

Bible Talk Back



In St. John 2: 23-24, John made a statement that should not be overlooked. Here it is. *Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. Here are believers that Jesus did not regard as genuine. He would not trust them to be his disciples, although they claim to believe in him. Jesus does not regard all believers the same. Should you wonder on what grounds Jesus would distinguish one believer from another, John tells us: for he knew all people. These verses remind us of the words of Samuel: But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."* (I Samuel 16:7). In John 6:60-71 we see that **Jesus was right because** many of his disciples.... Please join us at **Bible Talk Back, Tuesday at 10:30 A. M. for the rest of this discussion.**



WEB SITE: Take a little time and visit our web site, www.sanfordumc.org. Some good things are waiting there for you.

COMMUNION STEWARDS: There are opportunities to serve in the upcoming months. The sign up sheet is in the copy room.



FLOWER CHART: The 2012 flower chart is in the copy room. Fill it out as many times as you like but only one person on each date please. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: Our SUMC Christmas Cantata will be December 18th at our 10:30 worship service.



MEN OF MUSIC: presents **CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE** Sunday Dec. 11th 3:00 p.m. at First Congregational Church. Free admission to all 2011 concerts, charitable donations to local food banks.

SANTA EXPRESS: Sanford Historical Museum are looking for volunteers on Dec. 13, 14 & 15 to work from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., for toy donations and dozens of cookies. Everyone is invited. The children can get pictures taken with Santa, receive a gift and then have some cookies and refreshments.



HEARING DEVICE: We are now equipped with hearing devices with our sound system. If you are in need of one, please ask one of the ushers and they will assist you.

FOOD PANTRY: At each entrance of the church you will find a red tag that says My Gift of \$1=6 meals for needy families here in Michigan. You may donate any amount, fill out the blank space on the ornament, hang it on the board and put your donation in the basket. Thank you.

WAITING FOR YOUR PLEDGE: It is not too late to get your 2012 pledge card in. Pledge cards are on the tables at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

NURSERY: Our nursery is up and running. Our nursery attendant's name is Meredith Abbe.

FOOD PANTRY: Current needs for the Food Pantry are: cereal, toothpaste, hamburger helper. Thank you for your support.

Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts & Service

December 4, 2011

Attendance	Weekly Giving: \$5,106.00	Building Fund
Worship: 63		YTD \$8,293.00
Adult SS: 10		Balance \$18,017.00

Celebrations & Concerns

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Sharon Wishowski	Pauline Fink	Ann Weir
Jake McJames	Aletha Matica	Bob Beatty
Doug Hall	Cindy Hogan	Kim Wood
Oline Robinson		

Have you visited, talked to or written to a shut-in lately?

Listed below 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.

Jean Emery: P.O. Box 65, Sanford MI 48657

Keith Francis: Colonial Villa, 5007 Universal Dr., Rm. 111, Midland, MI 48640

Dorothy Joynt: Stratford Village, 2121 Rockwell, Midland, MI 48642

Aletha Matica: Marshall Manor, 1119 Holyrood St. Midland, MI 48640

Bruce Milligan: 5822 N. Lake Dr., Sanford, MI 48657

Shirley Renwick: Stratford Village, 2121 Rockwell Rm. 244, Midland, MI. 48642

Arvella Rogers: Tendercare, 4900 Hedgewood Dr. Rm. 2, Midland, MI. 48640

Ann Weir: 216 Diane Dr., Flushing MI 48433

CHECK IT OUT...

Pastor Cutting's blog is posted on our website at least twice a month at www.sanfordumc.org

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 11

9:10 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship service
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time



Monday, December 12

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Church Office Open

Tuesday, December 13

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Church Office Open
10:30 a.m. Bible Talk Back
6:30 p.m. Trustees

Wednesday December 14

9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Church Office Open
6:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, December 15

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Church Office Open

Sunday, December 18

9:10 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship service (Christmas Cantata)
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD

Sunday, December 18, Christmas

Cantata 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 24,

Christmas Eve Worship 6:30 p.m.

