

**Staff Profile: Sparta UMC Custodian
 Celsa Rubio Moreno**



Celsa Rubio joined the Sparta United Methodist Church staff last summer as our part-time custodian. We are thankful for her dedicated service and would like to help you get to know her a little bit.

Celsa was born on April 6, 1970, to Benjamin and Isabel Rubio in Mexico. She has 13 brothers and sisters. Celsa met her husband Tomas in Mexico, and they were married on December 2, 1997, in White Cloud, Michigan. Their children are Martha, Norma, Tomas, Jesus, Yareli, Luis and Hugo. The couple are also new grandparents. Celsa's hobby is gardening, which comes in handy with a large family.

Celsa and her family just moved to a beautiful new home in Kent City. Be sure to congratulate Celsa and to thank her when you see her working during the week.



Adult Choir will begin with its first choir practice of the season on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 7 PM in the church sanctuary. The Choir will sing at worship on Sept. 10.

There is always room for another singer in the Choir. We sing at morning worship celebrations throughout the school year schedule and some additional special community events of worship. I would be glad to answer any questions you may have about how you may become a part of the Adult Choir. If you are currently serving or returning to the Choir, thank you! If you are new and would like to discuss how you could serve, please let me know. I can be reached via phone at 616.292.7338 or email shbarnum@att.net.

—Steve Barnum
 Adult Choir Director

Schedules

Sundays
 10:10 AM Morning Worship Celebration
 Sunday School for Pre-K – Grade 5
 during morning worship service

Tuesdays
 9:30 AM Girl Talk Study Group

10:10 AM Worship Attendant Volunteers August 20

Soundboard Chad & Shelly Murdock
 Head Usher Alan Hartman
 Nursery Leader Kathy Reed
 Nursery Assistants Caelin & Camryn Murdock
 Greeters Brandon & Ashley Ingersoll
 Intercessory Prayer Stephanie Rienks
 Scripture Reader JoEllen Pinckney
 Welcome Table Jackie Brewer
 Fellowship Time Norm & Jane Becker
 Diane Young

Save the Date

August 25 Sanctuary in use
 August 26 8–10 AM. Free Community Breakfast
 3 PM Morris/Mavima Wedding
 August 29 6–8 PM



August 31 6 PM UMW Executive Board
 6 PM Vision Team meeting
 Sept. 3 Loren Mote, guest preacher
 Sept. 4 Labor Day (offices closed)



families of suicide victims
 Carol Kane—recovering from surgery
 marriages & travelers
 Irma Ortiz—Mary Ellen Kimble's co-worker's mother,
 Stage 4 stomach cancer

The Family of Antonio Koppenhofer—Vickie Hammond's nephew was murdered in Grand Rapids the week of Aug. 7
 Vic Bassett—hospitalized Aug. 15
 All military and public service personnel

Staff Evaluations: Prior to our Church Charge Conference on Nov. 20, Pastor Phil will be receiving his yearly evaluation. If you would like to share input on his work, please contact the following persons on the Staff-Parish Relations Committee.

- Chair: Paul Schulz — 560.5598 or pcjs141@sbcglobal.net
- Brad Greeno — 318.0817 or bsgreeno@gmail.com
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Do You Remember?

What year* did the Church Council of Sparta United Methodist Church approve the use of our church building to host a monthly community breakfast for the purpose of reaching those who are struggling emotionally, financially and spiritually during difficult economic times?

September 26 began the first of many breakfasts offered every fourth Saturday of the month at no cost to the public by all of us working together for God’s Kingdom. Thank you to the many volunteers each month who set up/cleanup, cook, serve and share God’s Word to those in need.

~ Join Us! ~ every 4th Saturday of the month
8 – 10 AM *NO COST* to the public! Hosted by many open hearts of the Sparta United Methodist Church.

Answers: 2009



UPCOMING

AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Contact the office with updates and additions.

Flu Shot Clinic

September 17 — 11:15 AM to 1:15 PM @ Sparta UMC



Wear your favorite football team t-shirt or jersey for Sunday School Kickoff on September 17.

Sunday school is for ages—Pre-Kindergarten through Adult beginning at 9 AM. Separate classrooms are available for school ages.

20	Earl Babcock Kristi Dougan Bill Redner Jacob Hohisel	8/22/92 Erik & Melinda Tilli
21	Patrick Kimble	
22	Ted Anderson Erwin Rabacal	8/23/08 John & Kelly Larsen
23	Chad Murdock Sue Palma	
24	Rebecca Perez	8/26/95 Dave & Joanna Huizenga
26	Paul Spangenberg Isabella Larsen	

Pictured below: Mary/ Martha Circle enjoyed afternoon tea, refreshments and a special presentation on *Tea & China* by guest speaker Nanci Swenson on August 9 in the church parlor. The ladies donned a variety of hats for the occasion.



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