

Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts & Service

Sept. 11, 2011

Attendance	Weekly Giving: \$1,495.00	Building Fund
Worship: 79		YTD \$5,894.00
Adult SS: 9	Balance	\$15,618.00
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	Ann Weir	

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., Flushig MI 48433

THE SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 8:1-7

1. We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia;
2. for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.
3. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means,
4. begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints-
5. and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us,
6. so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you.
7. Now as you excel in everything-in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE

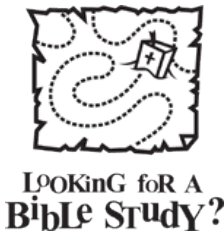
CHECK IT OUT...

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

Announcements

It's Here

Bible Talk Back



This is an inductive and interactive study of the Scriptures that is totally inspiring, lively, and informative. In this study we tackle the heavy and complex issues of the Scriptures. In our study this week we encounter these words: He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1: 11 -12 NIV). When we discuss these verses in light of John 8:44 - You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires - we are compelled to ask: **Are we all children of God?** What do you think? In Bible Talk Back we listen to what the Spirit says through the Scriptures and allow the Scriptures to have the final say. Please **join us on Tuesday at 10:30 AM for Bible Talk Back.**

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.

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, tooth-paste, canned meals like stew or hash. Thank you for your support.

Announcements continued

SPRC: There will be a SPECIAL SPRC meeting on Tues. Sept. 20th at 7:00 p.m. after the Finance meeting.

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.

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 come to this training.

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. Sign up downstairs to walk or sponsor in the Fellowship Hall. please try to attend.

USHER/GREETER: There will be a usher/greeter training on Wed. Oct. 19th at 7:00 p.m. after choir. If you now are a usher or greeter or if you would like to be, try and make it.

This Week at SUMC

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
	@	7:00 p.m.	SPRC (SPECIAL)
Sept. 21	@	6:00 p.m.	Choir
Sept. 22	@	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts



Next Week at SUMC

Sept. 25	@	9:10 a.m.	Sunday School
	@	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	@	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Sept. 27	@	10:30 a.m.	Bible Talk Back
Sept. 28	@	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	@	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship
Sept. 29	@	5:30 p.m.	Child Protection class
	@	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts