look for Dennis after Worship. Note also that Sunset Drive Youth will be Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army at the Timberville Christmas Village on Saturday, December 4 from 4 to 7. The Christmas Village this year is located at Showalter's Orchard. On another note, Sunset Drive has many, many Ruritan members who Ring often during the season. And, there are time slots available if you or your family is interested in ringing more.

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.

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.

November Word Search

Congratulations to all who turned in the November Word Search.
Erica Kann

Thank you

- Thank you for the love gift, the food, and your many prayers and cards. I appreciate everything you have done. Lois Dinges
- What a heartwarming experience it has been to enjoy the support and encouragement of my Sunset Drive church family. I savor each card, deed and word you kind people give me as my world has grown so small. I can receive limited visits after Nov. 15th, by appointment only- so maybe things will improve. May God bless all of you. Love, Nancy

Nancy's new address is: Nancy Hoover
351 New Market Rd.
Timberville 22853

Shenandoah Valley Choral Society

The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society, under the direction of Curtis Nolley, will present its 51st annual Christmas concert on Friday, December 17th at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, December 19th at 3:00 p.m., at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The concert will feature Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" accompanied by harpist, Jaclyn Wappel, and student soloists from JMU's vocal performance department. The second half of the concert includes a variety of new and traditional carol settings. The audience will join the choir in carol singing as featured in local composer, Dr. John Barr's carol collection, "Fantasia on Adeste Fidelis".

SDUMC members Susan Holsinger, Sue Olson, and John Sellers are part of the choir.

Note: Masks or face coverings will be required in the concert venue.

Tickets are available at the door, Bridgewater Foods (Bridgewater), and on-line at www.singshenandoah.org. Admission is \$15 for adults/\$12 for seniors and students.

Happy Birthday

December

- 1 Dawn Murray
- 2 Elizabeth Reeves
- 3 Ken Reeves
- 5 Becky Hoover Harris
- 7 Phyllis Mason
- 8 Hilda Runion
- 10 Brian Craig
- 12 Jaxen Phillips
- 13 David Lee
- 15 Kay Powell
- 17 Gavin Halterman
- 18 Matt Clarke, Natalie Craig, Richard Sharpe, Jess Coffman
- 19 Steve Shifflett
- 20 Will Freds
- 22 Cricket Driver
- 23 Dianne Fulk, Heidi Jordan
- 27 Grayson Hawkins, Bruce Price
- 28 Jeremy Turner, Zach Roberts
- 30 Donna Tinsley
- 31 Lowell Turner



Happy Anniversary

December

- 17 Larry and Kay Bowman
- 23 Sterling and Meridith Peele
- 31 Dave and Micki Peoples



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
- 27 Tonya Turner
- 31 Skylar Phillips



Happy Anniversary

January

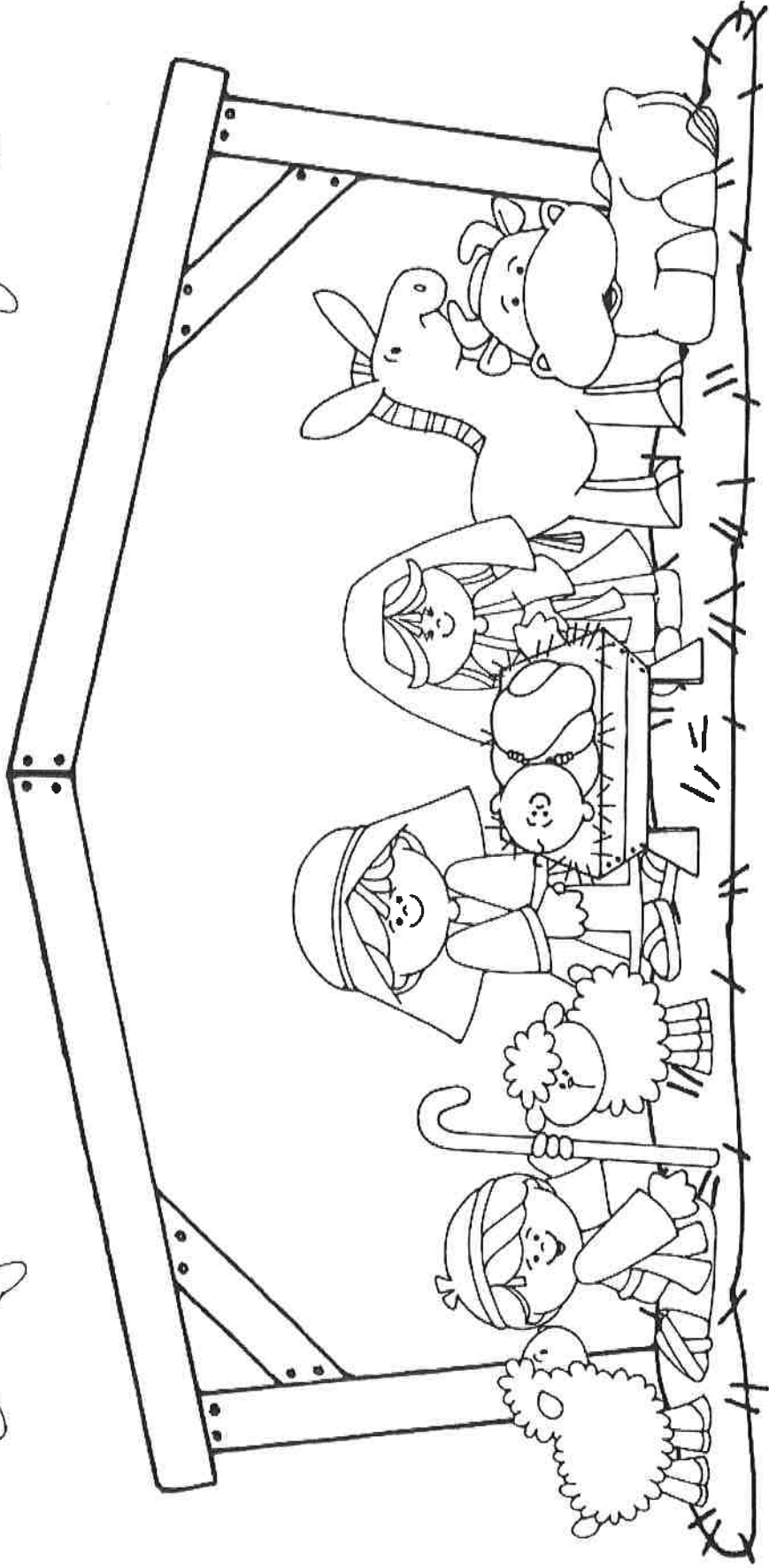
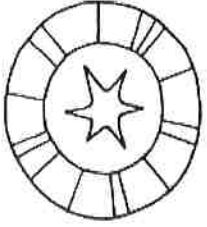
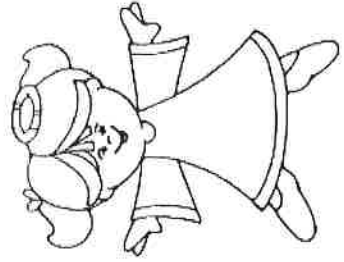
- 8 Terry and Cheryl Stoehr
- 28 Zach and Lacey Roberts



December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOTES:						
			1 A Wesleyan Adventure Bible Study 6:30pm	2	3	4
5 Second Sunday of Advent Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am Last day for Pointsetta orders	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Third Sunday of Advent Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am Pointsetta orders begin	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am	20	21 January Newsletter Information due	22	23 Sunset Drive Ladies' Ministry Meeting 6:30pm	24 Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight service 7pm	25 Happy Birthday Jesus Merry Christmas
26 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am	27	28 Wordsearch due	29	30	31	

Glory to the newborn King!



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.

December Word Search

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- Advent
- Angels
- Wise Men
- Shepherds
- Bethlehem
- Hope
- Peace
- Joy
- Love
- Poinsettia
- Emmanuel
- Manger
- Candles
- Christmas
- Frosty the snowman
- Family
- Nativity
- Silver Bells
- Gingerbread house
- Hanukkah
- Jesus
- Jingle Bells
- Jack Frost
- Santa Claus
- Reindeer
- Gold
- Frankincense
- Myrrh
- Decorations
- Gifts

Name: _____