



Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Family,

I hope that this newsletter finds each of you doing well. I know that many of us are checking the backyard to make sure the neighbor is not building an Ark. We did need rain but maybe not a whole month's worth in a couple of days. I hope that all of you are dried out or in the process of drying out like we are.

This next month I depart from the lectionary to explore a series by James Harnish titled "Earn, Save, Give" based upon John Wesley's thoughts on money. I am excited to see what Mr. Wesley has to say, but don't worry I am not preaching his sermons during the series. I hope you will come and join us to see what scripture and John Wesley has to say about earning, saving and giving as much as we can.

Well the calendar has flipped enough that we have the kids back in school. I pray that each child and parent has a blessed start to the new school year. I especially pray for those making the transition from one school to another and that they have an easy transition. Welcome to the students and teachers. May God bless all teachers, students and parents during this year.

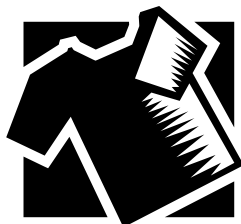
Our yearly Charge Conference is going to be held on October 23rd at Clay Church. That means we are in the process of scheduling and having all committee meetings between now and October 3rd. This will allow us to have all of the reports submitted to the conference by October 4th.

Hope that all of you have a blessed and wonderful Labor Day on September 5th.

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 4th

Charge Conference Has New Name

District Connection Day – previously titled Charge Conference will be on Sunday, October 23rd 3 PM at Clay Church (52866 Ironwood RD, South Bend IN 46635). All are welcomed to attend.

-Shirley Milcherska

Sunday Scripture Readings for September

September 4th, 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854)
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33

September 11th, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14 (UMH 746)
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

September 18th, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4 (UMH 741)
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

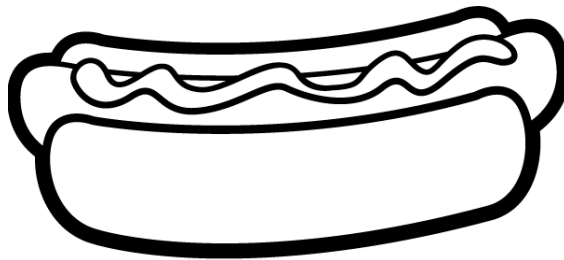
September 25th, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (UMH 810)
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31



The CROP Walk is Coming

Sunday, September 25th 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.



Come Out For A Cookout!
Monday, September 26th, 2016
6 PM

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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Prayer Concerns

Kevin Alfrey (Son-in-law of Maxine Davis)
David Andert
Billy Berry (Nephew of Cheryl Stratton)
Stephanie Czarnecki (Friend of Debbie Kopetski)
Jim Eaton
Ginger Edwards (Friend of Cheryl Stratton)
Abby Frick (Friend of Betty Foust)
Ethan Kanzinger (Cousin of Deanie Kopec)
Rick Kronwitter, (Friend of Wanda Nemes)
Dick Liechty (Brother of Vangie Gleason)
Nancy Looper (Friend of Betty Quiggle)
Janet Menting (Friend of Deanie Kopec)
Art Mikel
Patricia Mitschelen (Family of Shirley Kling)

Sue Munger (Friend of Betty Foust)
Lucy Overmyer
Leslie Phillips (Sister of Cheryl Stratton)
Carol Riddle
Jennifer Riddle
Dana Rohde (Cousin of Kathy Andert)
Family of Sarah Schwab (Teacher of Madison Kopec)
Heather Smith (Friend of Deanie Kopec)
Edna Steinbach (Sister of Debbie Steinbach)
Carter Ward (Friend of Axelberg Family)
Jean Weaver (Mother of Pastor Darrel Weaver)
Sandy Weaver (Friend of Wanda Nemes)
Mike & Ines Welsh (family of Lashell Stevens)

Joys & Blessings

We try to keep the list as current as possible. If you know of anyone who can be removed from the list, please contact the church office at 291-3070 or southlawnumc@gmail. Thank you.

Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!

Choir practice resumes on September 13th at 7 pm – 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!

Ladies Fellowship

Last month we took off due to vacations and hectic summer schedules, but... our next gathering will be in the Church parlor on Wednesday, September 14th at 9:30 AM. Please come and join our fellowship. We look forward to seeing you.

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 15th at 11:10 and carpool down to Leo's Restaurant in Lakeville for some good food and great fellowship. Please let Roger know if you'd like to join us. Hope to see you there!

... 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

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 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Communion Tee-shirt Sunday	5 Office Closed Labor Day	6	7 6 PM Crochet	8	9	10
11 Noisy Bucket	12 6:30 PM Nominations	13 7 PM Worship 7 PM Choir	14 9:30 AM Ladies Fellowship 6 PM Crochet	15 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group	16	17
18 Student Recognition	19 6:30 PM SPRC	20	21 6 PM Crochet	22	23	24
25 CROP Walk	26 6 PM Cook Out 6 PM Finance 7 PM Ad Board/Church Council	27	28 6 PM Crochet	29	30	

Birthdays

- 8 Sharon Kline
- 10 Elvis Balentine
- 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

- 4 Dorothy Axelberg
- 11 Madison Kopec
- 18 Nicole Sickmiller
- 25 Barb Dixon

Acolytes

- Schmok Family

Greeters

- Mary Carol Ringler & Dorothy
Axelberg

Liturgist

- Mary Carol Ringler