



Notes from the Pastor

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” 1 Chronicles 16:34

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I pray that everyone is having a great Thanksgiving season. I have had my fill of turkey. This has not been an easy holiday for my diet. Thanksgiving is a great holiday to start the Christmas season. Giving thanks to the Lord for all the blessings we have been given is the way to stay in the Christmas spirit!

As you are out battling the crowds at the mall, think about how special the people are that you are shopping for, and thank God. Don't forget to thank God for bringing the most special person into your life, his son Jesus! Invite someone special to church this holiday season. This is the best way to say thank you to them and to God.

God Bless,
Pastor Larry

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, December 2nd. 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 holidays, so come on down!



Poinsettias

Now is the time for everyone to have a chance to add to the décor of the sanctuary. Starting November 5th, 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 \$7.00, 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 17th. As always, the plants are yours to take home.

Holiday Concert

The Elkhart Community Band is having a FREE Holiday Concert featuring holiday favorites at the Lerner Theatre on Sunday, December 3rd at 2:30 PM with hand bells starting at 1:45 PM.

Carry-in Brunch & Secret Pal Reveal

After hearing such a wonderful Christmas Cantata on December 17th, stay and join in the fellowship or our annual Christmas Carry-in Brunch starting at 10:15 AM. 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.



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!

Sunday Scripture Readings for December

December 3, 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 (UMH 801)

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

December 10, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13 (UMH 806)

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

December 17, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalms 126 (UMH 847)

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24, 4th Sunday of Advent,

Christmas Eve

2 Sam 7:1-11, 16

Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199)

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96 (UMH 815)

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-20

December 25, Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 98 (UMH 818)

Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)

John 1:1-14

December 31, 1st Sunday after Christmas

Day, New Year's Eve

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 148 (UMH 861)

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:22-40

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Psalms 8 (UMH 743)

Revelation 21:1-6a

Matthew 25:31-46



**O Little town of
Bethlehem,
How still we see
thee lie!**

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 13th at 9:15 AM and carpool to Angelo's Restaurant.

Then it's time for our winter break as we won't meet again until April... So, hope to see you all on December 13th and remember to "Keep Christ in Christmas".

Men's Lunch Group

We have counted our many blessings as we've celebrated a wonderful Thanksgiving. Let's meet on Thursday, December 21st at Angelo's at 11:30 AM and take a breather as we prepare for the Christmas.

Hope to see you there. Please let me know if you plan on attending,
Roger Riddle

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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Prayer Concerns

David & Kathy Andert
Jon Baney
Billy Berry (Nephew of Cheryl Stratton)
Ginger Edwards (Friend of Cheryl Stratton)
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 Riddle)
Jennifer Riddle
Family of Sarah Schwab (Teacher of Madison Kopec)
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. Thank you.



Choir practices will be on:

Sunday, December 3rd at 8:20 AM (to sing that morning during Worship)

Saturday, December 9th at 2 PM

Thursday, December 14th at 7 PM

This year's inspiring Christmas Cantata is titled, "Sing Joy to All the World!" a work by Lloyd Larson is a joy. It celebrates the promise that joy comes to those who wait, that following the long dark night, the breaking of dawn brings joy for the new day. We have the privilege of having the Faith UMC's Choir join us 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 17th during the Worship Service.

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 know.



***I heard the bells
on Christmas Day!***

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 16th at Broadway Christian Parish United Methodist Church in South Bend, from 8:30 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 17 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 15th beginning at 1 PM for set-up
Saturday, December 16th 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!

Financial donations may be mailed to the church or you may visit the donation box on our webpage for credit card options.

Thank you for being part of the team that makes Christmas brighter and joyous for so many! Your assistance is greatly appreciated for supporting Christmas Jubilee. May you and your family have blessed holidays!

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Items Needed for the Jubilee Christmas Store

Christmas Gift Bags: lunch bag size, up to 7"x9"

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, etc.

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

Miscellaneous: All Fisher Price, Playskool or Little Tykes toys. Magnadoodle, Spirograph, craft kits & other art supplies for older children. Coloring books, crayons (24 pack).

Batteries: AA, AAA & 9 volt.

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.**

Teens: Makeup, nail polish, nail files, nail clippers, Chap Stick, toiletries, jewelry, cologne small purses, wallets, inexpensive watches, aftershave, backpacks, and sports related items, socks, sweats, hooded sweatshirts, tee shirts, warm gloves. **We really need things for teenage boys.**

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10 AM Hanging of the Greens
3 Communion 8:20 AM Choir Practice	4	5	6 6 PM Crochet	7	8	9 2 PM Choir Practice
10 Noisy Bucket	11	12	13 9:15 AM Ladies Fellowship meet in parking lot 6:30 PM Crochet Christmas Dinner @ Applebee's	14 7 PM Choir Practice	15	16 8:30 AM – 6 PM Christmas Jubilee @ Broadway
17 Christmas Cantata 10:15 AM Carry-in Brunch Secret Pal Reveal Party	18	19	20 6 PM Crochet	21 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Angelo's *Beacon Articles Due*	22	23
24 7 PM Christmas Eve Service Christmas Eve	25 Office Closed Christmas Day	26	27 6 PM Crochet	28	29	30
31	1 Office Closed New Year's Day					



- 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

Liturgist

12/17 Jerry Kline
 *See Karen if you would like to be a Liturgist any of the other Sundays in December.