



The Southlawn Beacon

A lighthouse of love & concern for all people

Ladies Fellowship

Hi ladies – keeping well? January has been a very interesting mix of weather. Hope February is kind and mild.

Don't forget there will be no Ladies Fellowship this month – see you all in April.

Singers, Musicians & the Tech Savvy

There are sign-up sheets in the office if you are interested in a service for the church. Don't sing but can play an instrument... just as good, put your name on the Sunday that you would like to play for us. Please also consider signing up to help out with sound. We're only asking for a possible once a month commitment. There will be a training session once a few sign-up.

Thank you all for considering signing up for these wonderful services to the church.

Men's Lunch Group

January has been a very interesting roller-coaster of temperatures, but without all the snow. We'll meet at Leo's on Thursday, February 16th at 11:30 AM, meeting at the church 11:10 AM to carpool down. Please let Roger Riddle know if you would like to join in with us. Hope to see you there!



February 21st 7 PM practice, singing February 26th

March 14th 7 PM practice, singing March 19th

April 11th 7 PM practice, singing April 16th Easter

May 16th 7 PM practice, singing 21st

Prayer Concerns

Bob & Virginia (In-Laws of Nancy Stajkowski's son)
Billy Berry (Nephew of Cheryl Stratton)
Stephanie Czarnecki (Friend of Debbie Kopetski)
Jim & Sharon Eaton
Ginger Edwards (Friend of Cheryl Stratton)
Abby Frick (Friend of Betty Foust)
Cliff & Betty Hamilton
Rick Kronwitter, (Friend of Wanda Nemes)
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)
Leslie Phillips (Sister of Cheryl Stratton)
Carol Riddle
Jennifer Riddle
Dana Rohde (Cousin of Kathy Andert)
Family of Sarah Schwab (Teacher of Madison Kopec)
Angela Stajkowski (Sister-in-law of Nancy Stajkowski)
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)

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 southlawnnumc@gmail. Thank you.

Sunday Scripture Readings for February

February 5th, 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-12
 Psalm 112: 1-10 (UMH 833)
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12
 Matthew 5:13-20

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
 Psalm 119:33:40 (UMH 841-842)
 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23
 Matthew 5:38-48

February 12th, 6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
 Psalm 119:1-8 (UMH 840-841)
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
 Matthew 5:21-37

February 26th, 8th Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 24:12-18
 Psalm 99 (UMH 819)
 2 Peter 1:16-21
 Matthew 17:1-9

February 19th, 7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Attention Church Key Holders

The Board of Trustees is asking anyone that has been issued a key to the church to return it if they no longer need one. When the church nominates new chairpersons, most of the time these people do not have a church key to unlock the church for their committee meetings. Therefore, if the last chairperson does not return their key, we have to have new ones made. We do not have extra keys as they are expensive to buy. Also some members have passed away and we would appreciate it if those keys are returned.

If you are not a chairperson and do not use your key, please return it. If you use it regularly, that is fine. A Trustee member will be in contact with all key holders to verify use of their issued keys. We appreciate your help with this matter.

The Board of Trustees

Love One Another



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Chancel Flowers

The 2017 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

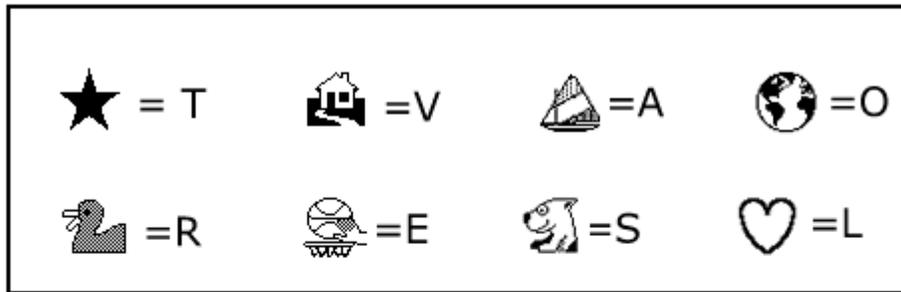
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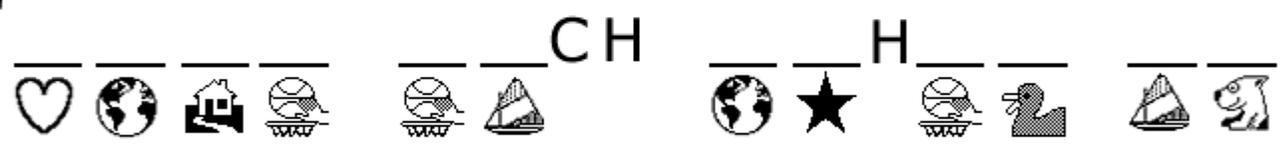
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John 15:12 (NIV)



United Methodist Churches of Indiana

What is MISSIONAL about Making Pastoral Appointments?

As the 2017 “appointment season” begins to unfold, the following is intentionally provided by Bishop Trimble and the Appointive Cabinet (10 Conference Superintendents in 10 districts) as a way to make pastors and congregation leadership more aware of the process for pastoral appointments in The United Methodist Church in Indiana. All too often, the process can look complex, arbitrary, or even mysterious when left to speculation. But in fact, there is a specific pattern and method in Indiana that may be a surprise to even the most “seasoned” United Methodist. The desired outcome of pastoral appointments is to bring about transformation of lives in the mission field of vital congregations through the Good News of Jesus Christ. The following discussion provides the backdrop for the selection process for the vast majority of full-time pastoral appointments (but is not intended to be a detailed description of the United Methodist appointment process).

Fundamental to much of our MISSIONAL appointment making is the profile work that is done as a collaborative effort in consultation between Conference Superintendents, pastors, and Staff Parish Relations Committees (SPRC). This consultative process is central for the purpose of identifying the well-documented factors of a PROFILE that will be essential for matching the next leader for disciple making ministry. Missional decision making is focused first on the ministry of Jesus Christ. Church can no longer be about what we like, it must be about the One (Jesus) we love.

Whether the pastoral vacancy has been the result of a retirement, a church with a pastor who has been appointed to a different church, a request for pastoral change from the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), or other factors, a well-documented PROFILE will be central to successfully providing for the next chapter in ministry. The process works from the perspective of effectively filling vacancies, so the church PROFILE tells the story of the prospective congregation and community in an attempt to answer the questions about what kind of pastor is best suited for the next chapter in that particular ministry setting.

The profile will include gathering information about important attributes, values, activities and ministries of the church’s current setting, as well as sharing about characteristics that are desirable for the next pastor to lead the congregation and community well beyond the church walls for the purpose and mission of Jesus Christ. Completed in consultation with the SPRC and the Conference Superintendent of the district, the profile is shared in written form with all the

members of Appointive Cabinet, the Executive Assistant to the Bishop, and Bishop Trimble to prepare for the work of discernment.

Profiles are also a part of the process for pastors. Pastor Profiles take shape in a variety of ways including a “profile form,” summer conversation meetings with the Conference Superintendents, clergy assessment, and indicators for leadership and disciple making outcomes in the ministry setting. In the case of Provisional Elders, Associate Members, and Elders, each pastor has vowed to be fully itinerant (willing to move when so appointed by the Bishop). Itinerancy is expected unless the pastor has filed a “limited itinerancy form” with the Conference Superintendent of the district detailing a request for special consideration, understanding the possible limiting effects if granted. Limited itinerancy requests may be granted but are not guaranteed.

The method of “filling” an open appointment is a discernment process that very quickly is surrounded in prayer. With Bishop Trimble and the Conference Superintendents praying over the attributes and needs identified in the church’s profile, the process for each church appointment includes a time for prayer and a time of silent reflection that the Holy Spirit will guide our understanding and open our hearts and minds to the will of God as a new pastoral leader is identified.

Only after a time of prayer does a discussion begin to take place about naming possible pastors for the profiled church. After a time for discussing and nominating potential pastors, there is another pause for prayer before a vote of recommendation is made and a resulting appointment is made by our bishop. It is not unusual for that process to last an hour or more to arrive at the final selection for a church. In keeping with the prayer focus in our appointive work, lay and clergy are encouraged to lift up the bishop and Appointive Cabinet in prayer in a particular way during this season.

So what is ‘missional’ about all of this?

- We believe that the prayer-filled process leads us to discern God’s will in making appointments that will glorify the work of Christ in a particular ministry setting.
- We believe that missional appointments will be strategic in attempts to match the characteristics of the congregation and community with the gifts and strengths of the pastor to maximize our fruitfulness in the transforming work of reaching people with the Gospel and leading them to become and live as disciples of Jesus. We will expect to be very intentional to pair our brightest and best pastors with churches that have demonstrated a high degree of readiness to make disciples.

Even so, there will likely be challenges to personal assumptions along the way. For example there will, of course, be times when the compensation levels are a minor factor in missional appointment making. And many churches will desire a “young pastor” with a family to live in the parsonage. Missional appointment making is focused on matching profiles and ministry, not ages. More specifically, Bishop Trimble and Cabinet believe the Gospel calls us to make appointments based on the spiritual gifts, emotional intelligence, and personal hunger to lead others to Christ and be His disciples, of our pastors and our congregations, rather than a particular pastor’s “seniority in ministry” or being limited by race, gender, age, or other external factors.

We have heard it said many times that making one good appointment is easy, making one hundred good appointments is much more difficult. In practice, that is very true but we will continue to be in conversation with pastors, local church leaders, and Conference leadership so that we can be in the best possible place to be missional in our appointment making work for the mission of Jesus Christ!

- Larry K. Whitehead, Dean of the Appointive Cabinet
Conference Superintendent serving the North District

[for more detailed appointment making information, you are invited to review paragraphs 338, and 425-428 in the 2016 Book of Discipline]

February 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6 PM Crochet	2 Presentation of the Lord Candlemas	3	4
5 Communion	6	7	8 6 PM Crochet	9	10	11
12 Noisy Bucket	13	14	15 6 PM Crochet	16 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Leo's	17	18
19	20 Presidents Day	21 7 PM Choir *Beacon Articles Due*	22 6 PM Crochet	23	24	25
26 Transfiguration of the Lord	27	28				

Birthdays

- 4 Bill Slater
- 6 Paul Sickmiller
- 13 Nancy Wolfe
- 13 Deanie Kopec
- 14 Sharon Eaton
- 15 Norm Milcherska
- 16 Brian Nokes
- 18 Justin Urbin
- 18 Nolan O'Rourke

Anniversaries

- 4 Ralph & Mary Beth
Kifowit