

Sanford United Methodist Church

Messenger



SEPTEMBER 2011

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

Faithful Stewards

Let a man so account of us, as of ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Here, moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful (1 Corinthians 4:1-2, ASV).

Stewardship is caring for that which holds value for us. We often think of it as an ethic that teaches responsible management of time, money and other personal resources. There are many areas of stewardship concern: health, environment, personal possessions, information, and religion. Although in stewardship campaigns much emphasis is placed on raising funds to do the work of the Lord, we also seek to do those things that are sustainable over time, and consistent with the saving Gospel we preach and our Christian values.

Stewardship is about today. In this stewardship season, we would conduct a campaign that calls us to consider a commitment of money, time, and talent to help sustain the ministry of our church today. This time reminds us that it is our grateful response to the Lord's call to be generous givers that helps us sustain this ministry. We are striving to meet our ministry needs today. Today we need sufficient funds to cover current expenses. Today we need more workers to strengthen on-going ministries. Today we need other hands to join with ours so that we may launch new ministries and so realize our preferred future.

Stewardship is about tomorrow. Our responsibility is to meet and manage immediate needs and at the same time put aside for long term needs such as maintaining and or expanding our facility. In this way, we would make plans in light of unexpected and un-budgeted large expenses. It is important that we do our part today to make sure that the next generations of worshippers in this place always have at least seed money for the big undertakings that may present themselves.



Responsible believers desire to pass on a church that has a firm financial foundation. We are stewards of the Good News not only to this generation but to those who would come after us. When we give and serve we provide the resources that make for a strong congregation.

Stewardship is for eternity. The Lord Jesus taught us in St. Matthew 6:19-21: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Giving to the Lord involves much more than simply writing a check to support the church or to meet a perceived obligation. What we give to God is like a deposit in our heavenly bank account. Jesus invites us to invest in that which is eternal. The good done in the name of the Lord bears fruit to life eternal. Souls that are saved through the ministry of our church would forever enjoy life everlasting.

During our stewardship drive let us consider the needs of our church today, and tomorrow. Above all, let us never lose sight of the eternal reward that awaits all faithful stewards who lay up treasure in heaven by giving generously here on earth. Stewardship is about today, tomorrow, and eternity.
Pastor Cutting

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Stewardship campaign 2011

Our annual stewardship program begins on September 18th and ends on October 16th. This program reminds us that we are stewards of all that God has given. Each Sunday there will be a stewardship message from the pastor and a word of witness from a lay member. Weekly mailings, a stewardship blog, and a designated time of prayer are some of the other things that would enrich this drive and help us better understand what God expects of us. We thank you for your gifts and service that help sustain this ministry. We trust God to bless us abundantly so that in turn we may be a blessing to others.



WE SAY THANKS

Pastor Cutting and Joan thank all who hosted the meet the pastor events as well as those who attended. We enjoyed the time of sharing and getting to know each other. We are blessed by your hospitality and kindness and look forward to the many good things the Lord has in store for us.



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.



LOOKING for A Bible Study?

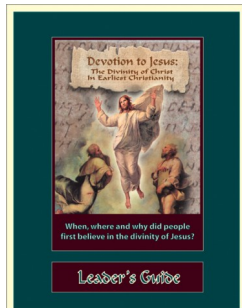
Participants may expect a lively and totally enjoyable and inspiring time. Through this fresh and thorough investigation and exposition of Scripture, you would learn, you would be challenged, you would be blessed, and you would experience the power of the living word of God.

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. All are invited.

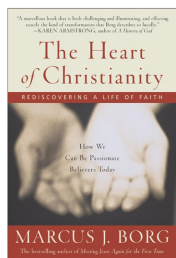
We meet each Tuesday morning at 10:30, our first session is September 6, 2011. Please call the church office to sign up 687-5353. Be sure to invite others.
Pastor Cutting

Devotion to Jesus: The Divinity of Christ in the Early Church

Sundays at 9:10 a.m.



How did early believers come to know that Jesus is more than an extraordinary human being? Meet in the upstairs classroom; the class is led by Ruth Sutton.



The Heart of Christianity

Sundays at 9:10 a.m.

What beliefs about God, Jesus, self and others are at the core of the Christian faith? Video and class discussion are included in every session and led by George Farner.

Janitor



We are looking for a janitor at Sanford United Methodist Church. Any interested parties may come to the church office and get a copy of the janitorial duties. The job consists of between 20 to 25 hours a month.

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STEWARDSHIP

Aug. 2011

Date	Attendance	Offering
Aug. 7	69	\$3,562.00
Aug. 14	77	\$2,950.00
Aug. 21	69	\$1,324.00
Aug. 28	76	\$2,155.00



Thank you for all the beautiful cards, notes, phone calls and prayers during my father's passing.
Sharon Raymond

Thank you so much for the cards and sharing my birthday cake & ice cream. Ed Robishaw

Thank you UMW for the presentation of the Faithful Servant Award, I was speechless, extremely surprised and deeply honored. Brenda Boots

Midland Mentors Needs Caring Adults

Show a teen you care! The Midland Mentor program is looking for caring adults who are willing to spend some time with a youth. Make a difference in the world - help a child. Sue Dexter is willing to speak to you of her experience with this program.

Contact Liz Kapla @ 837-6255 or
lkapla@co.midland.mi.us

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
Dorothy Joynt	Stratford Village, 2121 Rockwell, Midland, MI 48642
Aletha Maticka	Marshall Manor, 1119 Holyrood, Midland, MI 48640
Shirley Renwick	Stratford Village, 2121 Rockwell, 244, Midland, MI 48642
Arvella Rogers	Tendercare, 4900 Hedgewood Dr. Rm. 2, Midland, MI 48640

Ladies of Sanford United Methodist Church!

There is a UMW meeting on Tues. September 18th at 1:00 p.m. Come and join us in learning all about Therapy dogs with Clara Del Valle. If you have any questions, please call Lois McJames at 687-2364. Thank you.

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.

Caring Corner

Our sympathies to the family & friends of: Emily Foster, Carl Hayes, Dale Thornton, Dave Stokes, Phil Varner, Ryan McCandless, Navy Seals.

Healing: Judy Braid, Ron Vandenberg, Bev Vandenberg, Doug Hall, Janet Eisenberger, Gloria Rose, Angie Winsor, Lara Sutton, Ryan Moe.

Travel: Those who are on their way to help others in the hurricane.



LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS

Sharon Wishowski (MS)	Jake McJames	Pauline Fink	Doug Hall
Bob Beatty	Bob Anderson	Kim Wood	Ted Eisenberger
Aletha Maticka	Mark Raymond	Gary Moe	Oline Robinson
Janet Eisenberger			

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Anthony Cutting, Pastor

Church Office: (989) 687-5353

Worship: 10:30 A.M.

Sunday School: 9:10 A.M.



July 2011 Food Pantry Report

People served 66

Households 20

Gift Certificates given: 35

Items in: 1,340

Items out: 2,139

Items donated: \$+19 Sanford UMC

112 St. Agnes Catholic

St Paul Lutheran Church

17 Old Oak Trails

476 Food Bank of Eastern MI

\$+49 Comm. of Christ Church



Current Needs: cereal, instant potatoes, toothpaste, hamburger/tuna helper, cake mix.

Again this month some of our families were quite large, requiring more food. We are particularly grateful for the generosity of the Sanford Food Center's management. Thank you for your donations of both food and money. Checks may be made out to the Sanford Food Pantry.

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

Peace!

Earl and Kay Crawford

UMW news for September

The salads and fellowship were great at the annual August salad luncheon. If you missed 2011, please join us in 2012.

Thank you to all who contributed school supplies for the Meridian schools. Your UMW added backpacks to the supplies for distribution at the elementary and intermediate schools.

The September 20 UMW meeting at 1:00 p.m. should be very interesting. Clara Del Valle is the guest speaker talking about therapy dogs. All are welcome to join the meeting to learn more.

Submitted by Jeanne Sturm

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SCHEDULE

ALTAR FLOWERS

Sept. 4 Dave & Ruth Sutton
Sept. 11 Jim & Sally Brozzo
Sept. 18 Bill & Carmen Pretzer
Sept. 25 Verna Gould

USHERS

Sept. 4 Bob & Sharon Raymond
Dave & Dustin Sutton
Sept. 11 Earl Crawford, Ron Vandenberg
Don Decker, Leonard McJames
Sept. 18 Jack & Karen Abbe
Keith & Alecia Bauerle
Sept. 25 Bud & Gayle Swanson
Sandy Houtman, Sue Dexter

GREETERS

Sept. 4 Jan Biggs
Sept. 11 Jay & Bev Morgan
Sept. 18 Carolyn Maynard, Becky Bastuk
Sept. 25 Phyllis Seloom

TRUSTEE FOR SEPTEMBER

Dave Sutton (back-up Curt Moe)

COMMUNION STEWARDS FOR SEPTEMBER

CLEANING CREW

Aug. 29 - Sept. 4 Crew 5: Leonard & Lois
McJames, Carol Becks & Dick
Hail
Sept. 4-11 Crew 6: Gary & Brenda Boots
Becky Bastuk, Ron Vandenberg
Sept. 12-18 Crew 1: Earl & Kay Crawford
Marlene Glinski, Vicki Sharpe
Sept. 19-25 Crew 2: Bob & Sharon
Raymond, Lavon Traskos
Sept. 26-Oct. 2 Crew 3: Jim & Sally Brozzo,
Jan Biggs, Jeanne Sturm

COUNTERS

Sept. 4 Sharon Arvidson, Verna Gould, Ruth Ann
Wrona
Sept. 11 Mike & Judy Gorthy, Curt & Beth Moe
Sept. 18 Gary & Brenda Boots,
Bob & Sharon Raymond
Sept. 25 Leonard & Lois McJames, Ruth Sutton
subs Mike & Judy Gorthy, Ira & Sue Thumma

LITURGISTS

Sept. 4 Keith Bauerle
Sept. 11 Jim Brozzo
Sept. 18 Betty Farner
Sept. 25 George Farner

COFFEE HOUR

Aug. 29-Sept. 4 Fellowship
Sept. 5-11
Sept. 12-18
Sept. 19-25
Sept. 26-Oct. 2

LAWN MOWING

Aug. 29 - Sept. 4
Sept. 5- 11
Sept. 12-18
Sept. 19-25
Sept. 26-Oct. 2

Ernie Wallace Blood Bank *Schedule for SEPTEMBER*



Fri.	9/2	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Sat.	9/3	10:00 a.m.	to 4:00 p.m.
Tue.	9/6	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	9/9	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	9/13	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	9/16	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	9/20	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	9/23	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.
Tue.	9/27	Noon	to 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	9/29	8:00 a.m.	to 3:30 p.m.

Hospital blood drives call
839-3490 for appointment