

Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts & Service

January 8, 2012

Attendance	Weekly Giving: \$1,700.00	Building Fund
Worship: 70		YTD \$220.00
Adult SS: 5		Balance \$960.00

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	Lorretta 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., 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, January 15

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

Monday, January 16

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

Tuesday, January 17

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

Wednesday January 18

9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Church Office Open
1:00 p.m. Communion Steward Training Class
6:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, January 19

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

Sunday, January 22

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



Coming Up

Happenings

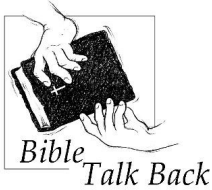
Tuesday, January 24th, 7:00 p.m. Ad Council



Pastor Cutting and Joan thank each and everyone for the generous Christmas gift and every expression of support and good will.

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 is 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.**

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, tooth brushes & toothpaste.

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.

The Scripture Reading

Philippians 3: 7-16

7. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.
8. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ
9. and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.
10. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death,
11. if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
12. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
13. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own, but this one thing I do; forgetting what lies ahead,
14. I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.
15. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this to God will reveal to you.
16. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE
