

# Sanford United Methodist Church

# Messenger

OCTOBER 2011



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

## Exceeding Expectations

**They did not do as we expected ( 2 Corinthians 8:5)**

In November of 2010 there was a story that got attention in many parts of the world. It told of a Nova Scotia couple who won \$11.2 million from a lottery ticket and within about four months every penny was gone. However, not as we may expect, they did not lose it in wasteful living, they gave it away. Allen and Violet Large didn't spend any of it on themselves. They took care of family, organizations, and institutions.

Violet, who is 78 said: "What you've never had, you never miss." The couple were married for 38 years, they live a very simple life style. They don't travel, they don't gamble (beyond playing the lottery) and they don't buy what they don't need. "We have an old house, but we're comfortable and we're happy in it," Violet said. "All that money was a big headache ... we were pretty well set, not millionaires, but comfortable," said Allen, 75.

But this happened to them at a time when many people would hold on to the money. They are retirees - Allen was a steel welder and Violet worked for cosmetics and chocolate companies. They won the big jackpot at a difficult time in their lives, Violet was undergoing treatment for cancer that doctors discovered in the spring.

This couple have a virtue that the majority of people lack. They acted in the spirit of the Macedonian believers that St. Paul talked about in 2 Corinthians 8. We see in them the selflessness of the widow in the Gospels who deposited her last coin in the temple treasury (Mark 12:41-44).

Allen's way of looking at it is: "That money that we won was nothing...we have each other." "It made us feel good," said Violet. "And there's so much good being done with that money."



They both feel privileged to be able to give to others. "We're the lucky ones," Violet said. "I have no complaints." John Wesley once said: When I get any money I get rid of it as quickly as possible lest it should find a way into my heart ...love of money makes the heart sick.

When we give our time and money, it loosens our grip and fascination with our possessions; giving is an antidote to the poison of greed that corrupts so many lives. Generosity is a cure for greed. One sure way to address our money fears and defeat the flesh factor is to give.

Allen and Violet bear the name "Large" - but they are also "Large" in heart. They did not live large because of instant wealth; they gave largely. They already had everything and each other. That was enough for them. Somehow they were assured within themselves that the good that followed them all their years would continue. This couple are parade examples of the generous life.

The story of Allen and Violet Large made its way around the world because it is a story of surprising generosity. We are accustomed to hearing stories of billionaires and millionaires giving away a small percentage of their vast wealth. For us that is normal, and we are comfortable with it for that is what we would do. This story reminds us that there is a level to generosity to which we may aspire and make a difference in many lives.

***Be the difference: Give generously.***

Pastor Cutting

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Pastor Cutting's blog

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**Mission Celebration Kickoff Event**  
**Saturday, October 8, 2011**  
**Midland First UMC - 10:00 am -1:30 pm**  
**Registration 9:30-10:00 -**  
**No Charge**

Rev. Faith Fowler, Senior Pastor of Cass City UMC will be the inspiring keynote speaker at this event.



Ruth Sutton and Pat Gruber heard Rev. Fowler speak at Annual Conference this year, and she is a dynamic speaker you won't want to miss! The event includes displays of mission programs being conducted by our UMC district churches. It is a great opportunity to see "what's working in missions". A light lunch will be provided. A free will offering will be taken to be shared with Cass Community Services and local mission work in our Saginaw Bay District. Please bring long underwear (in youth and adult sizes) and blankets to be distributed throughout the district. If you have any questions, please ask Sue Thumma, Ruth Sutton or Pat Gruber

## Women of the Bible

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Sanford United Methodist Church  
Program at 1:00 p.m.

All are invited. Our mission is to bring the word of God to all who will listen, through our dramatizations of Women of the Bible.  
Love Offering Taken.

## Be Wise Immunize!

Tues. October 4, 2011  
Trailside Senior Center  
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Fri. October 7, 2011  
Sanford Senior Services  
8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Mon. October 10, 2011  
Cleveland Manor  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wed. October 12, 2011  
Senior Expo at the Midland Mall  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thur. October 13, 2011  
Mills Senior Center  
9 to 11:30 a.m.

Fri. October 14, 2011  
Coleman Senior Center  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

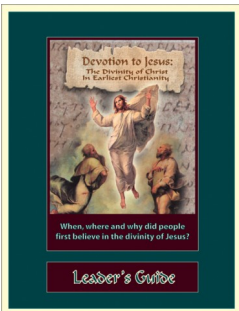
Mon. October 17, 2011  
MidMichigan Home Care  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thur. October 20, 2011  
Bickford Cottage  
8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Thur. October 20, 2011  
Happy Diners  
8:30 to 11:30 a.m.



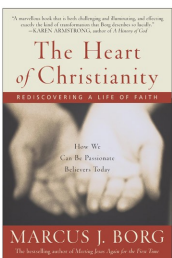
## Devotion to Jesus: The Divinity of Christ in the Early Church Sundays at 9:10 a.m.



How did early believers come to know that Jesus is more

than an extraordinary human being? Meet in the upstairs classroom; the class is led by Ruth Sutton.

## The Heart of Christianity Sundays at 9:10 a.m.




What beliefs about God, Jesus, self and others are at the core of the Christian faith? Video and class

discussion are included in every session and led by George Farner.

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<h2>STEWARDSHIP</h2> <p>Sept. 2011</p>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Offering</i>
Sept. 4	77	\$4,160.00
Sept. 11	79	\$1,495.00
Sept. 18	79	\$1,059.00
Sept. 25	76	\$2,188.00

*Thank You!*

I would like to thank everyone for all of the cards and prayers offered on my behalf during my hospital stay. Also to Pastor Cutting for his visits. Keith Bauerle

We would like to thank the ladies for the lunch to all for the beautiful cards, prayers & phone calls. Thank you to Pastor Cutting for the wonderful service and all you did for us. Bob & Sharon Raymond



## 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>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>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

## 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

## 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.

## Caring Corner

*God Answers Prayers*

**Our sympathies to the family & friends of:** Mark Raymond & Donna Ott.

**Healing:** Kim Gallihugh, Ryan Moe, Janet Eisenberger, Gay Fakkema, Sarah, those who are ill and their caregivers.

**Travel:** Jason Krenzke, Brenda Givens, Rachel, Earl & Kay Crawford

### 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			

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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.

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### August 2011 Food Pantry Report

People served 66  
Households 21  
Gift certificates given: 41  
Items in: 1871  
Items out: 2211



Items donated: \$+24 Sanford UMC  
121 St. Agnes Catholic  
\$ St. Paul Lutheran  
67 Old Oak Trails  
1104 Food Bank of Eastern Mich.  
\$ Community of Christ Church

Current needs: cereal, toothpaste, hamburger/tuna helper, cake mix.

The Sanford Pantry remained busy in August. Thank you for your donations of both food & 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 October*

The September meeting began with a presentation by Clara Del Valle concerning therapy dogs. Plus, we had an additional visitor, a therapy dog. The topic was interesting as we learned about dogs interacting with children, the elderly and CMU students a week prior to exams.

For the October meeting, individuals from Good Shepherd of the North will perform "Women of the Bible". All are welcome for this enlightening presentation at 1:00 p.m. on October 18. Bring a friend, too.

Submitted by Jeanne Sturm

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# SCHEDULE

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Oct. 2 Mitch & Ronda Bowen  
 Oct. 9 Dick Hale & Carol Becks  
 Oct. 16 Earl & Kay Crawford  
 Oct. 23 Denny & Jan Blevins  
 Oct. 30 Sue Dexter

## USHERS

Oct. 2 Bob & Sharon Raymond  
 Dave & Dustin Sutton  
 Oct. 9 Earl Crawford, Ron Vandenberg  
 Don Decker, Leonard McJames  
 Oct. 16 Jack & Karen Abbe  
 Keith & Alecia Bauerle  
 Oct. 23 Bud & Gayle Swanson  
 Sandy Houtman, Sue Dexter  
 Oct. 30 Gary & Brenda Boots  
 Bill Lackie, Dorothy Francis

## GREETERS

Oct. 2 Jan Biggs  
 Oct. 9 Jay & Bev Morgan  
 Oct. 16 Carolyn Maynard, Becky Bastuk  
 Oct. 23 Phyllis Seloom  
 Oct. 30 Mitch & Ronda Bowen

## TRUSTEE FOR OCTOBER

Ron Vandenberg (back-up Dave Sutton)

## COMMUNION STEWARDS FOR OCTOBER

Sue Dexter & Jeanne Sturm

**CUSTODIAN:** The SPRC committee is pleased to introduce Kami Wade to you who has been hired as our new Church custodian. The committee thanks all who volunteered their time and energy in doing the custodial job these past months. We want to thank everyone for their prayers and patience during this transition. Sue Thumma, SPRC Chairperson



## COUNTERS

Oct 2 Sharon Arvidson, Verna Gould, Ruth Ann Wrona  
 Oct. 9 Mike & Judy Gorthy, Curt & Beth Moe  
 Oct. 16 Gary & Brenda Boots,  
 Bob & Sharon Raymond  
 Oct. 23 Leonard & Lois McJames, Ruth Sutton  
 Oct. 30 Verna Gould, Sharon Arvidson, Ruth Ann Wrona  
 subs Mike & Judy Gorthy, Ira & Sue Thumma

## LITURGISTS

Oct. 2 Judy Gorthy  
 Oct. 9 Jeanne Sturm  
 Oct. 16 Ira Thumma  
 Oct. 23 Jim Brozzo  
 Oct. 30 Roger Sharpe

## COFFEE HOUR

Oct. 2 Suttons  
 Oct. 9 Sandy, Luella, Jeanne  
 Oct. 16 George & Betty, Mike & Judy  
 Oct. 23 Visitation  
 Oct. 30 Carolyn Maynard

## LAWN MOWING

Sept. 26-Oct. 2  
 Oct. 3-9  
 Oct. 10-16  
 Oct. 17-23  
 Oct. 24-30

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



Tue.	10/4	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	10/7	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Sat.	10/8	10:00 a.m.	to 4:00 p.m.
Tue.	10/11	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	10/14	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	10/18	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	10/21	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	10/25	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	10/28	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.

Hospital blood drives call  
 839-3490 for appointment