

Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts & Service

January 15, 2012

Attendance	Weekly Giving: \$ 2,348.00	Building Fund
Worship: 68		YTD \$305.00
Adult SS: 8		Balance \$12,782..59

Celebrations & Concerns

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Sharon Wishowski	Pauline Fink	Ann Weir
Jake McJames	Aletha Matica	Bob Beatty
Oline Robinson	Cindy Hogan	Kim Wood
Wayne King	Loretta Papineau	Priscilla Blakeley

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., 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, January 22

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

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Church Office Open
 10:30 a.m. Bible Talk Back
 7:00 p.m. Ad Council

Wednesday January 25

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

Thursday, January 26

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

Sunday, January 29

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



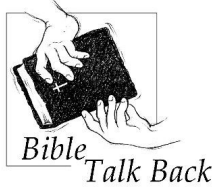
Coming Up

Happenings

**Tuesday, January 24th, 7:00 p.m.
Ad Council**

Bible Talk Back

The very words of Jesus to Nicodemus in John 3 are: "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." Jesus' first words to this seeker are not about his coming to earth, his divine nature, the mystery of the Godhead, or any such doctrine. Jesus talked about the most fundamental and universal of all his teachings, namely this, in our natural state we are not fit for God's kingdom, we need a change of heart, a change so radical that it is likened to being born again. On Tuesday we would explore this subject from a theological and experiential perspective. What does Jesus mean when he says we must be born again? What does St. Paul mean when he said: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17)? What does John mean when he said: No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God (1 John 3:9)? After these Scriptures are read in public worship, the reader often says: This is the word of the Lord and the people respond: Thanks be to God. These Scriptures are the word of the Lord. If you want a fuller understanding of what they mean, please join us this **Tuesday at 10:30 AM for Bible Talk Back.**



The Scripture Reading Philippians 4:1-9

1. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
2. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
3. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.
4. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
5. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
6. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
7. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
8. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.
9. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE

FELLOWSHIP TIME: There will be fellowship time today. Come on down and join us for some great fellowship and goodies.

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

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: Our current needs for the Food Pantry are: crackers, jams/jellies, box meals.

SPECIAL SUNDAY: The month of January is Human Relations. This is one of our six special Sundays. The primary focus is to help kids see Jesus and to help them grow developmentally and spiritually.