

Bible Talk Back

QUESTION: What makes Bible Talk Back different?

ANSWER: Bible Talk Back is a study of the Scriptures themselves and not what other people say about the Scriptures. In Bible Talk Back we do what researchers do - we go back to primary sources. For the teacher, it means studying the text in the original Greek and Hebrew. For all of us it means a disciplined and deliberate investigation of what is written. We boldly go where others fear to go - right into the heart of the text and the mind of the writer as we seek to know what the Spirit says to the church. In each session we bring the Scriptures to our everyday life, understandings, and circumstances. The approach is intellectual and spiritual. You would find this to be a lively, energetic and enjoyable time. If you know the Bible we need you in this class, if you do not know the Bible you need this class. Please join us each Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

CROP WALKERS: You may sponsor someone or you may put your money in an envelope and it will be split between the walkers. Sign up downstairs in the Fellowship Hall to walk or sponsor.

APPLE PIES: Orders are now being taken for those great apple pies that the UMW make. Order forms are at each entrance of the church and the deadline to get it in is Oct. 9th.

WEB SITE: Sanford UMC has a web site. Browse to www.sanfordumc.org and set the link as a favorite in your web browser.

FOOD PANTRY: Current needs for the Food Pantry are: cereal, toothpaste, canned meals like stew or hash. Thank you for your support.

COMMUNION STEWARDS: There are opportunities to serve in the upcoming months. The sign up sheet is in the copy room.



Attention Singers

The choir will begin working on its Christmas program on October 5th. Any member of the congregation is welcome to join us. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. with regular choir rehearsal until 6:30 p.m. From 6:30 until 7:30 we will work on our Christmas program. If you love to sing but cannot commit to the choir's regular rehearsal schedule, this is a great opportunity to give us a try for a "short term." Any questions, see Pam.. In Harmony, Pam

CUSTODIAN: The SPRC committee is pleased to introduce Kami Wade to you who has been hired as our new Church custodian. The committee thanks all who volunteered their time and energy in doing the custodial job these past months. We want to thank everyone for their prayers and patience during this transition. Sue Thumma, SPRC Chairperson



Our Journey to Generosity

In this stewardship season, many church members across the land have giving on their minds. This is a time to count our blessings and give thanks through generous giving and faithful pledging. What some worshippers may not know is that behind the scenes, there are those in their congregation who struggle with the issues of keeping expenses under control while sustaining a level of ministry that keeps the church viable. It is no different here. The daily ministry of this congregation does not escape the rising cost of living, nor the negative impact of a bad economy. This ministry is sustained financially only by your voluntary gifts. **We know that we can depend on our faithful supporters to make the difference through their generous gifts.** As the stewardship campaign continues you may expect:

Two more stewardship letters

A pledge card and a time and talent list

Commitment Sunday – October 16

After Church brunch on commitment Sunday

The weekly stewardship blog

Please continue to observe the special times of prayer.

Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts & Service

Sept. 25, 2011

Attendance	Weekly Giving: \$2,188.00	Building Fund
Worship: 76		YTD \$6,009.00
Adult SS: 14	Balance	\$15,733.00
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

Dorothy Joynt: Stratford Village, 2121 Rockwell, Midland, MI 48642

Aletha Maticka: Marshall Manor, 1119 Holyrood St. Midland, MI 48640

Bruce Milligan: 5822 N. Lake Dr., Sanford, MI 48657

Shirley Renwick: Stratford Village, 2121 Rockwell, 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, October 2nd

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

Monday, October 3rd

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

Tuesday, October 4th

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Church Office Open
10:30 a.m. Bible Talk Back
5:45 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday October 5th

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Church Office Open
6:00 p.m. Choir
7:00 p.m. Christian Education

Thursday, October 6th

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Church Office Open
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Sunday October 9th

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

A QUICK LOOK AHEAD

Tuesday Oct. 12, & Wednesday Oct. 13

Apple Pies

Thursday October 27th, 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Chili Bonanza

November 3rd & 4th UMW Rummage Sale

November 9th, 7:00 p.m. Church Conference

