

July 18, 2018



A weekly newsletter of The Sparta United Methodist Church



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hand2hand

Let's Feed Sparta Area Children in Need

Hand2Hand is a new mission that Sparta UMC is launching in partnership with Sparta Baptist Church. The program provides supplemental weekend food for children of families needing some extra assistance or are experiencing a hardship. We will be helping students at Applevew Elementary School (3rd-5th grades). This will be a great opportunity to help kids right here in Sparta!

Do you like grocery shopping and finding great deals? Do you enjoy menu planning? **We are in need of a food coordinator** to help with Hand2Hand. If you are interested or would like more information, we would love to hear from you.

You can learn more about the program at www.Hand2HandBackpack.org or by contacting one of our co-coordinators: Brenda McCracken (616-745-9789, brendaschulz@gmail.com); or Mary Ellen Kimble (616-308-1348 mekimble36@gmail.com). Stay tuned for more information about this program in coming weeks and opportunities to volunteer.

Saturday, July 21

PANCAKE BREAKFAST - \$5⁰⁰ each

8 am to
10 am

Sparta United Methodist Church
Hosted by the Sparta United Methodist Church

Join Sparta UMC

in the



Town & Country Days Parade

Participants should arrive by 11:45 AM for the noon parade. Drop off is at the Sparta Middle School front parking lot. Find our float (Line Up #22) at Seelman Drive off 12 Mile Rd (west of Peace Lutheran Church).

Rural Life Sunday Special Offering July 22, 2018

Four Special Sundays are observed on dates determined by the annual conference. Offerings are used for ministries within the annual conference. Rural Life Sunday celebrates the rural heritage of The United Methodist Church and recognizes "the ongoing crisis occurring in rural areas of the nation and the world today." Sparta UMC observes this offering during its Town & Country Days weekend. Please give generously on July 22.



Sunday School / Nursery Renovations Continue

Fresh coats of paint, as well as chalkboard walls and artwork, have taken place in the last two weeks. Pictured below is the former Prayer & Study Room and storage room combined for a Nursery; a half-wall partition is in place.

This project will also include storage, décor and wall verses, cork-board/magnetic wall, and flooring—all of which are greatly needed.



To date, your donations toward this project total \$10,853, which includes \$800 for the pager system and the balance is close to the cost of the flooring; and there's much more to do. Be an inspiration and blessing to children and parents in years to come by making a gift toward the renovation, payable to "Sparta UMC", noting "remodel" in the memo area. *Thank you* to the *many* helping hands who have worked so faithfully together.

Anna Mae Spangenberg—back problems

Frank Majchrzak—Mary Ellen Kimble's co-worker's father; foot surgery not going well, may have to amputate.



Dear God,
Thank you for the Holy Spirit's help in prayer. Amen.

VBS NEEDS



Glitter

Diaper Genie bags - 1 package

Corn meal – 1 small bag

Car Chamois

6 Oranges

Empty plastic jars (such as peanut butter jars)

3 Aluminum trays (9 x 13 size or larger)

Dark colored cooking oil – 1 small bottle

1 small pipette or eye dropper

Empty egg cartons

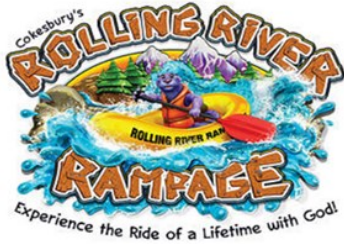
Empty paper or plastic milk cartons

Bubble wrap

Small boxes (5" x 5" or slightly bigger)

2 liter pop bottles

Pebbles/small rocks – 5 cups



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: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ Age: _____

_____ 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 AM Girl Talk Study Group

Wednesdays
6 PM..... Worship Design Team

4th Thursday of the Month
6 PM Vision Team

Sundays
10:10 AM Morning Worship Celebration
10:30 AM Pre-K – 5th Grade Sunday School

10:10 AM Worship Attendant Volunteers July 22

Soundboard Brandon Ingersoll & Isaiah Marks
Head Usher Justin Westra
Nursery Assistant Elizabeth Hartman
Welcome Table Holly Colby
Intercessory Prayer Cindy Young
Scripture Reader Mary Hartman

Save the Date

July 21 8–10 AM ... Breakfast Fundraiser @ Sparta UMC
12 PM Town & County Parade

July 22 Rural Life Special Offering

July 28 8–10 AM Free Community Breakfast

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

July 31 6 PM GriefShare Potluck

Aug. 5 Missionaries Lester & Deborah Dornon
visiting at morning worship service

Aug. 7 5:45 PM Finance & Stewardship
6:30 PM Church Council

Aug. 8 6:30 PM Trustees

This Upcoming Week's



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 23 Jeanne Drier
Ted Eary

July 24 Mary Eggleston

July 26 Heather Braspeninx

July 28 Keith DeGlopper

7/24/93
Chad & Shelly Murdock

7/25/53
Roger & Joyce Osbeck

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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.