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Choir practice will be on Saturday, October 21st at 2 PM
and will be singing on Sunday, October 22nd.

District Connection Day

District Connection Day (Charge Conference) will be on Sunday, November 12th 3 PM at South Bend Grace United Methodist Church (3012 Twyckenham Dr. South Bend, IN 46614). All are welcomed to attend.

Ladies Fellowship

Leaves are turning colors and signs of Fall are all around us. It was a fast, hot Summer! These cooler temperatures feel pretty good. We will be meeting on October 11th at 9:30 am in the Parlor to share our autumnal thoughts and fellowship with one another.

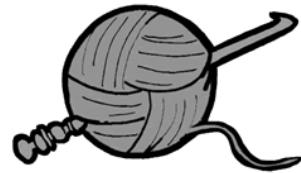
See you there!

Men's Lunch Group

Doesn't seem possible but autumn is here. The leaves are turning and we've had a few chilly mornings. So why don't we take a break from the outdoor fall chores and have lunch? We'll meet at Angelo's on Thursday, October 19th at 11:30 AM.

Hope to see you there.

Please let me know if you plan on attending,
Roger Riddle



Prayer Shawls

Please be sure to contact either Betty Foust (574-274-2712) or Karen Nokes in the church office (574-291-3070) if you would like a prayer shawl. We like to keep an inventory of who the shawl goes to and who made the shawl. With such a high demand at times for shawls we also like to have a set supply available for emergency situations and we wish to have them ready to be sent out as quickly as possible. Thank you for all your support and generous donations over the years, we hope to keep this mission strong and thriving for years to come.

Thank You

I would personally like to thank our little green-thumbed angels for tending the flower beds in front of the church and making our entrance beautiful this summer!

Sincerely,
Karen Nokes



Sunday Scripture Readings for October

October 1, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1–7
Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16 (UMH 799)
Philippians 2:1–13
Matthew 21:23–32

October 22, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12–23
Psalm 99 (UMH 819)
1 Thessalonians 1:1–10
Matthew. 22:15–22

October 8, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20
Psalm 19 (UMH 750)
Philippians 3:4b–14
Matthew 21:33–46

October 29, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1–12
Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17 (UMH 789)
1 Thessalonians 2:1–8
Matthew 22:34–46

October 15, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1–14
Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23 (UMH 829)
Philippians 4:1–9
Matthew 22:1–14



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Threads of Hope by Carolyn's Sisters will be sponsoring a free will offering rummage sale here at Southlawn on October 14th from 8 AM until 11 AM. All monies raised will be put towards the materials that are needed for the prayer shawls, hats, and blankets that are made throughout the year.

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Marriage Retreat

Immanuel United Methodist Church is hosting a Marriage Retreat titled *7 Principles for Making Marriage Work*. The event will be 2 days: Friday evening October 27th and Saturday 28th from 9am to 4pm. There is a \$100 per couple charge. Please see the posted information in the back hall.

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

Southlawn Shut-ins

Nancy Wolf

Woodland Terrace:
Treva Frick
Nonie Hertel

Marge Kinner

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"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 Saturday, October 28, Sherry K's groundbreaking vocal group The Ripple Effect presents the 3rd annual "If You Knew Me, You'd Love Me" concert -- an evening 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 at St. Peter's United Church of Christ.

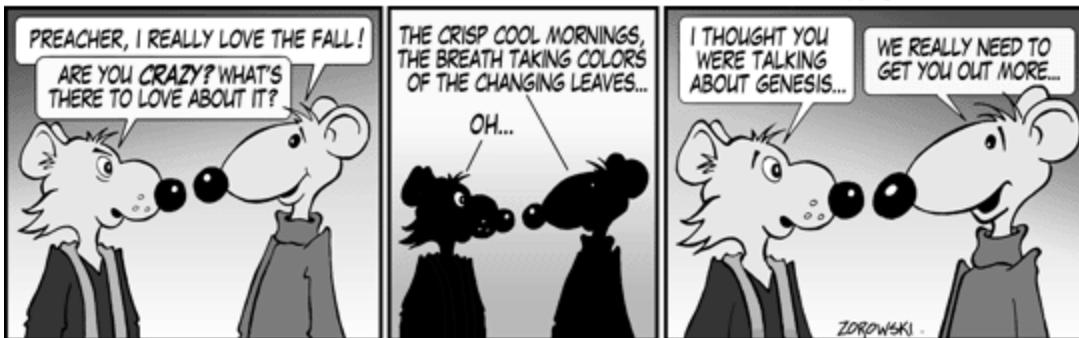
You'll hear a wide variety of great songs delivered by the choir with plenty of styles—everything from pop and Broadway to spirituals and more, including a nationally celebrated Sherry K original anthem. Following the concert, you can participate in a group discussion with the speakers to explore breaking down barriers.

The program begins at 6:30 p.m. 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 go to the Northeast Neighborhood Community Center Food Pantry. Attendees may also contribute to the pantry by bringing non-perishable food items.

St. Peter's United Church of Christ is located at 915 N. Ironwood in South Bend. Call 574-291-9044 or e-mail sherry@sherryk.com for more info. Don't miss this powerful and moving event!

Church Mice

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Prayer Concerns

David & Kathy Andert
Jon Baney
Billy Berry (Nephew of Cheryl Stratton)
Ginger Edwards (Friend of Cheryl Stratton)
Roger Day & Family (Family of Dorothy Axelberg)
Charles Foust (Father of Dennis Foust)
Dennis Hudak
Joyce Kling (Daughter-in-law of Shirley Kling)
Rick Kronwitter (Friend of Wanda Nemes)
Nancy Looper (Friend of Betty Quiggle)
Janet Menting (Friend of Deanie Kopec)
Art Mikel
Jean Murdock (Mother of Dorothy Axelberg)

Leslie Phillips (Sister of Cheryl Stratton)
Jennifer Rex (Daughter of Fran Lapkiewicz)
Carol Riddle
James Riddle (Grandson of Roger & Carol)
Family of Sarah Schwab (Friend of Kopec Family)
Scot Shearer (Friend of Debbie Kopetski)
Angela Stajkowski (Sister-in-law of Nancy Stajkowski)
Edna Steinbach (Sister of Debbie Steinbach)
Cheryl & Sonny Stratton
Sandy Weaver (Friend of Wanda Nemes)
Mike & Ines Welsh (family of Lashell Stevens)
Jason Wilson (Friend of the Sills Family)

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.com. Thank you.

Dear Beloved,
As the world looks to offer thoughts, prayers for safety and healing; as well as to provide support for all those impacted by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana and those in the path of Hurricane Irma across the Caribbean, Florida, South Carolina, I give great thanks for the outpouring of love and support through prayers. I am also called to remember that we are each counted in the number. Yes, we must all remember that when one suffers, we all suffer as we remain connected in oneness.

Yesterday, I had the pleasure of engaging with leaders from across the Conference at the Bishop's Multiplication Summit at Castleton United Methodist Church. During our time together Pastor Sergio Reyes, who serves at Iglesia Christina Gethsemani in the Fort Wayne area, shared that there is a heightened sense of anxiety throughout the country, as many in our Hispanic/Latino communities are feeling vulnerable and troubled because of the current administration's recent comments and actions in regards to the suspension of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which reignites the threat of deportation for nearly 800,000 people in the United States.

Where are we as the Church and as those who call ourselves Christians to our brothers and sisters who are suffering from the fear that they will face circumstances that will rip them away from the only lives they have ever known?

It has been said that the Church has the most stentorian voice when we respond to those who have been devastated by storms of natural disaster, but how do we respond to storms created by people from the fear of difference?

I invite you to join the millions around the world as we continue to pray for safety from the storms of life and may we be encouraged to serve as humanitarian advocates for our brothers and sisters to our elected officials, reminding them to serve all God's children. Together, we can find solutions that are compassionate and comprehensive in the aspects of many of the storms facing our world today.

As United Methodists, may we also be reminded that our *Book of Disciplines*' Social Principles has been consistently committed to welcoming immigrants to our churches, communities, and countries, as well as continues to commit to the principle that all people are of sacred worth in the kingdom of God.

The Council of Bishops has also extended a challenge to The United Methodist Church and every member to be a part of the conversations and solutions to the many people seeking refuge from the storm. Whether the storm is the threat of legal status, escape as a refugee from war-torn places, ending the cycle of poverty, accessing affordable health care, availability of clean water, peril to sacred land, and more in the many places where United Methodists live across the world; we must stand together. We must be able to talk to one another and remain devotedly united as we face obstacles that are fueled by divisiveness and isolation.

I hope that every pastor, member, and church throughout Indiana will begin to have conversations that move us to action and unity with those in need and with each other. We cannot ignore our call, and we cannot sit by idly as others are swept away in the storm. Will you join me?

Storms are raging all around us and in nearly every community around the world. However, we are all called to stand together and not become untethered by any storm.

"O Lord, thou who rules the wind and water stand by me."

Be encouraged because together we are more!
Bishop Trimble

*Stand by Me - Charles A. Tindle, UM Hymnal, No. 51

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion World Communion Sunday (offering)	2	3	4 6 PM Crochet	5	6	7
8 Noisy Bucket	9	10	11 9:30 AM Ladies Fellowship 6 PM Crochet	12	13	14 8-11 AM Free Will Offering Rummage Sale
15 Laity Sunday	16	17	18 6 PM Crochet	19 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Angelo's	20	21 2 PM Choir *Beacon Articles Due*
22	23	24	25 6 PM Crochet	26	27	28
29	30	31 Reformation Day				



- 1** Nicholas Sickmiller
- 2** Maria Chamberlin
- 2** Gary Bango
- 2** Barb Dixon
- 6** Fran Ritter
- 7** Brian O'Rourke
- 7** Tom Lapkiewicz
- 11** Ralph Kifowit
- 14** Jasmine Phillips
- 16** Betty Bowers
- 19** Gracie Dudeck
- 21** Nancy Stajkowski
- 21** Courtney Cannoot
- 28** Mary Beth Kifowit



- 15** Dan & Linda Walkey
- 16** Sonny & Cheryl Stratton
- 26** Eugene & Kim Dudeck

Liturgist

- 1st** Mary Carol Ringler
- 8th** Shirley Milcherska
- 15th** Jerry Kline
- 22nd & 29th** Shirley Milcherska