



## Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Family,

We have another opportunity to fellowship outside of the church. We are going on the hayride during the month. But don't let the word HAY discourage you. There will be plenty for all of us to do. There will be plenty of food and fellowship at the pavilion, hayrides of course and other opportunities. Please mark October 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for this great event at Bendix Woods Park. We have invited the other Cluster churches and Epworth to attend. The cost is \$2 per person for a great evening.

I was not able to attend the event that the women's group went on to Big Rock Valley, the Lowe property. They were all very impressed by the property tour and Stations of the Cross. This was a joint event with Epworth in South Bend. What a great opportunity for all of us to get to know other brothers and sisters in Christ. The pictures and descriptions really make me sorry that I was not able to attend. I now hope to get there sometime in the future for a tour. I heard the meal afterwards was very tasty, Methodist approved event there was food involved with fellowship.

October will be a busy month as we prepare for our Charge Conference on November 8<sup>th</sup>. I would invite each of you to attend this meeting as there is a time of worship before the business portion starts. If you have not heard our DS, Larry Whitehead, speak this is a great opportunity. This meeting is uplifting and very informative.

For the Month of October, the sermons will be coming out of the book of Hebrews. The scriptures we will be referencing are found in the lectionary calendar. I hope you find them informative and meaningful in your daily life.

Last month in the Beacon I talked about praying each day. So how have each of you been doing in getting some quiet time in prayer each day? I know that I am getting stretched and some days find it almost impossible to start my day with prayer. I have noticed that when this happens the day is full of much greater challenges than those when I can rest my soul in the Lord. I hope and pray each of you are getting sometime during the day to pray.

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

Blessings,

Pastor Darrel Weaver

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### Southlawn Singers

If you would like to contribute to the Worship experience please join us October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM for only an hour long choir practice. We will then sing on October 18 during the worship service. The only requirement is a love of music. Also we are still in need of special music for other services. If you or know of someone who would like to sing with or for us (Or play for us), please let Karen or Kathy know.

### Men's Lunch Group

Doesn't seem possible but autumn is here. The leaves are turning and we've had a few chilly mornings. So why don't we take a break from the outdoor fall chores and have lunch. We'll meet at Leo's on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM, meeting at the church 11:10 AM to carpool down.

Hope to see you there. Please let me know if you plan on attending,  
Roger Riddle

# Sunday Scripture Readings for October

## October 4th, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1, 2:1-10  
Psalm 26 or Psalm 25 (UMH 756)  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

## October 11th, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17  
Psalm 22:1-15 (UMH 752)  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

## October 18th, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38: 1-7 (34-41)  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (UMH 826)  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

## October 25th, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22) (UMH 769)  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10: 46-52

### Ladies Fellowship

Twenty ladies shared a wonderful morning at Ed Lowe's Big Rock Valley outside of Cassopolis, MI. We were joined by the ladies of Epworth UMC sensing Jesus' love as we walked through the Memorial Garden, viewing and in awe of the Stations of the Cross. Beautiful gardens and environment were enjoyed by all. Lunch at the Farmhouse Bakery and Restaurant topped off our day together. God blessed us all with such a wonderful time and wonderful fellowship.

We will gather in the parlor on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM to share in time together. We hope to see you there for fun and fellowship with friends! If you plan to attend, please call Kay (291-0823) or Lucy (291-9397), so we know how many treats to fix!

### A New Project with Faith UMC

The people of Malawi walk several miles in S.E. Africa to get medicines. If there is any for them, it is wrapped in scraps of paper to be carried miles home. Often it is dropped on the trip or ruined by the weather. This is an easy way to serve others! Please remove labels before bringing clean empty pill and smaller vitamin bottles & lids in to the church. There is a collection basket in the Narthex. For more information about this project go to: [malawiproject.org](http://malawiproject.org), thank you!

### Fall Time Is Hayride Time!

Our annual hayride is set for Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Preschool News

We are in full swing with Preschool! It has been AMAZING having the children attend Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 AM until 1:30 PM. The teachers and students LOVE it! Besides ABC's, songs, crafts and simple Bible lessons, the kids are learning essential skills needed for Kindergarten! For example: opening a baggie, putting a straw into their juice box, sitting patiently when finished, etc. Our Thistleberry field trip is October 1<sup>st</sup> and school pictures will be soon thereafter.

Thank you for your support.  
Many Blessings,  
Miss Kristen

### 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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*Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015*

*9 AM - 3 PM*

*Southlawn United  
Methodist Church  
60756 US 31 South  
South Bend, IN 46614*

# *Fall Arts & Crafts Show*

*Local Artist & Crafters • Great  
Shopping • Delicious Snacks &  
Treats • Free Admission • Indoors*

*To rent a space at \$10 a table  
call 574-339-1817 or the Church*

*Office 574-291-3070 before*

*10/30/2015*

# October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Communion World Communion Sunday (offering)	5 7 PM Church Council/Ad Board	6	7 6 PM Crochet	8	9	10 6-8 PM Hayride @ Bendix Woods
11	12	13 7 PM Choir	14 9:30 AM Ladies Fellowship 6 PM Crochet	15 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Leo's	16	17
18 Noisy Bucket	19	20	21 6 PM Crochet  *Beacon Articles Due*	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 6 PM Crochet	29	30	31  Reformation Day

## Birthdays

- 1 Nicholas Sickmiller
- 2 Maria Chamberlin
- 2 Gary Bango
- 2 Barb Dixon
- 6 Fran Hedrick
- 7 Brian O'Rourke
- 7 Tom Lapkiewicz
- 11 Ralph Kifowit
- 16 Betty Bowers
- 19 Gracie Dudeck
- 21 Nancy Stajkowski
- 21 Courtney Cannoot
- 23 Enid Sills
- 28 Mary Beth Kifowit

## Anniversaries

- 15 Dan & Linda Walkey
- 16 Sonny & Cheryl Stratton
- 25 Chris & Kristen Wright
- 26 Eugene & Kim Dudeck

## Nursery

- 4 Colleen O'Rourke
- 11 Nicole Sickmiller
- 18 Barb Dixon
- 25 Trish O'Rourke

## Acolytes

- 4 Anthony Schmok
- 11 Nic Sickmiller
- 18 Maria Chamberlin
- 25 Tiffany Schmok

## Greeters

- Deanie, Madison & Emma  
Kopec

## Liturgist

- Fran Hedrick