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The Southlawn Beacon

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Notes from the Pastor

Dear Friends and Family,

We are going to finish up the season of Epiphany on February 7th when we celebrate Communion on the Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday. Then the next Sunday, if you can believe it we enter the season of Lent. This season is where we are preparing ourselves for Easter which is on March 27th. We will have an Ash Wednesday service on February 10th at 7:00 pm.

I will be following the lectionary thru Easter and will be focusing on the Gospels for my sermon scripture references. My prayer for each of us is that during the time of preparation during the season of Lent we are looking for God. Each and every day God is preforming miracles around us. The question is, are we noticing the presence of God around us each day?

I would like for any of you that would like to learn the sound technical position to see Karen or I. We as the church would like for her to be able to sit and worship with us and not have to be running the video and sound on some Sundays each month. This is really a very simply function to learn, even though it does look intimidating.

Grace is a freely given gift, just let it live within us with joy and love.

Blessings, Pastor Darrel Weaver dandjsite@sbcglobal.net

Reminders

- No Ladies Fellowship until April
- Please check your mail boxes

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

> Thanks for your time! Karen Nokes

Special Charge Conference

The SPR Committee recommended a pay increase for Pastor Darrel. There will be a Special Charge Conference on Tuesday, February 16th at 6:30 pm. All Southlawn members and attendees are welcome to attend but only Ad Board/Church Council members can vote on the recommendation.

Easter Lilies

Wow! We just finished ordering poinsettias and now it is time for Easter Lilies. The signup sheet will be on the parlor bulletin board starting in February and will be up until March 7th. The price will be listed on the signup sheet. The procedure is the same; just sign your name and the name of your honoree. Please give your money to David or Kathy.

Thank you from the Worship Committee

Sunday Scripture Readings for February

February 7th, 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 (UMH 819) 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 14th, 1st Sunday in Lent Deuteronomy 36:1-11 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810) Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13

Ladies Fellowship

Hi ladies – keeping warm? January has been chilly and snowy. Hope February is kind to us.

Don't forget there will be no Ladies Fellowship this month – see you all in April.



Preschool News February already! Groundhog's day is fast approaching. Soon after our preschool will be filled with LOVE, Happy Valentine's day! The students are learning all their color songs. 9 students will be entering kindergarten after our preschool graduation this Spring! We will be Busy Bees learning as much as we can over the next few months.

> Blessings! **Miss Kristen**

February 21st, 2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 (UMH 758) Philippians 3: 17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35

February 28th, 3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63:1-8 (UMH 788) 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9

Men's Lunch Group

January has reminded us what winter is with cold temps. We'll meet at Leo's on Thursday, February 18th 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 vou there!

Chancel Flowers

The 2016 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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2 Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas	3 6 PM Crochet	4	5	6	Birthdays 4 Bill Slater 6 Paul Sickmiller 13 Nancy Wolfe 13 Deanie Kopec 14 Sharon Eaton 15 Norm Milcherska
7 Communion	8	9	10 7 PM Service	11	12	13	16 Brian Nokes18 Justin Urbin18 Nolan O'Rourke
Transfiguration of the Lord			Ash Wednesday				Anniversaries
14	15	16 6:30 PM Special Charge Conference 7 PM Choir	17 6 PM Crochet	18 11:30 AM Men's Lunch Group @ Leo's	19	20	4 Ralph & Mary Beth Kifowit Nursery
1 st Sunday in Lent							7 Dorothy Axelberg 14 Madison Kopec
Noisy Bucket Broadway Lunch	22	23	24 6 PM Crochet	25	26	27	21 Nicole Sickmiller 28 Barb Dixon Acolytes Schmok Family
2 nd Sunday in Lent	20						
28	29						Greeters Fran Hedrick & Ron Ritter
3 rd Sunday in Lent							Liturgist
							Suzette Schmok