

# BIBLE TALK BACK



Jesus referred to his body as a temple when he was challenged about driving the vendors and money changers out of the Jerusalem temple. The temple in Jerusalem was a thing of rare beauty, its stunning marble pavements, its terraced courts, and its rich adornment, made it one of the striking spectacles under the sun. In God's eyes, the human body, designed and built by the hand of the almighty, is a thing of divine genius. We read in the Book of Psalms, I am fearfully and wonderfully made ( Psalm 139:14). Someone said, consider those ivory pillars of bone; those alabaster walls of flesh; that many-toned organ of speech; those long corridors of brain and nerve, through which thought and emotion move; those storied archives where memory resides as the custodian of the records of the past: and tell me if you do not see an exquisite beauty and delicacy in the Lord's comparison, as he spake of the temple of his body. Our Lord reinstated the body to its rightful place as the temple of God. St. Paul tells us these bodies should be presented to God as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God (Romans 12:1). It should not escape us that Jesus referred to his body as temple in the context of cleansing the temple of those who misused it. But the story in John 2 is not so much about the cleansing of the house of worship as much as it is about the cleansing of our bodies, the true temple of God. Advent is about Jesus coming to clean us and make s fit for his indwelling. **Join us at Bible Talk Back – 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. 27th is Dorothy Francis. Thank you.



## Notes from the Message

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**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.

**TRANSFER:** Larry & Mimi Sorensen have transferred their membership to Redeemer UMC of Lansing. Their new home address is 6737 Springtree Lane, Lansing, MI 48917.

**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.

**THANK YOU:** Joe Sharpe says thank you for about 50 birthday cards. It made his 21st birthday a success.

Thank you. Roger & Vicki Sharpe

**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 20, 2011

Attendance Weekly Giving: \$5,304.00 Building Fund  
Worship: 68 YTD \$8,137.00  
Adult SS: 8 Balance \$17,861.00  
Nursery Children:

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 27**

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

**Monday, November 28**

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

**Tuesday, November 29**

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

**Wednesday November 30**

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

**Thursday, December 1**

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

**Sunday, December 4**

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.