

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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Observing Lent

Over the next forty six days the Christian Church will be celebrating the season called Lent. It begins with Ash Wednesday and culminates with Easter covering a forty day period (*"Quadragesima"*). If you factor in each Sunday during that time Lent is forty six days; but what is Lent really?



In his book, *"The Way for all Seasons,"* William Powell Tuck tells of a church where at the conclusion of a powerful and inspirational service, the congregation joined in singing "I Surrender All." At the end of the hymn a young man jumped to his feet and shouted, "You people don't mean a word of what you say! You sing "I surrender all to Jesus", "Where He leads me I will Follow," "Trust and Obey," and don't believe a word of it. How many of you are willing to follow, surrender, trust and obey? How many?

The congregation sat stunned under the impact of his words. They sat in disbelief shocked to even dismiss him as a mixed up kid. Still, they were haunted by his words, speechless until the youth leader came to the podium and announced: "The following dramatic presentation was brought to you by the Youth Group. One can only imaging the sigh of relief let out by the congregation. No doubt congregants that day must have thought, "Aren't those youth something" without even giving the question they had raised another thought. "I Surrender All," a beautiful hymn, a challenging hymn. Have we given Jesus our all, are we willing to follow Christ where he leads, have we taken up the cross and made it our own? These pose tough questions, but this is what Lent is all about.

Won't you join with us for Sunset Drive's Lenten Observances, and journey with Jesus during this special time of worship, prayer, meditation, and Bible reading? It will bring you "more fulfillment on Easter Morning."

Pastor Tom

Our Lenten Worship Observance

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 2nd

"Let's Get Serious!"

2 Corinthians 5:11-6:13

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 6th

"A Dancing Remembrance"

Psalm 51:1-19

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 13th

"A Deceptive Garden"

Genesis 3:1-24

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 20th

"What About Home?"

Genesis 12:1-8

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 27th

"Something's Not Right!"

John 4:1-26

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 3rd

"Pointing Fingers"

John 9:1-12

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 10th

"Triumph and Tragedy"

Matthew 21:1-11

Holy Week

Friday, April 15th

"Why Now?"

1 Corinthians 11:17-24

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17th

"Alive!!!"

John 20:1-19

Upcoming Church Events



- There will be a **Red Cross Blood Drive** at Linville Creek Church of the Brethren on Thursday March 10 from 2:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. Sunset Drive UMC and Linville Creek host blood drives throughout the year for the Broadway Community.
- Sunset Drive will host a **Community Breakfasts** on Saturday, March 12th, starting at 7:30am .
- The **Sunset Drive Ladies** will meet on Thursday, March 17th at 6:30 pm.
- **April 2022 Newsletter Deadline:** Thursday, March 24th. Please have all information to church office.
- **January/February Word Search** deadline is Thursday, March 24th.

Daylight Savings Time Begins March 13th



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
Kathryn Ford
Dot Gladden
Carl Grey and Nancy Hoover
Rosemary Mumaw
Richard and Kathy Sharpe

Our "Extended" Church Family ...

Bobbi Counts
Rhonda McDonald

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 Phyllis Fidler Family***. Phyllis passed away on Friday, January 28th. She will be missed by his Sunset Drive family.
- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***Kenneth Reeves Family***. Ken' s mom *Eva Mae Gardener Reeves* passed away on Tuesday, February 22nd.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Tommy and Jessie Lewis-Crosby on the birth of their son. ***Wilson Baer Lewis-Crosby*** was born on Sunday, February 13th at 8 lbs. 11 oz. Everybody is doing well.

Community Breakfast

Sunset Drive will host a ***Community Breakfasts*** on Saturday, March 12th , starting at 7:30am . Meal includes- Bacon, pancakes, gravy, and scrambled eggs. The breakfast is opened to the Community, so spread the word.

Barbeque Chicken Dates

submitted by Leon Miller



It's Chicken BBQ time again!!

Please mark your calendars!!

The dates for Sunset Drive Chicken BBQ will be:

Saturday, April 2nd

Saturday, May 14th

Best BBQ Chicken in the Valley. Carl Grey's secret recipe.

Plan ahead: Volunteers will be needed for cooking, wrapping and selling. The cooking crew begins at 5:00 a.m. Wrapping begins at approximately 7:30 a.m. and selling begins soon after that.

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.

Children's Group

submitted by Erica Kann

We will be performing the Easter play on Palm Sunday.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 26 from 3-6PM as we will be doing a one-day VBS. We will have VBS activities from 3-5 and we will be having a family picnic from 5-6PM. More information to come.

Don't forget that Sunday School and Children's Church is back in action. Sunday School begins at 9AM. Children's Church begins after the special music during the 10AM service.

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The ladies in the *Prayer Shawl Ministry* are ready to resume knitting and chatting. We will be meeting Thursday, March 3rd at 1:30pm in the conference room. Everyone is invited, no experience needed. If you'd like to learn how to knit or crochet, this is your opportunity. We have plenty of yarn and needles; all we need is you. We're like Planet Fitness- "A Judgment Free Zone ." Come join us for fun and fellowship as we make shawls for folks in need of comfort. hope and peace. God Bless



We Need Pictures

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

For Mother's Day we will have a slide presentation of church mothers and their child/children or the churchgoer and their mother. If there are multiple generations attending you may need to submit several pictures or one composite one. The child or mother does not need to attend Sunset Drive. The pictures can be emailed to Sandy Cupp at sandycupp@aol.com. If you have a hard copy give it to Donna Belle. She will scan it and send it to Sandy and return your hard copy. Mother's Day is May 8th so start searching or clicking pictures. Watch for a deadline in an upcoming bulletin. We will repeat this for Father's Day.



October Word Search

Congratulations to all who turned in the January and February Word Search.

Dick Strawderman

Happy Birthday

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



Happy Birthday

April

- 2 Juanita Fulk
- 4 Shirley Getz, Bea Sager
- 5 Beau Turner
- 7 Phillip Hoover
- 13 Matthew Hoover
- 14 Mike Hoover
- 16 Janet Wager
- 18 Dwayne Runion, Bill Mason
- 19 Karen Hoover
- 20 Clemson Almquist
- 21 Ashleigh Fulk, Christopher Runion
- 22 Kris Kann
- 26 Ryan Deavers
- 27 JR Almquist
- 29 Kim Koeppen
- 30 Trevor White



Happy Anniversary

April

- 25 Jeff and Susan Holsinger



March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOTES:		1	2 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	3	4	5
6 First Sunday of Lent Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am	7	8	9	10 Red Cross Blood Drive 2pm-6pm Lirville Creek COB	11	12 Community Breakfast 7:30am
13 Second Sunday of Lent Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am	14	15	16	17 Sunset Drive Ladies' Ministry Meeting 6:30pm	18	19
20 Third Sunday of Lent Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am	21	22	23	24 April Newsletter Information due	25	26
27 Fourth Sunday of Lent Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am	28	29	30	31 Wordsearch due		



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.

Spring into Lent

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Lent	Windy	Flowers	Bluebirds
Pray	Robins	Worship	Cardinals
Ashes	Spring	Daffodil	Communion
Green	Daisies	Daylight	Forty Days
Irish	Dogwood	Sunshine	Ash Wednesday

Name: _____

Please return to Sunset Drive by Tuesday, March 22nd. Those who complete the word search will be listed in the April Newsletter. There is a box in the narthex to your completed word search. Watch for new word search next month.