

Sanford United Methodist Church

Messenger

MAY 2012



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

Honor Thy Mother

It took some doing for us to be able to say, "Happy Mother's Day". The heroine of Mother's day is Anna Jarvis, who swore at her mother's gravesite in 1905 to dedicate her life to her mother's project, and establish a Mother's Day observance to honor mothers, living and dead. In 1907 she passed out 500 white carnations at her mother's church, St. Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, one for each mother in the congregation. In 1908, she played a key role in arranging a church service that attracted 407 children and their mothers. Through her efforts and those of others, a Mother's Day International Association was founded in 1912 to promote the holiday in other countries.

The path to a national day to honor mothers was not easy. By a margin of 33-14, the Senate sent the first Mother's Day resolution back to committee. But Anna Jarvis was not deterred. Finally in 1914, members of Congress approved a federally sanctioned day to honor mothers.

What Ann Jarvis did not imagine was that a day to honor her mother and all mothers would be commercialized. She was saddened to see that "charlatans, bandits, pirates, racketeers, kidnappers and other termites" had corrupted "with their greed one of the finest, noblest, truest movements and celebrations known." She became a fierce critic of the greeting card and candy manufacturers. She unsuccessfully filed a lawsuit to stop the over-commercialization of Mother's Day. She had less luck urging children to refrain from honoring mom with flowers and candy.

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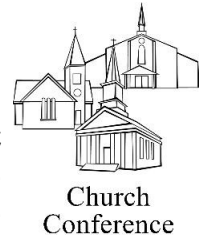


Honor thy Mother

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. On that day we would honor all mothers who are present in Worship. Special recognition would be given to certain mothers-your mother could be one of those. Be sure that she is present. Please invite someone to this special service, especially a mom.

Church Conference

Our Church Conference is Thursday September 9th. SPRC is at 6:00 p.m. And Church Conference is at 7:00 p.m. Lay leaders are, George and Betty Farner, Pat Gruber, Ira and Sue Thumma, Jeanne Sturm, and Ruth Sutton.



Big Day at the Ball Park
Saginaw Bay District of The
UMC

Date: August 22, 2012
Time: 7:05 P.M.

All you can eat buffet dinner
\$10 per ticket
Age 5 and under FREE

Make your way out to Dow Diamond on August 22nd as the Great Lakes Loons battle the Lansing Lugnuts.

Northern Lights Pavilion Seating
Includes game ticket and buffet dinner of chicken/hamburgers/slaw/potato salad/beans/brownies and so much more!

Deadline to purchase tickets is August 1st.
For more details call 989-793-8838.

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She called greeting cards "a poor excuse for the letter you are too lazy to write." Ann Jarvis never married and never had children. She died in a Pennsylvania nursing home, alone.

Today, Mother's Day is still largely commercialized. Card companies, flower shops, jewelry stores, gift shops, restaurants, hotels, and department stores, and special deals for this event all compete for the Mother's Day dollar.

Honoring Mother is God's idea. Exodus 20:12 is clear: "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." The best way to honor mother is to do it God's way. We do for her what God expects and requires - we honor her from our hearts not only on Mother's Day but on every day of the year.

WORK DAY THANKS: Thanks to all who showed up for our annual work day. Rick Goodwin and his crew taking out 6 pine trees. Thanks to Roger and Rod with the help of their tractors. Dick Moore and his crew working in the yard, moving mulch, planting and fertilizing making it all look good. Gary Boots and his crew working inside disinfecting toys, tables and counters in the nursery, washing the light lenses throughout the church, washing curtains and windows in the fellowship hall, cleaning the tables and chairs upstairs and downstairs. Sue Dexter and her lunch crew preparing the lunch and goodies for all the hard workers. We had lots of help and accomplished what we wanted to do. Thank you. Gary Boots



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.

Poseyville United Methodist Church
Pancake Breakfast
Sat. May 12, 8 to 10 a.m.
Fish Fry
Fri. May 18, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.



STEWARDSHIP

April 2012

Date	Attendance	Offering
April 1	86	\$4,380.00
April 8	96	\$3,200.00
April 15	74	\$3,620.00
April 22	86	\$1,222.00
April 29	65	\$2,915.00

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 Holy road, Midland, MI 48640
- Bruce Milligan** 5822 N. Lake, Sanford, MI 48657
- Arvella Rogers** Tendercare, 4900 Hedgewood Dr. Rm. 2, Midland, MI 48640
- Ann Weir** 216 Diane Dr., Flushing, MI 48433

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

PERMIT NO. 4

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

U.S. POSTAGE

SANFORD MI 48657



March 2012 Food Pantry Report

People served 56
Households 18



Gift certificates given: 33
Items in: 3,335
Items out: 1,930

Items and money donated:

- Sanford UMC— money and 95 items
- St. Paul Lutheran - money and 19 items
- Food Bank of Eastern Mich. - 886 items
- Community of Christ - money and 65 items
- Old Oak Trail - 20 items
- Boy Scouts— 14 items
- Meridian High Student Council-1,873 items

Current needs: baking mix, egg noodles, pasta, pancake syrup.

Pantry use remained steady. As you can see, the annual Meridian High food drive helped to replenish the food on our shelves. We are in the midst of the national Feinstejn Challenge, so money & food collected during March-April will be matched.

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

UMW

We had a good turnout for our April meeting with guest speaker Laura Ruhle from the Alzheimer's Association.



Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting is May 15th. The guest speaker is Hailey Wieland with Be Red Cross Ready.

Please no Christmas items at this rummage sale, fall sale only.

May 15th is set-up for the rummage sale starting at 9:00 a.m. breaking for the meeting and continuing after the meeting until 4:00 p.m.

May 16th is set-up from 9:00 a.m. until we run out of items to set up.

May 17 rummage sale 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and May 18th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with Fri. being \$2 bag day.



WWW. HELP
We need help managing our Web Site.
If you are skilled in this area
Please give us a call at 687-5353

May Events



Happenings

- May 5** Saturday Work Day, coffee & discussion at 8:30 a.m.
- May 9** Christian Education 5:00 p.m.
- May 11** Adult Social 6:00 p.m.
- May 13** Mother's Day
- May 14** Mon. Trustees 6:30 p.m.
- May 15** Tues. Set-up Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.
- May 16** Wed. Set-up Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.
- May 17** Thur. Rummage Sale 9 to 5 p.m.
- May 18** Fri. Rummage Sale 9 to 2 p.m. \$2 bag day.



Looking Ahead

- June 11th** Monday Trustees 6:30 p.m.
- June 16th** Saturday Wedding of Adam Sian & Shayna Hulse.
- June 19th** UMW Mystery Trip
- July 26th** Ice Cream Social



Detroit Annual Conference

The Detroit Annual Conference starts May 17th and ends May 20th. Ira Thumma our Annual Conference representative will be their to bring back any new information that has been voted on or changed in the Methodist Church.

LAWN MOWING

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| April 30-May 6 | Curt Moe |
| May 7-13 | Bob Raymond |
| May 14-20 | Gary Boots |
| May 21-27 | Leonard McJames |
| May 28 to June 3 | * |

Serving the Lord

LITURGISTS

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| May 6 | Sue Thumma |
| May 13 | Ruth Sutton |
| May 20 | Betty Farnar |
| May 27 | Judy Gorthy |

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| May 6 | Rick & Cassie Foley,
Mike & Judy Gorthy |
| May 13 | Leonard McJames, Ron Vandenberg,
Don Decker, Earl Crawford |
| May 20 | Jim & Sally Brozzo, Curt & Beth Moe |
| May 27 | Dennis & Jan Blevins
Roger & Vicki Sharpe |

GREETERS

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| May 6 | Verna Gould, Jan Biggs |
| May 13 | Sandy Houtman, Sue Dexter |
| May 20 | Vicki Sharpe, Bill Lackie |
| May 27 | Luella Glesner, Carolyn Maynard |

COUNTERS

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| May 6 | Sharon Arvidson, Verna Gould,
Ruth Ann Wrona |
| May 13 | Bob & Sharon Raymond, Curt & Beth Moe |
| May 20 | Gary & Brenda Boots, Bob & Sharon Raymond |
| May 27 | Leonard & Lois McJames, Ruth Sutton |

ALTAR FLOWERS

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| May 6 | Luella Glesner |
| May 13 | Bill Lackie |
| May 20 | Bob & Ardath Chubb |
| May 27 | Sue Dexter |

TRUSTEE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Sue Dexter (Dave Sutton back-up)

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Roger & Vicki Sharpe

COFFEE HOUR

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| May 6 | * |
| May 13 | Sue Dexter & Vicki Sharpe |
| May 20 | Judy Gorthy & Lois McJames |
| May 27 | * |

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