



# The Southlawn Beacon

A lighthouse of love & concern for all people

## Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Family,

We are coming to a close of the Easter Season and are moving toward Pentecost. We first come to the Ascension of the Jesus to be with God the Father in Heaven. I want each of us to remember that we do serve a loving and living God and His Son, Jesus. God gave us an advocate when Jesus left this earth so we would not be alone and that advocate is the Holy Spirit.

We will have a pulpit exchange on May 8<sup>th</sup> where Jenny will be at Southlawn and I will be at Epworth. We are excited to share each other's pulpit and hope it will be exciting for you. May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the Pre-school program so make sure to invite friends and family as this will be a treat. May 29<sup>th</sup> Colette will be in the pulpit. Looking forward we have a community event planned for July 14<sup>th</sup> during VBS. We will open the church up to the community to have a soup dinner with preview of the VBS program.

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. Let us go forth and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world as it starts in our community.

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

Ladies Fellowship will be on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in the church parlor. Come and help us celebrate Spring, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Join us in fellowship and sharing in God's many blessings. Let Kay (291-0823) or Lucy (291-9397) know if you plan to attend so that there are enough goodies for everyone.

### Men's Lunch Group

Springtime is here again; time to take a "time-out" for lunch and fellowship. Let's meet at Leo's on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am and break bread together at Leo's.

Please let me know if you would like to join us at Leo's,  
Roger Riddle



### Pentecost

It is a Southlawn tradition to wear Red on the Day of Pentecost as it symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Join with us in this celebration by wearing your red on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>!

### Southlawn Singers

For the month of May the Southlawn Singers will practice on the 3rd Tuesday (May 17<sup>th</sup>) at 7 PM and sing on the 4th Sunday (May 22<sup>nd</sup>). Come out and join us!

# Sunday Scripture Readings for May

## May 1<sup>st</sup>, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15  
Psalm 67 (UMH 791)  
Revelation 22:10, 22-22:5  
John 14:23-29

## May 5<sup>th</sup>, Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 (UMH 781)  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

## May 8<sup>th</sup>, Ascension Sunday & Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 (UMH 781)  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34  
Psalm 97 (UMH 816)  
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
John 17:20-26

## May 15<sup>th</sup>, Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)  
Romans 8:14-17  
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

## May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Trinity Sunday & First Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm 8 (UMH 743)  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

## May 29<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 18:20-39  
Psalm 96  
Galatians 1:1-12  
Luke 7:1-10



## Parlor Cookies

Once again we are asking for donations of cookies for the parlor. This is an ongoing need. Look for sales and “two for one” and other deals when you happen to be out buying cookies for your home, why not pick up a package for the church as well, it would be greatly appreciated.

## Memorial Sunday

It's that time of year when we build our Memorial Cross. On Memorial Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> we will be selling red and white carnations for just a dollar a piece. Remember that white is for the deceased and red is for the living. After we fill the cross during the morning service, it will be put outside in the yard for all to see as they drive past.

We would also like to post the pictures of our loved ones that have served in the armed forces. If you would like to share pictures of your loved ones please see that your pictures have been turned into the office by Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you supplied a picture years past, we still have that on file and do not need to turn them in again for scanning, unless you did not see your picture up during the presentation last year, then please see Karen.

Thank you,  
The Worship Committee

## 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

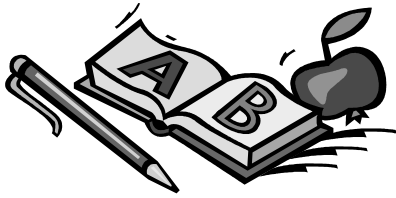
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## Missions & Outreach



### Preschool News

Our school year is drawing to a close. It's been a FAST year, but it's been FUN! We've learned our ABC's and 123's. You will hear some great songs on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join us as we celebrate the end of another preschool year. Open registration for 2016-2017 school year.

Many Blessings,  
Miss Kristen



### Operation Classroom

This is the time of year when we collect used and outdated devotional booklets, surplus Sunday school & Vacation Bible school materials, extra Bibles that aren't being used and ANY inspirational reading material.

All of these items are channeled through our conference and sent overseas to Africa where the people are hungry for Christian materials of all varieties. I am collecting items and will soon be delivering them to our Northern Indiana Distribution point.

Thank you,  
Fran



### Save The Date!

VBS is coming the week of July 11<sup>th</sup> ... spread the word to all the kids you know!

Our materials are entitled "Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love."

We're looking forward to an exciting week as we learn new songs, do crafts and study our bible lessons. Be sure to pass the word to friends and neighbors!

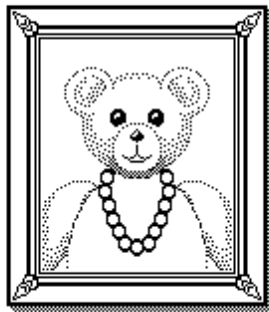
### ... Picnics... Graduation Parties...

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.

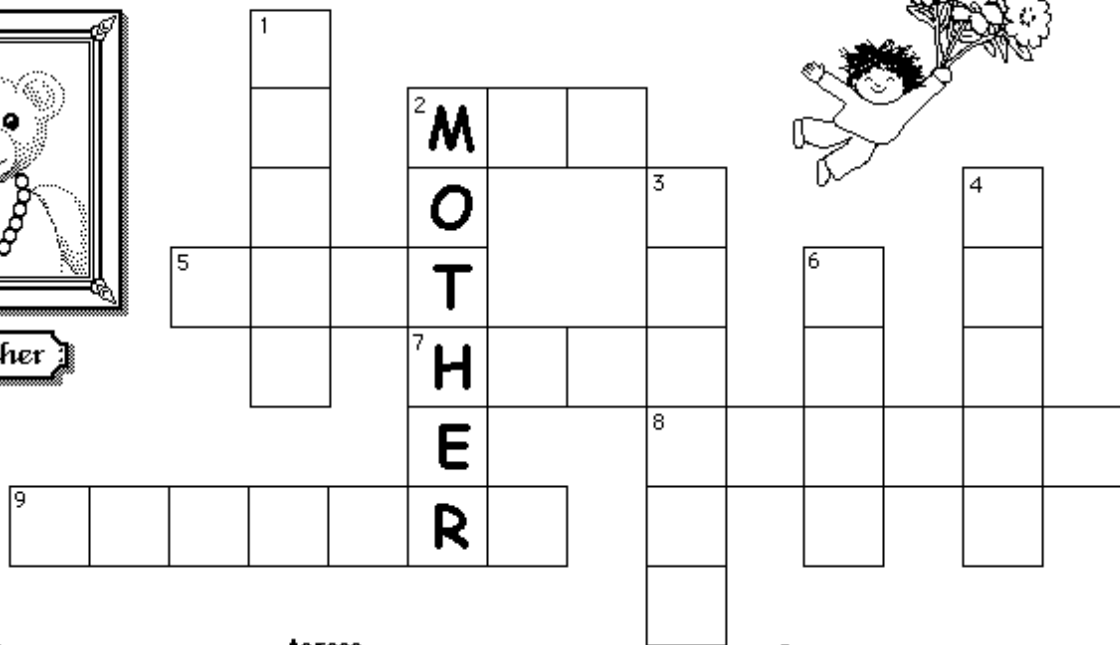
So, keep those cans rollin' in!

Thanks,  
Fran

# Mother's Day Crossword



Mother



### Word List

card      kisses  
 gift      thank  
 mom      spring  
 visit     flowers  
 hugs

### Across

2. A short name for Mother
5. A present
7. How about some \_\_\_\_\_ and kisses
8. The season is \_\_\_\_\_
9. She might plant these in her garden

### Down

1. We might go \_\_\_\_\_ Grandma
3. How about some hugs and \_\_\_\_\_
4. We say \_\_\_\_\_ you for the gifts
6. Mail a \_\_\_\_\_ to Grandma

# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2	3	4 6 PM Crochet	5 12 PM National Day of Prayer @ Bethel  <b>Ascension of the Lord National Day of Prayer</b>	6	7
8  <b>Ascension Sunday Mother's Day</b>	9	10	11 9:30 AM Ladies Fellowship 6 PM Crochet	12	13	14
15 Noisy Bucket Preschool Program Crochet Group Bake Sale  <b>Day of Pentecost</b>	16	17 7 PM Choir	18 6 PM Crochet	19 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Leo's	20	21  *Beacon Articles Due*
22 Peace with Justice Sunday (offering)	23 6:30 PM SPRC	24  <b>Aldersgate Day</b>	25 6 PM Crochet	26	27	28
29  <b>Memorial Sunday</b>	30 Office Closed  <b>Memorial Day</b>	31				

## Birthdays

- 6 Jeremy Adams
- 17 Dennis Foust
- 18 Shirley Milcherska
- 20 Eileen Davis
- 21 David Andert
- 25 Kim Dudeck
- 27 Marge Kinner
- 27 Betty Quiggle
- 27 Jon Baney
- 28 Buchanan Bourdon
- 30 Christine Banghart
- 31 Dale Cooper
- 31 Austin Sherk

## Anniversaries

- 9 David & Kathy Andert
- 11 Jim & Sharon Eaton
- 14 John & Pam Smiley
- 21 Brian & Trish O'Rourke
- 24 Andy & Georgia Batcho

## Nursery

- 1 Nicole Sickmiller
- 8 Barb Dixon
- 15 Deanie Kopec
- 22 Dorothy Axelberg
- 29 Madison Kopec

## Acolytes

- 1 Paul Sickmiller
- 8 Tyler Nokes, Dwight Handschu
- 15 Nic Sickmiller
- 22 Melanie Sickmiller
- 29 Paul Sickmiller

## Greeters

- Shirley Kling & Dee Perkins

## Liturgist

- Youth