



## Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Family,

We entered the time of Advent at the end of November. Remember that Advent is the season where we are looking at the culmination of Jesus' time on earth and everything he has given with his life. It is also a time where we are looking forward to his return to establish God's New Kingdom forever. Advent is also the time of anticipation of the celebration of Jesus Christ's first birth. 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

My hopes and prayers are that we remember to celebrate both seasons at the beginning of the Christian year. I would like each of us to thank God for what he has accomplished each and every day in our lives. Jesus was not only with us as that little baby that we will celebrate his birth on Christmas Day but he was with us fully as man. He was teaching and reinforcing God's hopes and desires for his creation. Please take time to marvel at the goodness that is around each of us this month. Remember that the light shines and darkness is caused to disappear.

The celebration is about our Savior's life and his birth during the season of Advent and Christmas.

God's blessing fall upon each of you during this festive time.

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 14<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 14<sup>th</sup> and remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas".

### Children of Eden

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

7 PM at Clay High School

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

### Southlawn Singers

If you would like to contribute to the Worship experience please join us December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM for only an hour long choir practice. This year's delightful Christmas Cantata is titled, "Joy!" a lovely and heartfelt work by Joel Raney & Ed Hogan. We have the privilege of having Lakeville's Choir join us again this year in bolstering our own Southlawn Singer's voices and numbers. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors this wonderful holiday selections on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> during the Worship Service and also again on Christmas Eve 11 PM at Lakeville UMC.

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.

# Sunday Scripture Readings for December

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

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (UMH 795)  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

## December 11<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10  
Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

## December 18<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801)  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

### Poinsettias

Now is the time for everyone to have a chance to add to the décor of the sanctuary. There is a signup sheet 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 4<sup>th</sup> and the plants will be in the sanctuary December 11<sup>th</sup>. As always the plants are yours to take home.

### Carry-in Dinner & Secret Pal Reveal

After hearing such a wonderful Christmas Cantata, stay and join in the fellowship or our annual Christmas Carry-in Lunch. Bring a dish to share with others, tableware and drinks will be provided. Following the Carry-in the Secret Pal ladies will meet in the parlor for their Christmas Get Together in the Parlor. We hope to have all our ladies here for our big reveal of who was one another's secret pal.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve / Watch Night

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

### Men's Lunch Group

We have counted our many blessings as we've celebrated a wonderful Thanksgiving. Let's meet together on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> as we prepare for the Christmas season. We'll meet at Leo's on Thursday, December 15<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

### Notes of Thanks

Thank you to Betty Foust and those that helped with the church rummage sale. A fantastic job, \$970 raised for Missions!

Thank you to our church secretary, Karen. We appreciate our updated Directory. You did an excellent job  
-The Congregation & Pastor



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!

### 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)
Billy Berry (Nephew of Cheryl Stratton)	Sue Munger (Friend of Betty Foust)
Michael Bowers (Son of Betty Bowers)	Leslie Phillips (Sister of Cheryl Stratton)
Stephanie Czarnecki (Friend of Debbie Kopetski)	Carol Riddle
Jim & Sharon Eaton	Jennifer Riddle
Ginger Edwards (Friend of Cheryl Stratton)	Dana Rohde (Cousin of Kathy Andert)
Abby Frick (Friend of Betty Foust)	Family of Sarah Schwab (Teacher of Madison Kopec)
Lillian Greenlee	Heather Smith (Friend of Deanie Kopec)
Cliff & Betty Hamilton	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	

### 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.

## Christmas Word Jumble

Unscramble these words that you might expect to find in the Christmas story.  
If you need help, the words are listed below the puzzle -- but not in order!

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. NNI _____       | 8. RTAS _____    |
| 2. ESEHHDPSR _____ | 9. NYOKDE _____  |
| 3. HWORISP _____   | 10. YABB _____   |
| 4. JHOPSE _____    | 11. RMGENA _____ |
| 5. TEHMHELBE _____ | 12. SSJEU _____  |
| 6. YMRA _____      | 13. IGFST _____  |
| 7. LATESB _____    | 14. AGLSEN _____ |

Mary	stable	inn	angels
Joseph	donkey	Jesus	gifts
manger	worship	Bethlehem	
star	shepherds	baby	

## **Broadway Christian Parish Jubilee Christmas Store**

It's that time again; time to start thinking about this year's Christmas Jubilee Store. The Jubilee Store shopping event will be held on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at Broadway Christian Parish United Methodist Church in South Bend, from 9 AM until 6 PM. The Christmas Store includes a shopping room for parents/caregivers to select and wrap free gifts for their children.

This event also includes a space for children to sit and listen to the story of Christmas and do crafts. The children will also be given a gift bag for mom and/or dad. Families are served without regards to church membership or religious orientation. Each year more than 350 children ages birth to 18 years receive gifts. Families are also given a food basket for an entire holiday meal.

We invite you to volunteer your time helping with set up, shopping with the children, gift wrapping, greetings, or any of the other tasks which help make the Christmas Jubilee shopping day go smoothly and joyfully for everyone.

Volunteers are needed: Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1 PM for set-up and Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 8 AM. We are asking volunteers to commit to two hour blocks of time or more. Contact Broadway's office to let them know when you and or your group plan to be there. It is a wonderful and celebratory time! The Christmas Store is a wonderful way to celebrate the coming of the Messiah!

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### **Items Needed for the Jubilee Christmas Store**

Christmas Wrapping Paper

Christmas Gift Bags: lunch bag size, up to 7"x9" NO small or big

### **Gifts for Kids:**

Athletic Equipment: footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, baseballs, baseball gloves/bats, sleds, roller skates, skateboards, and any other sports equipment that kids would like.

Make Believe Toys: Barbie dolls, African American dolls, Hispanic dolls, baby dolls, doll clothes, boy dolls, play kitchens, play food, tea sets, play jewelry, all Disney related items, train sets, cars, trucks, remote controlled cars, Hot Wheels cars.

Building Toys: Legos, Lego Duplos, Megablocks, Kinex, Tinker Toys, Lincoln Logs, wooden blocks, etc.

Games: Monopoly, Connect Four, Clue, Sorry, Battleship, Apples to Apples, Bilingual Games, games for younger and older kids, etc.

Miscellaneous: All Fisher Price, Playskool or Little Tykes toys, coloring books, crayons, school supplies, backpacks, books (all ages – toddler thru young adult), and Bilingual books.

Candy: FUN SIZE candy bars for stocking stuffers. Must be individually wrapped. Examples: Hershey Minis, Snickers, 3 Musketeers, Twix, Reese Cups, any chocolate bars. Hershey's Kisses, Bottle Caps, Jelly Belly Beans, Skittles, Milk Duds, Malt Balls, etc. **We will be filling 350+ Christmas stockings.**

Art: Magnadoodle, Spirograph, paint sets, craft kits, water colors & paint activity books, markers, crayons (48 pack) and other art supplies for older youth, drawing tablets and pencils.

Teens: Makeup, nail polish, nail files, nail clippers, Chap Stick, toiletries, jewelry, cologne, aftershave, inexpensive watches or digital cameras with extra batteries, backpacks, and sports related items, posters, socks, sweat pants, hooded sweatshirts, tee shirts, warm gloves. **In need of items for teenage boys.**

### **Gifts for Parent(s) and Caregivers:**

Women: warm gloves & hats, small box candy, makeup, toiletries, cologne, body wash, watches, coffee cups, kitchen towel sets, and other small items Mom might like.

Men: warm gloves & hats, tee shirts, watches, aftershave, toiletries, coffee mugs, small box candy, small tool kits, cologne, decks of cards, and any other small items Dad might like.

# December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	5	6 7 PM Choir	7 6 PM Crochet	8	9	10
11 Noisy Bucket Christmas Cantata 11 AM Christmas Carry-in Dinner Secret Pal Party  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	12  *Beacon Articles Due*	13	14 9:15 AM Ladies Fellowship meeting in parking lot 6 PM Crochet	15 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Leo's	16	17 9 AM – 6 PM Broadway's Jubilee Christmas Store
18  <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	19	20	21 6 PM Crochet	22	23	24 7 PM Service 11 PM Cantata @ Lakeville UMC  <b>Christmas Eve</b>
25  <b>Christmas Day</b>	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 6 PM Crochet	29	30	31  <b>Watch Night Eve</b>

## Birthdays

- 6 Marty Hanley
- 9 John Hanley
- 10 Jennifer Riddle
- 14 Lois Coney Woodburn
- 15 Ralph Jernigan
- 16 Fran Lapkiewicz
- 21 Darrel Weaver
- 23 J.D. De Souza
- 26 Wanda Nemes
- 26 Carol Hesch
- 28 Dave Sills
- 28 Debbie Kopetski
- 28 Paivi Ekroth
- 30 Allen Sherk II

## Anniversaries

## Nursery

- 4 Barb Dixon
- 11 Deanie Kopec
- 18 Dorothy Axelberg
- 25 Madison Kopec

## Acolytes

Schmok Family

## Greeters

Dave & Vangie Gleason

## Liturgist

Bill Slater