

# Sanford United Methodist Church

# Messenger



NOVEMBER 2011

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

## Doing Good

*"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith" (Galatians 6:10).*

Opportunities for doing good are all around us. In a society that emphasizes get and keep as much as you can, we may find it hard to keep less for ourselves so that we may give more to others in need. As hard as this may be, this is our calling.

In November 2005, ABC 20/20 featured stories of different individuals who lived on less so that they could give more. One such story was that of Zell Kravinsky. Zell got rich in the real estate business, and then gave away just about all of his fortune, \$45 million to charity. Strangely, he did not think his extraordinary generosity was remarkable. He was surprised when people found his generosity bizarre.

In these difficult times, we meet those in need almost everywhere we go. The Lord himself reminded us that the poor will always be among us. The story of the Good Samaritan teaches us to help the person who is right before us. Do not wait to become a neighbor; be a neighbor to the one in need. Each day much good is done by individuals who act on needs that are presented.

It could be that helping another in a very generous way may be the cure for the sense of emptiness that we often feel. Doing good to another may do good to our souls. What you are looking for in life may be found in what you may do for another. Doing good to another may do good to our souls. What you are looking for in life may be found in what you may do for another. Give and it shall be given unto you.



In everything  
set them an  
example by doing  
what is good.

Titus 2:7

Kathleen McCarthy, director of the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at the City University of New York once said: "When people are involved in a cause they care about, when they can see how they can make a difference - it's a high, it's a rush. This makes people feel good, specially if they can see the results."

When it comes to doing good, let not your heart be troubled.

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## THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving reminds us that we are a nation blessed by God. For all that America is today, a national day of thanksgiving stands as a witness to the faith of those who laid the foundation of our national life and our indebtedness to the God who has so richly blessed us. This thanksgiving should be a reflection not only on the ways that God has blessed us in the distant past, but also on how God is blessing us as a nation today.

As we look back on the past year and count our blessings, some of us are enjoying success, some are still struggling to catch up, some have less than they did a year ago, some have known unbearable grief, and almost all of us wonder about the uncertain future. Yet, Thanksgiving calls us to acknowledge the gracious hand of God in our lives, even though we do not understand the ways of the Lord, and to give thanks in every situation. Thanksgiving is more about who God is and less about what we have. Let us give thanks with grateful heart.

May God be with you this holiday season, may you know his abundance in all things, may his presence be with you wherever you go, may you know the contentment and peace that come from a thankful heart.

-Pastor Cutting

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When it comes to doing good, let not your heart be troubled. Start with those around you, in your family, church, or community. Time magazine once told the story about a doctor who lived through the tragic bombing of Hiroshima. Dr. Fumio Shigeto was waiting for a streetcar when the bombing occurred. He was fortunate enough to be sheltered by the corner of a concrete building. Within seconds after the explosion, he heard the screams of victims all around him. He stood there for a moment bewildered, not knowing what had happened. Then, still somewhat stunned, Dr. Shigeto knelt, opened his black bag, and began treating the person lying at his feet.

Ignatius Loyola prayed:

“Teach us, Lord, to serve you as you deserve,  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to labour and not to ask for any reward  
save that of knowing that we do your will.”  
Amen.

We would like to shower Keith Francis with birthday cards. Nov. 15th is his 90th birthday.

Address is, Colonial Villa, 5007 Universal Dr., Rm. 208, Midland, MI 48640



### WILD GAME DINNER

The Adult Social and Men's Club will have a combined meeting on November 11 at the Chamber of Commerce hall. Time for dinner will be 6:30pm. Entrees will be prepared by the Men's Club and will include a variety of wild game. Bring a dish to pass for sides and desserts. Also bring a friend (doesn't have to be a Methodist).



### SANFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wed. Nov. 9th at 7:00 p.m.  
The SPRC will meet at 6:00 p.m.  
All are invited.



### Grief Recovery Group

Wed. Nov. 9, 7:00 to 8:45 p.m.  
Wed. Jan. 4, 7:00 to 8:45 p.m.  
Location: the parlor at Memorial Presbyterian Church.  
There is no fee.  
Topics: The nature of the grief process, handling holidays and anniversaries, recognizing and validating losses, coping with anger and depression, grief and one's relations with God, guilt and forgiveness.  
Please register at 989-835-6759.

### 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.

### SAGINAW BAY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011  
6:30 p.m.

Coleman: Faith UMC

310 5th Street, Coleman, MI 48618

Speaker: Rev. Dirk Elliott

Cost is \$10.00 per person dinner, cocktails & entertainment. Please register at 989-793-8838. Expected to attend are the pastor, the lay member to annual conference, and at least one other Leader of the church.

Check out what's happening at  
[www.Sanfordumc.org](http://www.Sanfordumc.org) and  
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## STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 2011

Date	Attendance	Offering
Oct. 2	82	\$6,475.00
Oct. 9	77	\$1,783.00
Oct. 16	81	\$1,365.00
Oct. 23	86	\$1,367.00
Oct. 30	72	\$2,490.00

### UMW RUMMAGE SALE/GRANDMA'S ATTIC

Don't forget to bring in your clean and unbroken items for the rummage sale.



Rummage sale set-up Mon. 9 a.m., Tues. 9 a.m. and Wed. 9 a.m.

Rummage Sale/Grandma's Attic

Thur., Nov. 3, 9 to 5

Fri., Nov. 4, 9 to 1

You may come to help or come to buy.

See what's happening @  
[www.sanfordumc.org](http://www.sanfordumc.org)  
 and Pastor Cutting's blog

## 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.

<b>Jean Emery</b>	P.O. Box 65, Sanford, MI 48657
<b>Keith Francis</b>	Colonial Village, 2121 Rockwell, Midland, MI 48642
<b>Pauline Fink</b>	3606 Sadler Dr., Sanford, MI 48657
<b>Dorothy Joynt</b>	Stratford Village, 2121 Rockwell, Midland, MI 48642
<b>Aletha Maticka</b>	Marshall Manor, 1119 Holyrood, Midland, MI 48640
<b>Bruce Milligan</b>	5822 N. Lake, Sanford, MI 48657
<b>Shirley Renwick</b>	Stratford Village, 2121 Rockwell, Rm. 244, Midland, MI 48642
<b>Arvella Rogers</b>	Tendercare, 4900 Hedgewood Dr. Rm. 2, Midland, MI 48640
<b>Ann Weir</b>	216 Diane Dr., Flushing, MI 48433

### Midland Mentors Needs Caring Adults

Show a teen you care! The Midland Mentor program is looking for caring adults who are willing to spend some time with a youth. Make a difference in the world - help a child. Sue Dexter is willing to speak to you of her experience with this program. Contact Liz Kapla @ 837-6255 or [lkapla@co.midland.mi.us](mailto:lkapla@co.midland.mi.us)

## Caring Corner



Our sympathies to the family & friends of: Jenny Marvin

Healing: Michael, Harriet Robbins, Connie, Angie Windsor, Dorothy Camehl, those who are ill and their caregivers.

### LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Sharon Wishowski (MS)	Jake McJames	Pauline Fink	Doug Hall
Bob Beatty	Bob Anderson	Kim Wood	Ted Eisenberger
Aletha Maticka	Ann Weir	Gary Moe	Oline Robinson
Ann Weir	Janet Eisenberger		

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## SANFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2560 N. West River Road

Sanford, Michigan 48657

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Anthony Cutting, Pastor

Church Office: (989) 687-5353

Worship: 10:30 A.M.

Sunday School: 9:10 A.M.

PERMIT NO. 4

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### September 2011 Food Pantry Report

People Served	56
Households	18



Gift certificates given:	34
Items in:	1,305
Items out:	1,788

Items donated: \$+ 25 Sanford UMC  
185 St. Agnes Catholic  
\$+ 40 St. Paul Lutheran  
6 Old Oak Trails  
\$+ 78 Community of Christ

Current needs: cereal, pasta, prepared meals eg. beef stew & chili.

The Sanford Pantry was busy despite the start of school. Thank you for your donations of both food and money. Checks may 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 news for November

Good Shepherd of the North presented "Women of the Bible" for our October meeting. These ladies brought the women to life with dress and verbal descriptions of the life and times from "their" lives long ago.

Remember the rummage sale with setup Nov. 1 and 2, sale on Nov. 3 and 4. Grandma's Attic is with us again in the upstairs meeting room. Your donations of items and time are appreciated.

To all the dedicated apple pie makers, a huge **thank you**. We made just over \$3,100. Without all the workers, this fund raiser could not happen. A special thanks to the Raymond family for picking all the apples and to the following businesses who either donated free items or sold to the UMW at reduced prices: Star of the West Milling Company, Michigan Sugar (Pioneer Sugar), Moore Orchard, Meijer, Walmart and Gordon Foods.

Submitted by Jeanne Sturm

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# SCHEDULE

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 6 Carolyn Maynard  
 Nov. 13 Pat Gruber  
 Nov. 20 Bruce & Ruth Ann  
 Nov. 27 Worship

## USHERS

Nov. 6 Bob & Sharon Raymond  
 Dave & Dustin Sutton  
 Nov. 13 Earl Crawford, Ron Vandenberg  
 Don Decker, Leonard McJames  
 Nov. 20 Jack & Karen Abbe  
 Keith & Alecia Bauerle  
 Nov. 27 Bud & Gayle Swanson  
 Sandy Houtman, Sue Dexter

## GREETERS

Nov. 6 Jan Biggs  
 Nov. 13 Mitch & Ronda Bowen  
 Nov. 20 Carolyn Maynard, Becky Bastuk  
 Nov. 27 Phyllis Seloom

## TRUSTEE FOR NOVEMBER

Curt Moe (back-up Keith Bauerle)

## COMMUNION STEWARDS FOR NOVEMBER

Sandy Houtman, Dorothy Francis



Get ready it's coming!

## COUNTERS

Nov. 6 Sharon Arvidson, Verna Gould, Ruth Ann Wrona  
 Nov. 13 Mike & Judy Gorthy, Curt & Beth Moe  
 Nov. 20 Gary & Brenda Boots,  
 Bob & Sharon Raymond  
 Nov. 27 Leonard & Lois McJames, Ruth Sutton  
 subs Mike & Judy Gorthy, Ira & Sue Thumma

## LITURGISTS

Nov. 6 Pat Gruber  
 Nov. 13 George Farner  
 Nov. 20 Betty Farner  
 Nov. 27 Ruth Sutton

## COFFEE HOUR

Nov. 6 Jan Blevins & Cassie Foley  
 Nov. 13 Visitation Team  
 Nov. 20  
 Nov. 27



Don't forget to change your clocks Sat. Nov. 5th.

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



Tue.	11/1	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	11/4	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Sat.	11/5	10:00 a.m.	to 4:00 p.m.
Tue.	11/8	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	11/11	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	11/15	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	11/18	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	11/22	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	11/25	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	11/29	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.

Hospital blood drives call  
 839-3490 for appointment