


# Sanford United Methodist Church

# Messenger



**AUGUST 2010**



**VBS at SUMC**  
 August 9th thru 12th  
 Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
 Pre-school through 6th grade  
 Start talking to the children in your neighborhood and make sure they come! It's going to be a blast!

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.  
The people of the United Methodist Church

**August 22nd @ noon**  
 Enjoy the great food, good company, and terrific conversation at the Sanford Park! Bring a dish to pass and whatever you need for the beach. Hotdogs, burgers, place settings, drinks and the fixings will be provided. Come and enjoy.



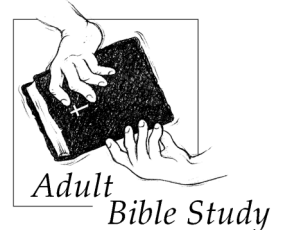
**Special Music**  
*Rejuvenation*  
 September 12th  
 This four-part women's chorus will lead us in worship on Founders' Day Weekend. Invite your friends and family for some great music, including familiar hymns and some singing along. A free-will offering will be taken.

**August 22nd worship @ 10:30**  
 Will be at the church, but come dressed for the picnic! The service will be casual, so the dress can be as well. This may be




**Church Conference**  
 September 30th @ 7 p.m.  
 With thanks to God, we will review the last year and pray for the year ahead. Chairpersons, begin working on your written report now!

**Sunday Morning @ 9:10**, a good and reliable favorite, Adult Bible Studies, is returning! Study 1 & 2 Thessalonians and Philippians, with a focus on Christian commitment. Bruce Schrott will lead the learning, and will greet you in the upstairs classroom.



**SanfordUMC.org** is up and running! New content is put on the site every week, so there is always something to check out. E-mails are changing too, so you can contact the office at [secretary@sanfordumc.org](mailto:secretary@sanfordumc.org) and Pastor Larner at [pastor@sanfordumc.org](mailto:pastor@sanfordumc.org). The older e-mail address still works, but at some point, we will be dropping it and going to the new address only.



**Save these dates!**  
 Vacation Bible School: Aug. 9-12  
 Picnic in the Park: August 22nd  
 Church Conference: September 30th  
 Apple Pies: October 19-21  
 Chili Bonanza: October 28



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the next several weeks, we will encounter a Jesus who really does not mind getting into trouble with the religious authorities of his day. As the Gospel according to Luke presents it, Jesus almost revels in riling the opposition. It seems he wants to get their goat.



Wishing to get someone's goat is nothing new. Depending on the network you listen to or watch, stirring another person's pot has become an art form. As we see this practiced today, however, there is little respect for the other. The object of much of this conversation is not to honestly converse, but to win the argument, no matter what.

Because this is what we are used to, it is easy to assume Jesus is engaging in the same kind of conversation with his "adversaries". Nothing could be further from the truth, however. In Jesus' day, back and forth, point and counter-point were accepted ways of exploring the fine points of the law. If you pushed your "opponent", it was to get them to think. If they pushed you, the same was true.

When Jesus is encountered by those who hope to trap him, they are putting him to the test. They want to see what he will say or do. Time after time, these characters approach Jesus with two choices. Time after time, Jesus does or says something that leaves *them* stumped, not sure what to say or do. Be warned! Jesus always comes up with another way of looking at the test.

So the parable of the good Samaritan ends, not with a question which Jesus must answer, but with a question his listeners must answer. Who was the neighbor to the injured man?

Our Gospel lessons are about to take us into the land of healing on the Sabbath. Those who question Jesus about this *are sure* that it is against the law to heal on the Sabbath. That Jesus *does* heal on the Sabbath is an offense to God and to everything holy. Except Jesus poses a question, one which leaves his accusers with nothing to say. In the repartee that takes place between these students of the law, Jesus seems to make a point which cannot be refuted.

## Summer Sunday Worship

### August 1

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107;  
Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21



How easy is it to accumulate, and to find confidence in what we have, instead of our relationship with God?

August 8th United Methodist Women's Sunday  
Celebrate the ministry of the United Methodist Women, here at Sanford UMC and across the world.

August 15th Bruce Schrott, preaching  
Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80;  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

### August 22nd

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71;  
Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17  
Jesus heals on the Sabbath, creating quite a stir. Opponents are outraged and put to shame.



### August 29th


Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81;  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14  
It's a banquet. Where do you sit?

We must feel some sympathy toward those who want to maintain their understanding of obedience, since more often than not, we are they. We are today's upholders of tradition, and if Jesus were doing today in our churches what he did back then in the synagogues, we'd be ready to end his life too. Jesus makes them, and us, think.

If you are looking for easy answers when it comes to Jesus' actions and teaching, think again. Parables by their very nature are open-ended. They point to the answer but do not provide it. Wisely, Jesus expects us to find the answer by searching within.

Peace for the Journey,  
*Pastor Janet Larner*

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	<h2 style="margin: 0;">STEWARDSHIP</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">July 2010</p>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Offering</i>
July 4	64	\$2,210.00
July 11	74	\$3,335.00
July 18	79	\$1,807.00
July 25	77	\$1,675.00



Thank you so much for all your thoughts, prayers, and cards during my dad's stay at the Toni and Trish House and following his passing. Your thoughtfulness was a great

comfort during this difficult time.  
Cassie Foley

Brothers & Sisters in Christ  
Thank you very much for all the cards, notes and prayers sent our way. Mom (Elevyn) is now home in Jesus' arms! Thank you & God Bless.  
The Thumma Family, Ira & Sue.

Memorial Garden:

Hope you have time to look in the garden for the new bird bath donated by Beverly and Jay Morgan. Beverly designed and made it by using the imprint of a large rhubarb leaf (the leaf came out of Becky Bastuk's garden). This bird bath was made in memory of their daughter, Penny.



## SHUT-INS

The following are our known confined members and friends. If we have omitted anyone who should also be on this list, kindly let the church office know. Your calls, notes, and visits are greatly appreciated.

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| <i>Jean Emery</i>      | P.O. Box 65, Sanford, MI 48657                      |
| <i>Pauline Fink</i>    | 3606 Sadler Dr., Sanford, MI 48657                  |
| <i>Norma Johnson</i>   | Brittany Manor, 3615 E. Ashman, Midland, MI 48640   |
| <i>Dorothy Joynt</i>   | Stratford Village, 2121 Rockwell, Midland, MI 48642 |
| <i>Wanda Kelsey</i>    | 126 Blakeley, Sanford, MI 48657                     |
| <i>Aletha Maticka</i>  | Marshall Manor, 1119 Holyrood, Midland, MI 48640    |
| <i>Shirley Renwick</i> | Stratford Village, 2121 Rockwell,                   |



Myers Lake Campground outside of Byron was severely damaged by a recent storm and is looking for help to clean up the campsite.

If you can help contact the campground at 810-266-4511. Also, it's a great RV & tenting campground if you are looking for a get-away!



Caregiving Network Is Looking for Volunteers

Are you looking for an opportunity to donate some of your time and talent? The Caregiving Network may be able to help!

Volunteers are needed in the following areas of ministry:  
 Receptionist, M-Th 9:30-2:30  
 Food & Clothing Pantry helpers, Monday from 12-2 and Thursday from 11:30-2:30 and 6:15-8:00 p.m.  
 Volunteer one day a month, or more if you are able.  
 The Caregiving Network is located at 607 Gordon St. in Midland, and you can contact them at 837-9757.

Our sympathies to the families and friends of: George (Pat) Kelsey, Bud Costner, Elevyn Thumma, Cathy Skocelas.

Healing: Joan Hockemeyer, Paul Krenzke, Susy Marcy, Shawana Camehl, Frank Gronowski, Phyllis Seloom, Betty Hanchett, Bruce Milligan, Becky Bastuk.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

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|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Sharon Wishowski (MS) | Marcia McKim   | Randy Cripe    | Kathy Dukel     |
| Bob Beatty            | Bob Anderson   | Benjamin Irish | Ted Eisenberger |
| Aletha Maticka        | Pauline Fink   | Cindy Hogan    | Peter Lubliczyk |
| Doug Hall             | Bruce Milligan | Becky Bastuk   | Susy Marcy      |



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## SANFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2560 N. West River Road  
Sanford, Michigan 48657  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Janet Larner, Pastor  
Church Office: (989) 687-5353  
Worship: 10:30 A.M.  
Sunday School: 9:10 A.M.

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Since the Crawfords went on vacation in July, things got a little behind.

There will be a report for June and July in the next newsletter. However, we do need a couple of things: **Juices in plastic containers. We desperately need plastic grocery bags to pack the food in.** We should never have said that we had more than enough of them!



Earl & Kay Crawford

SANFORD SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER, 113 Lincoln, Sanford, offers a bonesaver exercise class on Mon. & Wed. at 10:30 a.m. Instructor Sara Clavez leads this progressive weight training class for the prevention of your osteoporosis. Fee: suggested donation \$2. but only a desire to feel stronger and more energetic is required. Call Sara with any questions at 687-7003.

### *UMW news for August*

August **salad luncheon** time, ladies. Join us on August 17 at **noon** at Jeanne Sturm's house (3091 N. Lakeview Dr.). Bring a salad, yourself, and a friend, if you wish. Every lady is welcome. A short meeting will follow lunch. We'll eat outside, weather permitting.

The UMW has decided to hold a Grandma's Attic/Rummage Sale on November 4 and 5. We can use those fall/winter items like sweaters, sweatshirts, boots plus anything else that is in good condition. Keep the sale in mind as you put away one season and bring out another. More details to follow.

The school supplies for Meridian Schools is ongoing until late August. Many items needed are currently on sale.

Submitted by Jeanne Sturm

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# SCHEDULE

## ACOLYTES

Aug. 1  
 Aug. 8  
 Aug. 15 Zack Arthur  
 Aug. 22 Beau Spangler  
 Aug. 29

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Aug. 1 Cassie Foley  
 Aug. 8 Bud & Gayle Swanson  
 Aug. 15 Jim & Sally Brozzo  
 Aug. 22 Roger & Vicki Sharpe  
 Aug. 29 Jay & Bev Morgan

## USHERS

Aug. 1 Jack & Karen Abbe, Curt & Beth Moe  
 Aug. 8 Bud & Gayle Swanson, Leonard  
 Mc James, Rick Foley  
 Aug. 15 Gary & Brenda Boots,  
 Bud & Gayle Swanson  
 Aug. 22 Bud & Gayle Swanson, Dave Sutton,  
 Dustin Sutton  
 Aug. 29 Bud & Gayle Swanson

## GREETERS

Aug. 1 Luella Glesner  
 Aug. 8 Sandy Houtman  
 Aug. 15 Verna Gould  
 Aug. 22 Carmen Adams  
 Aug. 29

## TRUSTEE FOR AUGUST

Becky Bastuk (back-up Keith Bauerle)

## COMMUNION STEWARDS FOR AUGUST

Sandy Houtman, Dorothy Francis

## LAWN MOWING

July 26 to Aug. 1  
 Aug. 2 to 8  
 Aug. 9 to 15 Bob Raymond

## **Open Door Opportunities**

Volunteers are needed the 3rd Saturday of the month. Open Door has a Bible study every Monday night. Volunteers are needed to help with arrangements and to be a part of the study. If interested in either of these opportunities, please call Sue LaBean @ 859-7694.

## COUNTERS

Aug. 1 Sharon Arvidson, Verna Gould, Ruth Ann Wrona  
 Aug. 8 Bob & Sandy Otto, Curt & Beth Moe  
 Aug. 15 Gary & Brenda Boots,  
 Bob & Sharon Raymond  
 Aug. 22 Leonard & Lois McJames & Ruth Sutton  
 Aug. 29

Subs Mike & Judy Gorthy, Ira & Sue Thumma

## LITURGISTS

Aug. 1 Carol Becks  
 Aug. 8 Jim Brozzo  
 Aug. 15 Curt Moe  
 Aug. 22 Betty Farner  
 Aug. 29 George Farner

## COFFEE HOUR

Aug. 1 Pastor Lerner, Peter & Katie  
 Aug. 8 Dave & Ruth Sutton  
 Aug. 15  
 Aug. 22  
 Aug. 29 Dick, Carol, Curt, Beth & Sandy

## Opportunities for Ministry

**Nursery:** We have little ones who need loving care. Sign up on the bulletin board inside the copy room.  
**Coffee Hour:** Offered after the 10:30 service, sign up with a friend or family member and enjoy the company of others around food (whatever you wish to serve) and drink.

## **Ernie Wallace Blood Bank Schedule for AUGUST**



Tue.	8/3	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	8/6	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Sat.	8/7	10:00 a.m.	to 4:00 p.m.
Tue.	8/10	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	8/13	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	8/17	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	8/20	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	8/24	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	8/27	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	8/31	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.

Hospital drives call  
 839-3490 for appointment