

# Sanford United Methodist Church

# Messenger

JUNE 2012



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

## *Power for the Hour*

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you ( Acts 1:8).*

Some time ago while having my annual physical, the physician asked the usual questions such as if anything had changed in my health. I admitted that at times my energy level is low. I went on to tell him what I take to boost my energy. I was sure to tell him that I do not take the five hour energy drink. In addition, I told him that when I omit certain things from my daily intake, my energy level drops. It is clear that when my body lacks certain nutrients, or fails to absorb what I eat, I can sense a difference in my energy level.

In the same way, we need power for our emotional and spiritual lives. Ephesians 6:12 tells us why we need the Spirit's power. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. The spiritual warfare we fight requires strength not weakness. The Lord is the strength of my life.

Our Lord told his disciples in Acts 1:8: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the blessed Trinity. The Spirit is a person not a thing or a force. The Holy Spirit empowered Jesus for his ministry. "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed" ( Luke 4:18).

Before Jesus ascended to the Father, he commanded his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received power from on high when the Holy Spirit comes upon them.



## *The Holy Spirit*

Jesus promised his disciples in John 14:16-18: I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

The Holy Spirit is our source of power for daily living - Holy Spirit **IN** us and **WITH** us. The believer in Christ has a living personal resource to draw on for all the circumstances of life. The power that raised Christ from the dead lives in us and will give life even to our mortal bodies also through the Spirit who dwells in us (Romans 8:11).

It is hard to tell precisely why a particular person may be running low on energy. Consequently, at the conclusion of the annual physical, I was directed to get some tests. Frankly, I was not sure that I needed them but I followed through – what did I have to lose?

In the realm of the spiritual, it is not difficult to identify the cause of a spiritual power failure in our lives. The Lord himself said: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. Without the Holy Spirit we are completely out of Spiritual vitality for living the victorious Christian life. Therefore St. Paul advised: Be filled with the Spirit ( Ephesians 5: 18).

***Worship Christ  
The Lord  
10:30 A.M.***

## Detroit Annual Conference Lay Delegate Report

The annual conference was held May 17 to 20, 2012. The conference was very interesting to say the least. The worship services were beyond belief. The theme this year was "Imagine a World-healing-healthy-whole."

Worship services, have you ever been in an acoustically adept room with 1200+ voices raised in PRAISE to our Lord! Yes, bigger is better; it is a very moving experience and the Holy Spirit was there.

The Bishop reported the following from the General Church Conference which was held in Tampa, Florida. There were two new districts created. East and West Kansas were combined into one. North and South Dakota and Minnesota were combined into one. The Congo church is growing so fast that they added one more Bishop there. It is expected that by year end there will be 612 new congregations added to the UMC worldwide. There are now 12.1 million United Methodists worldwide. The other big change that the General Church Conference made was to change the Lay Speaking Ministries to Lay Service Ministries. The next General Church Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon in 2016.

To date there have been more than 600,000 mosquito nets distributed. There are still over one million deaths in the world each year from malaria and most of them are in Africa. There are now over 300 health clinics that operate around the world under the cross and flame. There was a collection taken and over \$7,000.00 was given for malaria.

The vision that the Bishop presented for the Detroit Conference, is as follows. "Imagine a world where discipleship is more important than membership." The vision areas for this are 1) new spaces for new faces 2) developing principled leaders, and 3) transforming communities. This is considered the vital initiative for post Christendom.

In the Detroit Conference 12 more churches gave 100% of their apportionments. Saginaw Bay district is at 86% which is up from last year.  
Lay Delegate,  
Ira Thumma



## STEWARDSHIP

May 2012

Date	Attendance	Offering
May 6	76	\$6,750.00
May 13	98	\$5,010.00
May 20	79	\$1,265.00
May 27	57	\$1,380.00

### PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS AND OTHERS

- Jean Emery** P.O. Box 65, Sanford, MI 48657
- Keith Francis** Nottingham Place, 5800 Jefferson Ave., Midland, MI 48640
- Pauline Fink** 3606 Sadler Dr., Sanford, MI 48657
- Stratford Village  
**Dorothy Joynt** 2121 Rockwell, Midland, MI 48642
- Shirley Renwick** 2121 Rockwell, Rm. 252, Midland, MI 48642
- Aletha Maticka** Marshall Manor, 1119 Holyrood, Midland, MI 48640
- Bruce Milligan** 5822 N. Lake, Sanford, MI 48657
- Helen Robishaw** Stone Crest, 255 N. Main St., Freeland, MI 48623
- Arvella Rogers** Tendercare, 4900 Hedgewood Dr. Rm. 2, Midland, MI 48640
- Ann Weir** 216 Diane Dr., Flushing, MI 48433

### SOLD OUT

Big Day at the Ball Park  
Saginaw Bay District of The UMC  
Date: August 22, 2012  
Time: 7:05 P.M.



# SANFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2560 N. West River Road

Sanford, Michigan 48657

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Anthony N. Cutting, Pastor

Church Office: (989) 687-5353

Home Phone: (989) 684-5596

Worship: 10:30 A.M.

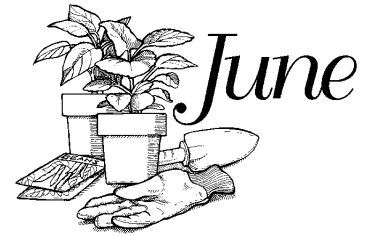
Sunday School: 9:10 A.M.

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## April 2012 Food Pantry Report

People Served	49
Households	15
Gift Certificates given:	28
Items in:	1,728
Items out:	1,749



### Items and money donated:

Sanford UMC-money and 58 items

St. Agnes Catholic-101 items

St. Paul Lutheran-money and 75 items

Food Bank of Eastern Mich-480 items

Old Oak Trails-20 items

Boy Scout Troop 776-352 items

Curves of Sanford-548 items

Current needs: laundry detergent, saltines, hamburger helper.

We had large donations from Curves of Sanford and from Troop 776 Scouting for food this month. Some group or family is always thinking of the Sanford Pantry it seems!

Thank you for your gifts of food and funds; we welcome both. Checks can be made out to the Sanford Food Pantry.

Please keep our volunteers and the clients they serve in your prayers.

Peace!

Earl and Kay Crawford

### Ladies of Sanford United Methodist

**Church.** Our United Methodist Women are going on a mystery trip on Tuesday, June 19. The ladies will leave the church at 10:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. The cost of the trip will include lunch and \$7.00 for gas.

Please call the church office to make your reservation or sign up on the bulletin board at the church. Please indicate if you can drive and how many passengers you can take. Call Ruth Sutton for more information.



UMW mystery trip

**WANT PINE WOOD?** There is pine wood out back for the taking. You will have to cut it and haul it away. Call Gary Boots, 687-5830.

# Serving the Lord



## Cast in Bronze

Friday, June 15, 7:00 p.m.  
Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2206 Airfield Lane, Midland will host the "Cast in Bronze" Youth Handbell Choir Concert. The concert will be performed in the church's sanctuary

by thirteen youth members (grades 7-11) of Friendship United Methodist Church in the Cincinnati suburb of Wyoming, Ohio. The program will include a variety of outstanding arrangements of traditional and sacred handbell music, classical transcriptions, and pop selections. Admission is free.

A free will offering will be taken.

## June Events



**June 11** 6:30 p.m. Trustees

**June 15** 5:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

**June 16** 3:00 p.m. Wedding

**June 19** 10:30 a.m. UMW Mystery Trip

**June 28** 6:00 p.m. UMM (home of Dustin Sutton)



## Looking Ahead

**July 25** Crank Ice Cream  
5:00 p.m. to ?

**July 26** Ice Cream Social  
5 to 7 p.m.



### LAWN MOWING

June 4-10 Ron Vandenberg  
June 11-17 Gary Boots  
June 18-24 \*  
June 25-July 1 Ron Vandenberg

### LITURGISTS

June 3 Sue Thumma  
June 10 Keith Bauerle  
June 17 Betty Farner  
June 24 George Farner

### USHERS

June 3 Jim & Sally Brozzo, Curt & Beth Moe  
June 10 Leonard McJames, Ron Vandenberg, Don Decker, Earl Crawford  
June 17 Rick & Cassie Foley, Roger & Vicki Sharpe  
June 24 Mike & Judy Gorthy, Dennis & Jan Blevins

### GREETERS

June 3 Vicki Sharpe, Verna Gould  
June 10 Sandy Houtman, Sue Dexter  
June 17 Jan Biggs, Bill Lackie  
June 24 Luella Glesner, Carolyn Maynard

### COUNTERS

June 3 Sharon Arvidson, Verna Gould, Ruth Ann Wrona  
June 10 Bob & Sharon Raymond, Curt & Beth Moe  
June 17 Gary & Brenda Boots, Bob & Sharon Raymond  
June 24 Leonard & Lois McJames, Ruth Sutton

### ALTAR FLOWERS

June 3 Jim & Sharon Carrothers  
June 10 Mike & Rose Leydorf  
June 17 Dave & Ruth Sutton  
June 24 Cassie Foley

### TRUSTEE FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Keith Bauerle (back-up Rick Goodwin)

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

Bud & Gayle Swanson

### COFFEE HOUR

June 3 Visitation  
June 10 Phyllis Seloom, Judy Gorthy  
June 17 \*  
June 24 Ruth Sutton

\* **Would you please give us your support by being a volunteer.**