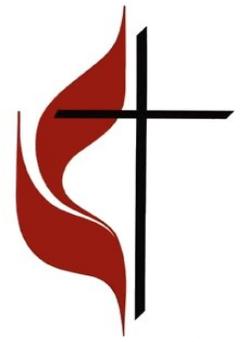


Sanford United Methodist Church

Messenger

AUGUST 2019



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

The Church

Can you define the church? Many would say it is our building on N West River Rd. That is where the church meets, but that isn't the church. "The church is not a building..." hymn #558 says. So if the church isn't the building, what is it? The hymn goes on to say "the church is a people." It's not person singular, but people, plural. The church is all the people, as unique, diverse, welcoming and active as possible. What a blessing! I sure wouldn't want church people to be all the same, cookie cutter people, with no individuality. God created us as unique creations. There is no one like us in the past, present or future. We are one of a kind and we choose to give honor and praise to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit in our life of faith, love and action.

For our church motto we say "We follow Jesus with faith, love and action." This gives us direction in our faith life. Christians are followers of Jesus, the Christ. The hymn goes on to say, "We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces, all colors and all ages too, from all times and places." We are not all the same but we follow Jesus together.

You might find it easy to follow Jesus with faith and love, but it's not always easy to show we follow Jesus with action. Our age, our health, our temperament might lead us to shy away from showing our Christianity. Our church will give you a great way to do all that this month.

Our church collects school supplies to be used by Meridian Elementary students. All we buy, give and collect are used by teachers and kids in our area. You can buy mounds of tissues and hand sanitizers so the teachers can keep their kids healthy. That is an active way to show our Christian love in our community. The teachers can never have too many tissues and hand sanitizers available as kids come together and share their germs!

You can activate your faith by buying Crayola 24 pack, pencils #2 Ticonderoga, scissors (blunt ends), band aids, glue sticks, lined paper, folders, Kleenex, Lysol wipes, unscented hand sanitizer 8 or 11 oz., or you may donate money and Jeanne Sturm will buy the items. All of these items will be given to the school and used by Meridian Elementary students.

As you drive in the parking lot, look at our church building and think not only of its beauty but of all the people past, present and future who have made up our "church." In so many ways, we are following Jesus with faith, love and action here at Sanford United Methodist Church.

Blessings on our church,

Rev. Lisa Cook

VBS 2019 Overview

As it had been a while, about twelve years, this year's Vacation Bible School went well. On our first night, we had ten kids then averaged six to eight after that. The kids learned a lot about how music is a way to express praise to the Lord. There is a commonality with all our sisters and brothers (brethren) in Christ, and that is praise through music.

Thank you to all our kids, parents and helpers for VBS.

I look forward to our future Family Nights that will take place on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm every third week of the month. All in the parish are welcome to join this fun activity.

God loves you, and so do I.

Jonathan P. Korpi

OUTREACH

Our mission giving (loose change buckets) for August is Meridian schools student support. We support our schools in helping to provide things a student may need but whose family may not be able to afford, such as winter outerwear or necessary classroom items.

Our outreach committee rented the bounce house for kids during last week's ice cream social, and plans to have a booth at Founders Day in Sept.

Thank you!!
Vicki Sharpe

One Week, One Street 2019

Some of the work that was done: 8, 30 ft dumpsters filled, 22 homes painted and landscaped, 2 new roofs, 6 porches/steps repaired or rebuilt, 13 vacant lots cleared, 25+ trees cut down, 18 churches involved, 12 sponsors and 200 average volunteers each day.

THANK YOU for your support!

UMW

Our August 20 meeting will be our picnic/salad luncheon, 12:30 p.m. at the home of Ruth Sutton.

Bring your favorite salad to share and enjoy the fellowship.

We are collecting the following school supplies for Meridian Elementary School:

Crayola 24 pack
#2 Ticonderoga pencils
Scissors (blunt ends)
Band aids
Glue sticks
Lined paper
Folders
Kleenex
Lysol wipes
Unscented hand sanitizer 8 or 11 oz.

The tubs are at each entrance of the church for your items, or you may donate money and Jeanne Sturm will buy the items. All items will be given to the school and used by Meridian Elementary students.

MERIDIAN ACRES WORSHIP

August 12, 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.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Attendance & Giving

July 7	61	\$4,736.00
July 14	65	\$2,290.00
July 21	49	\$585.00
July 28	61	\$1,360.00



MARVELOUS MONDAYS

Attendance & Giving

July 1	10	\$80.00
July 8	12	\$125.00
July 15	15	\$160.00
July 22	12	\$255.00
July 29	15	\$50.00

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS AND OTHERS

- Carmen Adams** Washington Woods, 821 S. Cambridge, #375, Midland, MI 48642
- Ardath Chubb** Stratford Village, 2121 Rockwell #114, 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
- Myrna Wyman** New Hope Valley, 5155 McCarty, Saginaw, MI 48603

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June 2019 Food Pantry Report

Current Needs: boxed cereal, canned frosting & toothbrushes

People Served	55
Children under 18	18
Households	17
Gift Certificates given:	35
Items In: (donated/purchased)	1,305
Items Out:	1,888



Items Donated:	
Sanford UMC	+79
Our Lady of Grace Catholic	+\$76
Old Oak Trails Booster Club	27
Community of Christ	\$

Pantry utilization continues steady as we are continuing to support the additional individuals due to the renovation of the one closed pantry. 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

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.

POTLUCK/CAMPGROUND

Saturday August 10, 2:00 p.m. will be our church potluck at Gladwin City Campground. It is located behind the police station on main street and will cost \$3 to enter the park for the day. Bring a dish to share, table service, drink and enjoy the fellowship of others.

Serving the Lord

	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters	Coffee Hour
Aug. 4	Betty Farner	Bud & Gayle Swanson Bob Raymond	Carolyn Maynard	Trustees
Aug. 11	Ruth Sutton	Fran Shaffert, John Coppinger	Jan Biggs	UMM
Aug. 18	Marcus Schriener	Becky Bastuk, Sherry Numbers Dave & Dustin Sutton	Jay & Bev Morgan	Visitation
Aug. 25	George Farner	Roger & Vicki Sharpe	Dorothy Francis	UMW

COMMUNION STEWARDS AUGUST

Bud & Gayle Swanson, Chris Thompson, Bev Morgan

Trustee for August

Bob Raymond

CALENDAR DATES

Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts are done for the summer.

They will be back in the fall when school starts.



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.

AUGUST CALENDAR DATES

Thur. thru Sun. 8-11 Church camping Gladwin

Sat. Aug. 10 2:00 p.m. picnic at Gladwin
campgrounds

Mon. Aug. 12 1:30 p.m. Meridian Acres
Worship

Tues. Aug. 13 8:15 a.m. Clergywomen

Tues. Aug. 13 6:30 p.m. Trustees

Thur. Aug. 15 6:00 p.m. SPRC

Tues. Aug. 20 12:30 p.m. UMW salad luncheon

Tues. Aug. 20 6:00 p.m. Finance/Ad Council

Sun. Aug. 25 10:30 a.m. Outside Worship

FRIENDS & FELLOWSHIP

Sun. Aug. 25 10:30 a.m. Outside Worship

Sat. Oct. 19 6:00 p.m. Australia night

Sat. Oct. 19 9-2:30p.m. District Conference

Sun. Nov. 10 6:00 p.m. Wild Game Dinner

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
Midland Aldersgate.

August Flower Chart

August 4

Given by Carolyn Maynard in Memory of
Parents, Harrison & Florine Bigelow

August 11

Given by Bud & Gayle Swanson in Honor of
their 62nd Wedding Anniversary

August 18

Given by Jim & Sally Brozzo in Honor of their
65th Wedding Anniversary

August 25

Given by Mitch & Ronda Bowen in Memory of
Mitch's mother, Jean Christensen

Given by Janet Sayranian in Honor of Harry
Mohr's 94th Birthday

We have dates open for November, flowers are
\$25 a Sunday and you take them home. The
chart is in the copy room on the west wall.

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