

# Sanford United Methodist Church

# Messenger

JUNE 2018



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The people of the United Methodist Church

## Grief Knows No Bounds

We can sympathize with parents whose children have been killed in school shootings, because we ourselves have grieved the loss of loved ones. We have not endured a school shooting in our community but we know what it means to lose those we love. We have not lost our children in a violent act of murder by one of their own but we can sympathize with their grief. We lift up our prayers to those who are grieving for the loss of the shooting victims and of the one who took their lives. Our Christian charity can extend to all God's children.

Grief knows no bounds. You can grieve for ones you know who have died and you can grieve for those you don't know. Grief touches our hearts and knows no boundaries. We can feel sadness and grief for those who have died recently as well as those who have been gone a long time. Grief knows no bounds.

If you would like to work through your grief with others who are in a similar position, please join us for a five week afternoon grief group on Mondays, from 1-3 pm, beginning June 11. If this day and time doesn't suit you or your family members, let us know and we can add another group at another time and day of the week.

We will be using the book Life After Loss by Bob Deits as the foundation of our five week grief group. This book was recommended by the psychologist who led our grief group last year. I will be leading our grief group this time around.

We are hoping you, your friends, your neighbors and those in our community who are grieving the loss of ones they have loved will be available and sign up through the church office for this five week grief group.

We will use the book Life After Loss to cover topics of grief, we will talk together in a safe place and we will find ways to continue to live life after a loss.

Grief touches us all. We have coping mechanisms that help us get on with life after devastation occurs. We can get through difficult things and difficult days, if needed. When all goes back to normal for everyone else and we are still grieving, we need to talk to others who are grieving like us. What we want to offer through our church is a confidential grief group that will allow us to work through our grief and deal with it together. As Bob Deits says, "We will find practical ways to renew our lives after experiencing a major loss."



If you would like to join us in this journey through grief, please sign up now for this five week grief group. Please tell your friends, your neighbors and your family that they can sign up for this grief group also. People don't need to be members of our church to attend. We are reaching out into our community to offer an afternoon grief group that will help people through the most difficult part of their lives. Isn't this what our Christian faith does for us and what we can do for others?

Blessings,

*Rev. Lisa Cook*

Please call the church office  
989-687-5353 to sign up  
for the grief classes  
starting Monday, June 11  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE:**

Rev. Lisa Cook and George Farner will be representing Sanford United Methodist Church at Annual Conference May 31-June 3. Ruth Sutton will be there representing the Central Bay district. We will be bringing the Detroit and West Michigan conferences together into one new Michigan Conference as of January 1, 2019. Many of the votes will be to prepare for that event. We will have a written report in the next newsletter and an oral report on June 10 in worship.

Ron Cook will be preaching on June 3.

## **MEMORIAL DAY BLESSINGS OF MEMORIAL GIFTS:**

**Memorial Fund:** Jack Abbe, Betty J. Hubbard, Robert L. Johnson, Beverly S. Vandenberg, Donald W. Mitchell, Fern M. Vandenberg, William J. Maynard, Betty J. Swem, William K. Lackie, Roy C. Renwick

**Building Fund:** Betty J. Hubbard

**Endowment Fund:** Jack Abbe, Fern M. Vandenberg, William J. Maynard

**Memorial Garden Fund:** Lyle A. "Buck" Goodwin

**Music Fund:** Robert L. Johnson

**AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Fund:** Lyle A. "Buck" Goodwin

**Septic Fund:** Melody Clute, William D. Merillat, Keith Francis, Jack Abbe, Pauline Fink, Lyle A. "Buck" Goodwin

### **Items:**

Communion Cup Fillers: Melody Clute

Two Tabletop Seven Light Candelabras with adjustable arms, and 14 Almay Classic Liquid Candles with brass tops and oil: Betty J. Hubbard

We are blessed to have these memorial gifts in memory of our church members and friends.

Thank you to all who gave so generously.

## **MISSION BUCKETS (OUTREACH):**

Our June outreach donations (collected in the buckets in the sanctuary) will go to God's Country Cooperative Parish. This is a group of seven United Methodist churches that cover a 2,500 mile area in the eastern upper peninsula. The people in these communities face isolation, long harsh winters and job scarcity. The seven parishes combine their resources to help bring hope and faith to all of God's children throughout the area.

Another outreach program that our church participates in is Backpack Buddies. A group meets at Meridian Elementary every Friday morning when school is in session to pack food (provided by the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network) for kids to take home for the weekend. This year we packed over 80 bags a week. The program has ended with the end of the school year but we will start again in October. If you would like to help with Backpack Buddies next year, talk to Vicki Sharpe.

We are hoping for a good crew of volunteers to work for one or more days on the One Week, One Street project in Saginaw June 25 - 29. There are many jobs available to help with each day. Please let Ruth Ann or Vicki know if you plan to go and we will carpool there from church each morning. You can get more information at the website [oneweekonestreet.org](http://oneweekonestreet.org).



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## *Attendance & Giving*

May 6	80	\$4,093.78
May 13	91	\$2,533.26
May 20	90	\$3,735.00
May 27	69	\$2,002.00

### **THANK YOU:**

Thank you to my church family for the lovely Birthday cards with concerns, prayers and wishes. It is so nice to be remembered and I miss all of you. Blessings to you, Carmen Adams. New address, Washington Woods, 821 S. Cambridge #375, Midland, MI 48642.

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**APRIL 2018 FOOD PANTRY REPORT:**

People Served	23
Households	7
Gift Certificates given:	16
Items in:	944
Items out	768



Items Donated:	
Sanford UMC	\$
Our Lady of Grace Catholic	\$+362
St. Paul Lutheran Church	13
Community of Christ	\$
Old Oak Trails Booster Club	19

Current Needs: Cereal & Spaghetti-Os

Current needs are for cereal and Spaghetti-Os as summer will be upon us shortly and children will be home for breakfast and lunch instead of receiving meals at school.

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

**POP TABS:**

Please save pop can tabs for Kevin Moe. He would love your donation. A jar is in the entrance with his name on it for tabs. Thank you.

**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
June 3	Marcus Schriener	Bud & Gayle Swanson Jan Biggs, Myrna Wyman	Jay & Bev Morgan	UMM
June 10	Ruth Sutton	Rick Foley, Ron Vandenberg Becky Bastuk	Becky Bastuk	Visitation
June 17	George Farner	Mike & Judy Gorthy, Janet Sayranian, Phyllis Seloom	Cheryl Johnson	Worship
June 24	Betty Farner	Roger & Vicki Sharpe Rick Foley, Carolyn Maynard	Carolyn Maynard	UMW

## 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.



## TRUSTEE FOR JUNE:

Becky Bastuk (Bud Swanson)

## COMMUNION STEWARDS JUNE:

Jan Biggs, Betty Farner, Fran Schaffert, Ruth Ann Wrona

## GRADUATES CELEBRATING:

### 2018 Graduates

**Morgan Leigh Cassidy** CMU, Granddaughter of Bob & Sharon Raymond

**Luke Van Keersbilck** Camarillo High School, Grandson of Bud & Gayle Swanson

**Rebecca McNett** Meridian High School, Daughter of Fred & Amy McNett, Granddaughter of Lois McJames

**Breanna Chritz** Midland High, Daughter of Tony & Angie Chritz, Granddaughter of Lois McNett

**Brittany (Sasse) Stinson** Master's CMU, Granddaughter of Dorothy Francis

**Dana Wessels Master's**, Granddaughter of Carolyn and the late Dale Green

**Haley Maynard** Meridian High School, Daughter of Bill & Shelly Maynard, Granddaughter of Carolyn Maynard

**Hunter Bohn** USA School, Son of Steve & Kari Bohn, Great Grandson of Dorothy Thornton

**Kurt Baringer** Coleman High School, Son of Kurt & Janice Baringer, Grandson of Mark & Pat Baringer, Great Grandson of Dorothy Thornton

**Allison Boman** Buckley High School, Daughter of Doug & Len Boman, Great Granddaughter of Dorothy Thornton

**Autum Urch** Graduated in Canada, Daughter of Mike Urch & Tracy Deisler, Great Granddaughter of Dorothy Thornton

**Brennan Rodriguez** Full Sail University, Bachelor's of Science, Grandson of Rick & Cassie Foley

**Tyler Rodriguez** Lakeview High School, Grandson of Rick & Cassie Foley

## JUNE CALENDAR DATES:



Sun. June 10 Graduation Sunday  
Sun. June 10 Potluck after worship  
Mon. June 11 Grief Support Group 1-3 p.m.  
Wed. June 13 UMM (Dustin Sutton's 6 p.m.)  
Sun. June 17 Father's Day Sunday  
Mon. June 18 Grief Support Group 1-3 p.m.  
Tues. June 19 UMW 1:00 p.m.  
Mon. June 25 Grief Support Group 1-3 p.m.

## FAMILY AND FRIENDS EVENTS:

Sun. June 10 10:30 a.m. Potluck after worship  
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

## Funeral Schedule:

Funeral arrangements for Dale Green are Saturday, June 9 at First Baptist, Midland Michigan. Visitation 10:30 a.m., service 11:00 a.m. and the luncheon following the service.