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# **The Southlawn Beacon**

A lighthouse of love & concern for all people

# Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Family,

First and foremost, it has been a great privilege to have served this congregation for the past year and a half. You have given Jenny and me so much love and support in our ministry and we love each of you for that. Each and every one of you will hold that special place in our hearts as friends and family are for life.

You will start the New Year out with a Pastor in the pulpit. My prayer is that you have as much love and compassion for them as you did for me. Your support has been wonderful during my time as your Pastor and I thank you for that.

As you remember that in the church there is change and this is what keeps the church alive. With the change there is still the one universal constant: God is the head of the church and loves us dearly. Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

Blessings,

Pastor Darrel Weaver

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Prayer Concerns							
Bob & Virginia (In-Laws of Nancy Stajkowski's son) Billy Berry (Nephew of Cheryl Stratton) Stephanie Czarnecki (Friend of Debbie Kopetski) Jim & Sharon Eaton Ginger Edwards (Friend of Cheryl Stratton) Abby Frick (Friend of Betty Foust) Cliff & Betty Hamilton Rick Kronwitter, (Friend of Wanda Nemes) Nancy Looper (Friend of Betty Quiggle) Janet Menting (Friend of Deanie Kopec) Art Mikel Patricia Mitschelen (Family of Shirley Kling)	Sue Munger (Friend of Betty Foust) Leslie Phillips (Sister of Cheryl Stratton) Carol Riddle Jennifer Riddle Dana Rohde (Cousin of Kathy Andert) Family of Sarah Schwab (Teacher of Madison Kopec) Heather Smith (Friend of Deanie Kopec) Angela Stajkowski (Sister-in-law of Nancy Stajkowski) Edna Steinbach (Sister of Debbie Steinbach) Carter Ward (Friend of Axelberg Family) Jean Weaver (Mother of Pastor Darrel Weaver) Sandy Weaver (Friend of Wanda Nemes)						
Joys & Blessings We try to keep the list as current as possible. If you know of anyone who can be removed from the list, please contact the church office at 291-3070 or southlawnumc@gmail. Thank you.							

# Sunday Scripture Readings for January

#### January 1, Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795) Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

January 8, Epiphany Sunday Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 29 (UMH 761) Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17

## January 15, Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42

### January 22, Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

#### January 29, Epiphany Sunday

Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12

#### **Chancel Flowers**

The 2017 flower calendar is up in the usual place by the nursery. Please prayerfully consider giving flowers for the altar to honor a loved one or a special occasion.

Thank you, The Worship Committee

#### Ladies Fellowship

Happy New Year! May 2017 bring you much joy and happiness! There will be no Ladies Fellowship during the winter months due to the unpredictable weather. We will resume in April. Have a great, warm and safe winter!

#### Men's Lunch Group

Happy New Year! I hope 2017 will be a good year for all. So let's start if off with a lunch & good fellowship and share our new year's resolutions. We'll meet at Leo's on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM, meeting at the church 11:10 AM to carpool down. Please let Roger Riddle know if you would like to join in with us. Hope to see you there!

## Let's Update the Directory!

Have you found that your Beacon is being sent to your neighbor, or that your birthday is not in the right month? If so please give me a call, drop me an email or leave me a note (preferably printed) in the office and I will get things squared away for you as quickly as I can.

Phone & Fax: 574-291-3070 Email: southlawnumc@gmail.com

#### Greeters, Singers, Nursery Caregivers...

There are sign-up sheets in the office if you are interested in a service for the church. Don't sing but can play an instrument... just as good, put your name on the Sunday that you would like to play for us. Please also consider signing up to help out with sound. We're only asking for a possible once a month commitment. There will be a training session once a few sign-up.

Thank you all for considering signing up for these wonderful services to the church.

## Keep 'em Rollin' In

With the start of the New Year, we're doing a little change with the aluminum can drop off. Please place your bags of cans in front of the overhead door of the Church's garage instead of next to vehicles. This is for your safety and others. Thanks so much for being a part of this wonderful program to help get our Southlawn youth and kids to camp!

#### In Search of...

We are in need of a Worship Chairperson, Secretary fo the Administrative Council, and acolytes, please see Shirley Milcherska if you are interested in any of these vital roles in the Church.

#### Southlawn Shut-ins Nancy Wolf

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Woodland Terrace: Treva Frick Nonie Hertel

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# January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 Communion Epiphany Sunday Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus New Year's Day	2	3	<b>4</b> 6 PM Crochet Group	5	6 Epiphany of the Lord	7	
8 Noisy Bucket	9	10	11 6 PM Crochet Group	12		14	Birthdays2Erin Faunce3Lauren Hall4Jen Weaver7Lucy Overmyer9Carol Anderson11Mary Alice Fletcher16Karen Nokes16Brent Urbin17Nan Gentry18Sonny Walters20John De Souza20Steve Fletcher22Jerry KlineAnniversaries11Darrel & Jen Weaver18Steve & Kim HolderLiturgist
<b>15</b> Human Relations Day (offering)	16 The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	17	18 6 PM Crochet Group	<b>19</b> 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Leo's	20	21 *Beacon Articles Due in Office*	
22 Ecumenical Sunday	23	24	<b>25</b> 6 PM Crochet Group	26	27	28	
29	30	31					Shirley Milcherska