

# Sanford United Methodist Church

# Messenger

JULY 2019



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

*"O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace." Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

I wanted to take this time to say thank you to everyone for your hospitable invite into your parish! The words that have run through my head since my arrival have been "All are Welcome! All Belong!" This is something that resonates with the parishioners within this parish community. As your new Youth Leader, I am very excited to be working with the existing youth in the parish and the youth that are to come. Over the summer I will be coming up and developing different activities that can be done within the parish. One will be a family night on a Wednesday night. This would be a once a month activity where parents, grandparents, guardians, and parishioners can come together, with the youth, and participate in different activities. They will all be broken up to follow procedures placed by the United Methodist Church. We will also have a once a month Family Spirit Sunday! I will explain this more to you in the next newsletter.

Vacation Bible School currently is the major project I am working on right now. You might be wondering why I had quoted Charles Wesley's famous hymn on the top of this letter. Our Vacation Bible School will be music based. A *Musical Journey with Jesus* is the curriculum we will be venturing this year and hopefully creating this as the theme for our VBS in the future.

There will be games, stories, devotions, and a concert that will happen. A typical VBS that is centered on the teaching of Jesus and praising him but with a musical emphasis. Music will be key as many theologians, including me, find that worship through music brings a person or community to a closer journey with our Lord. If you want to assist with VBS this year, please contact me as there are steps that must be taken before you can work with youth in our parish.

If you want to come by and talk to me I am more than happy to! Please call the parish office (989-687-5353) and leave your number or send me an email and we can make an appointment.

All are Welcome! All Belong!

*Jonathan P. Korpi*

Youth Leader

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## GROWING TIME

Our church year includes a time for growing in faith. All God's creation needs time, nurture and encouragement to grow. As part of God's creative force in the world, we also need time to grow into the disciples, and church, God calls us to be.

The church calendar begins in November with Advent, anticipating the birth of Jesus. We then celebrate his birth at Christmas with the coming of the Wise Men at Epiphany. We grow into our understanding of Jesus as a young man and then we find ourselves anticipating Easter with the penitential 40 days of Lent. Holy Week ends our Lenten journey with Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the celebration of Easter. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus is the key to our understanding the essence of God.

Fifty days after Easter we have Pentecost, the birthday of the church, where the Holy Spirit came and enlivened the faith of the disciples so they could spread the good news. From Pentecost to Advent we have a huge gap. This is our growing season.

As Christians we have experienced the story of God lived out through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We have had the birthday of the church, through the coming of the Holy Spirit. Now we have a chance to grow in our faith journey. Each of us will learn, grow and develop our faith in God according to where we are on the journey and what we allow God to do in and through us.

Our church is diminishing in numbers: locally, regionally and nationally. We have worked to raise our presence and profile in Sanford through our Sunday morning and Monday evening worship services, our welcoming presence, our Friends and Fellowship activities, our mission work and our new Youth Leader.

Growth is a slow process with some false steps along the way. Nothing is easy, certain or guaranteed as we try to grow. We know that if we don't try to grow we will continue to decline like other churches around us.

We have to put in the hard work to grow while we have the strength and energy to do so. God is with us; we are the only ones that can be against us and sabotage our growth.

Now is our growing season. What new things will we learn? Where will we let God stretch us? Will we allow the Holy Spirit to transform us and our church? When Advent rolls around again, how will we see growth? I am with you on the journey.

Rev. Lisa Cook



### SUNDAY WORSHIP

#### Attendance & Giving

June 2	46	\$4,000.00
June 9	52	\$1,347.00
June 16	56	\$1,674.00
June 23	58	\$8,135.00
June 30		

### MARVELOUS MONDAYS

#### Attendance & Giving

June 3	11	\$55.00
June 10	15	\$70.00
June 17	13	\$55.00
June 24	12	\$190.00

## 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

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**Sandy Houtman** Meridian Acres, 2905 N. Meridian Rd. #17, Sanford, MI 48657

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**MAY 2019 FOOD PANTRY REPORT**

**Current Needs: boxed Jell-o, boxed pudding & boxed potatoes**

People Served	52
Children under 18	18
Households	20
Gift Certificates given:	38
Items In:(donated/purchased)	2,380
Items Out:	1,937



Items Donated:	
Sanford UMC	\$+ 143
Our Lady of Grace Catholic	\$+ 233
St. Paul Lutheran Church	31
Community of Christ	\$
Old Oak Trails Booster Club	40

May 11 was the National Postal Carrier's collection; Sanford Postal workers collected 789 items on this one day that go into the Sanford Pantry. THANK YOU for your generous 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 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

**BASEBALL GAME**

It's that time again! The Loons will play at home on Wed. Aug. 21, 7:05 p.m. 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. Stadium seats available.

**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.

# Serving the Lord

	Liturgist	Ushers	Greeters	Coffee Hour
July 7		Bud & Gayle Swanson Myrna Wyman	Sherry Numbers	Friends & Fellowship Memorial
July 14	Cheryl Johnson	Fran Shaffert, John Coppinger Becky Bastuk	Jan Biggs	
July 21		Dave & Dustin Sutton Jeanne Sturm, Carolyn Maynard	Jay & Bev Morgan	Outreach
July 28	George Farner	Roger & Vicki Sharpe Becky Bastuk		SPRC

## COMMUNION STEWARDS JULY

Jan Biggs, Ruth Sutton, Becky Bastuk, Jeanne Sturm

## CALENDAR DATES

Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts are done for the summer.

They will be back in the fall when school starts.



## JULY CALENDAR DATES

Mon. July 8 1:30 p.m. Meridian Acres Worship  
 Tues. July 9 8:15 a.m. Clergywomen  
 Fri. July 12 6:00 p.m. Euchre  
 Mon. July 15-19 5:30 to 7:30p.m. VBS  
 Sat. July 20 noon Shower, Sharon Raymond  
 Wed. July 24 5:30 p.m. make ice cream  
 Thur. July 25 5-7:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social  
 Tues. July 30 1:00 p.m. Memorial meeting

## FRIENDS & FELLOWSHIP

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 Midland Altersgate.

## TRUSTEES FOR JULY

Becky Bastuk (Sharon Raymond)

## OUTREACH

Our July outreach giving will go to Midland's House of Mercy, the homeless shelter for women and children. Each guest is assisted with food and shelter and helped with moving toward a more stable long term living situation.

Some of our congregation spent part of the last week of June helping to revitalize a block of homes in Saginaw with the One Week/One Street project. We mainly helped to clear unwanted trees and brush, others worked to wash and paint the outside of homes, while Reverend Lisa and Ron manned the tool truck all week. It was a lot of work, but fun to work alongside the many volunteers who come to help each year.

In July, our committee hopes to again have a bounce house for the kids who come to the ice cream social. Please come and help with manning the bounce house and enjoy the ice cream and desserts!

Thanks!  
Vicki

## MERIDIAN ACRES WORSHIP

July 8, 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.

## 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.

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