



# The Southlawn Beacon

A lighthouse of love & concern for all people

## Ladies Fellowship

Happy March Ladies – hopefully you all are keeping healthy during the interesting February weather. Let’s hope that the little ground hog wasn’t right and spring is soon to come and stay or at least level out the temperatures on the nicer side. 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

Winter is nearly over (if it ever really started) and spring is somewhere around the corner, hopefully, to stay. Also, we will lose one hour on the 12<sup>th</sup> – “Daylight Savings”. So let’s meet for another hour for lunch and talk about what we’ll do with another hour of daylight we will gain. We will meet at Leo’s on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 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!



March 14<sup>th</sup> 7 PM practice, singing March 19<sup>th</sup>

April 11<sup>th</sup> 7 PM practice, singing April 16<sup>th</sup> Easter

May 16<sup>th</sup> 7 PM practice, singing 21<sup>st</sup>

## Prayer Concerns

Bob & Virginia (In-Laws of Nancy Stajkowski’s son)  
Billy Berry (Nephew of Cheryl Stratton)  
Michael Bowers (Son of Betty Bowers)  
Jim & Sharon Eaton  
Ginger Edwards (Friend of Cheryl Stratton)  
Lillian Greenlee  
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)  
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 southlawnmc@gmail. Thank you.

# Sunday Scripture Readings for March

## Lectionary

### March 1<sup>st</sup>, Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17  
Psalm 51:1-17 (UMH 785)  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7  
Psalm 32 (UMH 766)  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

### March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121 (UMH 844)  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

### March 19<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

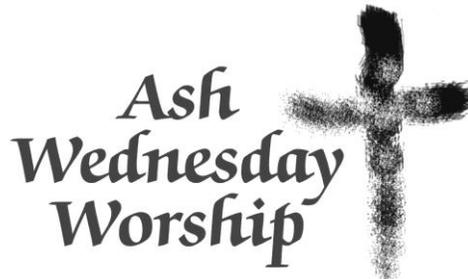
Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 85 (UMH 814)  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

### March 26<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

## Legend of the Shamrock

Long ago, when Ireland was the land of Druids, there was a great Bishop, Patrick by name, who came to teach the word of God throughout the country. One day, however, a group of his followers came to him and admitted that it was difficult for them to believe in the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. St. Patrick reflected a moment and then, stooping down, he plucked a leaf from the shamrock and held it before them, bidding them to behold the living example of the "Three-in-One." St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The simple beauty of this explanation convinced these skeptics, and from that day the shamrock has been revered throughout Ireland.



Broadway Christian Parish  
Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7 PM

Wednesday Vespers @ 7 PM  
Lenten Study Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM

Contact Pastor Bette for more information  
574289-0333 or 574-229-7810



Start of  
Daylight  
Savings...  
**SPRING  
FORWARD!**

Don't forget to "Spring Forward" before heading to bed on March 11<sup>th</sup> to be ready for Church on time on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 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

Marge Kinner

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## Where Have All the Prophets Gone?

To preach biblically is to preach prophetically. Loving God and following Jesus who calls us to love our neighbor is a reminder for me that no flag of any country flies higher than the cross.

“Learn to do right! Encourage the oppressed, defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.” -Isaiah 1:17

The evangelical witness of the Methodist Movement has in every age “sought to exercise their responsibility for the moral and spiritual quality of society.” We try as best we can to allow our witness to flow from our commitment to be the Church as an instrument of God’s grace.

As our clergy enter the ministry, they are asked if they know our general rules and intend to follow them. Doing no harm, doing good of every possible sort, and by attending upon all ordinances of God (Staying in love with God.)

“Our historic opposition to evils such as smuggling, inhumane prison conditions, slavery, drunkenness, and child labor was founded upon a vivid sense of God’s wrath against human injustice and wastage.” (*United Methodist Book of Discipline, General Rules and Social Principles*)

Long before I was born into the Methodist Church, the struggle for human dignity and social reform was championed by women and men who believed that Jesus, himself; demonstrated love, mercy, and justice.

I have been richly blessed by pastors and laypeople who taught me that people of all nations, races, religions, and cultures are to be respected and find a welcome in our church and community.

The recent presidential executive order restricting travel and immigration to the United States by residents of seven countries has created great angst and stress for immigrants, refugees, workers and international students who currently live in the United States.

Many of our schools including our United Methodist-related institutions house and educate students, as well as provide teaching space for faculty from the impacted countries and realize that refusing to accept immigrants out of fear is simply unjust.

We who embrace the best of the Wesleyan tradition of scriptural and social holiness must not push the mute button on our prophetic witness of teaching and preaching.

The prophetic voice from biblical teaching results in comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable in ways that call us to rise to our highest Christ-like potential.

Millions of people are on the move across the globe due to war, violence, poverty, and pain. Our nation has historically extended a welcome to immigrants and refugees seeking safety and opportunity for education and work.

We who are called to be people of prayer and action can stand with those who seek safety and fair treatment.

We can ask President Trump and our other elected officials to pursue a more inclusive way of promoting the welfare of the nation and the common good for our society. Heavy-handed national security measures must not overshadow our faith in the beauty of diversity and justice for all.

Be Encouraged,  
Bishop Julius C. Trimble  
Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church  
United Methodist Immigration Task Force

# The Transfiguration

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 9:28-36 (NIV).



D Y G M S T A L K I N G I M J  
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FLASH	LIGHTNING	MOSES	JOHN	MOUNTAIN
CLOUD	PETER	CHANGED	VOICE	JESUS
JAMES	PRAY	CHOSEN	CLOTHES	ELIJAH
TALKING	FACE	BRIGHT	APPEARED	DISCIPLES

# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Service @ Broadway 7 PM	2	3	4
			<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		World Day of Prayer	
5 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Communion	6	7	8 6 PM Crochet	9	10	11
12 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Noisy Bucket  Daylight Saving Time begins	13	14 7 PM Choir	15 6 PM Crochet	16 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Leo's	17	18
19 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Choir Singing	20	21  <b>*Beacon articles due*</b>	22 6 PM Crochet	23	24	25
26 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> One Great Hour of Sharing (offering)	27	28	29 6 PM Crochet	30	31	

## Birthdays

- 1 Bud Eby
- 2 Danny Hamilton
- 3 Clinton Chamberlin
- 7 Shannon Kling
- 11 Nonie Hertel
- 11 Taylor Axelberg
- 11 Lileah Apple
- 13 Eugene Dudeck
- 14 Colleen O'Rourke
- 17 Patty McConnell
- 22 Kayleigh Urbin
- 27 Ed Davis

## Anniversaries

- 20 Shannon & Joyce Kling
- 23 Dennis & Betty Foust

## Liturgist

Jerry Kline