

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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"Spring has Sprung!"

Indeed, we are in the middle of winter and summer. We are told that the season of **spring** spans the months of March through May. Well, here we are. Football in the fall. Basketball in the winter. Baseball in the **spring** and summer. I have been an avid sports fan all my life, but I read of a like-hearted fan who put a 'twist' on his change of thought about sports. Now he reacts thusly: *"I have quit the sports business."* Why?

- Every time I went, they asked for money.
- The people with whom I had to sit didn't seem friendly.
- The seats were too hard and not at all comfortable.
- I went to many games...the coach never called on me.
- The referee made a decision with which I could not agree.
- Some games went into overtime, and I was late getting home.
- The band played some numbers I had never heard before.

And, the list of complaints goes on.

Taking stock of the above complaints (though I believe they were in jest), **spring does bring a zest and freshness to sports and the calendar**. Life does seem to burst forth with freshness, garden beauty, and energy producing activities at **spring time**. William Blake, the English poet, wrote of **spring**:

*"Sound the flute! Now it's mute! Bird's delight, Day and night,
Nightingale, in the dale, Lark in the sky,--Merrily, Merrily, Merrily,
to welcome in the year..."*

With **spring** in the air, let us enjoy the activities in church and community. God provides beauty and life; let us enjoy these and more. See some opportunities below.

Pastor Tom

Local Community Activities

- Little League Softball and Baseball games
- Youth Soccer
- Festivals
- Local Lawn Parties
- Classic Car Shows

Upcoming Church Events



- **Administrative Council** will meet on Monday, May 16th at 7pm at the church.
- There will be a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Tuesday May 17 in the church fellowship hall from 1:15 until 5:15. To schedule an appointment, go to the Red Cross website and search for the blood drive in the Broadway area.
- The **Sunset Drive Ladies** will meet on Thursday, May 19th at 6:30 pm.
- **June 2022 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, May 24th . Please have all information to church office.
- **May Word Search** deadline is Tuesday, May 24th.

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
Kathryn Ford
Dot Gladden
Carl Grey and Nancy Hoover
Virginia Ann Hulvey
Rosemary Mumaw
Richard and Kathy Sharpe
Mariam Selke

Our "Extended" Church Family ...

Kinley Comer
Rhonda McDonald
Belle Weakley

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)



Thank you

- **Thanks** to all who helped plant potatoes. Now we can watch them grow. Unfortunately, the weeds will show up in a few weeks too. Feel free to pull up weeds whenever you can. No appointments needed.

In Sympathy

- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***Jessica Koeppen and Family***. Jessica's grandmother, Patsy Koeppen, passed away on Friday, April 8th.
- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***Mildred Jacksie, Marium Selke and Families***. Mildred and Marium's niece, Maretta Crider, passed away on Monday, April 11th.
- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***JoAnn Milander and Family***. JoAnn's son, Billy Wood, passed away on Thursday, April 14th.

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

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 26th 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,

Word Search

Congratulations to all who turned in the March Word Search.
Shirley Getz

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The ladies in the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** are ready to resume knitting and chatting. We will be meeting Wednesday, May 25th 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 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.

Yard and Bake Sale

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

The Sunset Drive Ladies would like to thank ALL who made our yard sale successful: donators, buyers, preparers, "clean-uppers", communicators, transporters, cashiers, bakers, set-uppers, advertisers, pricers, encouragers, re-boxer-uppers and more. Yes, I know there are creative words being used. Everyone who had a part in making it successful needs several pats on the back.

Sunset Drive Ladies

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

It's been a few years, but we're ready to do secret prayer pals again. We will draw for the names of our partners on May 15th, which is the last day to turn in your form. If you would like to participate, fill out the form in the bulletin and put it in the basket in the narthex. If you've not participated before, please consider it. You will be blessed as well as be a blessing.

Notes From The Congregation

There is a new book on the reading table in the narthex, "The Book of Signs" by Dr. David Jeremiah. This is a must read if you have trouble understanding the book of Revelation and end-time prophecy. I have learned so much from this comprehensive book. This book I have donated to the church library as a reference/resource book for study. Jean Dove

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
- 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



Happy Birthday

June

- 1 Tim Proctor
- 2 Eric Hoover
- 3 Jessica Koeppen, George Dowrey
- 5 Mia Orebaugh
- 7 Aiden Bennett
- 10 Sheila Proctor, Rocky Fisher
- 11 Cecee Hawkins
- 15 Tom Boller
- 21 Maggie Roberts
- 23 Jean Dove
- 24 Lilah Deavers
- 26 Whit Grandle
- 27 Lacey Roberts, Dave Jordan
- 28 Virginia Ann Hulvey

Happy Anniversary

June

- 7 Scott and Diann Harris
- 14 Alan and Ann Laughlin
- 16 C.W. and Peggy Grandle
- 19 Tim and Charlene Gilley, Steve and Judy Rhodes, Trent and Lori Turner
- 21 Sam and Christina Harris
- 22 Margaret and Beck Whitmore, Mark and Donica Hadley
- 24 Travis and Ashleigh Fulk
- 26 Ed and Jacque Roach
- 29 Lowell and Dianne Fulk