

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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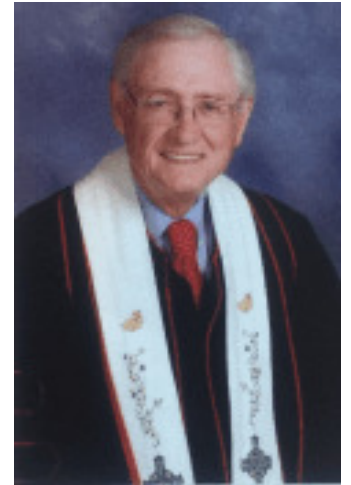
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Rev. Dr. Thomas (Tom) Murphy



"All Good Things Must Come to an End"

The above words have been resonating in my mind for some time as I prepare to leave Sunset Drive as pastor. It hardly seems possible that Dreanna and I have been in ministry with you at the church for some six years. At the beginning we were originally assigned to Sunset Drive for two years as Interim, but God, the Bishop, and the Cabinet had other plans. How blessed and grateful we are that our time with you was extended.



To thank the many people of the church singularly would take up pages of 'thank you's'. Therefore, we say 'thank you' to all! God has blessed us immeasurably as we have served the Lord alongside of you. As we go to serve at another appointment, Port Republic, we take special memories we have shared with you. Indeed, the memories of the "Good Things" we take with us will not End. The joys and sadness's, the accomplishments and goals in ministry, yet to be fulfilled, will linger in our hearts and prayers. Our call in Christ Jesus is made clear in scripture: *"Go, make disciples, for I am with you always."* Now and always we share this calling together wherever we are. That calling never ends! Thank you for "everything." The Lord bless and keep you...always!

"A New Assignment Is to Begin"

When the 240th Session of the Virginia Annual Conference is held in Hampton, Virginia, June 16-18th the name of Thomas W. Lee-Crosby will be 'fixed' as the new pastor of Sunset Drive United Methodist Church. His first Sunday as Lead Pastor will be July 3rd. Tommy is known by the Sunset Family for his participation with us in worship, preaching, and teaching for several years. He comes from the position as Executive Director of our District's Overlook Camp. He brings with him his wife Jessie Lewis and six children: Jude, Lucy, Ky'lee, Leah, Ivy, and Wilson. How wonderful! Please be in prayer as we prepare for the transition of pastors.

Pastor Tom

Upcoming Church Events

- **Administrative Council Meeting** will meet on Monday, June 13th at 6pm.
- **Administrative Council Meeting** will meet on Monday, June 20th at 7pm
- **July 2022 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, June 28th . Please have all information to church office.
- **June Word Search** deadline is Tuesday, June 28th .



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
Sue Olson
Richard and Kathy Sharpe
Marium 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

- To Sunset Drive Members: We would like to **Thank you** from the bottom of our hearts for all the thoughts, prayers, and cards sent to us on the loss of Our mom, Betty Sue Hoover. A difficult time was made a little easier by all of the expression of sympathy and love. Thank you again and God Bless, Tim and Robin Turner.

In Sympathy

- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to **The Fred Olson Family**. **Fred** passed away on Monday, May 16th. He will be missed by his 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.

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 May Word Search.

Harold Thacker

Lisa Thacker

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The ladies in the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** are ready to resume knitting and chatting. We will be meeting Wednesday, June 22nd 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.

Outreach News

Submitted by Joe Adolph

Since 1925, Lions International has been a champion in helping combat vision impairment and blindness. It's through your donation of used glasses that the Lions are able to help those in need. If you would like to donate any old glasses, there is a collection box in the narthex. The Lions Club appreciates all donations.



Virginia Annual Conference

Our 2022 member to the Virginia Annual Conference are Pastor Tom Murphy, Leon Miller, and Lacey Roberts. Annual Conference will be June 16th through June 18th in Hampton. Please contact any of our three members if you have any questions.

Sunset Drive Ladies News

submitted by Donna Belle Dove

Sunset Drive Ladies have had a productive spring. We have made our regular donations to Meals on Wheels and the Presbyterian Food Pantry along with donations to: Hillyard Middle School Back Pack Program, Open Doors, New Creation, UMCOR, Samaritan's Purse, Pleasant View, CRPS, AVA Care, and Camp Overlook Scholarship Fund. Many of these donations are made possible because of the proceeds from our yard/bake sale.

With that in mind we would like to thank all of you for your help with our annual sale. It would not be possible without you. Anonymous donations show up in the garage. You bake. You shop. You help organize and advertize. You help with moving items and pricing. You give moral support. All of this help resulted in a profit of about \$3000. Thank you again.

We made and distributed goodie bags to the Meals on Wheels recipients when it was our church's time to deliver. The smiles and thankful reactions are a blessing to those delivering.

We are planning a spring outing for our church ladies. (See the separate announcement.) We hope you can come.

Our next official meeting will be in September. We hope you will join us.

Spring Luncheon for Ladies

You're invited to join us for a spring luncheon at O'Charleys on Wednesday, June 15.

For those that want to carpool, we will meet in the church parking lot at 11am and plan to be there by 11:30 am. If you want to drive yourself, meet us there at 11:30am . This is open to all church ladies of any age. You will need to sign up, so we can make reservations. Look for the yellow legal pad in the narthex and add your name. You can sign up Sunday, June 5th and Sunday, June 12th . Please join us.

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

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



Happy Birthday

July

- 4 Michele White
- 5 Jodi Clarke, Jordan Holsinger
- 7 Ellie Roach, Carla Fisher
- 8 Sophie Davis
- 9 Angela Craig, Susan Holsinger
- 11 Travis Fulk, Les Pettigrew
- 12 Ben Orebaugh
- 14 Donna Arbogast, Brenda Hoover
- 16 Tara Langston
- 18 Emily Dick
- 19 Eleanor Campbell
- 21 Laura Deavers, Lisa Thacker, Billy Hulvey
- 22 Jonathan Thompson
- 24 Heather Reeves
- 26 Aaron Hoover, John Haviland
- 27 Liz Orebaugh
- 30 Karla Dick, Carl Grey Hoover, Ed Roach, Andy Thomas



Happy Anniversary

July

- 4 Mike and Cecee Hawkins
- 18 Dennis and Kay Turner
- 21 Scott and Valerie Arbogast
- 23 Jeremy and Lisa Jo Fulk

