

# Sunset Rays

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

**November 2022**

**Newsletter for SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Ephesians 5:8-14 Common English Bible

8 You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, so live your life as children of light. 9 Light produces fruit that consists of every sort of goodness, justice, and truth. 10 Therefore, test everything to see what's pleasing to the Lord, 11 and don't participate in the unfruitful actions of darkness. Instead, you should reveal the truth about them. 12 It's embarrassing to even talk about what certain persons do in secret. 13 But everything exposed to the light is revealed by the light. 14 Everything that is revealed by the light is light. Therefore, it says, Wake up, sleeper! Get up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Halloween is a fun time of year. I enjoy dressing up and pretending to be something different. I know I'm just a big kid at heart. I also love the Hispanic celebration of the day of the dead. A day of gathering and celebrating and remembering loved ones who have passed away. Yup I'm talking about the movie Coco! I love the idea of the story that we need to keep our loved ones alive in our memories. I will also confess that I may shed a small tear whenever I hear Mama Coco sing remember me at the end.

Dia De Los Muertos, the Day of the Dead, is celebrated on All Saints Day. To the Hispanic culture, it is a day where the dead can come and celebrate with the living. They decorated the graves in marigolds and food and drink their loved ones enjoyed along with pictures. It is a beautiful celebration.

Paul tells us in Ephesians that we are children of the light. To me, being a child of the light is to be one filled with hope. We know that a light shines in the darkness that cannot be overcome. Even the darkness of death cannot overcome us as it says, "Wake up, sleeper! Get up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." We celebrate All Saints Day by remembering the ones who have departed us and celebrate that the light of Christ shines upon them. We celebrate that they are with God in all God's glory.

This All Saints Day, take time to remember those who have gone before us. Think of them and smile. Think of the lessons they have taught you and the good they have left behind. Then praise God that they have risen with Christ and are numbered among the saints in heaven.

*Pastor Tommy*

**Daylight  
Saving Time  
Ends**

**6<sup>th</sup>  
November**



*Don't forget to daylight savings end!!*

## Upcoming Church Events

- **Sunset Drives Ladies** will meet on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- **Administrative Council** will meet on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.
- **December 2022 Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> . Please have all information to church office.
- **November Word Search** deadline is Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.



## Prayer List

### Our Church Family ...

Lois Dinges  
Kathryn Ford  
Jake and Amanda Reeves Gogola  
Nancy Hoover  
Virginia Ann Hulvey  
Rosemary Mumaw  
Richard and Kathy Sharpe  
Mariam Selke  
Dick Strawderman  
Jean Thomas

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

Kinley Comer  
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)



## 2022 Charge Conference

Sunset Drive UMC 2022 Charge Conference will be on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at the Chapel at Randolph Macon Academy in Front Royal.

# 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).

## Word Search

Congratulations to all who turned in the October Word Search.

Lisa Thacker

## Children's Group

submitted by Erica Kann

Mark your calendar:

The 2022 Children's Christmas Musical will be held Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

## John C. Myers Volunteer

submitted by Jodi Clarke

We are looking for some help at JCMES for a few reasons:

1. We are in need of items for our backpack program (poster attached) and a box has been placed in the narthex.
2. We could use some volunteers to come in and sort stem lab donation items for student use (throughout the year).
3. We could use a few volunteers to help deliver backpack bags to kids' lockers on Fridays

## 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,

## Missing



A few things have come up missing in the kitchen, and we're checking with everybody to see if anyone might have borrowed anything. Thanks for the help

# John C. Myers Backpack Program

submitted by Lacey Roberts

What is the backpack program?

This program provides quick/easy food items to students of needy families. These students receive a bag each week and all bags are distributed confidentially. Students look forward to bringing food items home and appreciate this program. We appreciate the Broadway community for helping out our own families in need.

Below are items that are needed:

1. Go Go applesauce
2. Lance Cracker
3. Oatmeal (packs)
4. Ramen Noodles (Chicken or beef)
5. Mac and cheese (small containers)
6. Pop Tarts
7. Cereal bars (granola bars)
8. Gummies,
9. Capri Suns (small box juices)



If you'd like to help with the backpacks at John C., there is a box in the narthex with the Jake's sign.

## Sunset Drive Youth Group

submitted by Lacey Roberts

### November:

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group 11am-12pm Lunch/Work On Nativity Scene

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group 11am -12pm Lunch/Lesson/Work On Nativity

Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> -Youth Group 11am-1pm (Prep Food For Thanksgiving Meal At JCMES

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Thanksgiving Sped Meal @ JCMES 10:30am-12:30pm)

*Enjoy Your Thanksgiving!*

### December:

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> - Youth Advent At Church (Youth To Have Children's Church)

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - Children's Program (10am)

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> -Shop For Local Family And Dinner At Cici's 5:45pm

Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - Youth Group 6pm-7pm Dinner And Go Over Nativity

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - Live Nativity/Walk To Bethlehem 6pm-8pm

Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> -Make-Up Date

*Merry Christmas And Have A Wonderful New Year!*

# Inclement Weather and Cancellation Notice

Should it become necessary to cancel Sunday services or other activities during the week due to winter weather conditions, a cancellation notice will be posted through the following media: WHSV TV-3, the church website and the church Facebook.



## Happy Birthday

### November

- 1 Jozelyn Kann
- 2 Robbie White, Jackson Freds
- 7 Tom Murphy, Lois Dinges
- 8 Logan Jordan
- 9 Lowell Fulk
- 11 Sharon Krantz
- 12 Terry Bowman
- 13 Sheila Runion
- 16 Donna Belle Dove
- 18 Micki Peoples
- 19 Chris Hoover
- 20 Preston Cupp
- 22 William Freds, Angie Coffman
- 24 Christie Sengul
- 28 Sarah Fulk



## Happy Anniversary

### November

- 21 Chris and Karen Hoover
- 22 Mike and Karla Dick



# Happy Birthday

## December

- 1 Dawn Murray
- 2 Elizabeth Reeves
- 3 Ken Reeves
- 5 Becky Hoover Harris
- 7 Phyllis Mason
- 8 Hilda Runion
- 10 Brian Craig
- 12 Jaxen Phillips
- 13 David Lee
- 15 Kay Powell
- 17 Gavin Halterman
- 18 Matt Clarke, Natalie Craig, Richard Sharpe, Jess Coffman
- 19 Steve Shifflett
- 20 Will Freds
- 22 Cricket Driver
- 23 Dianne Fulk, Heidi Jordan
- 27 Grayson Hawkins, Bruce Price
- 28 Jeremy Turner, Zach Roberts
- 30 Donna Tinsley
- 31 Lowell Turner



# Happy Anniversary

## December

- |    |                             |
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| 17 | Larry and Kay Bowman        |
| 23 | Sterling and Meridith Peele |
| 31 | Dave and Micki Peoples      |



## 2022 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA



Poinsettia (s) given: \_\_\_\_\_ Red \_\_\_\_\_ White \_\_\_\_\_ Pink

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

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

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

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

Orders received before November 18<sup>th</sup> the cost will be \$10.00 (per name).

You will be able to choose from the following colors: red, white, or pink

Orders received after November 18<sup>th</sup> the cost will be \$11.00 (per name).

You may not get your requested color.



Please make check payable to: SDUMC "Flower Fund" .

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

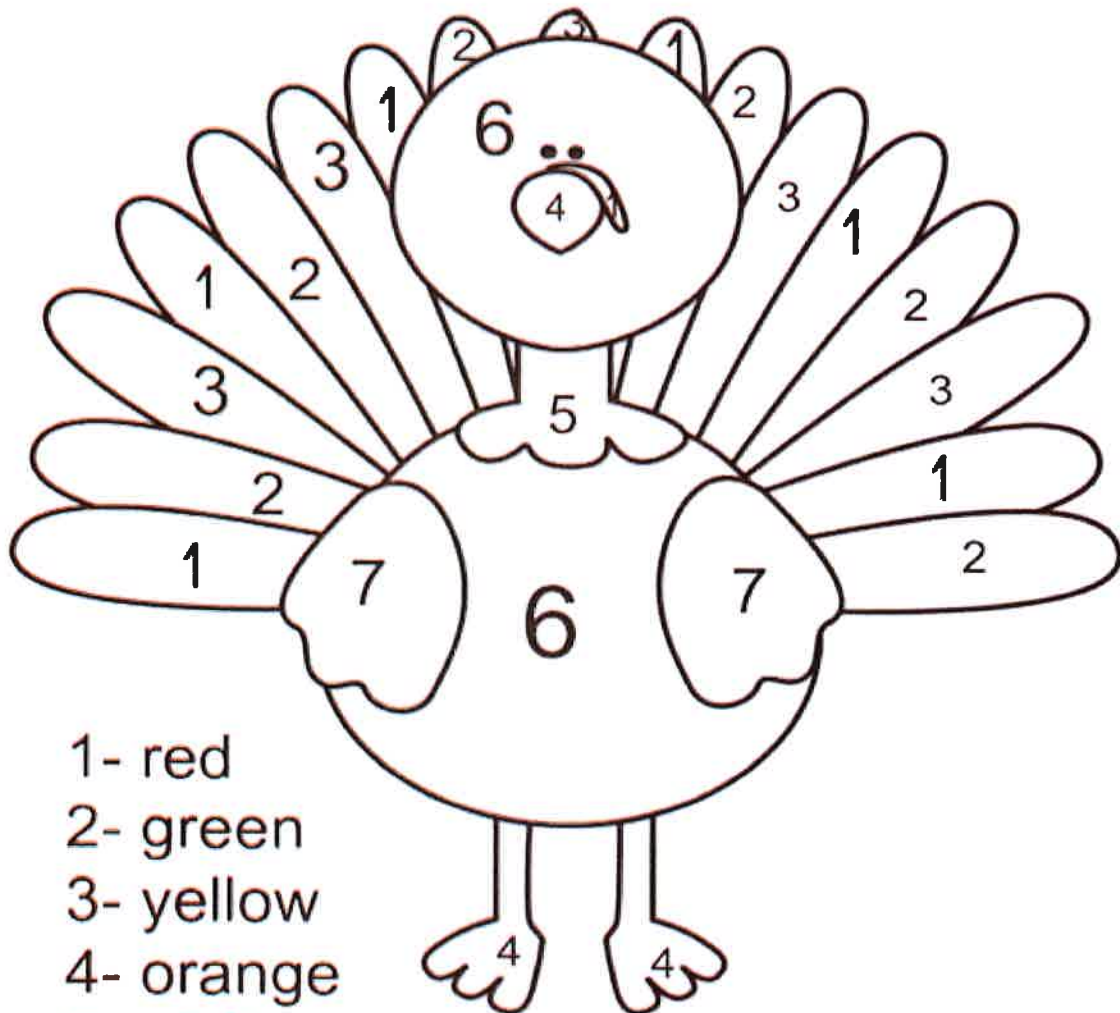
Please get your order in early to insure you get the poinsettia you want.

**FIRM Deadline of Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> . No order will be taken after that date.**

Thank You,



# Happy Thanksgiving



- 1- red
- 2- green
- 3- yellow
- 4- orange
- 5- white
- 6- dark brown
- 7- light brown

I am Thankful for: \_\_\_\_\_

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.



## I am Thankful for:

G	K	P	G	N	N	O	V	E	M	B	E	R	G	S	O	U	L	U
R	E	S	C	U	E	P	P	M	C	Z	L	H	C	V	Y	H	Y	M
R	B	X	D	R	P	T	Y	X	O	O	H	S	E	Q	L	R	U	M
C	H	E	Z	L	U	A	A	S	Q	T	B	L	S	A	A	I	K	E
J	T	Z	D	P	S	K	S	S	D	E	H	K	J	T	L	S	O	D
P	G	D	U	Q	A	S	H	T	G	U	C	E	I	E	F	T	K	I
V	N	V	K	W	T	Z	T	H	O	R	S	L	R	Y	I	N	H	C
V	F	T	S	N	Q	B	J	A	D	R	I	W	Y	C	L	J	X	A
A	O	X	E	X	V	I	D	N	D	M	S	B	Y	B	H	T	O	L
G	L	R	G	P	N	D	V	K	F	W	G	X	S	N	B	E	Y	P
H	A	S	O	H	I	I	J	S	I	O	G	U	Z	L	Q	A	C	R
P	U	N	C	L	E	S	L	F	N	U	S	L	Q	C	D	C	H	E
T	K	C	Y	A	P	V	J	U	K	E	C	J	Z	F	V	H	I	S
G	I	W	A	U	O	W	X	L	J	J	Y	B	P	Z	R	E	L	O
J	A	P	F	N	L	L	C	T	F	A	M	I	L	Y	D	R	D	N
L	C	C	I	T	I	J	X	V	B	F	X	R	E	Z	H	S	R	N
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L	F	L	E	C	E	S	O	Z	J	Y	Y	T	N	L	Z	I	N	L
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|---------------------|------------|
| • Aunts             | • Military |
| • Children          | • Mother   |
| • Family            | • November |
| • Father            | • Parents  |
| • Fire              | • Pastors  |
| • Friends           | • Police   |
| • God               | • Rescue   |
| • Health            | • Teachers |
| • Jesus             | • Thankful |
| • Medical Personnel | • Uncles   |

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

Please return to Sunset Drive by Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</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.

## November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>NOTES:</b> November 6th: 11am-12pm Lunch/Work On Nativity Scene November 13th: 11am-12pm Lunch/Lesson/Work On Nativity Scene November 20th 11am-1pm:(Prep Food For Thanksgiving Meal At James November 22nd- 10:30am-12:30pm Thanksgiving SPED Meal @ James	1	2	3	4	5	
6 <b>**see note</b> Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am 2022 Charge Conference 3pm <b>** see note: Youth Group</b>	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am <b>** see note: Youth Group</b>	14	15	16	17	18	19
				Sunset Drive Ladies 6:30pm		
20 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am <b>** see note: Youth Group</b>	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Administrative Council Meeting 7pm	December Newsletter information due November Wordsearch due		<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>		
27 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Church: 10am	28	29	30	<b>NOTES</b> Sunday, November 6th: Daylight Savings Ends; turn clocks back one hour		
		<b>** see note: Youth Group</b>				