

Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts & Service

Sept. 4, 2011

Attendance	Weekly Giving: \$4,160.00	Building Fund
Worship: 77		YTD \$5,874.00
Adult SS: 14		Balance \$15,598.00
Children:		

Celebrations & Concerns

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Sharon Wishowski	Pauline Fink	Mark Raymond
Jake McJames	Aletha Matica	Bob Beatty
Doug Hall	Cindy Hogan	Kim Wood
Oline Robinson	Janet Eisenberger	

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

CHECK IT OUT...

Pastor Cutting's blog is posted on our website at least twice a month at www.sanfordumc.org

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Job 1:1-3, 6-22; 19:25-29

1. There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.
2. There were born to him seven sons and three daughters.
3. He had seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred donkeys, and very many Servants; so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the east.
6. One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them.
7. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."
8. The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil."
9. Then Satan answered the Lord, "Does Job fear God for nothing?"
10. Have you not put a fence around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.
11. But stretch out your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face."
12. The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, all that he has is in your power; only do not stretch out your hand against him!" So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord.
13. One Day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in the eldest brother's house,
14. a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were feeding beside them,
15. and the Sabeans fell on them and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you."
16. While he was still speaking, another came and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them; I alone have escaped to tell you."
17. While he was still speaking, another came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three columns, made a raid on the camels and carried them off, and killed the servants with the edge of the sword; I alone have escaped to tell you."

18. While he was still speaking another came and said, “Your sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother’s house,
19. and suddenly a great wind came across the desert, struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; I alone have escaped to tell you.”
20. Then Job arose, tore his robe, shaved his head, and fell on the ground and worshiped.
21. He said, “Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return there; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.”
22. In all this Job did not sin or charge God with wrongdoing.
19:25-29
25. For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
26. and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
27. whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!
28. If you say, ‘How we will persecute him!’ and ‘The root of the matter is found in him’;
29. be afraid of the sword, for wrath brings the punishment of the sword, so that you may know there is a judgment.”

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE

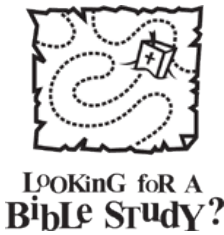
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Announcements



BIBLE TALK BACK

For the last 24 years I have led a special Bible Study that I named ***Bible Talk Back***. This is an open discussion of the Scriptures in the light of our daily experiences. We seek to know what the word of the Lord said long ago and what it continues to say. The method is a scholarly approach to a detail study of a book of the Bible. We begin with The Gospel According to St. John.

Participants may expect a lively and totally enjoyable and inspiring time. Through this fresh and thorough investigation and exposition of Scripture, you would learn, you would be challenged, you would be blessed, and you would experience the power of the living word of God.

Bible Talk Back is open to all. In the past it was a magnet that drew believers of other denominations who had a hunger and thirst for righteousness. I hope that it would become an outreach ministry of our church. If you know the Bible, this class needs you, if you do not know the Bible you need this class. You may join anytime. All are invited.

We meet each Tuesday morning at 10:30. Be sure to invite others. Pastor Cutting

JANITOR: We are looking for a janitor at SUMC. At least 20 to 25 hours a month. Any interested parties may come to the church office and get a copy of the janitorial duties & job application.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg will be at 9:10 a.m. in the downstairs classroom. George Farner is teaching this class. *Devotion to Jesus: The Divinity of Christ in the Early Church* is at 9:10 a.m. in the upstairs classroom. Ruth Sutton is teaching this class.

COFFEE HOUR: We are looking for volunteers for coffee hour. Sign up on the bulletin board inside the copy room. Coffee hour begins after Worship.

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

RUMMAGE SALE: This is just a heads up about our Nov. 3rd & 4th rummage sale. If you are doing any fall or winter clean out you might want to think about the church. We need all clean and unbroken items.

OUTREACH: Our Outreach for the month of Sept. is CROP. We need walkers and sponsors.

Announcements continued

UMW: Ladies, Tues. Sept. 20th at 1:00 p.m. is your next meeting. Your guest speaker is Clara Del Valle and the topic is therapy dogs. One never knows when one will be needed. It is very interesting to know how these dogs are raised and trained. All are invited.

CROP WALKERS: We need walkers and sponsors for our CROP walk on Oct. 2nd. You may sponsor someone or you may put your money in an envelope and it will be split between the walkers.

CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING: There will be a child protection training class on Thur. Sept. 29th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30. If you are volunteering to work with children, please try to attend.

LAWN MOWING: If you would like to help with lawn mowing the sign up sheet is in the copy room. We are in need of more volunteers, please give this ministry some prayer.

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

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

<i>This Week at SUMC</i>			
Sept. 11	@	9:10 a.m.	Sunday School
	@	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	@	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Sept. 13	@	10:30 a.m.	Bible Talk Back
	@	6:30 p.m.	Trustees
Sept. 14	@	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	@	2:00 p.m.	Christian Education
Sept. 16	@	6:00 p.m.	Adult Social (Moe's)
<i>Next Week at SUMC</i>			
Sept. 18	@	9:10 a.m.	Sunday School
	@	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	@	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Sept. 20	@	10:30 a.m.	Bible Talk Back
	@	1:00 p.m.	UMW
	@	6:00 p.m.	Finance
Sept. 21	@	6:00 p.m.	Choir