



The Southlawn Beacon

A lighthouse of love & concern for all people

Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Family,

I would like to start out with my thanks to the congregation for supporting a very critical ministry to our church. We all support the crochet ministry with our thoughts, prayers and or monies. These Ladies have touched the lives of many people. They have supplied prayer shawls to a person in Poland and also to Kaliee whose kidneys were failing. We have gotten a posting from Kaliee and her kidneys are now functioning and you need to check out the smile she has while holding her blanket that was made and blessed from all of us. PRAISE BE TO GOD and this ministry. This ministry is always looking for helping hands, yarn (not Red Heart) and donations for materials. Thank you again ladies for your devotion to this ministry that touches so many people.

For the Month of September my sermons will be coming out of the Book James as found in the lectionary calendar. I hope you find them informative and meaningful in your daily life. I would like to ask all of you to mark your favorite hymn(s) that are known to the congregation on a piece of paper or card and put it in the offering plate or give it to me any Sunday (hint, hint did not see but one for last month).

I would like for us as a church body to pray that God places a person in our lives every day that needs encouraged by any of us so that we may lift up their Spirit. I pray that each of us is moved by the Holy Spirit during the month to notice His nudging to engage someone and tell them we care as a church. The emphasis here is to listen and feel the Holy Spirit at work in your life. Please take time each day to quiet your thoughts and just sit still in a quiet place for a few minutes. This will be hard the first few times you try it so pray to God that you can clear your thoughts and only focus on our Lord during your quiet time. A couple of minutes will seem like an eternity at first and then will grow short before you know it. If anyone would like to talk about this please feel free to contact me.

Grace is a freely given gift, just let it live within us with joy and love.

Blessings,

Pastor Darrel Weaver
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Tee Shirt Sunday is September 6th

Calling All Southlawn Singers

Our Southlawn choir is in transition – we plan to sing on the 3rd Sunday of each month and practice on the preceding Tuesday of each month. If you enjoy singing and feel that this is an opportunity to share your talent and serve the Lord please come and join in the fun!

Sunday Scripture Readings for September

September 6th, 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125 or Psalm 124 (UMH 846)
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17
Mark 7: 24-37

September 13th, 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19 (UMH 750)
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 20th, 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1 (UMH 738)
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

September 27th, 18th Sunday after Pentecost
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124 (UMH846)
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Ladies Fellowship

We had a delightful and beautiful morning to join in fellowship and a delicious brunch on August 12th. Our next Ladies Fellowship will be on Wednesday, September 9th and will be open to one and all. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 AM and carpool to Ed Lowe's Big Rock Valley near Cassopolis Michigan, to visit the Stations of the Cross.

After our visit and tour we will have lunch at the Farm House Bakery & Restaurant nearby. We do need a count of who will be joining us, so I can make reservations at the restaurant. Please let Kay Beyer (291-0823), or Lucy Overmyer (291-9397) know if you plan on coming along. It is about a 45 minute drive. We hope to be home approximately by 2 PM.

... Picnics... Tailgates...

Many opportunities will be coming up for friends and families to gather and fellowship together. Keep your eyes open for aluminum cans so you can get them to me. Remember- I'm collecting cans and recycling them... with the money going into the Youth Summer Camp Fund.

So, keep those cans rollin' in!
Thanks,
Fran

Men's Lunch Group

Labor Day has come and gone and we should have time to rest and reflect on your summer activities and your plans for fall.

Let's meet at the church on Thursday, the 19th at 11:10 and carpool down to Leo's Restaurant in Lakeville for some good food and great fellowship. Please let me know if you'd like to join us.

Hope to see you there!
Roger Riddle

Address Change

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Updates & News

Last month has been a fruitful one in the office and we officially have an events calendar and soon to have an archive the year's newsletter online. With this there is a new option for your Beacon delivery available... via email. Please either email the office (southlawnumc@gmail.com) with "Beacon" or the like in the subject line, or drop a printed note off in the office box and Karen will be sure to email you your October Beacon.

Chancel Flowers

The 2015 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

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Southlawn Shut-ins

Nancy Wolf

Miller's Merry Manor:
Enid Sills
635 Oakhill Ave,
Plymouth

Woodland Terrace:
Treva Frick
Bud & Nonie Hertel

North Woods Village:
Marge Kinner, 117

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The CROP Walk is Coming

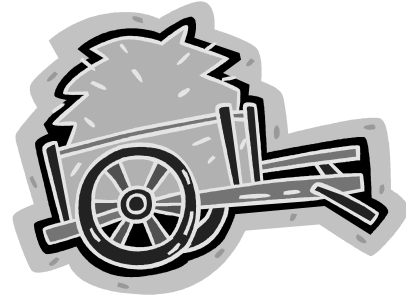
Sunday, September 27th is the annual St. Joseph County CROP Walk... Hundreds of people walk to raise money to fight hunger both locally and globally. See Fran if you would like to join our team of walkers and please make a pledge to support a walker.

**Personal Growth through Dream-work:
An Introduction**

Rev. Marianne Chalstrom
Friday, October 2, 2015, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 3, 2015, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
at Evangel Heights United Methodist Church

Key Biblical figures received direction and wisdom from their dreams; have you ever wondered how we can too? Have you ever awakened from a dream wondering, now what was that all about?

In this introductory workshop on dream-work, how to work with the “memos” our brains send us after working through the night, Rev. Marianne Chalstrom will give basic pointers on how we can begin working with our own dreams for insight into ourselves and our own life direction. Dreams can be the doorways God opens into our own hearts for greater wholeness and healing. There is no registration fee but a free-will offering will be accepted. To register call Evangel Heights UMC Church Office – 574-234-8379



Fall Time Is Hayride Time!

Our annual hayride is set for Saturday, October 10th at Bendix Woods County Park. We have the Van Pairs Shelter/Picnic Area/Playground reserved from 6 until 8 PM. Come out and join the fun – only \$2 per person, you can pay the \$2 to Fran beforehand or on that night.

You don't have to ride the hay wagon – just enjoy hot dogs around the bonfire and the fellowship of being together. Invite friends and family – we're also inviting our neighboring United Methodist Churches to join us. All you need to bring is hot dogs, buns and roasting sticks (The Park does not allow gathering sticks from the woods to use as roasting sticks). Drink, condiments and paper products will be provided.

Sonnet 73:

That Time Of Year Thou Mayst In Me Behold

That time of year thou mayst in me behold,
When yellow leaves, or none, or few do hang
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,
Bare ruined choirs where late the sweet birds sang.
In me thou seest the twilight of such day
As after sunset fadeth in the west,
Which by and by black night doth take away,
Death's second self that seals up all in rest.
In me thou seest the glowing of such fire
That on the ashes of his youth doth lie
As the death-bed whereon it must expire,
Consumed with that which it was nourished by.
This thou perceiv'st, which makes thy love more strong,
To love that well which thou must leave ere long.

-William Shakespeare



Feed My Sheep

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. John 21:17 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 21:15-19



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September 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 6 PM Crochet | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Communion Tee Shirt Sunday | 7 Office Closed Labor Day | 8 | 9 9:30 AM Ladies Fellowship 6 PM Crochet | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Student Recognition | 14 6:30 PM Finance | 15 7 PM Choir | 16 6 PM Crochet | 17 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Leo's | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Noisy Bucket | 21 7 PM Church Council *Beacon Deadline* | 22 | 23 6 PM Crochet | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 CROP Walk | 28 | 29 | 30 6 PM Crochet | | | |

Birthdays

3 Terry Overmyer
8 Sharon Kline
10 Elvis Balentine
15 John Smiley
17 Luana Reed
18 Trish O'Rourke
19 Don Carpenter
23 Betty Hamilton
24 Art Kopec
25 Delores Wilmoski
25 Donovan Sickmiller
30 Joann Balentine

Anniversaries

2 Sonny & Ruthann Walters
24 Norm & Shirley
Milcherska

Nursery

6 Madison Kopec
13 Deanie Kopec
20 Mallory Chamberlin
27 Dorothy Axelberg

Acolytes

6 Anthony Schmok & Nic
Sickmiller
13 Paul Sickmiller
20 Maria Chamberlin
27 Tiffany Schmok

Greeters

Mary Carol Ringler, Dee
Perkins

Liturgist

Paul Bowers