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A weekly newsletter of The Sparta United Methodist Church



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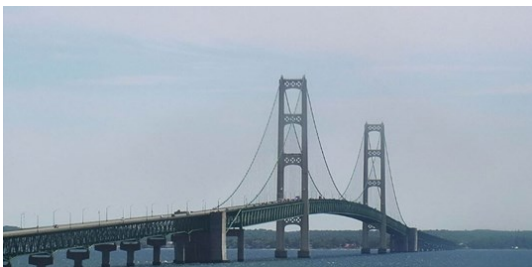


**Friday, July 6
7:00 PM
Sparta Baptist Church**

Free concert sponsored by area businesses and churches, including Sparta UMC.

A freewill offering will be taken for North Kent Connect—a Christian

organization committed to improving lives of all people in northern Kent County by providing access to basic needs and promoting economic independence.



Had a great time at Camp Kinawind's Bridge Walk Labor Day weekend last year and looking forward to this year! Families and adults are welcome to this weekend of fun, worship, adventure, fellowship and the Michigan Labor Day tradition of walking The Mighty Mac. Included are seven meals, lodging, and the bus ride to St. Ignace and back to camp. Relax or stay very busy swimming, hiking, kayaking, etc. Cost: Adults \$69, Youth \$59, under 3 free. For more info, contact Camp Kinawind Director Sherry Stone (734.355.7485), umcamping.org/camps/camp-kinawind, or me!

—Mary Scott 616.481.9240

For cancer patients
Sharon's Hessel's daughter Mary—
cancer treatments
Michael Tudor—serious heart
condition
The Family of Betty Ann Shafer—
Kerry Emelander's mother
passed away June 18. Her funeral
was June 23 with Pastor Phil presiding.



Sunday School 2018 (Before June 25)



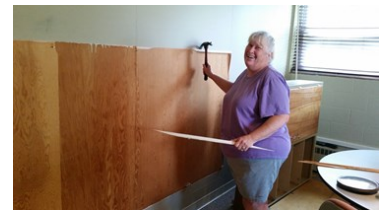
At June 24's worship service, renovation plans for the lower Sunday school and nursery areas, which have served adults and children of all ages, were rolled out.



This project includes painting, chalkboard wall, storage, décor and wall verses, corkboard/magnetic wall, a pager system, and flooring—all of which are greatly needed.

Renovations Began June 25

Sparta UMC is trying to raise \$9,000 toward this project, of which \$500 has been received to date. By donating to this much-needed renovation, you will inspire parents and their children to come hear and learn the Word of God. You will be a blessing to children and to their spiritual growth in years to come. Your gift can be made payable to "Sparta UMC", noting "remodel" in the memo area. Thank you.



Thank you to all who provided goodies and participated in the Exodus Place BBQ. The weather was perfect, and the festivities were a success. The men of Exodus Place appreciate all of the support they receive from local churches like ours.

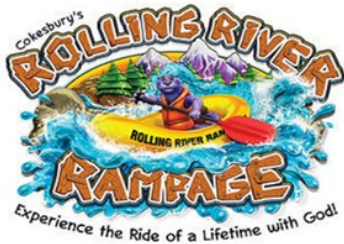
—Brad Greeno



DENNY'S HIKE



Thank you everyone who supported Denny's Hike with your pledges. To date \$2,625 has been received toward the Youth Ministries of Sparta UMC. We sincerely appreciate Denny and De Knappen's creativity and willingness to help children in their spiritual journey.



Rolling River Rampage VBS Registration Form

July 29 – August 2, 2018
5 – 8 PM (includes dinner)

Vacation Bible School is for
children age 3 through those
completing Grade 5.

Student's Name _____ Age & Last School Grade Completed _____

_____ Age: _____

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_____ Age: _____

Parent or Guardian & Emergency Contact Information _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone number to contact _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other _____

Dismissal Information: Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up from
VBS: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

_____ (initial) By this child's participation in this church activity,
I agree that photographs video, audio and any other audio/visual
material of my child recorded during this program may be repro-
duced/used by Sparta United Methodist Church. I release Sparta
UMC from any claim against them as a result of injury or illness
incurred during the course of participation in VBS activities.

Please submit this form at your earliest convenience to Sparta UMC
as it helps the leadership of the event prepare in advance!

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

10:10 AM Worship Attendant Volunteers July 1

SoundboardDoug Shupe & Kerry Emelander

Head UsherJustin Westra

Nursery Assistant.....Naomi Collins

Welcome TableMillie Cass

Intercessory Prayer....Bonnie Shupe

Scripture ReaderJay Dean

Communion Assistants...Diane Young & Tudy Middleton

Fellowship TimeMike & Mary Eggleston

Earl & Pat Babcock

Save the Date

July 4Independence Day (Offices Closed)

July 12 12–7 PM....Community Blood Drive

July 14 8 AMMen's Mealtime Rally

July 21Breakfast Fundraiser @ Sparta UMC

12 PM.....Town & County Parade

Contact Heather Westra to join in Sparta UMC's parade entry

July 22Rural Life Special Offering

July 28 8–10 AM ...Free Community Breakfast

July 29–Aug 2Vacation Bible School (5–8 PM)



This Upcoming Week's BIRTHDAYS

July 2 Evelyn Ring

July 5 Sean McCracken

July 6 Dave Huizenga

July 7 Terri Miling

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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.