

## Bible Talk Back



Some people say that the miracles recorded in the Scriptures did not happen. It could be that their problem is not with the miracles themselves but with the miracle worker. Some of us deny the power of God.

There are more than thirty miracles in the Gospels but St. John is selective in the ones he recorded; he recorded only eight. The **first** one tells us that Jesus turned water to wine (chapter 2). The **second** relates how Jesus healed an official's son (chapter 4). The **third** describes the healing of a lame man (chapter 5). Then in chapter 6 there is miracle number **four**, the feeding the 5,000 and number **five**, Jesus walking on water. Chapter 9 gives the **sixth** one, Jesus restores sight to a man born blind. Chapter 11 gives the **seventh** one, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The **eighth** one is in chapter 21, the miraculous catch of fish. In Bible Talk Back we would look into miracles. What is a miracle? Why are miracles recorded in Scripture? What may we learn from miracles? But you may ask: Why did John omit some miracles? In chapter 21:25 he gives a reasonable answer; Jesus did many other things as well, if every one of them were written down I suppose that.... **See you in Bible talk Back on Tuesday at 10:30 A.M. for the rest**

**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 up and 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, canned meals like stew or hash. Thank you for your support.

**NURSERY:** The nursery is up and running. Our nursery attendant's name is Meredith Abbe and our volunteer for Nov. 20th is Vicki Sharpe. Thank you.

**GIVING ENVELOPS:** The 2012 Giving envelopes are at the East entrance of the church. If you do not find your envelopes please notify the church office.



## The Scripture Reading

### Isaiah 12:1-6

1. You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.
2. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.
3. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
4. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.
5. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.
6. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Notes from the Message

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**THANK YOU:** Last Sunday was Mission Sunday and we collected in our plate offering \$129.40 to be sent to God's Country for our Mission. Thank you again for your support.

**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 is up and tags are on it ready for you. The deadline to bring your gifts back is Dec. 6th.



## Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts & Service

November 13, 2011

Attendance Weekly Giving: \$1,443.00 Building Fund  
Worship: 86 YTD \$7,774.00  
Adult SS: 12 Balance \$17,498.00  
Nursery Children: 2

## 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, November 20

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

### Monday, November 21

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

### Tuesday, November 22

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 November 23

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

### Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving, office closed

### Sunday, November 27

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

### A QUICK LOOK AHEAD



November 27, First Sunday of Advent

November 28, Visitation 9:00 a.m.

December 18, Christmas Cantata 10:30 a.m.

December 24, Christmas Eve Worship 6:30 p.m.