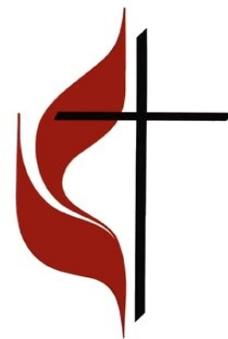


Sanford United Methodist Church

Messenger

OCTOBER 2018



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

Marvelous Mondays

Do you miss going to church if you are away for the weekend? I do too. We are glad to offer a new worship service for people unable to attend on Sunday mornings. We have Marvelous Mondays available for you. 7 pm Monday evenings in the sanctuary, Marvelous Mondays is a fun alternative service if you are gone on the weekend.



Do you want to try a new style, new music and see new people? Marvelous Mondays is a shorter, casual, contemporary worship service for you. We have created a streamlined Marvelous Mondays service using contemporary music videos led by professional singers, fresh prayers and different preachers. Friends from the church and the community attend.

Marvelous Mondays has just completed its first test run of nine weeks and is going strong. 40 people on average attend Marvelous Mondays and our financial gifts given have been a blessing.

Rev. Ron Cook has been our guest preacher for this 9 week test run. We thank Ron for his insightful messages, his willingness to work with a new service structure and his flexibility. After his vacation, Ron will be heading down to Dade City, Florida for his 5 month work with Habitat for Humanity. Jeff Tefft, the Youth Pastor at Midland: Aldersgate UMC is our guest preacher from 9/17-10/15. We appreciate his youthful insight and his creative flair as our guest preacher for this time.

Kelly Beck is our guest musician and she has shared her wonderful guitar skills with her friend Kim, her beautiful voice and her growing knowledge of contemporary music during this 9 week test run. Kelly will continue as our guest musician, leading us as we sing contemporary music and grow in praising God.

Perhaps your friend, your neighbor, your family member or the newest person you met is looking for a church service. Ask them to come with you on Sunday morning or to try Marvelous Mondays out. You may be directing them to the best connection they will ever get to God. We are called to go, tell and evangelize so that all might be brought close to God. Here's our chance. Go ahead and take it!

Blessings,
Lisa

OUTREACH:

Our October outreach giving (buckets at both entrances of the sanctuary) will go to add to our 10/7 World Communion Sunday offering. This money provides scholarships for U.S. racial and ethnic minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. As Nelson Mandela said, Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.

We are participating in the Midland area CROP walk on 10/7. The walk is approximately 3 miles long, which is the average distance women in developing countries walk each day to fetch water. Your donations help to raise awareness of and fund local hunger-fighting programs in our area as well as national and international emergency relief and development. We have 3 people signed up to walk, feel free to join us!

Thank you, Vicki Sharpe

LIBERIA TRIP:

Ruth Sutton will leave on October 25, for a two week trip to Liberia. She will visit five Methodist mission sites, including the Judith Craig Children's Home. Please pray for this trip and if you would like to help in any other way, information is available at the church or by calling Ruth Sutton at 989-708-8968.

Proposal 2:

In the mid-term elections on November 6, we will be voting on several ballot proposals. One of these is Proposal 2 (or 18-2). This proposed constitutional amendment would change the way our voting districts are drawn and would eliminate gerrymandering in Michigan. The term "gerrymandering" refers to the process of creating voting districts that unfairly favor one political party over another.

If Proposal 2 passes, the Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission would be created and would be responsible for redistricting starting in 2021 after the next census. The legislature would be removed from the process. Commission members would be randomly selected from a pool of voters. Politicians, certain of their relatives, and lobbyists would be prohibited from serving. The commission would include 4 people each who identify with the 2 major political parties; and 5 who are unaffiliated with major political parties. They would be required to host a minimum of 10 public meetings before developing the plans. Proposal 2 would set criteria to guide how the commission would draw our district maps and places many requirements on the commission to increase the transparency of the redistricting process. The new redistricting criteria include geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, reflecting Michigan's diverse population and communities of interest. Districts also could not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates. Requirements for district plans would be set in the Michigan constitution.

If you have any questions about Proposal 2, please see Cassie Foley. She is a volunteer with the group Voters Not Politicians that put Proposal 2 on the ballot.

UMCOR:

We have tubs at both entrances of the church for items for the flood victims in North & South Carolina. The deadline for your items is October 5.

Walk to Emmaus:

If you would like a transforming experience of Christian community that shows you how to follow Jesus with faith, love and action, come on a Walk to Emmaus. This three-day retreat of spiritual renewal and formation allows you to meet Jesus in a new way as God's love and grace are revealed to you through laity and clergy leadership. The next Walk to Emmaus will be Oct 25-27, 2018 for Men and Nov 1-4, 2018 for Women. There are brochures near the church office for you to learn more. You can talk to Rev. Lisa Cook about it also. She will be the Spiritual Director for the Women's Walk to Emmaus in November.



SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Attendance & Giving

Sept. 2	66	\$4,020.00
Sept. 9	70	\$2131.00
Sept. 16	68	\$2,038.00
Sept. 23	55	\$765.00
Sept. 30		

MARVELOUS MONDAYS

Attendance & Giving

Sept. 3	33	\$94.00
Sept. 10	34	\$523.00
Sept. 17	46	\$102.00
Sept. 24	33	\$263.25

PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS AND OTHERS

Carmen Adams Washington Woods, 821 S. Cambridge, #375, Midland, MI 48642

Luella Glesner Bickford, 101 Joseph Dr., Midland, MI 48642

Carol McCallum 2517 Iowa Ave., Saginaw, MI 48601

Mildred Reinhart Washington Woods 821 S. Cambridge, #380, Midland, MI 48642

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

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August 2018 Food Pantry Report

People Served	39
Children under 18	18
Households	11
Gift Certificates given:	23
Items In:	779
Items Out:	1,173



Items Donated:	
Sanford UMC	\$+ 27
Our Lady of Grace Catholic	\$+ 177
St. Paul Lutheran Church	24
Community of Christ	\$
Old Oak Trails Booster Club	38

Current Needs: canned tomatoes, bar soap, toothbrushes & toothpaste

A big THANK YOU to Sanford Food Center for their recent generous donation to the Pantry. The support provided by the Sanford Food Center is greatly appreciated. Please be sure to thank them for their support when you are doing your shopping.

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

Kathy Nogaski
 989-245-2610

UMM:

Don't forget Friday, October 19, 6:00 p.m. is our Wild Game Dinner. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Thursday, October 25, 5-7 p.m. is our Chili Bonanza. We need men volunteers: tickets are, adults \$7, ages 6-12 \$4 and under 6 free. Tickets are at church office.

UMW:

We are working on apple pies Wednesday October 10 & 11. We need all the hands we can get from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Set-up for our rummage sale starts Tuesday, October 30 & Wednesday, October 31 from 9-4 p.m. The rummage sale is Thursday, November 1, 9-5 and Friday, November 2, 9-2 bag day.

Serving the Lord

	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters	Coffee Hour
Oct. 7	Rick Foley	Bud & Gayle Swanson Sue Dexter, Myrna Wyman	Sherry Numbers	Finance
Oct. 14	Ruth Sutton	Ron Vandenberg, John Coppinger	Jan Biggs	Friends & Fellowship
Oct. 21	Jeanne Sturm	Chris & Jean Thompson Dave & Dustin Sutton	Jay & Bev Morgan	Memorial
Oct. 28	Pat Gruber	Mitch & Ronda Bowen Adam Sian	Jeanne Sturm	Outreach

CALENDAR DATES:

Bible Talk Back every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.
Cub Scouts are on Sunday afternoon, 4 pm. and
Girls Scouts are on Monday evening, 6 p.m.
Choir is every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. throughout the Fall.



OCTOBER CALENDAR DATES:

Mon. Oct. 1	6 p.m. Child Protection
Tues. Oct. 2	11:30 a.m. Memorial
Sun. Oct. 7	2:00 p.m. CROP Walk
Tues. Oct. 9	9:00 a.m. Mix dry pie ingredients
Wed. Oct. 10	8:30 a.m. Make pies
Thur. Oct. 11	8:30 a.m. Make pies
Tues. Oct. 16	1:00 p.m. UMW
Thur. Oct. 18	9-4 p.m. Worship Workshop class
Fri. Oct. 19	6:00 p.m. Wild Game Dinner
Thur. Oct. 25	5-7 p.m. Chili Bonanza
Tues. Oct. 30	9:00 a.m. Set up rummage sale
Wed. Oct. 31	9:00 a.m. Set up rummage sale
Wed. Oct. 31	5:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat

FAMILY AND FRIENDS EVENTS:

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 and Potluck
Sun. Dec. 9	4:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling

TRUSTEES FOR OCTOBER:

Gary Boots (Curt Moe)

COMMUNION STEWARDS OCTOBER:

Bud & Gayle Swanson, Fran Schaffert, Jeanne Sturm

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY:

Monday, Oct 5. 1, 6-8 p.m. in the upstairs classroom will be training on Child Protection. Anyone who has contact with or works with children, youth or vulnerable adults in the church should have this training. This training is for anyone over the age of 13, male or female. Please call the church office if you plan to attend, 989-687-5353.

MEMORIAL: The Fern M. Vandenberg Memorial Fund has gifted us with a much needed Sure MX153TO-TQG Omnidirectional Earset Headworn Microphone and a 3-year accident protection plan. This replaces an old microphone that did not work. Rev. Lisa has been using this microphone for a few weeks now and she is coming in much better, especially during prayer time. We appreciate this memorial gift that Fern's family has provided through her memorial. The Memorial Committee: Judy Gorthy, Lois Mc James, Barb Young-Tinlin, Brenda Boots and Rev. Lisa Cook

THANK YOU:

Thank you for all the prayers, concerns and cards for and after my accident and surgery. Praise for my healing and wonderful church family. God Bless, Mitch Bowen

THANK YOU: A big thank you to Harry Mohr and Janet Sayraian who donated money for the ramp carpet. It was very much in need of replacing.