



Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Family,

As we see the leaves turning all of the beautiful colors this time of the year we will be soon looking out the window and see the winter approaching. With the change of the natural seasons we have a very busy November coming up as we start out with All Saints Day, Christ the King Sunday, and then Advent at the end of the month. Advent will continue until we reach Christmas day. Then we can relax and enjoy the season of Christmas which is followed by Epiphany starting January 1st.

I want us to keep in mind that the season of Advent is a special time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We tend to want to RUSH right thru Advent and go straight to Christmas. We should be allowing the Holy Spirit to build enthusiasm and joy about the birth event we are going to celebrate on Christmas day. Even with all of the sales, hustles, and bustles of getting ready for Christmas we need to take time daily to prepare our souls for the celebration of our Savior's birth. This is so when we get through Christmas we do not end up saying "Thank you Lord for it is all over for another year." But is it really over for the year or are we going to celebrate life each and every day? Our Savior came to be with us each and every day and not just on Christmas and Easter. In Jesus' life he taught, loved, healed and disciplined those around him each and every day of his life, he celebrated life each day.

I would like for all of us to think about what it means to be a "discipleR" who is involved in passionate, fruitful "DISCIPLE MAKING." What might this entail? Seeing people as children and realizing that they are searching for a relationship with us. We want to help foster a relationship with other people than we currently know. This relationship will help them understand why we are passionate about God. We want newcomers to have an experience with Church and God. We do not want it to be an obligation to come to church as this is not what worship is about. I would ask each of us to think about how we make a difference in the world each day? Are we the congregation ready to lose our life for Jesus Christ to accomplish making disciples for Jesus Christ and what does this look like for us?

Mark 8:34-35, "Then he called to him along with his disciples and Jesus said, Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it." Are we connecting the broken and hurting people around us in our community with Jesus Christ by giving the life of the church up for Jesus Christ? What is God asking us to do to make this connection in our personal and church lives?

I want each of us to ponder the questions each day in our devotional and prayer times so we receive guidance from God. Let us prepare for the celebration and go and be a discipleR of those seeking to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

Blessings,

Pastor Darrel Weaver
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Sunday Scripture Readings for November

November 6th, 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Psalm 150 (UMH 862)
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 13th, 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12
Psalm 118 (UMH 839)
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 20th, Last Sunday after Pentecost, Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 27th, 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122 (UMH 845)
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Ladies Fellowship

Calling all Ladies – Let's get together on Wednesday, November 9th at 9:30 AM ---- We'll count our blessings and fellowship together. See you there!

CROP Walk Report

Great news! Our Southlawn team of walkers raised \$220 for the 2016 CROP Walk! CROP is an acronym for, "Communities Responding to Overcoming Poverty". Thank you to our walkers and to all who pledged so generously... Great job Southlawn!

Men's Lunch Group

November is here, the leaves are down and Thanksgiving is upon us. Let's meet for lunch and remember the many things that we are thankful for. We'll meet at Leo's on Thursday, November 17th at 11:30 AM, meeting at the church 11:10 AM to carpool down. Hope to see you there. Please let Roger know if you plan on attending,



Poinsettias

Now is the time for everyone to have a chance to add to the décor of the sanctuary. Starting November 6th a signup sheet will be on the parlor bulletin board for poinsettias. As in the past just sign your name and the name of your honoree. The price for a 6" pot is \$5.00 and the color choices will be on the signup sheet. Please note color choices are subject to change when they are picked up. The deadline will be December 4th and the plants will be in the sanctuary December 11th. As always the plants are yours to take home.

Southlawn Singers

If you would like to contribute to the Worship experience please join us November 22nd at 7 PM for only an hour long choir practice. We will then sing on November 27th 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.

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

Bob & Virginia (In-Laws of Nancy Stajkowski's son)	Patricia Mitschelen (Family of Shirley Kling)
David Andert	Sue Munger (Friend of Betty Foust)
Billy Berry (Nephew of Cheryl Stratton)	Lucy Overmyer
Stephanie Czarnecki (Friend of Debbie Kopetski)	Leslie Phillips (Sister of Cheryl Stratton)
Jim Eaton	Carol Riddle
Ginger Edwards (Friend of Cheryl Stratton)	Jennifer Riddle
Abby Frick (Friend of Betty Foust)	Dana Rohde (Cousin of Kathy Andert)
Lillian Greenlee	Family of Sarah Schwab (Teacher of Madison Kopec)
Cliff & Betty Hamilton	Heather Smith (Friend of Deanie Kopec)
Ethan Kanzinger (Cousin of Deanie Kopec)	Angela Stajkowski (Sister-in-law of Nancy Stajkowski)
Rick Kronwitter, (Friend of Wanda Nemes)	Edna Steinbach (Sister of Debbie Steinbach)
Dick Liechty (Brother of Vangie Gleason)	Carter Ward (Friend of Axelberg Family)
Nancy Looper (Friend of Betty Quiggle)	Jean Weaver (Mother of Pastor Darrel Weaver)
Janet Menting (Friend of Deanie Kopec)	Sandy Weaver (Friend of Wanda Nemes)
Art Mikel	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.



Saturday, November 5th, 2016
9 AM – 2 PM

Threads of Hope by Carolyn's Sisters (formerly known as the Southlawn Crochet Group) will be sponsoring a rummage sale here at Southlawn on November 5th from 9 AM until 2 PM. We are asking for donations of items that we will tag and sell during this sale, and for baked goods to sell as well. All monies raised will be put towards the mission projects of the Church, such as: Broadway Lunch, First UMC Soup Kitchen, Youth Camp Fund and others. If you have items that you wish to donate, you may drop them off during the week (Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM) or on Sunday mornings.

Thank You

Your prayers, thoughtfulness and kindness have been much appreciated. Your love has made the recovery easier.

God bless you all!
Mary Carol Ringler

Acolytes Alcove

We are re-evaluating our acolyte service each Sunday. The coming winter weather may make it difficult for some of our acolytes to be at church. Therefore, for the coming year the acolytes will serve on special Sundays and the first of every month for communion. On other Sundays the candles will be lit shortly before the service and extinguished shortly after the service. If anyone would like to become an acolyte please let Paul Sickmiller or Kathy Andert know. Everyone is welcome.

The Worship Committee

Children of Eden

December 1st, 2nd & 3rd

7 PM at Clay High School

Tickets are \$5 each. Our own talented Madison Kopec will be in the ensemble of this beautiful show.

Hanging of the Greens

Calling all elves! Calling all elves! The time is fast approaching for the hanging of the greens. We will be meeting at 10:00 AM Saturday November 26th. All are invited to participate in the fun and fellowship. Following the work (I mean fun) we will have a light lunch at noon. Anyone wishing to bring refreshments is also welcome. This is a great way to start your own holiday's, so come on down!

Thanks, Kathy



Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving from all of us here at Southlawn!

"If You Knew Me, You'd Love Me"

Finding common ground at very special concert by The Ripple Effect

It seems everywhere we look; people are taking sides and calling names. How can we learn to find common ground? On Sunday, November 20th, Sherry K's groundbreaking vocal group The Ripple Effect presents the 2nd annual "If You Knew Me, You'd Love Me" concert -- an afternoon of music and words designed to build understanding. Uplifting songs of unity and inspiration will be interwoven with speakers from the community who will share personal stories of feeling misunderstood in our society today. The event takes place in Little Theatre at Saint Mary's College.

You'll hear a wide variety of great songs delivered by the choir with plenty of style—everything from pop, gospel, country, and even a Muppets classic, to a world premiere of an original Sherry K choral work.

You will also hear words spoken from the heart by a Muslim, an introvert, a teenager, a man with Parkinson's disease, a woman suffering the loss of infant twins, and a young gay man who became homeless when he came out to his family. Their stories will help us reach a fuller understanding of each other.

Following the concert you can participate in a group discussion on the importance of breaking down barriers and building bridges within our community, facilitated by Charlotte Pfeifer, prominent community service leader and human rights activist.

The program begins at 4:00 PM. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10, and can be purchased from any Ripple Effect member or at the door. Ten percent of the monetary proceeds will be donated to the Islamic Society of Michiana.

Little Theatre is located on the campus of Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Call 574-291-9044 or email sherry@sherryk.com for more info. Don't miss this powerful and moving event!

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Saints Day	2 6 PM Crochet	3	4 World Community Day	5 9 AM – 2 PM Rummage & Bake Sale
6 Communion All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time Ends	7	8	9 9:30 AM Ladies Fellowship 6 PM Crochet	10	11	12
13 Noisy Bucket	14 *Beacon Articles Due*	15	16 6 PM Crochet	17 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group at Leo's	18	19
20 Christ the King Sunday	21	22 7 PM Choir	23	24 Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	25	26 10 AM Hanging of the Greens
27 1st Sunday of Advent	28	29	30 6 PM Crochet			

Birthdays

- 2 Treva Frick
- 4 Madison Kopec
- 6 Kay Beyer
- 6 "Sugar" Ray Robinson
- 13 Tyler Nokes
- 17 Tonya Fletcher
- 18 Rose Ann Miller
- 21 Bill Linn

Anniversaries

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

Nursery

- 6 Deanie Kopec
- 13 Dorothy Axelberg
- 20 Madison Kopec
- 27 Nicole Sickmiller

Acolytes

- 6 Shirley Milcherska
- 13 Tyler Nokes
- 20 Shirley Milcherska
- 27 Shirley Milcherska

Greeters

- Fran & Ron Ritter

Liturgist

- Jerry Kline