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It's Time to Make a Joyful Noise

The Adult Choir is always open to new members. If you would like to sing in the choir, please see Steve Barnum, Adult Choir Director. Contact Steve anytime (phone 616.292.7338, email shbarnum@att.net). Steve will be glad to answer any questions about the Adult Choir or the upcoming retreat. If you want to join choir next fall, you are also eligible to attend the retreat.

We also are seeking to provide child care during our regular weekly rehearsal so that more people can participate in the Adult Choir. Please let Steve Barnum know if helping in this way would interest you.

The Adult Choir is planning a fall 2018 Rehearsal Retreat October 11–13 at Lake Louise United Methodist Camp! The choir is very excited to know, as we wrap up the normal singing season for this year, that they have this great event to start next season. You may recall that the choir has great memories of an earlier retreat to Bois Blanc Island, Michigan, a few years ago.

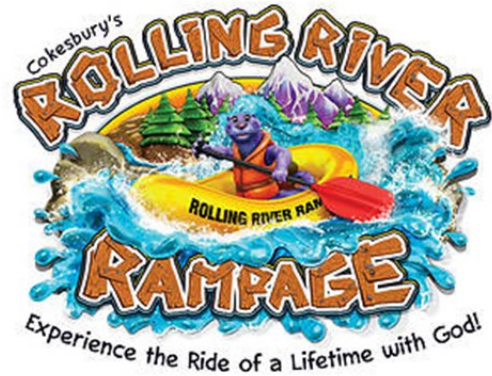
Retreats are great opportunities for spiritual enrichment as well as concentrated rehearsal time. This is being made possible by the support we receive from the church in many ways, but also through gifts made to the Adult Choir outside of the budget. Thank you! A portion of the fee for lodging at the camp will be funded by each attendee. The choir is planning ways to offset those fees in the near future.

The Adult Choir is open to new members. Those joining in the fall may participate in this retreat. Be sure to contact Steve Barnum with any questions about Adult Choir.

Make a joyful noise! There is a schedule set for **summer special music** during 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.

The Trustees are looking for extra hands to work on the Offices & Ministry Building yard. If anyone has an extra hour or whatever you can spare, let us know. We would be glad to get you started. This is *our* God's home. Thanks.

Jeanne Drier & Hal Lindsay



Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting with Director of Children & Youth Ministries Heather Westra

Please join Heather after Fellowship Time on Sunday, June 10, 2018, in the upstairs Youth Room at church. This is an informative meeting for those willing to assist at Vacation Bible School taking place July 29 through August 3, 5:30 to 8 PM.

New and exciting features of the event will be shared at the meeting, so please come to see where you can help.



The Family of Clarence Cass—Sparta UMC Member Clarence Cass passed May 22 Hilary Miller—Adrian is having dental surgery May 29. Friend Kendra is battling cancer and going through chemotherapy. For families who have lost loved ones



This Week's Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 4	Jeremy DeGlopper	6/4/82	Bob & Rachel Shangle
June 5	Hanna Burmeister		
June 7	JJ Shangle	6/5/71	Mike & Mary Eggleston
June 8	Bill Skibinski		
June 9	Amber Marks	6/7	Warren & Aloe Guiles

The **Sparta UMC Relay for Life Team** is serving for a cause at Flo's Pizzeria Ristorante (1259 Post Drive, Belmont) on Tuesday, June 5, 3 to 8 PM. See Jeanne Drier or any Relay member for a flyer to present at the time of your order (dine in or take out), and then 15% of the total purchase will be donated to *Stick a Fork in Cancer*.

Sparta High School's Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions Include Sparta UMC Members

Two of our church members will be honored this Sunday, June 3, at the Sparta High School's 2018 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. This year's inductees include Gordon Ostman (Class of 1949) and Bonnie Wilkinson (Coach). All community members, alumni and present athletes are invited to attend. The ceremony begins at 2 PM at the Sparta High School gymnasium (9475 W. Sparta Drive); refreshments and fellowship following.



Please donate the following needed items for this year's Vacation Bible School. Items can be brought to the church office at any time:

Plastic Table Cloths (yellow, blue, brown, round red/white checkered)

Hula Hoops

Artificial Trees (nothing that has to be put together; please tape your name to the bottom)

Ferns

Thick Rope for Bridge

Duct Tape

Paint (dark green, green, brown)

Life Jackets

Large River Tubes

Green Construction Paper (any shade)

Tent

Volunteers!

Schedules

Tuesdays

9:30 AMGirl Talk Study Group

Wednesdays

6 PM.....Worship Design 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 activities and Adult Small Groups are adjourned from June 3 through August 26.

10:10 AM Worship Attendant Volunteers June 4

Soundboard

Head UsherDale Young

Acolyte.....Abby

Greeters.....

Nursery AssistantsMindy, Olivia & Emily Tilli

Welcome TableCarol Schulz

Communion Assistants...Ron & Jeanne Drier

Intercessory PrayerCarla VanAsselt

Scripture ReaderBrenda McCracken

Fellowship TimeMillie Cass, Jackie Brewer & Terri Miling

Save the Date

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

June 13 9:30 AM ..Mary/Martha Circle

4 PMExodus Place Pig Roast

June 17Father's Day

June 19Little Dresses for Africa Sewing Project

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

Tickets for the Youth are covered through their fundraising. Details coming, including pricing for adults to attend.



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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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