

# 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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## "Facing Jerusalem"

As I write this piece, blood shed is rampant in the Ukraine. Missiles are raining over the country from Russian invaders. Families are fleeing from their homeland, and migration is numbering in the millions. Citizens are indiscriminately shot, tortured, and even burned. It is "man's inhumanity upon man." The Ukrainians seek their freedom as a people and as a nation.

I recall the story of Anatoli Shcharansky, a dissident Soviet Jew, who kissed his wife goodbye as she left Russia for freedom in Israel. His parting words to her were, "I'll see you soon in Jerusalem." His reunion in Jerusalem would not only be postponed, but it might never occur. During long years in Russian prisons and work camps, Anatoli was stripped of his personal belongings. His only possession was a copy of the Psalms. During his imprisonment, he refused to release the book to the authorities, costing him another 130 days in solitary confinement.

Twelve years after parting with his wife, he was offered freedom. It was on February of 1986. He was able to walk away from Russian guards toward those who would take him to Jerusalem. At the last moment, the guards tried again to confiscate the Psalms book. Reportedly, Anatoli threw himself face down in the snow and refused to walk on to freedom without it. It is said that those words had kept him alive during imprisonment. He would not go on to freedom without them; God's Word.

Read scripture. Jesus moved from obscurity to prominence in a matter of months. News of his healings and miracles spread throughout the region. Crowds came from far and wide to hear him and benefit from his powerful presence. His disciples followed him with enthusiasm. The long-awaited kingdom was at hand. Though his fortunes changed, the crowds got smaller, disciples' faithfulness began to wane; still Jesus pressed on resolutely. He set his face to go to Jerusalem. He did so to announce God's reign. Why? Because he knew who he was; he knew where he was going; and Jesus knew who walked with him.

At Sunset Drive, we too journey to Jerusalem this Lenten Season. This Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> our children will announce our observance of Palm Sunday with a special presentation. Following that, we begin **Holy Week**, eight days that allow us an opportunity to reflect upon the sacrifice of our Lord. Each day will be a time for us to peek into the heart of our Savior and the price he paid for our salvation. With each step to and into Jerusalem, facing the cross and his resurrection, Jesus launched the New Covenant with God. **Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday** all will lead us passionately into Resurrection Morning and our Easter Sunrise Service. Later that day, we will gather for our Easter Celebration at our ten o'clock service in the sanctuary. Check the schedules below and come to experience the full Easter season. Jesus has given us our **freedom** from death and joy in eternity. But first he faced Jerusalem; and by his action, he has redeemed us all!

*Pastor Tom*

# Our Holy Week Worship Observance

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
"Pointing Fingers"  
John 9:1-12

## Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Children's Easter Play

## Holy Week

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>  
"Why Now?"  
1 Corinthians 11:17-24

## Easter Sunrise Service

Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast will happen this year at Grandles' cabin. We will meet at the church at 6:00 a.m. and caravan up for a 6:30 service. The road will probably be rough. Usually only 4-wheel drive vehicles go. The Grandles will provide the eggs, sausage, orange juice, coffee, plates and utensils. People attending can bring a breakfast dish to share such as a casserole, muffins, fruit, juice, milk, etc....

## Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
"Alive!!!"  
John 20:1-19

## Upcoming Church Events

- Sunset Drive will host a **Community Breakfasts** on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:30am. Benefits will go to Ukraine relief
- The **Sunset Drive Ladies** will meet on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.  
**May, 2022 Newsletter Deadline:** Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **April Word Search** deadline is Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Ladies' Ministry Yard and Bake Sale** is Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>



## Thank you

Thank you to everyone at Sunset Drive for your prayers, calls, visits, and cards. This has certainly helped me as I go through a very difficult experience. I miss being at church every Sunday and the fellowship with you. Sincerely, Nancy Hoover

## 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>

## Prayer List

### Our Church Family ...

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

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

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 ***Doris Emswiler's Family***. Doris passed away on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

## 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).

## Community Breakfast

Sunset Drive will host a **Community Breakfast** on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:30am. Meal includes bacon, pancakes, gravy, and scrambled eggs. The breakfast is open to the Community, so spread the word. Proceeds will go to Ukraine relief.

## Children's Group

submitted by Erica Kann

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 are 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

## Word Search

Congratulations to all who turned in the March Word Search.

Dixie Miller

Lisa Thacker

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The ladies in the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** are ready to resume knitting and chatting. We will be meeting Wednesday, April 27th 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



## Communications

submitted by Matt Krantz

We would like to improve the way we communicate with you, especially if information is very timely. We will begin using the REMIND App as an additional tool to share information quickly through text messages.

If you would like to be added, we ask that you download the free app on your phone and email me your name and cell phone number and I will add your number to the list. You will receive a text asking if you would like to receive messages and to send Y or N. Please send Y if you would like to be added to the list. The church will then be able to send out short messages, reminders and important information. If you have any questions please reach out to Matt Krantz, Communications Chair at bopsmk@hotmail.com or 304.886.3043.

## Barbeque Chicken Dates

submitted by Leon Miller

It's Chicken BBQ time again!!



Please mark your calendars!!

The date for the next Sunset Drive Chicken BBQ will be:  
Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

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.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>, so start searching or clicking pictures. Watch for a deadline in an upcoming bulletin. We will repeat this for Father's Day.



## Yard and Bake Sale

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

The Ladies' Ministry will be having their yard/bake sale on Saturday, April 23. We are still welcoming your former treasures to our current treasury of yard sale items. Let Donna Belle know if you need to put items in the garage, and arrangements will be made. No clothing will be accepted. Baked goods will also be welcome. Stay tuned for further details.

## 2022 EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS



Please use this form for ordering your Easter Altar Flowers .

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount given \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please note the changes for 2022 Easter Flower orders:

Due to shortages from the Supplier (not florist), flower availability CANNOT be guaranteed.

Deadline for orders is 10:00 am, Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> (no exceptions)

The cost for the Easter Flowers --- ***\$15.00 each.***

Please make check payable to: SDUMC . Write "Easter flowers" on the memo line

(Please put cash or check with the form in the "Easter Flower" envelopes located in the pews or narthex. Then place the envelope in the offering plate or turn into the church office)



## 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



## Happy Birthday

### May

- 2 Mike Malloy
- 6 Mark Hadley, Larry Bowman
- 7 Bryce Turner, Amanda Harpine
- 8 Jim Branner, Nancy Hoover, Jacob Gilley
- 10 Judy Rhodes
- 12 George Hadley
- 13 Penny Lohr
- 14 Jeff Holsinger, Jacque Roach, Jeff Holsinger
- 18 Dawn Long, Dick Strawderman, Adam Haviland
- 19 Clara Lorenzen
- 20 Dennis Turner
- 23 Valerie Arbogast
- 24 Mike Hawkins
- 28 Roger Conner
- 29 Phyllis Reeves

## Happy Anniversary

### May

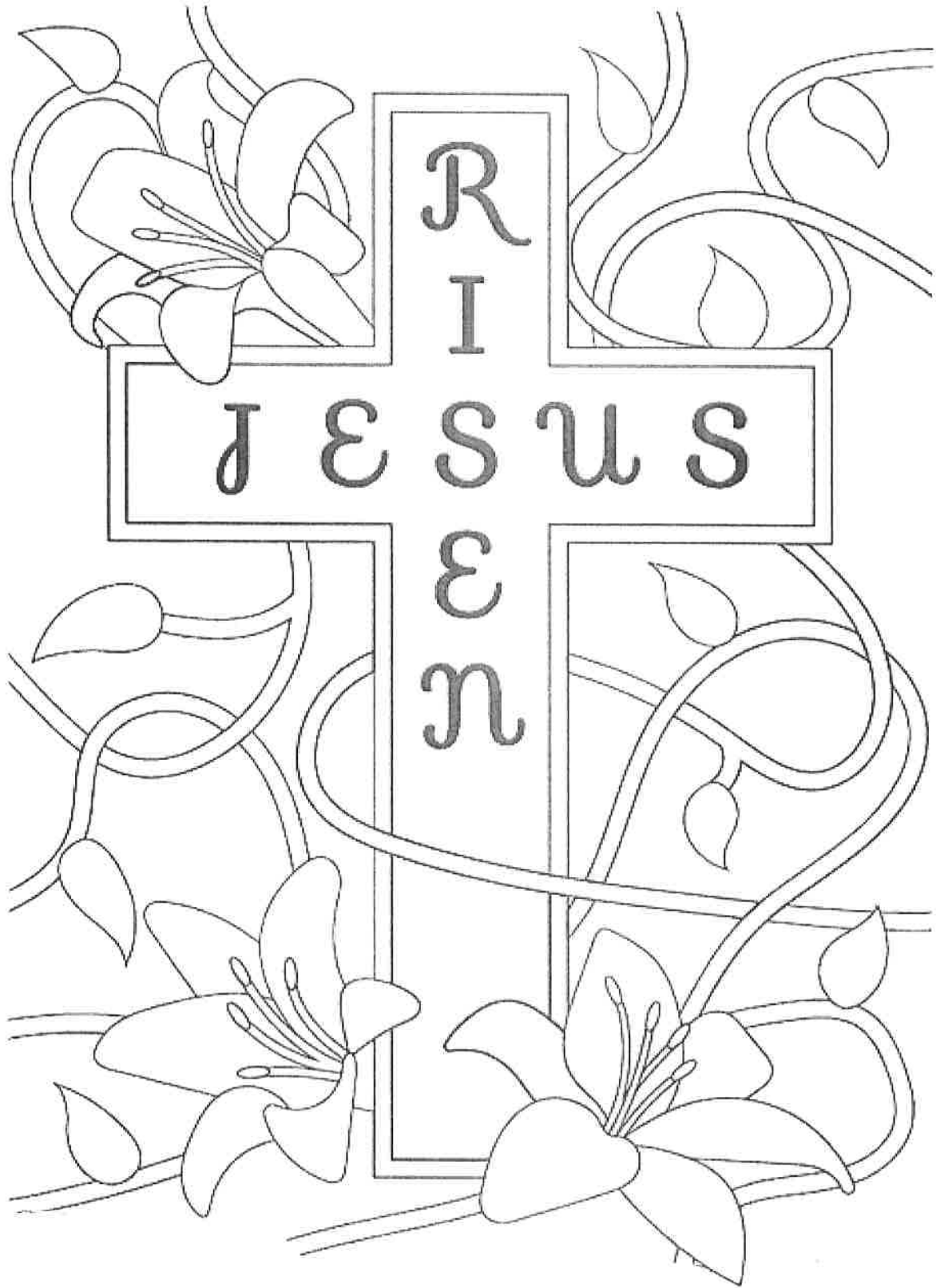
- 2 Darren and Diana Drury
- 4 Tom and Amy Hoover, Phillip and Joanna Thompson
- 7 Don and Shannon Rellins
- 12 David and Tammy Jordan
- 21 Dwayne and Sheila Runion
- 25 Jeremy and Laura Rhodes
- 29 Leon and Dixie Miller



# April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am	4	5	6	7	8	9 Community Breakfast 7:30am
10 <b>Palm Sunday</b> Sunday School: 9 am Children's Easter Play: 10 am	11	12	13	14	15 Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service 7pm	16
17 <b>EASTER</b> Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am *** See note regarding Sunrise Service	18	19	20	21 Sunset Drive Ladies' Ministry Meeting 6:30pm May Newsletter Information due Wordsearch due	22	23 Ladies Ministry Yard and Bake Sale
24 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am	25	26	27 Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:30pm	28	29	30





Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

# He Is Alive

P K K Q I J V K H O S A N N A A L Y V D M  
D N W W I B L K T J N T J T E U A C Q C A  
H W Q W T H R E E D A Y S J Q D T R W R U  
Z U Z O Z I I Q H R P I A Z N X E Q P O N  
V N G S V X E F P O R W H U B V G A R W D  
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- Christ
- Crown of Thorns
- Easter
- Gethsemane
- Good Friday
- Hosanna
- Lilies
- Lords Supper
- Maundy Thursday
- Nails
- Palm Sunday
- Passover
- Purple
- Risen
- Stone
- Sunrise
- Three Days
- Tomb
- White

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to Sunset Drive by Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Those who complete the word search will be listed in the March Newsletter. There is a box in the narthex to your completed word search. Watch for new word search next month.