

Sanford United Methodist Church

Messenger

SEPTEMBER 2010



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of the United Methodist Church

Special MUSIC

Rejuvenation
September 12th
This four-part
women's chorus will
lead us in worship on

Founders' Day Weekend. Invite your friends and family for some great music, including familiar hymns and some singing along. A free-will offering will be taken.

Church Conference

September 30th @ 7 p.m.

With thanks to God, we will review the last year and pray for the year ahead.

Existing and new members of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee will meet with our District Superintendent, Jeff Maxwell, at 6:00 p.m.



Lay Speakers: please complete and return to the office your paperwork to renew your Certified Lay Speaker status.

Chairpersons: please report on your committee's activities for 2010 and plans for 2011. Please submit these electronically by 9-25.



It is already September, so October cannot be far behind! And that means apple pies. Save October 19-21 if you are able to help out. Order forms will be available soon.

Save these dates!

Rummage Sale & Grandma's Attic
November 4-5



10-10-10

10 days of serving neighbors
10 projects in the community
10 ways to open hearts, minds, & doors

Beginning October 1, 2010 we will join other United Methodists in making a difference for our neighbors and our communities.

> **Are you a neighbor** who can lend a hand for a few of these 10 days? Mark your calendar!

> **Do you know a neighbor** who needs a hand? Please talk to your neighbor about their willingness to receive some help, then contact the church with your neighbor's name and number, and arrangements will be made.

A list of possible projects around the community is being generated. If you've got an idea or two, please let Ron Vandenberg or Pastor Lerner know. Thanks!



CROP Hunger Walk

October 3rd

Join others as we support hunger programs locally and globally, including the Emergency Food Pantry Network.

Last year 10 SUMC walkers raised \$1,710. Let's outdo ourselves for the sake of neighbors near and far! Walkers, sign up in the fellowship hall or in the church office.

October 28th
5-7 p.m.

Invite your friends and neighbors to a night of good chili, good bread, and the ever-popular ice cream bar!



Chili's
Cooking

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, *Back to the Future* seems like an ancient movie now, but every now and then it is on the TV, and it is still a good laugh. Perhaps we would all like to go to a pivotal time in the past, a time that made a difference in the way we live our lives today. If we could only make a difference then, as Marty proves, life would be so much better now: richer, with hipper parents, a very cool set of wheels, and the girl.

There are a lot of things about September that have to do with the future. As we begin our fall stewardship study of *Enough*, the commitments we are willing to make will shape the future. Our relationship to God and our relationship with money will in part shape what ministries will take place in the year ahead and beyond.

In one way or another, our scripture lessons are about the future, too. Do we want to begin something we are not prepared to complete? Are we willing to change our ways to avoid the oncoming destruction? Are we willing to treat someone differently, now that they are a brother in Christ? All these questions, and just from the scriptures being read on the 5th! Similar themes continue for the entire month.

Long-term consequences. There are so many ways to ignore them it's not funny. So often we operate under the assumption that what we do or don't do is no big deal. What does it matter if the unnamed rich man hardly notices Lazarus at his gate? What is the difference if unfaithful people continue to ignore the ways of their covenant-making God? It's nice to think that what we enjoy now, who we ignore now, has no impact on tomorrow.

Except, it does. The rich man is shocked, shocked that he finds himself in flames while Lazarus rests in Abraham's bosom. Only when it is explained to him why he is one place and Lazarus is in another, does he begin to understand the results of his earthly behavior. And by then, it is too late to change the ultimate outcome.

It's a no brainer. What we do or don't do today does make a difference in the kind of tomorrow we will enjoy. And no, we don't have a DeLorean to



September Scriptures

September 5

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33
The scriptures abound with a variety of images, all of them calling us to a life of faith and faithfulness.



Your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
Psalm 139:14

September 12

Enjoy all the activities of Founders' Day Weekend and worship too!



Rejuvenation will offer their gifts of singing, and we will get to sing along on a few! A free will offering will be taken. Invite your friends, neighbors & families!



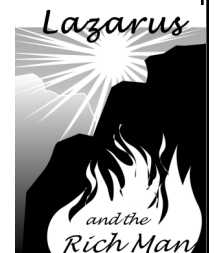
Be a Good Steward

September 19

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79; I Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
There's a joke here, since the parable is of the crooked manager, who is hardly a good steward of his master's property, but is wise when it comes to looking out for himself and planning for his future.

September 26

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91; I Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31
The story is ancient, familiar, and still true. How we live today, how we treat others, does indeed impact our future. Like the unjust steward, we best begin working on the future before it gets here and it is too late.



take us back so we can change the course of our lives. Each and every day, the decisions we make and the actions we take will shape the future. Some will lead to our benefit, others to our demise. Are we willing to do whatever it takes to secure our future with God? Or will we finally figure it out when it's too late?

Peace for the Journey,
Pastor Janet Larner

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STEWARDSHIP

August 2010

<i>Date</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Offering</i>
Aug. 1	64	\$3,146.00
Aug. 8	77	\$3,806.00
Aug. 15	82	\$4,580.00
Aug. 22	64	\$1,400.00
Aug. 29	67	\$1,278.00



Thank you to all my church family & friends for the lovely cards, messages, calls & prayers on my 90th birthday. God's blessings to all. Florine Bigelow

Dear People of the Church,
 Thank you for the money for camp. I went to Judson Collins Center and got to ride a horse named Cottor. The people there were really nice. I had a great time and I got to do other activities too. I had lots of fun. Thank you!
 Your friend, Krinn Eickholt

Thank you for providing the opportunity for our daughter Krinn and her friend Brianna Decker to attend Judson Collins Horse Camp in July. They had a wonderful week and came home with new songs and really enjoyed themselves.
 Don & Liane Eickholt

SHUT-INS

The following 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. Your calls, notes, and visits are greatly appreciated.

- Jean Emery** P.O. Box 65, Sanford, MI 48657
- Pauline Fink** 3606 Sadler Dr., Sanford, MI 48657
- Norma Johnson** Brittany Manor, 3615 E. Ashman, Midland, MI 48640
- Dorothy Joynt** Stratford Village, 2121 Rockwell, Midland, MI 48642
- Wanda Kelsey** 126 Blakeley, Sanford, MI 48657
- Aletha Maticka** Marshall Manor, 1119 Holyrood, Midland, MI 48640
- Shirley Renwick** Stratford Village, 2121 Rockwell, 227A, Midland, MI 48642

Labor Day Bridge Walk September 4-6
 Camp Kinawind offers a family bridge walk camp over Labor Day weekend. Cabins, food, and transportation to the Straights are included in the price. Register soon at www.umccamps.org.



Caregiving Network Is Looking for Volunteers

Are you looking for an opportunity to donate some of your time and talent? The Caregiving Network may be able to help! Located at 607 Gordon St. in Midland, and you can contact them at 837-9757.

Our sympathies to the families and friends of: Lena Mae Chapin, Joan Hockemeyer, Donna Bradley.

Healing: Paul Krenzke, Susy Marcy, Lois Mc James, Dan Moreno, Dick Ware, Dan Skinner, a niece, Shawana Camehl, Frank Gronowski, Phyllis Seloom, Betty Hanchett, Bruce Milligan, Becky Bastuk, Gary Moe, Gary Richmond.

Travel Mercies: Bob & Sandy Otto, Taylor Truck

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Sharon Wishowski (MS)	Marcia McKim	Randy Cripe	Susy Marcy
Bob Beatty	Bob Anderson	Benjamin Irish	Ted Eisenberger
Aletha Maticka	Pauline Fink	Cindy Hogan	Peter Lubliczyk
Doug Hall	Bruce Milligan		



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SANFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sanford, Michigan 48657
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Church Office: (989) 687-5353
www.Sanfordumc.org
Worship: 10:30 A.M.
Sunday School: 9:10 A.M.

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Food Pantry Report

	June	July
People served	41	35
Households	12	9
Gift certificates given:	24	18
Items in:	630	417
Items out:	1,428	983
Items donated: SUMC	41	7
St. Agnes	147	126
St. Paul	32	78
Old Oak Trails	79	41
FBOEM	288	67
Comm. of Christ	\$\$	\$\$



Current needs: Plastic grocery bags! Paper grocery bags, & juices in plastic bottles.

You probably noticed that there was no June report. When it should have been done, we were on vacation, so it is included here with July's.

Thank you for your generous donations of food and money during June & July. Checks made out to the Sanford Food Pantry allowed us to purchase foods to supplement the donations we received.

Please keep our volunteers and the clients they serve in your prayers.

Peace!

Earl and Kay Crawford

UMW news for September

Sixteen women attended the August 17 salad luncheon. There were no duplicate salads making the pickings delicious and varied.

A guest speaker will talk about breast health at the September 21 meeting, 1:00 p.m. All women are invited to join us for this very important, informative topic.

The school supplies for Meridian Schools is ongoing until late August. Many items needed are currently on sale. The UMW will purchase back packs to accompany the school supplies.

Submitted by Jeanne Sturm

www.Sanfordumc.org check us out!

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SCHEDULE

ACOLYTES

Sept. 5 Nick Arthur
Sept. 12 Haley Maynard
Sept. 19 Tana Spangler
Sept. 26

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept. 5 Dave & Ruth Sutton
Sept. 12 William Lackie
Sept. 19 Jeanne Sturm
Sept. 26 Carmen Adams

USHERS

Sept. 5 Dick & Joy Ware, Jack & Karen Abbe
Sept. 12 Dick & Joy Ware, Leonard McJames & Rick Foley
Sept. 19 Dick & Joy Ware, Gary & Brenda Boots
Sept. 26 Dick & Joy Ware, Dave & Dustin Sutton

GREETERS

Sept. 5 Verna Gould
Sept. 12 Sandy Houtman
Sept. 19 Luella Glesner
Sept. 26 Carmen Adams

TRUSTEE FOR SEPTEMBER

Curt Moe (back-up Carolyn Maynard)

COMMUNION STEWARDS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sue Dexter, Peggy Schrott

LAWN MOWING

Aug. 30 to Sept. 5
Sept. 6 to 12
Sept. 13 to 19
Sept. 20 to 26
Sept. 27 to Oct. 3

Open Door Opportunities

Volunteers are needed the 3rd Saturday of the month. Open Door has a Bible study every Monday night. Volunteers are needed to help with arrangements and to be a part of the study. If interested in either of these opportunities, please call Sue LaBean @ 859-7694.

COUNTERS

Sept. 5 Sharon Arvidson, Verna Gould, Ruth Ann Wrona
Sept. 12 Bob & Sharon Raymond, Curt & Beth Moe
Sept. 19 Gary & Brenda Boots,
Bob & Sharon Raymond
Sept. 26 Leonard & Lois McJames & Ruth Sutton
Subs Mike & Judy Gorthy, Ira & Sue Thumma

LITURGISTS

Sept. 5 Sue Thumma
Sept. 12 Judy Gorthy
Sept. 19 Ira Thumma
Sept. 26

COFFEE HOUR

Sept. 5
Sept. 12 Finance, Stewardship
Sept. 19 Dorothy Camehl, Ronda Bowen
Sept. 26

Opportunities for Ministry

Nursery: We have little ones who need loving care. Sign up on the bulletin board inside the copy room.

Coffee Hour: Offered after the 10:30 service, sign up with a friend or family member and enjoy the company of others around food (whatever you wish to serve) and drink.

Ernie Wallace Blood Bank Schedule for SEPTEMBER



Fri.	9/3	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Sat.	9/4	10:00 a.m.	to 4:00 p.m.
Tue.	9/7	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	9/10	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	9/14	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	9/17	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	9/21	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	9/24	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	9/28	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.

Hospital drives call
839-3490 for appointment