

Sanford United Methodist Church

Messenger

JUNE 2019



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

Guys and Gals Graduate

Time passes so quickly, we must savor every minute. We have some guys and gals who are graduating and we want to celebrate them. Hunter Merillat, Tana Spangler, Hannah Ordiway and Elizabeth Melchi are seniors in high school and will graduate this month. All of them have been special members of our church family.

They are all top notch students and will go far in life. We are glad to have been part of their growing up. We have seen their growing faith. Tana, Hannah and Elizabeth have been intricate parts of our Nursery team. Jill Dougherty is such a capable, talented child care provider. She was hired as our Nursery Worker four years ago. Since our Child Protection policy states that we always have two people in the room with kids we are watching, Tana, Hannah and Elizabeth were hired as the assistants in the Nursery. One was the full time assistant and the others were subs. They have known the kids coming into the Nursery and have helped the kids and the parents find the Nursery immensely appealing. The kids have felt comfortable going to Jill in the Nursery along with teenagers they knew and the teens have enjoyed learning from Jill.

We have enjoyed hearing of Hannah's exciting running career and Tana's love of cheer-leading outside of their great academic achievements at Sanford Meridian High School. Hannah was one of the top 11 students to graduate this year, Summa Cum Laude. What wonderful gifted gals they are! We are blessed to be part of their growing faith life and wish Tana and Hannah all the best in their college years.

Hunter Merillat has been a speaker in worship and a frequent reader, with his family, during Advent and Lent. We enjoy his presence at the microphone and his ease of sharing his faith. Whatever we ask him to do in worship, he always says yes. It has been a joy to work with

Hunter and his family and look forward to seeing him grow as he goes on to college. He has been a top notch sports player at Sanford Meridian High School. He has achieved placement as the number one high school baseball player hitting doubles in the entire state of Michigan. We are blessed to be part of his growing faith life and wish Hunter all the best in his college years.

Our new Youth Leader, Jonathan Korpi, has recently graduated from Central Michigan University with his Master's degree in Christian History. He is a deep thinker, a musician and has a love for reaching kids for Christ. He is finding great ways to get to know the people of our church and plan programs that will make an impact with our K-6th graders, like Vacation Bible School, and more. I'm sure you are waiting to hear how you can be involved in these new programs with our new Youth Leader. Stay tuned! We are blessed to be part of his growing faith life and wish Jonathan all the best as we work together.

There are more graduates out there, I am sure. You have kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends who are graduating. Call the church office, 687-5353, or email me, revlisacook@gmail.com, to let us know their names, their degree and their relationship to you.

We want to celebrate all the graduates among us on our Graduate Sunday, June 23. This will be a special outdoor worship service, held on our church grounds, celebrating the gift our graduates are to us. You can bring your outdoor chairs to be comfortable, wear your shorts and sandals for a change and worship our God outside. We invite you to invite others to worship with us this Graduate Sunday for our Outdoor Worship service on June 23 at 10:30 am.

We are blessed to be a blessing to all who pass our way. Thanks be to God!

Rev. Lisa Cook



OUTREACH

Our Mission for June is Peace with Justice Sunday. This is one of our six special Sundays. Your generous gift supports Peace with Justice ministries in your annual conference, administered by your conference Peace with Justice coordinator, and Peace with Justice work in the United States and around the world, administered by the General Board of Church and Society.

Vicki Sharpe

Dear Friends,

We have been attending our church for over thirty years. We have served on many committees, worked with our children and youth in Kidschurch, served as ushers and liturgist, made apple pies, and worked at funeral luncheons. Our daughter was baptized and married here. In other words, we have done our best to support our church with our presence, our prayers, our time, and our talents and have been richly rewarded in return.

Since the General Conference vote in February that resulted in the choice of the Traditional Plan pertaining to LGBTQ people, we have struggled with the decision of whether or not we can continue as United Methodists. Rick has been a Methodist his entire life, and this church truly feels like home. We have heard the argument that nothing has changed and that we are still a welcoming church. However, the vote in February did change things. Now, instead of moving toward a more open policy, we have moved away from flexibility and inclusion to a system that punishes individuals and churches that do not follow the new rules of the Discipline. We cannot support that system. Therefore, with heavy hearts, as of July 1, we will be withdrawing from our church. We would like to thank Pastor Lisa for her guidance in this decision. We also thank all of you for your love and support through the years.

Sincerely,
Rick and Cassie Foley

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Attendance & Giving

May 5	67	\$6,917.00
May 12	76	\$1,522.00
May 19	56	\$1,363.70
May 26	65	\$1,459.00

MARVELOUS MONDAYS

Attendance & Giving

May 6	17	\$265.00
May 13	20	\$186.00
May 20	20	\$105.00
May 27	13	\$186.00



PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS AND OTHERS

- Carmen Adams** Washington Woods, 821 S. Cambridge, #375, Midland, MI 48642
- Luella Glesner** Meridian Acres, 2905 N. Meridian Rd. MC01, Sanford, MI 48657
- Verna Gould** Independence Village, 4775 Village Dr. #39, Grand Ledge, MI, 48837
- Sandy Houtman** Meridian Acres, 2905 N. Meridian Rd. #17, Sanford, MI 48657
- Carol McCallum** 2517 Iowa Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601
- Mildred Reinhart** Kings Daughters Home 2410 Rodd St., #17, Midland, MI 48640

**Worship Christ The Lord
10:30 A.M. Sunday
Marvelous Mondays
7:00 P.M.**

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April 2019 Food Pantry Report

Current Needs: Boxed cereal, toothpaste & toothbrushes

People Served	89
Children under 18	33
Households	27
Gift Certificates given:	59
Items In:	3,182
Items Out:	3,038



Items Donated:	
Sanford UMC	\$+65
Our Lady of Grace Catholic	624
St. Paul Lutheran Church	115
Community of Christ	\$+90
Meridian Church of God	152
Old Oak Trails Booster Club	38

April was a busy month at the Sanford Pantry. We were up double the amount of families and approximately 170% more individuals than in March. THANK YOU for your support. The Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN) completed the “**Stop Hunger Challenge**” on Tuesday, April 30. During the challenge, the Sanford Pantry

received \$2,410.50 directly in monetary donations and 4,651 items were donated. **THANK YOU.** At the time of this update the total for the Challenge was \$73,000 out of a goal of \$80,000 (final numbers are still being turned in). If you would care to check out the final number, please visit the website:

www.midlandcountyeFPN.org

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. Thank you for your continued support and for keeping our volunteers and the clients they serve in your prayers.

Kathy Nogaski
 989-245-2610

Serving the Lord

	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters	Coffee Hour
June 2	Betty Farner	Bud & Gayle Swanson Myrna Wyman, Bob Raymond	Jay & Bev Morgan	Visitation
June 9	George Farner	Fran Shaffert, Rick Foley Becky Bastuk	Becky Bastuk	Worship
June 16	Jeanne Sturm	Mike & Judy Gorthy Janet Sayranian	Cheryl Johnson	Choir
June 23	Roger Sharpe	Roger & Vicki Sharpe Rick Foley, Carolyn Maynard	Carolyn Maynard	Youth Ed
June 30	W.C. Paetz	Gary & Brenda Boots, Dennis Krenzke	Ed & Pauline Richardson	Finance

COMMUNION STEWARDS JUNE 9

W.C. Paetz, Brenda Boots, Cheryl Johnson, Ruth Ann Wrona



CALENDAR DATES

Cub Scouts last day is June 2 and Girls Scouts are on Monday evenings, 6 p.m.

JUNE CALENDAR DATES

Sun. June 9 10:30 Worship, Communion
 Fri. June 14 7:00 Wedding rehearsal
 Sat. June 15 3:00 p.m. Wedding
 Tues. June 18 Noon Lunch Out UMW
 Tues. June 18 6:00 p.m. Finance/Ad Council
 Sun. June 23 10:30 a.m. Outside Worship
 Mon. June 24 One Week, One Street

FRIENDS & FELLOWSHIP

Sun. June 23 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Church
 Fri. July 12 6:00 p.m. Euchre
 Mon. July 15 5:30 p.m. Dinner, VBS 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. Aug. 10 2:00 p.m. Picnic in park at Gladwin campground
 Wed. Aug. 21 7:05 p.m. Loons Game
 Fri. Sept. 13 6:00 p.m. Wild Game Dinner
 Sat. Oct. 19 6:00 p.m. Australia night
 Sat. Oct. 19 9-2:30p.m. District Conference
 Sun. Nov. 17 2:00 p.m. Church Conference
 Sun. Nov. 24 Hanging of the Greens, Potluck
 Sun. Dec. 8 4:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday November 17, 2:00 p.m. location TBD.

LAY READER:

We are looking for Lay Readers/Liturgists. It would be about five Sundays a year. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 989-687-5353.

TRUSTEES FOR JUNE

Gary Boots (Curt Moe)

ONE WEEK, ONE STREET:

One Week, One Street starts Monday, June 24 and ends Friday, June 28. If you are interested in learning more, talk to Roger & Vicki Sharpe or Rev. Lisa Cook.

MERIDIAN ACRES WORSHIP

June 10, 2019, we will be having our 1:30 p.m. worship at Meridian Acres. Please join us for a wonderful experience in worshipping and fellowship with the residents.

CAMPING

Gladwin City Campground, August 8, 9, 10 and come home on the 11th. Picnic is Saturday, Aug. 10, 2:00 p.m. The picnic is open to all church members, cost to get into the park is \$3 for the day. If you want to camp, call the park at 989-429-8126. Pull-thru lots are 46, 48 & 52. Regular lots are 47, 49, 51, 53 & 54. The lots are under Ruth Ann Wrona.

USHER/GREETER

We are looking for ushers and greeters for Sunday morning worship. It would be one Sunday a month for 3 or 4 months. Please call the church office 989-687-5353 if you would like to work on this mission.

BASEBALL GAME

It's that time again! The Loons will play at home on Wed. Aug. 21, 7:05. This is the date the Methodist Church has for the lawn seats. Tickets are \$7 and we have them in the church office. Every ticket sold represents \$3 towards Central Bay District Children's Camp Scholarship Money! Deadline May 31, stadium seats available.