

# Sunset Rays

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

**January 2023**

**Newsletter for SUNSET DRIVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## From the Pastor's Desk

*"Behold I am making all things new!"*  
*Revelation 21:5*

The light of the world has come! A new dawn is here! God is making all things new! These words of joy remind us how God is active in our world. Some days it seems God is far away as we watch the news or hear of troubles in our world. The God who created all things and can do something about the darkness we see has done a marvelous thing in sending his Son into the world to shine light into those dark places. A Son who makes things new! The very Light of the world!

We have seen some amazing things over the past few months since I started as your pastor. We are washing away the struggles of the pandemic and getting back to doing church. We have had successful pancake breakfasts supporting our local schools, VBS, Christmas play, Trunk or Treat, walk to school, an amazing live nativity and increased worship attendance. God is moving among us. These are wonderful things to celebrate as they give life to our church.

A new year opens up new possibilities. We all find ourselves reflecting over the last year as we begin anew. I pray we come to this year full of anticipation of what God has in store for us. I know I look forward to having our house completed in the first part of the year and settling into a new and life giving rhythm of daily life and work. What are your hopes and dreams for the weeks and months to come? Where is God making things new for you? Spend some time reflecting and time in prayer. We are not naïve and know the year will hold its challenges. There will be hard times and good times. Tears and laughter. The good news is no matter what we face we are not alone. God is with us and we are here for each other.

I am excited for this new year and pray that God will richly bless us and build us up! Welcome the new year with joy for God is with us making all things new.

*Pastor Tommy*

# 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.



## Upcoming Church Events

- **Administrative Council** will meet on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- **Sunset Drives Ladies** will meet on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- **February Newsletter Deadline:** Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Please have all information to church office.
- **January Word Search** deadline is Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Trustee Meeting on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



## Prayer List

### Our Church Family ...

David Burroughs  
Lois Dinges  
Kathryn Ford  
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 ...

Kinley Comer  
Rhonda McDonald  
Lucas Frank

## 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)



# 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 December Word Search.

Dixie Miller

Lisa Thacker

## Thank you

- Myself, Jacque and Ellie have been very blessed by our SDUMC family in the loss of our great friend Rick Morris! The hugs, the warm conversations in and out of church, the emails, the invitations, the texts, the messages, care of our property and the many deep whispers of prayers! So thankful to each and every one of you for wrapping your hearts around Rick and the entire Morris family and ours! May our father in heaven continue to shine on you as you continue to shine on all of our SDUMC family in time of need! Ed, Jacque, and Ellie Roach
- Thank you very much for your donations of food and monetary donations to our food pantry throughout the year. It's caring people like you who help make our food pantry so successful and we appreciate your support. Thank you for helping Broadway Presbyterian Church continue our mission in helping folks in our community. From the Director and Volunteers if Daily Bread Food Pantry Broadway Presbyterian Church.

## Children's Group

submitted by Erica Kann

Mark your calendar:

January 2023, the children's choir will begin performing on second Sundays as they did prior to COVID. Most likely have choir practice directly after church on Sundays.

The Children's Easter Play on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. 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,



## 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.

## 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](mailto:feelfree2emailme@comcast.net).

## Happy Birthday

### January

- 2 Sandy Cupp
- 6 Jerry Arbogast, Jean Kinsey
- 7 Ann Grandle, Rosemary Mumaw, Trent Bowman
- 8 Joe Adolph
- 10 Cole Clarke
- 12 Janet Hadley
- 13 Jeff Deavers, Steve Phillips
- 17 Susan Olson
- 21 Cole Turner, Michele Moore
- 22 Tanner Craig, Ivy Lewis-Crosby
- 23 John Sellers
- 27 Tonya Turner
- 31 Skylar Phillips



## Happy Anniversary

### January

- 8 Terry and Cheryl Stoehr
- 28 Zach and Lacey Roberts



## 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
- 23 Kevin and Michele Biller



## January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am	2	3	4	5	6 JC MES Walk to School 7:50 am to 8:20am	7
8 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am	16 Administrative Council Meeting 7pm	17	18	19 Sunset Drive Ladies 6:30pm	20	21
22 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am	23	24 February Newsletter information due January Wordsearch due	25	26 Trustee Meeting 7pm	27	28
29 Sunday School: 9 am Worship: 10 am	30	31	Notes:			

# Snow Much Fun!

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Blizzard  
 Fire  
 Fluffy  
 Flurries  
 Freezing Rain  
 Frosty The Snowman  
 Fun

Gloves  
 Hats  
 Hot Chocolate  
 Ice skating  
 Igloo  
 January

Marshmallow  
 New Year  
 No School  
 Scarf  
 Sledding  
 Sleet

Slick  
 Snow  
 Snowball fight  
 Snowstorm  
 Warm Up  
 White

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Please return to Sunset Drive by Tuesday, January 24, 2023.

There is a box in the narthex to your completed word search. Watch for new word search next month.





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.