



# The Southlawn Beacon

A lighthouse of love & concern for all people

## Notes from the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**Matthew 25:35** - *35For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,*

We are here in the Lenten season and Easter is right around the corner. This is a good time to reflect on our lives as Christians. Not just on an individual basis, but also on the church family we all love. We have been very blessed as a church, and we should be sharing these blessings on a more personal level to others. Bring a friend or family member to church, be there and use your gifts and experiences to share with others. Did you ever wonder why you went through that very trying time in your life? This may be when the Lord asks you to share with someone who is hurting only in a way you can relate. If you are not there neither is Jesus!

In Christ,  
Pastor Larry

### 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.

### 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 11<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 Angelo's on Thursday, March 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!



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

Don't forget to "Spring Forward" before heading to bed on March 10<sup>th</sup> to be ready for Church on time on March 11<sup>th</sup>.



March 17<sup>th</sup> 2 PM practice, singing March 25<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

March 31<sup>st</sup> 2 PM practice, singing April 1<sup>st</sup> Easter

# Sunday Scripture Readings for March

March 4<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19 (UMH 750)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

March 29<sup>th</sup>, Holy/Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

March 11<sup>th</sup>, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830)

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

March 30<sup>th</sup>, Holy/Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1-19:42

March 18<sup>th</sup>, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 51:1-12 (UMH 785)

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

## The No-Excuse Sunday

Author: Unknown

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next week, we are planning a special "No Excuse Sunday."

- Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."
- Eye drops will be available for those whose eyes are tired from watching TV too late Saturday night.
- We will have steel helmets for those who say, "the roof will cave in if I ever come to church."
- There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard.
- Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold and fans for those who think the church is too hot.
- We will have hearing aids for those who think the preacher speaks too softly and cotton for those who think he preaches too loudly.
- Scorecards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.
- Some relatives will be in attendance for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.
- There will be TV dinners for those who can't go to church and cook dinner also.
- One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to see God in nature, especially on the golf course.
- Finally, the sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies to create a familiar environment for those who have never seen the church without them.

See you at church!

### 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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## Prayer Concerns

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



### 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.

### The Triumphal Entry

Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)



Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

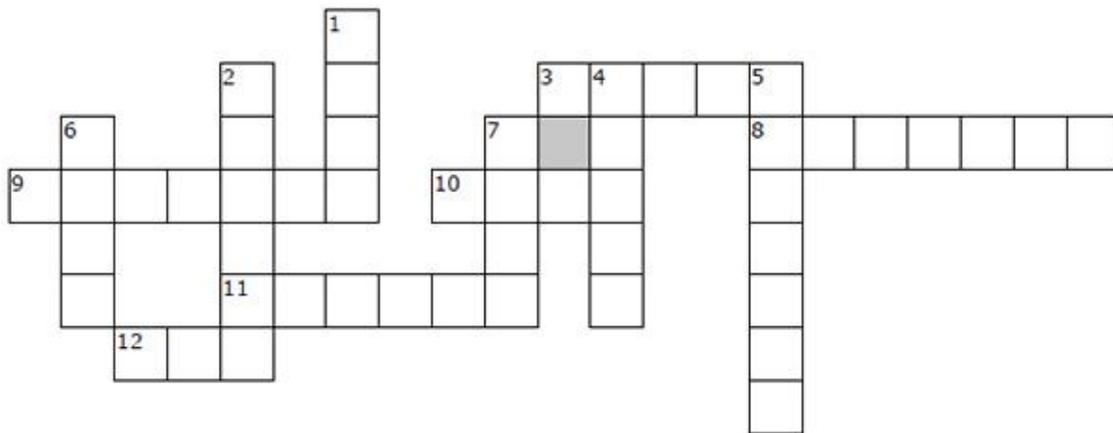
Mark 11:9 (NIV)

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# The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"  
 Luke 19:38 (NIV)



## ACROSS

3. The Son of God
8. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
9. A small town
10. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
11. To stretch out over a large area
12. To secure with a piece of rope

## DOWN

1. What a person is called
2. To express admiration or approval of something or someone
4. To go into a place
5. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
6. A male ruler of a country
7. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

VILLAGE	JESUS	SHOUTED	ENTER
COLT	SPREAD	PRAISE	NAME
TIE	ROAD	HOSANNA	KING

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# March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					World Day of Prayer	
<b>4</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Communion	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6 PM Crochet	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings Time begins Noisy Bucket UMCOR Sunday (offering)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6 PM Crochet	<b>15</b> 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Angelo's	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 2 PM Choir Practice
<b>18</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6 PM Crochet	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
			<b>*Beacon Articles Due</b>			
<b>25</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Choir Singing	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6 PM Crochet	<b>29</b> 7 PM Service at Faith UMC with Dinner following	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 2 PM Choir Practice
<b>Passion/Palm Sunday</b>				<b>Holy/Maundy Thursday</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	



- 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



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

### Liturgist

4<sup>th</sup> Shirley Milcherska  
Jerry Kline