



# The Southlawn Beacon

A lighthouse of love & concern for all people

## Notes from the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**John 5:24** - *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*

I came across this story and it made me think.

A man named Russell learned that he had terminal cancer. In his mid-50s, there was much he would have liked to keep enjoying — his loving wife and sons, his work that he greatly liked, his home and garden, and his church family, wonderful people with whom he loved to worship and have fellowship.

On one occasion when visiting with his pastor, Russell said, “I have so much to be grateful for, my family, my job, my home, my friends, our church. Most of all I am grateful that I know Christ. It would be wonderful to live longer here on earth. But I know Christ has a place for me as well. So, the way I figure it, I cannot lose whether I live here or die and go to be with Christ.

This story reminds us of how blessed we truly are. We need to share these blessings with as many people as we can. We are not far from Lent and Easter, and this is a great time to invite friends, family, people we’ve just met to come to church. When we give people the opportunity to know Jesus then they may know the true grace of our God just as we do. Let’s share the greatest gift we can give anyone this Lent, the Love of Christ.

In Christ,  
Pastor Larry

### Prayer Concerns

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| Jon Baney                                      | Jean Murdock (Mother of Dorothy Axelberg)             |
| Thomas Decatur (Son-in-law Kay Beyer)          | Jennifer Rex (Daughter of Fran Lapkiewicz)            |
| Dennis Hudak                                   | Carol Riddle  |
| Janet Kling (Daughter-in-law of Shirley Kling) | James Riddle (Grandson of Roger & Carol Riddle)       |
| Joyce Kling (Daughter-in-law of Shirley Kling) | Jennifer Riddle                                       |
| Mitchell Kois (Friend of Kopec Family)         | Scot Shearer (Friend of Debbie Kopetski)              |
| Matthew Lefever (Friend of Axelberg Family)    | Angela Stajkowski (Sister-in-law of Nancy Stajkowski) |
| Janet Menting (Friend of Deanie Kopec)         | Cheryl & Sonny Stratton                               |
| Art Mikel                                      | 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 southlawnnumc@gmail. Thank you.

# Sunday Scripture Readings for February

February 4, Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11, 20c (UMH 859)

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 18, First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalms 25:1-10 (UMH 756)

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

February 11, Transfiguration of the Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6 (UMH 783)

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 25, Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalms 22:23-31 (UMH 752)

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

February 14, Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalms 51:1-17 (UMH 785)

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

## 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.

## Men's Lunch Group

January has been a very interesting roller-coaster of temperatures, but without all the snow. We'll meet at Angelo's on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. Please let Roger Riddle know if you would like to join in with us. Hope to see you there!

## Let's Update the Directory!

Have you found that your Beacon is being sent to your neighbor, or that your birthday is not in the right month? If so please give me a call, drop me an email or leave me a note (preferably printed) in the office and I will get things squared away for you as quickly as I can. Phone & Fax: 574-291-3070 Email: southlawnumc@gmail.com



The Ash Wednesday service will be at Faith UMC (802 E Ewing Ave, South Bend, IN 46613) starting at 7 PM with a carry-in dinner following.

## Chancel Flowers

The 2018 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

Marge Kinner

Nancy Wolf

Primrose Retirement  
Community:  
Jon Baney

Woodland Terrace:  
Treva Frick  
Nonie Hertel

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# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Presentation of the Lord Candlemas	3
4 Communion	5	6	7 6 PM Crochet	8	9	10
11 Noisy Bucket  Transfiguration of the Lord	12	13	14 7 PM Service at Faith UMC with Carry-in Dinner After  Ash Wednesday	15 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Angelo's	16	17
18 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent	19	20	21 6 PM Crochet  *Beacon Articles Due	22	23	24
25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	26	27	28 6 PM Crochet			



- 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



- 4 Ralph & Mary Beth Kifowit

**Liturgist**

- 4 Jerry Kline
- Dwight Handschu