

# Sunset Rays

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

**August 2022**

**Newsletter for SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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**Rev. Tommy Lewis-Crosby**



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***"Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!"***

I am so thrilled to be appointed to Sunset Drive UMC. I first came to this church as a young college kid who had worked at Camp Overlook and interviewed for a position of Youth director almost 20 years ago. I had two wonderful and formative years here at that time. It was at that time that I began to discern and then answer my call into ministry. This was the place I got my start in pastoral ministry. As I look back now, I know I made mistakes. There are things I could have done better. I realize that is after 3 years of seminary, and 20 years of experience looking back. The one thing I remember is the grace and love this church showed me then and has continued to show me over the years. Sunset Drive has always been a place I considered home. It is a place that has supported me and now I look forward to our ministry together! God has great things in store for us!

As we begin our journey I want us to spend time in prayer and discernment to where God is calling us as a church. We have the statement Connect, Grow, Serve. I think this is wonderful. I want us to dream big on how we can connect with our community and how we can serve it. How can we grow faithful disciples of Jesus Christ? I want us to live with these questions over the next couple months and pray for God's guidance.

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field"*

Let's get our hands dirty in God's garden and rejoice in the harvest we yield.

Blessings,

*Pastor Tommy*

## Upcoming Church Events

- **September 2022 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please have all information to church office.



# 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  
Nancy Hoover  
Virginia Ann Hulvey  
Rosemary Mumaw  
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

Thank you to everyone for the many cards, thoughts, prayers, and other expressions of sympathy after Mom's passing. Thanks also for the kindness you showed to her for the past years. She really appreciated it. Your support makes situations like this more bearable.

Wayne, Jodi, Cole, and Ally

Love, Donna,

## In Sympathy

- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to ***Micki People and Family***. Micki's mother, Barbara Gilbert passed away on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

# Monthly Newsletter

Each Month the Newsletter will have a coloring or activity page and a Word Search.

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).

## 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,

## 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](mailto: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.



## Word Search

Congratulations to all who turned in the June Word Search.

Shirley Getz

Lisa Thacker

# Children's Group

submitted by Erica Kann

## **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> - VBS**

3:00 - 5:00PM

Rising 8th graders and below

5:00 - 6:00PM - Picnic for entire church and VBS participants and families

## **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> - Homecoming**

10am

## **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Fall Festival**

TBD

## **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> - Trunk or Treat**

3:00 - 5:00PM

Watch for more information in bulletins and newsletter.

# Happy Birthday

## **August**

- 4 Zane Turner
- 5 Erika Dick, Huck Kann
- 7 Helen Thomas, Andy Haviland
- 8 Tanner Fulk, Brian Powell, Luke and Daniel Boller
- 9 Kay Bowman
- 10 Joanna Thompson
- 12 Joan Shifflett
- 17 John Crist
- 18 Tom Hoover
- 19 Eva Rellins
- 20 Norma Lee, Craig Hoover, Terri Hoover
- 24 Ashley Hoover, Ollie Roberts
- 28 Alan Laughlin, Eli Flora
- 31 Lee Andes



# Happy Anniversary

## August

- 1 Wayne and Donna Arbogast, Ronnie and Donna Belle Dove
- 4 Kyle and Meghan Flora
- 5 Lowell and Sandy Turner, Scott and Becky Harris,
- 9 Tim and Shelia Proctor
- 16 Jeffrey and Emily Dick Kopsick
- 17 George and Janet Hadley
- 20 Tim and Robin Turner
- 21 Tom and Dreanna Murphy
- 25 Michael and Shelley Ellington
- 31 Grant and Maureen Holsinger



# Happy Birthday

## September

- 1 Tammy Jordan, Matt Krantz, Mildred (Lucille) Jacksie
- 4 Ben Jones
- 5 Jody Turner
- 7 Kathyne Haviland
- 8 Dreanna Murphy
- 11 Dixie Miller
- 12 Sadie Kann
- 13 Doug Harpine
- 16 Lindsey White
- 18 Shannon Rellins, Scott Murray
- 23 Amy Hoover, DD Hulvey, Kathy Turner
- 25 Dave Peoples
- 26 Allison Hawkins, Pam Dowrey, Peggy Packard
- 28 Eli Flora
- 29 Don Rellins
- 30 Wayne Arbogast, Jean Thomas

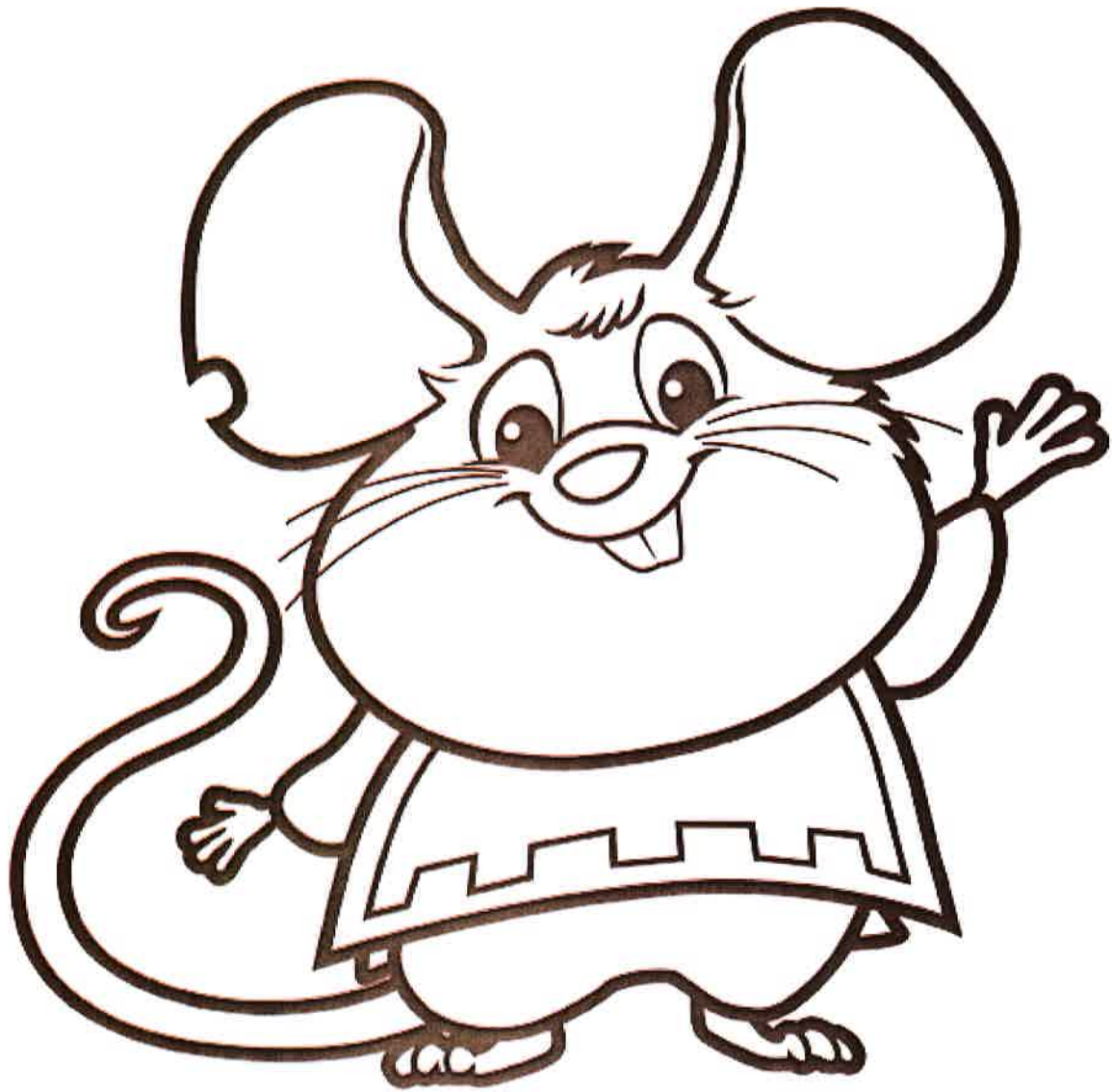


# Happy Anniversary

## September

- 9 Jeremy and Tonya Turner
- 11 John and Peggy Packard
- 17 Richard and Kathy Sharpe
- 22 Kris and Erica Kann
- 23 Jeff and Ashley Formica
- 25 Jeff and Laura Deavers
- 29 Matt and Sharon Krantz





# God Loves You!

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.

# August, Here We Are

N J T X C X O H B G N I P M A C K  
I H P B N I S U S E J N F N B P M  
I B I T E S N N B S V I L O R K W  
M O R M U A W C M T R F I I I C L  
K Z T N A H R I I E K Y P T F A K  
K P D I E R I M M P H S N A G N Z  
K X A T U A S S G H H S W C Q U Q  
S O O L C A E H N F L F Y A L E M  
M C R Y G R W D M L T A N V A G Q  
J E V V O T L Z A A A Y Y T A Z U  
R A B M K V J B J U L H F Q B O L  
R N S L M A H J G R G L R K Q D P  
A C T V M C D W U J O U O D G N A  
S Z U G A L W P Y K O D S W P A R  
X H Y E S P J V H U D F N T P S N  
H S B M M R O T S R E D N U H T E  
D N B A R B E Q U E Y O J N E P H

- Sun
- VBS
- Fire
- Sand
- Swim
- Enjoy
- Jesus
- Ocean
- August
- Picnic
- Smores
- Camping
- Barbeque
- Vacation
- Beachball
- Road Trip
- Marshmallow
- Thunderstorm

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

Please return to Sunset Drive by Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Those who complete the word search will be listed in the September Newsletter. There is a box in the narthex to your completed word search. Watch for new word search next month.