

# Sunset Rays

*The "Son" still shines at Sunset Drive Church*

*February 2022*

**Newsletter for SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## *"Love Is in the Air... or Should Be"*

Just the other day my wife and I stepped onto an elevator where we live and we met a neighbor we had not seen before. Going up to our floor we struck up a conversation. Dreanna said, admiring the necklace worn by the neighbor, *"That is a lovely necklace you are wearing. Is that a 'ring' on the chain?"* She responded with a "yes." Then she remarked, fingering the ring, *"It belonged to my deceased husband,"* whereupon she kissed it tenderly. The love expressed in her words and motions were obvious.



This month on the 14<sup>th</sup> we will be observing Valentine's Day. In preparation for observing that day a young woman sent this message to her 'beau' *"My love for you is stronger than the 49ers, deeper than a JM pass and more lasting than the Superbowl. Love Kathy."*

Love does come in many guises and affects us in many ways. The Greeks signified Love in several ways: *Agape (Christian love), Eros (physical love), and Philia (brotherly/sisterly love)*. As we face life we engage in all three. The highest priority for the person of faith is Agape as exhibited by Jesus. It was he who said, *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. And love your neighbor as yourself."*(Mark 12:3) He was saying that Love is the Most Important Commandment. It is a trademark of the Faith, evidence of Mercy, and a Unifier with the Holy Trinity. The Master also said, *"Love one another as I have loved you."* Aside from the offerings of Valentine cards, chocolates, flowers and other well-meaning expressions of love, let us remember our faith-words of love emanating from Jesus who said always to Love One Another. Maybe at times not the easiest thing to do, but it is the right thing to do. So let us think about that word Love and honor it as it should be honored. Indeed, let "Love Be in the Air" and let it begin with each of us.

*Pastor Tom*

## Upcoming Church Events

- *Worship Committee* will meet on Thursday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- The *Sunset Drive Ladies* will meet on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **March 2022 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **January/February Word Search** deadline is Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.



# 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>

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  
Doris Emswiler  
Kathryn Ford  
Dot Gladden  
Nancy Hoover  
Rosemary Mumaw  
Richard and Kathy Sharpe

### Our "Extended" Church Family ...

Bobbie Counts  
Rhonda McDonald  
Anthony Rhodes

## 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 *The Elizabeth Ann Stultz Family*. Elizabeth passed away on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. She will be missed by her Sunset Drive family.
- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to *The Marlin Fulk Family*. Marlin passed away on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. He will be missed by his Sunset Drive family.
- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to *The Phyllis Fidler Family*. Phyllis passed away on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. She will be missed by her Sunset Drive family.

## 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](mailto:office@sunsetdriveumc.com).

Due to the Snow Days January Coloring Pages and Word Search will be in the narthex through February.

## 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

## 2022 Dates to Remember

- Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Good Friday: Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas: Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

# Happy Birthday

## February

- 1 Meredith Peele, Kai Orebaugh
- 4 Patrick Malloy
- 5 Laurel Roberts, Kay Turner
- 7 Jane Garrett
- 8 Kyle Flora
- 9 Grant Holsinger, Esther Malloy, AA Roberts, John Packard
- 10 Phillip Thompson
- 12 Meghan Flora
- 15 Missy Boller
- 16 Bev Thompson
- 18 Austin Deavers
- 19 Mike Dick
- 20 Beth Hoover
- 22 Natalie Flora, Rachel Haviland
- 25 Abby Fulk
- 27 C.W. Grandle
- 29 Elizabeth Gilley



## Happy Anniversary

### February

- 6 Steve and Joan Shifflett
- 23 Kevin and Michele Biller

## March

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



## Happy Anniversary

### March

- 12 Benjamin and Elizabeth Orebaugh