

# Sanford United Methodist Church

# Messenger

MAY 2019



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

## All Are Welcome

You have all had an experience of being welcomed at Sanford United Methodist Church. Most people tell me they have been welcomed well. What does “well” mean? It means a friendly smile, a handshake, sharing of names, an invitation to fellowship time or to become involved in an event. It is important for our church to welcome everyone well.

People want to know they are welcome, even if they have not yet become a member. The percentage of people who no longer identify with a particular religious denomination, named “nones” for the box they check on surveys, has risen to over 20% of Americans, according to the *Christian Century* magazine. People who have no current religious affiliation and come to Sanford UMC are taking a chance that they will be welcomed well. I believe they do find a welcome here.

I am a bit over the top in my welcome, I admit. My smile is bright, my voice raises and my greeting is personal. I like to use people’s names so they know that I know them. It may be a bit much, but I hope all people know how much I welcome them. We have at least one new person a week attend our Monday night service. I greeted one woman and asked her name. She spoke so softly that I didn’t catch it. I did hear her talk glowingly about her daughter, though. I learned her name later and you can be sure that I will call her, and her daughter, by name the next time I see her.

We all want to be known, don’t we? God knows us and we are to work at forming a community together by knowing one another and showing God’s love to all. We have found it doesn’t matter if we form a community through worship on Sunday morning or Monday night. God is in the midst of our community-making.

We have recently heard from General Conference 2019 that self avowed, practicing

LGBTQ clergy will not be appointed to our churches. We cannot hold same sex weddings in our churches for any LGBTQ couples and United Methodist clergy can’t preside over same sex weddings. Our welcome could be seen as limiting in scope by the decision of the 2019 General Conference. The reality of it is we all choose who we welcome. Your welcome for all doesn’t need to change because of this decision. We choose who we welcome by our thoughts and our actions. We define what we believe about God and others, and given freewill by God, we decide how we live faithful lives.



On Wednesday, May 1, 2019, we will welcome Jonathan Korpi as our part time Youth Leader. We have decided that Jonathan will reach out to K-6th graders and their families with familiar programs like VBS and Parents Nights Out and branch out into additional programs that meet the needs of this age. Your kids will be glad to have a Youth Leader who works with them! Your kids may have grown beyond the age that he will be looking for in his program, but do you still have a welcome for him? Are you willing to volunteer in some programs Jonathan develops so your unique welcome can reach out to young families and our K-6th graders? I know I will.

Our welcome is important. None of us will reach out in the same way as anyone else. Realize that your welcome is just as important as anyone else’s and your welcome may just tip the scale for someone entering our church for the first time. Let’s welcome and greet well knowing God is with us in the process.

We do not walk alone, God is with us all the way.

Rev. Lisa Cook

### **FINANCE/AD COUNCIL**

The March Ad Council meeting ended with a recommendation to combine Finance and Ad Council meeting into one. Rev. Lisa Cook and Roger Sharpe's research showed no concrete reason against this idea. Our May 21 meeting of the combined committee begins at 6 p.m. Finance starts with a status on the Church's well being. Following is the usual order of business. A reminder to all Ad Council members, if you wish to present a concern from your committee, please email me a week in advance. All are welcome to attend this specific meeting.

Jeanne Sturm, Ad Council Chair

### **OUTREACH**

Our Outreach giving (loose change buckets) for the month of May will go to Cass Community Social Services. This is a nonprofit organization started by the Cass Community United Methodist Church in 2002. This Detroit based agency works across the city in areas of concentrated poverty to provide programs for food, health care, housing and jobs.

Vicki Sharpe, Outreach Chair

### **CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING**

Thursday May 9, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Sanford United Methodist Church we will be training Jonathan Korpi, our new youth worker. If you are hoping to help out in any way, this training is for you. Men, women and youth 14 years old or older are invited to attend! Call Ruth Sutton for more information, 989-687-5646.

### **THANK YOU**

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you all very much for so many beautiful get well and birthday cards.  
I am getting stronger each day. Blessings to each of you. Oh, and thank you for so many powerful get well prayers too!  
Mildred Snow

### **DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

Saturday, October 19, 9-2:30 p.m. at Saginaw First UMC for training and worship. Eat, love, laugh together in Christ.

### **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT**

Saturday May 18, 4:00 p.m. We are having a potluck, so bring a dish to share and we will be eating before we play. No talent, previous experience or partner needed. Want to be a party pooper? That's ok. Join the potluck and help watch children. Please sign up so we know how many people to plan for.

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP** Attendance & Giving



April 7	58	\$5,260.00
April 14	54	\$1,308.00
April 21	98	\$7,260.00
April 28	50	\$2,412.00

### **MARVELOUS MONDAYS** Attendance & Giving

April 1	23	\$264.00
April 8	20	\$300.00
April 15	25	\$224.00
April 22	16	\$68.00
April 29	21	\$233.00

### **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

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March 2019 Food Pantry Report

People Served	33	
Children under 18	4	
Households	13	
Gift Certificates given:	25	
Items In: (donated/purchased)	1469	
Items Out:	1456	
Items Donated:		
Sanford UMC	\$+ 141	
Our Lady of Grace Catholic	\$+ 234	
St. Paul Lutheran Church	47	
Community of Christ	\$	
Old Oak Trails Booster Club	26	

**Current Needs: Ramen Noodles (Beef & Chicken) & Hamburger Helper (Tuna & Chicken)**

The Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network (EFPN) is in the final month of its annual "Stop Hunger Challenge". Food and money collected during this time will count towards this challenge and must be counted & deposited by 4:30 p.m. April 30 to qualify. The goal for this campaign is \$80,000 in food and money. Donated food and personal care items are valued at \$1 per item. EFPN is once again

very fortunate to have an anonymous donor who will offer an incentive for people to donate either food or money. In addition the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan is offering a credit to our account for all money donated to EFPN during this challenge. If you care to see how we did on this challenge, please check out our website: [www.midlandcountyeFPN.org](http://www.midlandcountyeFPN.org). Thank you for all your donations.

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 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

	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
May 5	Cheryl Johnson	Bud & Gayle Swanson Myrna Wyman, Bob Raymond	Jay & Bev Morgan	SPRC
May 12	Ruth Sutton	Fran Shaffert, Rick Foley Becky Bastuk	Becky Bastuk	UMM
May 19		Mike & Judy Gorthy Janet Sayranian	Cheryl Johnson	Trustees
May 26	Marcus Schriener	Roger & Vicki Sharpe Chris & Jean Thompson	Carolyn Maynard	UMW

## **COMMUNION STEWARDS MAY**

Fran Shaffert, George Farner, Bev Morgan

## **CALENDAR DATES**

Cub Scouts are on Sunday afternoons, 4 p.m. and Girls Scouts are on Monday evenings, 6 p.m.

## **MAY CALENDAR DATES**

- Mon. May 6, 9:00 a.m. Set up rummage sale
- Tues. May 7, 9:00 a.m. Set up rummage sale
- Wed. May 8, 9:00 a.m. Set up rummage sale
- Thur. May 9 9-5 p.m. Rummage sale
- Fri. May 10, 9-2 p.m. Rummage sale
- Sat. May 11, 8:30-noon Church Work Day
- Mon. May 13, 1:30 p.m. Meridian Acres  
Worship
- Tues. May 14, 8:15 a.m. Clergy Women
- Tues. May 14, 3:45 p.m. SPRC
- Tues. May 14, 6:30 p.m. Trustees
- Sat. May 18, 4:00 p.m. Cornhole & potluck
- Mon. May 20, Girl Scouts last week for the  
summer
- Tues. May 21, 1:00 p.m. UMW
- Tues. May 21, 6:00 p.m. Finance/Ad Council

## **FRIENDS & FELLOWSHIP**



- Sat. May 18 4:00 p.m. Cornhole, potluck
- Sun. June 23 10:30 a.m. Outdoor Church
- Fri. July 12 6:00 p.m. Euchre
- Sat. Aug. 10 2:00 p.m. Picnic in park at  
campground
- 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.

## **TRUSTEES FOR MAY**

Sharon Raymond (Gary Boots)

## **MERIDIAN ACRES WORSHIP**

May 13, 2019, we will be having our 1:30 p.m. worship at Meridian Acres. Please join us for a wonderful experience in worshiping and fellowship with the residents.

## **CAMPING**

Gladwin City Campground, Thursday, Aug 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 and 54. The lots are under Ruth Ann Wrona, deadline is May 9.

## **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.

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