

Sunset Rays

The "Son" still shines at Sunset Drive Church

February 2023

Newsletter for SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Tommy Lewis-Crosby



From the Pastor's Desk

It's hard to believe that before the month is out we will begin our journey to the cross with Jesus during Lent. We just got through Christmas! We had a wonderful time celebrating the birth of Jesus with a wonderful children's play, and an amazing walk to Bethlehem. Along with wonderful helpers lighting our advent wreath we gathered on Christmas Eve and held our candles and sang together. Christmas is a time of wonder and joy. It almost seems wrong to so quickly change direction and ponder the cross, yet here we are.

I remember one Christmas eve candle light service where the communion bread was wrapped up in the manger at the altar. It made a stark connection or the manger to the cross. Without any planning on any of our parts, after receiving communion we turned down the lights to hold our candles and had our breath taken away. When we turned down the lights, the candles we had on the altar cast a large shadow of the cross on the back wall. It was a moving sight I will never forget.

It is easy for us to get caught up in the wonder of Jesus' birth and focus on the manger. During lent it is easy for us to look past the cross to the celebration of Easter morning. During our Lenten journey we will focus on the last 24 hours of Jesus' life in a study by Adam Hamilton titled, "24 Hours that Changed the World". We will have a bible study on Wednesday evenings during lent to go along with the sermon series to enrich our understanding of what Jesus has done for us. In the coming season, focus on the cross. Try not to look too quickly to easter morning but live in the emotion of what God has done for you. I look forward to sharing this journey together and growing in our faith and understanding of the cross of Jesus.

May God open your hearts and minds so that as the scriptures are read and the word proclaimed you may hear with wonder and hope what God is saying to us this season!

Pastor Tommy

Prayer Chain

Have a prayer request to add to the prayer chain:

If you have a prayer chain request: please contact:

Pastor Tommy Lewis-Crosby: 540-421-2216

Or email: pastortommyboy@gmail.com

Prayer request will be sent out via email out as quickly as possible to the Prayer Chain Email List.

Upcoming Church Events

- **UMM Community Breakfast** on Saturday, February 11th from 7:30am until 9am. Meal includes- bacon, eggs, sausage gravy, pancakes and biscuits. Donations in the form of a free will offering The breakfast is open to the community. All are welcome, bring a friend and enjoy a wonderful breakfast and some fellowship. Hope to see ya there!
- **Sunset Drives Ladies** will meet on Thursday, February 16th at 6:30pm.
- **Administrative Council** will meet on Monday, February 20th at 7pm.
- **March Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, February 21st. Please have all information to church office.
- **February Word Search** deadline is Tuesday, February 21st.
- **Ash Wednesday Service** on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7pm.



Prayer List

Our Church Family ...

David Burroughs

Lois Dinges

Kathryn Ford

Jane Garrett

Jake and Amanda Reeves Gogola

Nancy Hoover

Virginia Ann Hulvey

Rosemary Mumaw

Richard and Kathy Sharpe

Marium Selke

Dick Strawderman

Judy Rhodes

Our "Extended" Church Family ...

Lucas Frank

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 **Donna Belle Dove and family**. Donna Belle's brother-in-law, Kinley Comer passed away on Sunday, January 8th.
- **We extend Christian sympathy** and prayers to **The Ann Grandle Family**. Ann passed away on Tuesday, January 17th. She will be missed by her Sunset Drive Family.

Disaffiliation information

The administrative council wants to make sure everyone has an opportunity to get as much information as possible regarding disaffiliation and have time for discussions. There will be three opportunities to come and gather for discussion.

January 29th after our morning worship we will have a simple soup potluck from 11:30-1.

February 8th there will be discussions at 1pm and 7pm

Before our council votes on February 20th we will have several times where the Sanctuary will be open for prayer for our church and community. You are free to come and go as you please during these times:

February 13th and 15th

6:30am-9am and 11:30am-1pm

February 15th

6:30pm-8pm

"He guides me in proper paths for the sake of his good name."

Psalm 23:3 (CEB)

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.



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.

Word Search

Congratulations to all who turned in Word Search this month.

Sadie Kann

Lisa Thacker

Children's Group

submitted by Erica Kann

February Calendar

Friday, February 3rd: Walk to School with John C Myers Elementary (love themed)

Sunday, February 5th - Children's Choir (Directly after church)

Sunday, February 12th - Children's Choir Perform at 10am Service (*Run through at 9:45AM*)

Sunday, February 26th - Children's Choir (Directly after church)

The Children's Easter Play on Sunday, March 26th. Watch the bulletin and Newsletters for more information.

If anyone is interested in co-leading the Children's Group, I would love it.

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 lists of the items needed are on the bulletin board or on the flyers in the Narthex. Thank you,

John C. Myers Walk-to-School

submitted by Erica Kann



Worship Committee

submitted by Karla Dick

The **worship committee** is asking for people to sing, recite a reading, or share a talent, for our special music time in our worship services. If you would like to participate please contact Karla Dick at 540 560-1062, or email her at feelfree2emailme@comcast.net.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers brighten our Sanctuary as we come to worship. Why not give flower arrangements to the church to honor a loved one, living or deceased? Flowers may be given in honor, memory or thanksgiving of loved ones. Special occasions can also be celebrated with altar flowers. Your name and the names of your loved ones will be printed in the Sunday Worship Bulletin. Contact Judy Post at 540-209-3887 to make this happen for you.

For your convenience, Flower Order Forms are available on a table in the narthex just outside the Sanctuary doors. These forms can be dropped in the offering plate which is located also just outside the Sanctuary doors. Information about flower contributions is printed on the Flower Order Forms.

We hope that you will think about altar flowers when you consider the special people, days and events in your life.

The Altar Flower Fund is completely funded by your contributions.

Upper Room Devotional

The Upper Room January-February devotionals are available in the narthex in both large and regular print. There are several outdated The Upper Room devotionals available at the church office. If you would like any past Upper Rooms or know of someone that could use these please contact the church office at office@sunsetdriveumc.com or 540-896-3970.

Birthday and Anniversary List

We're asking for help to update our church family birthday and anniversary list. If you're new to the church, or if we have missed your birthday, please email: office@sunsetdriveumc.com, so we can get you and your family on our list. All we need is the month and day. There are no prizes, so the year is not necessary.

Happy Birthday

February

- 1 Meredith Peele, Kai Orebaugh
- 4 Patrick Malloy
- 5 Laurel Roberts, Kay Turner
- 7 Jane Garrett
- 8 Kyle Flora
- 9 Grant Holsinger, Esther Malloy, AA Roberts, John Packard
- 10 Phillip Thompson
- 12 Meghan Flora
- 13 Lucy Crosby, Wilson Lewis-Crosby
- 15 Missy Boller
- 16 Bev Thompson
- 18 Austin Deavers
- 19 Mike Dick
- 20 Beth Hoover
- 22 Natalie Flora, Rachel Haviland
- 25 Abby Fulk
- 27 C.W. Grandle, Ada Mae Fox
- 29 Elizabeth Gilley



Happy Anniversary

February

- 6 Steve and Joan Shifflett
- 14 William and Faye Herndon
- 23 Kevin and Michele Biller



Happy Birthday

March

- 6 Susan Nazelrod
- 9 Abby Bennett
- 12 Steve Rhodes
- 13 Donna Price
- 14 Tim Turner
- 16 Erica Kann
- 20 Judy Post
- 25 JoAnn Milander
- 26 Laura Rellins, Jackson Peele
- 27 Jennifer Phillips
- 29 Scott Arbogast, Landon Craig
- 30 Barry Davis

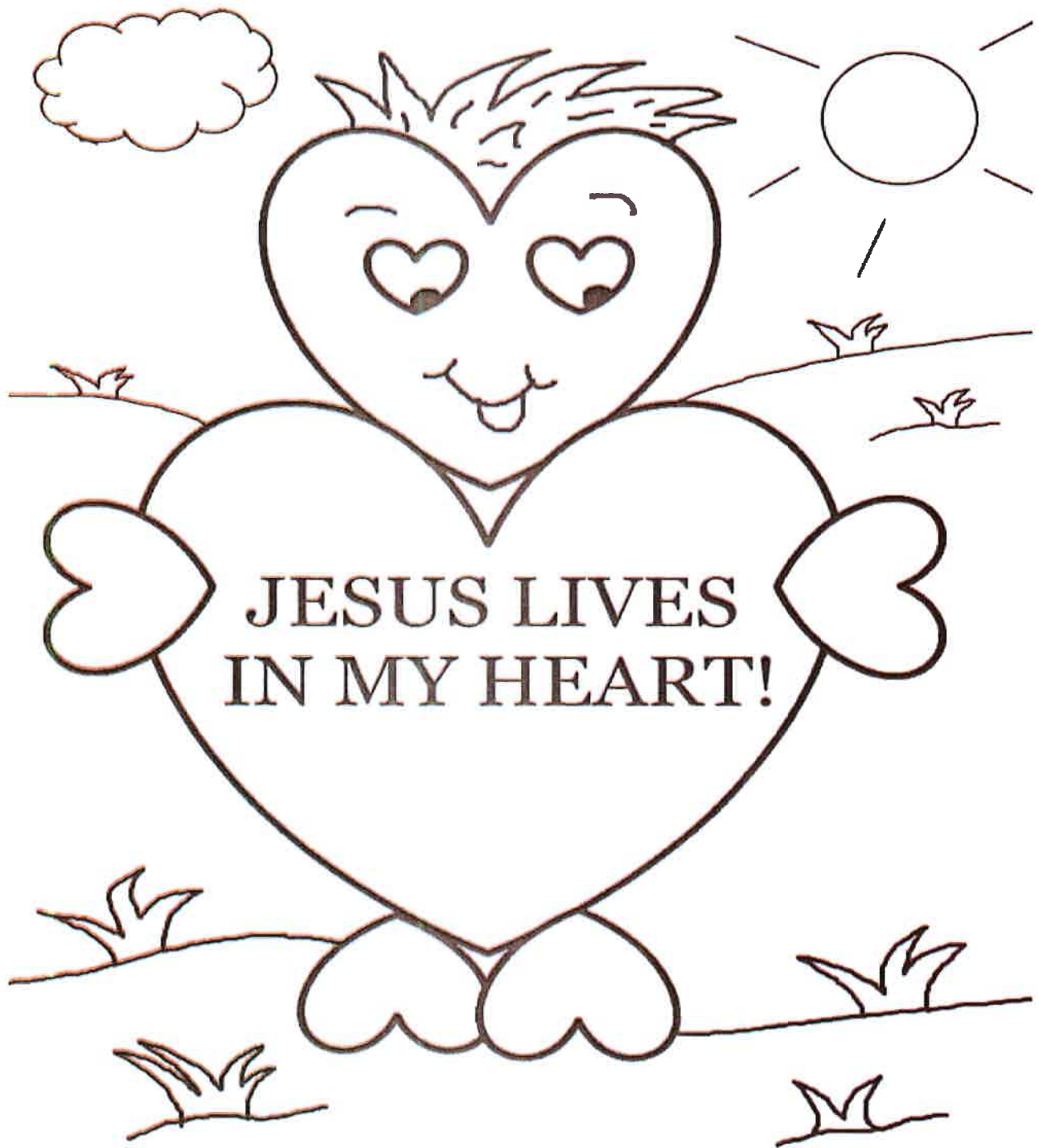


Happy Anniversary

March

- 12 Benjamin and Elizabeth Orebaugh





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.

Love Is ??

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God	Faith	Church	Sixteen
Hope	Grace	Family	Children
John	Jesus	Eternal	Community
Kind	Mercy	Friends	Corinthians
Love	Three	Patient	Forgiveness

Name: _____ Please return to Sunset Drive by Tuesday, Tuesday, February 21st. There is a box in the narthex to your completed word search. Watch for new word search next month.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:			1	2	3	4
					JCMES Walk to School 7:50 am to 8:20am Love Theme	
5 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Choir practice after worship	6	7	8 Disaffiliation Discussion 1pm Disaffiliation Discussion 7pm	9	10	11 Community Breakfast 7:30am to 9am
12 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Choir preforms	13 Sancutary Open Prayer 6:30am-9am Sancutary Open Prayer 11:30am-1pm	14	15 Sancutary Open Prayer 6:30am-9am Sancutary Open Prayer 11:30am-1pm Sancutary Open Prayer 6:30pm-8pm	16 Sunset Drive Ladies 6:30pm	17	18
19 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am	20 Administrative Council Meeting 7pm	21 March Newsletter information due February Wordsearch due	22 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	23	24	25
26 1st Sunday of Lent Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am Children's Choir practice after worship	27	28	Notes:			