

Our Prayers, Presence, Gifts & Service

Sept. 18, 2011

Attendance	Weekly Giving: \$1,059.00	Building Fund
Worship: 79		YTD \$5,924.00
Adult SS: 5	Balance	\$15,648.00
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., Flushing MI 48433

THE SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 8: 1-8

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 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.
8. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE

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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)

# Bible Talk Back

Last week we had an engaging discussion of what it means to be a child of God. Romans 8:14-17, I John 3:9, 5:4 are a few of the passages of Scripture that informed our discussion. In John 8:44 Jesus told some Jewish people that they were of their father, the devil.

The Bible makes a distinction between those who are children of God by **creation** and those who are children of God by **redemption**. A child of God is what we become when we believe and receive the Christ (John 1:12-13).

Where there is a child there is a birth. The Lord himself taught that we are born into the family of God ( John 3:1-17). But as many as received him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name ( John 1:12). How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God ( 1John 3:3-10). Please come and join our in-depth discussion of what it means to be born of God.

**Bible Talk Back – this Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.**

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank everyone for all of the cards and prayers offered on my behalf during my hospital stay. Also to Pastor Cutting for his visits. Keith Bauerle

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



**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.

**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.

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

**CHILI BONANZA:** Thur. Oct. 27th is our chili bonanza. We will be serving from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**RUMMAGE SALE:** This is 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.

**WEB SITE:** Sanford UMC has a web site. Browse to [www.sanfordumc.org](http://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.

## *This 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
	@	6:00 p.m.	Stewardship
	@	6:00 p.m.	Worship
	@	7:00 p.m.	Ad Council
Sept. 28	@	6:00 p.m.	Choir
Sept. 29	@	5:30 p.m.	Child Protection class
	@	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts



## *Next Week at SUMC*

Oct. 2	@	9:10 a.m.	Sunday School
	@	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	@	11:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	@	2:00 p.m.	CROP walk
Oct. 4	@	10:30 a.m.	Bible Talk Back
	@	5:45 p.m.	SPRC
Oct. 5	@	6:00 p.m.	Choir
	@	7:00 p.m.	Christian Education
Oct. 6	@	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts