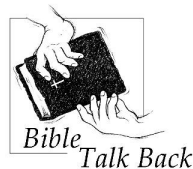


## BIBLE TALK BACK



In Bible Talk Back we allow the text of Scripture to give us new insights and understandings. Last Tuesday we read in John 2:12: *After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples....It is clear that John makes a distinction between Jesus' disciples and his brothers.* Matthew 13:55-56 gives us the names of his brothers and also mention his sisters. These verses compel us to ask: **Did Mary and Joseph have children after Jesus was born?** There is **more on this in the recently posted blog article.**

This Tuesday we study the account of Jesus cleansing the temple in St. John 2. The Temple at Jerusalem was considered the dwelling place of God, in that sense it was a sanctuary. Jesus called it my Father's house and he expelled those who desecrated it. What are some of the things that should not be done in the place where we worship God? Is anything or anytime holy time or sacred time in your life or is everything just the same. Join us as we wrestle with answers to these and other question in **Bible Talk Back—Tuesday at 10:30 A.M.**

**WEB SITE:** Take a little time and visit our web site, [www.sanfordumc.org](http://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.

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

**MEN OF MUSIC:** presents **CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE** Sunday Dec. 4th 2 & 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church and 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:** We 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.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING POTLUCK:** Dec. 9th, 6:00 p.m. at SAMUMC we will meet at the church for our potluck and go caroling afterwards. Bring a dish to pass your own table service and warm clothes.

**FOOD PANTRY:** At each entrance of the church you will find a red tag that says My Gift of \$1=6 meals for hungry neighbors here in Michigan. You donate \$1.00, put your name in the blank space, hang it on the board and put your dollar in the basket. Thank you.

**WAITING FOR YOUR PLEDGE:** To date we have received 48 pledge cards. If you have not turned in yours there is still time. Pledge cards are on the tables at the entrances to the Sanctuary.

**SHARING TREE:** The sharing tree gifts need to be here by Dec. 6th. Thank you.



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

## Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts & Service

November 27, 2011

Attendance	Weekly Giving: \$637.00	Building Fund
Worship: 67		YTD \$8,137.00
Adult SS: 7	Balance	\$17,861.00
Nursery Children: 7		

## 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](http://www.sanfordumc.org)**

## Schedule of Events

### Sunday, December 4

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

### Monday, December 5

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

### Tuesday, December 6

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

### Wednesday December 7

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

### Thursday, December 8

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

### Friday, December 9

6:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling Potluck

### Sunday, December 11

9:10 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship service  
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.