



## Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Family,

We have been very blessed with the wonderful Fall weather. We have also been blessed that we have more in worship on a Sunday morning. Reach out to God and thank Him for this increase. Pray now that we hold them as part of our family and walk with them as we walk with others.

Continue to pray for peace in the world as tensions are high around the world. We must remember that God is in charge of our lives and we are following Him. The month of December is the start of our Christian year with the season of Advent. This season is when we prepare for the arrival of Jesus on Christmas. I hope that each of us experiences the true meaning of Christmas this year. The birth of a child that has changed the world and humanity forever. Pray for peace in the world and pray that we embrace the meaning of Christmas and tell it to others.

Please continue to love and support those in need around the community. Thank you ladies for the 20 blankets for the veterans you made and delivered. A thank you goes to the team that goes to Broadway for PIZZA Sunday. What a living of Jesus on earth. Thank you to all of the volunteers who do for the community of Christ. There is much need around our community and world during this next month and pray that each of us takes an opportunity to support those in need as we have been doing.

Our charge conference went well on November 8<sup>th</sup>. We are having another special charge conference on November 30<sup>th</sup> at Southlawn at 6:30 pm. for the application of Colette Stevens to become a ministry candidate.

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

Blessings,  
Pastor Darrel Weaver  
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### Ladies Fellowship

The blessed Christmas season is here... let's treat ourselves to a breakfast out. We'll meet at the Church on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM and carpool to Leo's Restaurant in Lakeville.

Then it's time for our winter break as we won't meet together again until April... So hope to see you all on December 9<sup>th</sup> and remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas".

### Men's Lunch Group

We have counted our many blessings as we've celebrated a wonderful Thanksgiving. Let's meet together on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> as we prepare for the Christmas season. We'll meet at Leo's on Thursday, December 17<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 December

## December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

## December 13<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

## December 20<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke: 1:47-55 (UMH 199)  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45

## December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96 (UMH 815)  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-20

## December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98 (UMH 818)  
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)  
John 1:1-14

## December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148 (UMH 861)  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2: 41-52

## December 31<sup>st</sup>, Watch Night

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13  
Psalm 8 (UMH 743)  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
Matthew 25:31-46

## 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

Woodland Terrace:  
Treva Frick  
Nonie Hertel

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## Poinsettias

It is time once again to order your poinsettias. The order sheet will be on the parlor bulletin board starting November 1<sup>st</sup> and will be there thru December 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a chance to honor a loved one and add to the décor of our sanctuary for the Christmas season. The pots will be 6"-6 1/2" and will be \$5.00 each. The color choices will be red, white, pink, marble, and jingle bell. The money can be given to David or Kathy Andert. Please make any checks out to David. We will order the plants on December 8th and have them in the sanctuary December 13<sup>th</sup>. As always your plant is yours to take home or leave in the chancel area.

## Santa is Coming to Southlawn!

On Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, Santa will join us for a carry-in lunch at 11 AM, after worship service. See you there!

## Preschool News

December already, Merry Christmas! We've learned letters Aa-Jj so far this year. It's so fun watching the kids grow and learn to read! They can write their names and are super excited to be learning a new way to learn our colors. It's been so much fun! You got a taste of it during our performance on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lots of fun crafts and learning why Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

Be Blessed!  
Miss Kristen

## Children's Christmas Program

Our children and youth are busy learning parts and practicing songs for their play. It will be Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – invite your friends to come along, as this will be a real treat!

### Church Security

Once before I reminded all church key holders about keeping our church locked when no one is in the building. It has also been stressed to keep it locked during night meetings after everyone has arrived. Recently on a Friday morning, the front door was found unlocked. To protect Karen or any other female that enters the building alone, it MUST be locked by the last person that leaves! Several times since my last reminder, the building has not been- locked.

Due to the many church break-ins recently in the community we have to keep it locked. Anyone can unlock the front door and lock it while it is open, then close it OR lock it when you leave.

If the church continues to be left unlocked, the Board of Trustees will consider having only six or seven keys available to the church. If you do not have a key, you will have to make arrangements with one of those-people to gain access into the church or wait until one of them is at the church. -I do not want to pursue this action but this church will be secure.

Remember, if you UNLOCK it; make sure it is LOCKED when the last person leaves. Thank you for your cooperation.

Jerry Kline  
Trustee Chairman

# Merry Christmas

For unto you is born this day  
in the city of David a Saviour,  
which is Christ the Lord.

-Luke 2:11 KJV

### Pill Container Program Reaches Unimaginable Height *A Mountain of Pill Containers*

Austin, Texas ... *"It seems like such a simple thing; a small plastic prescription container. We all have them and we all pretty well take them for granted,"* observes Bryon Bhagwandin, President of the Malawi Project. *"This is not the case in most impoverished nations especially nations like Malawi where income in the villages is little more than \$100.00 a year. Here even a simple pill container is a cost neither the government can afford, nor the patient access. For thousands that is changing with the success of the Project's Pill Container Collection Program."*

Between March 2015 and the present the outpouring of support from across North America and beyond has resulted in a million prescription containers being collected and sent to Malawi. With the collection overflowing the Project's warehouse capacity and the cost of approximately \$15,000.00 that involved in getting each 40-foot container of vials to Malawi the Board of Directors has signaled the conclusion of this program as a gigantic, unexpected, unimaginable success.

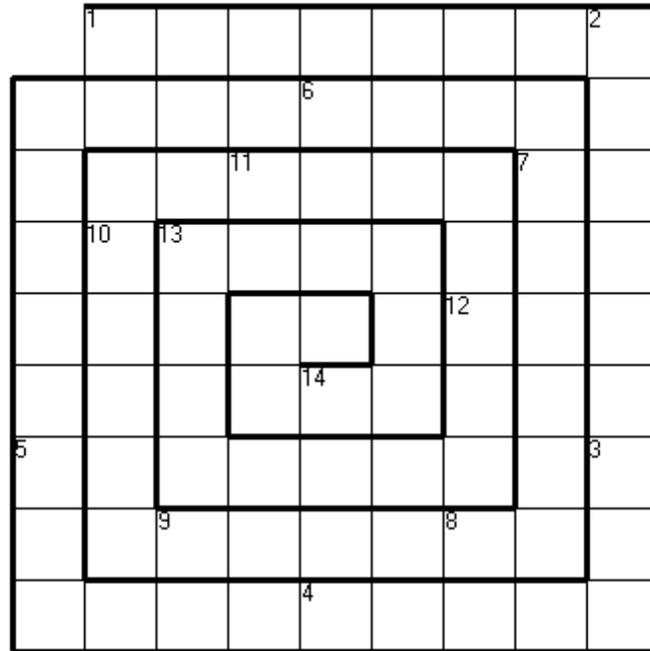


A quick note of thanks to the elf that helps proofread the Beacon every month and to the elves that help throughout the year with folding and labeling!



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# A Christmas Spiral Puzzle



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|---|---|
| 1. The reason the wise men wanted to find Jesus | 8. An infant                            |
| 2. Animal that Mary rode to Bethlehem           | 9. He saves people from their sin       |
| 3. Earthly father of Jesus                      | 10. There was no room there for Jesus   |
| 4. Announced Jesus' birth to the shepherds      | 11. The wise men brought these to Jesus |
| 5. Watched their flocks                         | 12. City where Jesus was born           |
| 6. It led the wise men to Jesus                 | 13. A place where animals sleep         |
| 7. Where the baby Jesus was laid                | 14. The mother of Jesus                 |

If you need a little help, here is a list of the words used in this puzzle.

Mary  
star  
stable  
angels  
baby

donkey  
Joseph  
manger  
shepherds  
inn

Jesus  
Bethlehem  
worship  
gifts

# December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Office Closed 6 PM Crochet 7:45 PM Choir @ Lakeville UMC	3	4	5
6 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Communion	7	8	9 9:15 AM Ladies Fellowship meet in parking lot 6 PM Crochet 7:45 PM Choir @ Lakeville UMC	10 7 PM Choir @ Southlawn	11	12
13 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Southlawn Singers Christmas Song Selections	14  *Beacon Articles Due*	15	16 6 PM Crochet 7:45 PM Choir @ Lakeville UMC	17 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Leo's	18 1 PM Set up for Jubilee Store @ Broadway	19 8:15 AM Jubilee Store @ Broadway
20 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Noisy Bucket Kids Program Christmas Carry- in/Lunch with Santa	21	22	23 6 PM Crochet	24 10 PM Service @ Southlawn 10:30 PM Hand Bells @ Lakeville UMC 11 PM Cantata @ Lakeville UMC <b>Christmas Eve</b>	25  <b>Christmas Day</b>	26
27	28 Office Closed	29	30	31  <b>Watch Night New Year's Eve</b>		

## Birthdays

- 2 Carolyn Bango
- 6 Marty Hanley
- 9 John Hanley
- 10 Jennifer Riddle
- 14 Lois Coney Woodburn
- 15 Ralph Jernigan
- 16 Fran Lapkiewicz
- 23 J.D. De Souza
- 26 Wanda Nemes
- 26 Carol Hesch
- 28 Dave Sills
- 29 Allen Sherk II

## Nursery

- 6 Nicole Sickmiller
- 13 Barb Dixon
- 20 Trish O'Rourke
- 27 Madison Kopec

## Acolytes

- 6 Paul Sickmiller
- 13 Anthony & Suzette  
Schmok
- 20 Anthony & Tiffany  
Schmok, Melanie  
Sickmiller
- 27 Suzette Schmok

## Greeters

- Tom & Maria Chamberlin, Lucy  
Overmyer

## Liturgist

- Bill Slater