

Sanford United Methodist Church

Messenger

MAY 2018



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The people of the United Methodist Church

Favorite Verse

Do you have a favorite verse from the Bible that is meaningful to you? The Bible is a compilation of 66 books, with 31,102 verses, written as a narrative of God's journey with us over time. God has chosen to be our God and asks if we will choose to be God's people. This choice began in the Old Testament with Adam and Eve and continues today with us. Have you chosen to be part of God's kingdom?

If you are a part of God's kingdom, there might be one of these verses that is more meaningful to you than others. Our speaker for our Central Bay District Conference was asked to memorize 50 verses when he was in seminary. He doesn't remember them all, but he has used the ones that he has remembered well. Most of us are not asked to memorize scripture. Few of us who are conversant with the Bible have taken the time to memorize verses from it. It's not a bad idea to memorize scripture, it's just not a popular thing to do.

Even if you haven't memorized scripture, you may have a favorite verse that is meaningful to you. It might have been used at the funeral of a family member, or given to you when you were baptized or mentioned in one of your favorite sermons. The one that I like best of all is Colossians 3:12, *"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."* (This is a good encouragement to me to keep growing faithful characteristics in my life so others can see Jesus through me.)

I hope you will take time to tell us your favorite scripture. We want the church be filled with scripture verses so we, and others, can be encouraged by them. Would you be willing to share your favorite Bible verse with us?

You can write your verse down, put your name on the sheet of paper and drop it in the offering plate or the church office. You can email your verse revlisacook@gmail.com or you can call the church office and Ruth Ann will write it down and share it with me.



The Bible influences our lives and we would like to share those influences with others. Choose your favorite verse out of all that is in the Bible and share it with your church. We can bless one another in the process and maybe even memorize a verse or two!

God blesses us in the journey of faith,

Rev. Lisa Cook

Q1 Financial Update:

After the first three months of 2018 I'm happy to report our financials are currently on target. We've had pledge contributions year to date of \$48,250.00 and expenses of \$47,223.00. We have had multiple individuals make their annual contribution early which has helped our contribution targets. The past several years we have had deficit spending and this could happen again this year but so far so good. We appreciate your financial diligent and look forward to an amazing year at SUMC.
Chair, Roger Sharpe

MERIDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND VOTE:

Our community is asking you to vote on a bond issue Tuesday, MAY 8, 2018. Polls are open from 7 am-8 pm. You will be asked to vote on a 25 year Bond which raises \$20.23 million for facility and site improvements. Information is available on the table near the office so you can know the specifics of the proposed projects. All who live within our school district are being asked to be informed and vote. We are part of this community and our vote matters. Please be informed and put it in your plans to vote on May 8, 2018.

WELCOME FRIENDS:

Saturday, May 19, Sidewalk Prophets will take the stage at Central Auditorium. Tickets are going fast and are available at www.swpsomethingdifferent.com.

MIDLAND FRESH:

Please consider volunteering at a community garden or transporting the Midland Fresh Trailer this summer. It is a fun and rewarding way to help those in our community. E-mail Kurt at kurt@coachstepup.com.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:

Thursday, May 3, at First United Methodist Church from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Part Time Choir Director Job available

Do you like directing an adult church choir? Sanford United Methodist Church is looking for you! We have a 10:30 am worship service on Sunday mornings and our choir needs a part time choir director. This is a 4-5 hour per week position with salary appropriate to your experience. Choir practice is every Wednesday from 6-7 pm and we sing twice a month in worship. We are looking for a choir director who reads music, who can choose appropriate music, organize, teach and direct the choir during rehearsals and as we sing in worship. If you play an instrument, that is a bonus! Please send your resume to Sanford United Methodist Church, 2560 N. West River Rd, Sanford, MI 48657 or email it to secretary@sanfordumc.org. You can learn more about our church at our website sanfordumc.org or join us for worship any Sunday.

MISSION BUCKETS (OUTREACH):

Our church will again be participating in the One Week, One Street Mission Project this summer, and we would like to encourage everyone to consider joining in this local mission. The dates are June 25-29, and you can volunteer for all of the five days, or just one or two. We will be joining over 30 churches and organizations to help revitalize 20 homes on Webber Street in Saginaw.

The money collected in our outreach buckets for May will go to the Saginaw One Week, One Street project. We hope to have many people from our church participate this year in renovating the outside of homes and yards on Webber Street in Saginaw. There are many jobs available, from cleaning up brush, painting, raking, helping with tool supplies, lunch preparation, etc. Roger Sharpe, who has worked on a chain-saw crew for the last couple of years, said, "It can be hard work, but I have met a lot of great people through this experience and I am looking forward to helping again this summer. I enjoyed seeing the kids in the neighborhood pitch in to help, and was encouraged to see youth that weren't from the area putting stranger's needs before their own and giving up some of their summer vacation to help others."



MARCH
Attendance & Giving

April 1	106	\$3,260.00
April 8	57	\$2,627.00
April 15	No Church	
April 22	75	\$3,180.00
April 29		

IN SYMPATHY OF

Family and Friends of Roy Renwick. Roy passed Thursday, April 12, funeral service and luncheon were at Sanford United Methodist Church.



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MARCH 2018 FOOD PANTRY REPORT

People served	18
Households	6
Gift Certificates given:	13
Items In:	853
Items Out:	690



Items Donated:	
Sanford UMC	\$+ 7
Our Lady of Grace Catholic	\$+ 643
St Paul Lutheran Church	50
Community of Christ	\$
Old Oak Trails	46

Current Needs: Cereal & Boxed Potatoes

Pantry utilization continues steady and we are grateful for your donations. For those who prefer to let us do the shopping, checks can be made out to the Sanford Food Pantry. Our checking account is part of the MCEFPN account, so your donation is tax-deductible. Your donations and support throughout the year are greatly appreciated. Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN) is continuing with its annual **“Stop Hunger Challenge”** through the end of April.

The goal for this campaign is \$80,000 in food and money. Food and money collected by the end of April will count towards this challenge. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the challenge. Thank you for keeping our volunteers and the clients they serve in your prayers.

Kathy Nogaski
 989-245-2610

OUTREACH:

We are again starting to collect boxtops for education. These are found on General Mills cereal boxes and many other products. Please put them in the box on the windowsills outside of the copy room. We will take them to Meridian Elementary. Thank you. Vicki Sharpe

**Worship Christ The Lord
 10:30 A.M. Sunday**

Serving the Lord

	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters	Coffee Hour
May 6	Rick Foley	Bud & Gayle Swanson Sue Dexter, Myrna Wyman	Jay & Bev Morgan	Memorial
May 13	W.C. Paetz	Rick Foley, Ron Vandenberg Becky Bastuk	Becky Bastuk	Outreach
May 20	Roger Sharpe	Mike & Judy Gorthy, Janet Sayranian, Phyllis Seloom	Cheryl Johnson	SPRC
May 27	Judy Gorthy	Roger & Vicki Sharpe Chris & Jean Thompson	Carolyn Maynard	Trustees

CALENDAR DATES

Bible Talk Back every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.
Cub Scouts Wednesday 6-7 p.m. and Girl Scouts Wednesday 6-7:30 p.m.
Choir is every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.



MAY CALENDAR DATES

Happenings

Tues. May 8	Set up rummage sale
Wed. May 9	Set up rummage sale
Thur. May 10	Rummage Sale 9-5
Fri. May 11	Rummage Sale 9-2
Sun. May 13	Mother's Day Worship
Tues. May 15	UMW 1:00
Sat. May 19	New Member Class 9-11
Sun. May 20	Scavenger Hunt 3:00
Sat. May 26	New Member Class 9-11

FAMILY AND FRIENDS EVENTS

Sun. May 20	3:00 p.m. Scavenger Hunt and Desserts
Sun. June 10	10:30 a.m. Service and Potluck at park
Thur. July 26	5-7 p.m. Ice Cream Social
Fri.–Sun August 24, 25, 26	Camping
Fri. Sept. 14	6:00 p.m. Progressive Dinner
Fri. Oct. 19	6:00 p.m. Wild Game Dinner
Wed. Oct. 31	5:30-7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat
Sun. Nov. 25	After Worship Service, Hanging of the Greens Potluck
Sun. Dec. 9	4:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling

PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT:

Don't forget we are making kits for the Midwest Mission. These kits will go to those who have been hit by floods, hurricanes or any disaster.

Deadline to have your items in is May 15.

TRUSTEE FOR MAY

Sharon Raymond (Curt Moe)

COMMUNION STEWARDS MAY

Bev Morgan, Jeanne Sturm, Karen Abbe, Becky Bastuk

SMARTPHONE SCAVENGER HUNT

(aka: iPhone Picture Treasure Hunt)

Join us for our fun filled “**Smartphone Scavenger Hunt**” on Sunday, May 20 at 3:00 p.m.

We will meet in the church basement, teams will be drawn and you will be given a list of locations and items that are needed. All teams will depart at the same time and will be told their return time. Points will be given for each completed task and the team with the highest total points will be awarded their fabulous prizes.

Will you enjoy this? You sure will.
Is it difficult? Not at all.

If you have any questions, just ask someone who has participated in the past. Some of those who joined in the fun were: Frank & Mary Morgan, Roger & Vicki Sharpe, Curt & Beth Moe, Ron & Lisa Cook, Jay & Bev Morgan, Mike & Judy Gorthy, George & Betty Farner and Kelsey Merillat.

There are sign-up sheets at both entrances of the church. Hope you can join—the more the merrier!

****Please bring a dessert to share****

Thank you.
Mary Morgan