



Fellowship Time Hosts & Ushers Needed

There are openings for 2018 Fellowship Time Hosts and worship service ushers who are needed to help the head usher. Please check the signup bulletin board in the parlor to see where you can help. Usher duties are posted on the board.

If we do not have hosts for Fellowship Time on a particular Sunday, that means there is no one to clean up coffee and punch cups, so the head usher will not make coffee and punch on those Sundays.

Fellowship Time Host Available Dates

June 24 / July 8, 22 & 29
Aug. 5, 19 & 26 / Sept. 9, 16 & 23
Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Every Sunday has Openings for Ushering

Altar Flowers Available Dates

June 10 & 24 / July 1, 8, & 29 / Aug. 5, 19 & 26
Sept. 2, 16 & 30 / Oct. 14 & 21
Nov. 4 & 25 / Dec. 9 & 16

Spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States and globally

In Arizona border towns, communities facing social challenges are dramatically divided. In Liberian villages, citizens' human rights are being violated. In local U.S. communities, women and girls are being bought and sold against their will.

Moved by Christ's love to pursue reconciliation and peace, honoring the dignity of every individual made in God's image, The United Methodist Church is unwilling to turn a blind eye to injustice.

Although you, and possibly even your congregation, may lack the resources alone to effect change in a broken world, your giving is vital for the UMC to continue its global ministries of reconciliation. Because of the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the people of The United Methodist Church are able to make a difference together by sowing seeds—and yielding fruit!—of peace.

Equipping The United Methodist Church to Do Justice in Jesus' Name

When you give on Peace with Justice Sunday May 27, your gift makes possible our critical kingdom work in the world. Because you give:

- Methodists spearhead a peace ministry uniting Arizona border communities
 - United Methodists in Liberia are being equipped to implement the denomination's Social Principles to address social-justice issue
 - Pennsylvania students are educating their community about sex-trafficking at home and abroad
- These initiatives, and hundreds of other ones, are possible because you give. *(continued on next page)*



I would like to thank everyone in our Church Family, Friends, Family, and Girl Talk for the prayers, cards, and reminder that Bonnie Wilkinson read at Girl Talk. Rick Warren wrote a note that we all need to have patience and wait upon an answer from the Lord whether it is relational problems, health issues, or any other concerns we have. We may get an answer soon, at a later time, or in the next life with Jesus. Sometimes we get the answer we do not want for now, but it will come in God's time. Thank you to Pastor Phil for the hospital visit and concern for me and Dave.

Blessings and Love to all, Joanna Huizenga



Clarence Cass—declining health

Jeanne Drier's nephew Chris, recovering

Prayers for our 2018 Graduates



This Week's Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversary

5/28/93
Mel & Adele Jones

- May 28 Dan McCracken
- May 29 Karen Marohn
Ron Workman
- May 30 Alexander Taylor
Ashley Ingersoll
- May 31 Rider Kimble
- June 2 Elijah Gunderson
Mary Haagen

Your Giving Makes Possible the Proclamation of Christ's Peace
 Will you continue to support Peace with Justice Sunday? Will you empower local Christians—in Pennsylvania and Arizona and Liberia—to build the kingdom of peace that Jesus ushered in? In Jesus' inaugural address, standing in his home synagogue in Nazareth, he detailed his game plan,

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

Through your giving good news is proclaimed to—
 and experienced by—the poor.
 Thanks be to God!



The **Exodus Place Pig Roast** is Wednesday, June 13, from 4:00 to 8:30 PM (food served 5:30 – 7:30)

Below is a link for volunteer sign-up. Please use the link to sign up to help serve food, run a game or many other ways to help during this time.

Donations are accepted during the event or anytime online.

This is an Exodus birthday celebration for the men and us. Please remember – no minors on property. Thank you. Please consider joining us. There will be plenty of food and fun that night.

—Brad Greeno

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4faaa23a3f94-exodus>

Schedules

Tuesdays
 9:30 AMGirl Talk Study Group
 Wednesdays
 6 PM.....Worship Planning Team
 4th Thursday of the Month
 6 PMVision Team
 Sundays
 10:10 AMMorning Worship Celebration
 10:30 AMPre-K – 5th Grade Sunday School
 Please Note: All Sunday morning pre-service children's and adult small group activities are adjourned from June 3 through August 26.

10:10 AM Worship Attendant Volunteers May 27

SoundboardDoug Shupe & Kerry Emelander
 Head UsherAlan Hartman
 AcolytesMichelle & Emma
 Greeters.....
 Nursery AssistantsCaelin & Camryn Murdock
 Welcome TableNaomi Collins
 Intercessory PrayerBonnie Wilkinson
 Scripture ReaderTena Stuhan
 Fellowship TimeMargaret Blaauw
 Wayne & Mary Hyde

Save the Date

May 27Peace with Justice Special Offering
 May 28Memorial Day (Offices closed)
 May 29 6 PM.....GriefShare Potluck Dinner
 May 31 6 PM.....UMW Executive Board
 June 5 5:45 PM ...Finance & Stewardship
 6:30 PM...Church Council
 June 10 2–5 PMchurch dining room in use
 June 12 4:30 PM ..Feeding America Food Truck

SUMMER MUSIC July 6, 7 PM—Tribute at Sparta Baptist Church
 Unity Fest at Heritage Landing in Muskegon:
 August 8, 4 PM—David Crowder
 August 9, 1 PM—MercyMe
 August 10, 1 PM—Casting Crowns
 August 11, 1 PM—For King & Country, and 15 other bands

Ticket costs for the Youth are covered through their fundraising (thank you for your support!). More details coming, including pricing for adults to attend.

There is a schedule set for **summer special music** during summer worship. If you are interested in sharing music in the form of a solo, group, or instrumental music selection, please see Steve Barnum or Peggy Odren for open dates.
Make a joyful noise!

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The Mission of Sparta United Methodist Church: *Helping each other follow Jesus' way* (John 14:6)
 The Vision: *That through Him all might be saved* (John 3:17)

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 Articles for next week's *News Flash* are due on Tuesday. Contact the church office with updates and additions.