



## Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Family,

We just had another very important event in the Christian calendar and that is Easter. I hope that each of you has experienced the risen Lord Jesus Christ during this season. We will remain in the Easter season until Pentecost on May 15<sup>th</sup>. I hope during this season we can explore the promises from Jesus via the Father about our future in heaven. We will be staying in the book of Revelation for our sermon scriptures during the Easter season. We have the usual monthly and weekly events during April but no special events that I know of at this time. We will have the Pre-school program on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> so be ready for a great time with the kids.

Hope and pray that each of you were blessed during Easter. May your time spent with family and friends have been plentiful. We fully understand that we serve a living God that resurrected His only Son, Jesus Christ and gave us the Holy Spirit to walk with us forever while we wait for the return of Christ. The Holy Trinity lives every moment of every day. This is the promise and hope we have as our life goes forth as those making disciples for Jesus Christ.

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

Happy Easter, ladies! Winter is over and it is time for us ladies to start meeting again. Let's get together on April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at the church at 9:30 AM and then carpooling down to Leo's Restaurant for breakfast. Please let Kay Beyers know if you are planning to attend. Hope to see you there!

### Men's Lunch Group

Spring has sprung and yard work awaits you. It is time for you to take a break and meet for lunch and good fellowship and conversation. Let's meet at Leo's on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am. I hope you had a blessed Easter and I will look forward to hearing from you. Please let Roger know if you plan to come.

### Preschool News

Spring has sprung and here in Preschool it sounds as though we'll be in business a few more years as new life is here as well! A few students are getting ready to welcome new brothers and sisters. 20136-2017 Registration forms are out and we are gearing up for our special program for the church on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM service. Then Graduation will be on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

Happy Spring!  
Miss Kristen

### Southlawn Singers

For the month of April the Southlawn Singers will practice on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday (April 19<sup>th</sup>) at 7 PM and sing on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday (April 24<sup>th</sup>). Come out and join us!

# Sunday Scripture Readings for April

## April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 150 (UMH 862)  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

## April 10<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)  
Psalm 30 (UMH 762)  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 2: 1-19

## April 17<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30

## April 24<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18  
Psalm 148 (UMH 861)  
Revelation 21:1-6  
John 13:31-35

### Earth Day Celebration by The Ripple Effect Choir

Are you tired of winter doldrums and ready for spring to be sprung? The Ripple Effect, a new ground-breaking choir in the area, will be performing an Earth Day Celebration, Seeds of Hope, April 23 at St. Peter's United Church of Christ at 7:30 PM. Nature-inspired selections will include everything from driving Celtic and catchy Jamaican to homespun folk and heartfelt gospel songs. Also featured will be Emma and Madison Kopec (2015 Michiana's Rising Star winner), Art Gorman (folk artist extraordinaire) and students from John Glenn School Corp. A free-will offering will be taken, and 10% of the monetary proceeds will be donated to Northeast Neighborhood Community Center Food Pantry of South Bend.

Attendees of the concert are also asked to contribute to the pantry by bringing in non-perishable food and toiletry items. The church is located at 915 North Ironwood Drive, South Bend, IN 46615. For more information, contact Sherry K atsherry@sherryk.com (preferred) or 574-291-9044.

### Spring Break Office Hours

The first full week of April (4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) the office hours will be 9 AM until 1 PM, Monday through Thursday.

### Chancel Flowers

The 2016 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

Marge Kinner

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# April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion	4	5	6 6 PM Crochet	7	8	9
10 Native American Ministries Sunday (offering)	11	12	13 9:30 AM Ladies Fellowship meet in parking lot 6 PM Crochet	14	15	16
17 Noisy Bucket	18 6:30 PM Finance	19 7 PM Choir	20 6 PM Crochet	21 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group  *Beacon Articles Due*	22	23
24	25 7 PM Ad Board / Church Council	26	27 6 PM Crochet	28	29	30

## Birthdays

- 1 Norma Schalliol
- 2 Shirley Kling
- 2 Kelly Stevens
- 3 Roger Riddle
- 4 Cliff Hamilton
- 5 Steve Holder
- 5 Dawn Sherk
- 13 Paul Bowers
- 13 Allen Sherk
- 14 Kathy Andert
- 18 Breyanne Urbin
- 20 Tom Chamberlin
- 20 Eric Axelberg
- 20 Andy Anderson
- 21 Dave Gleason
- 24 Dan Walkey
- 25 Gerri Slater
- 27 Darlene Carlton
- 27 Nicole Sickmiller
- 28 Richard Fletcher

## Anniversaries

- 16 Brent & Dianne Urbin

## Nursery

- 3 Barb Dixon
- 10 Deanie Kopec
- 17 Dorothy Axelberg
- 24 Madison Kopec

## Acolytes

- 3 & 10 Shirley Milcherska
- 17 & 24 Schmok Family

## Greeters

- Deanie, Madison & Emma Kopec

## Liturgist

- Fran Hedrick