



Sparta 2018–19 Stewardship & Finance Program “Changing Lives”

Main Idea:

The Sparta UM Church has been “Changing Lives” for Christ for a very long time. Today is our moment to continue carrying this torch forward. Our Mission and Vision are simple and direct: “Helping each other follow Jesus’ way, that through Him all might be saved.” The core question is: What is needed for us to be more effective in fulfilling this call?

Ways You May Be Asked To Help:

As our Vision Team (serving as our ad Program Committee) gets this program underway, they will be approaching people in our congregation with requests to assist. If there’s something on this list that interests you, please contact one of our Vision Team members (Pastor Phil, Brad Greeno, Bonnie Wilkinson, Kurt Burmeister, Jim Bosserd, Tim Shangle, or JoEllen Pinckney).

- **Host Family:** Host a home gathering with beverages (hot/cold) and desserts (could be as simple as cookies or as fancy as apple pie) at a time of your choice (late September or October). Pastor Phil and an additional presenter will facilitate the conversation about how our church is “Changing Lives” today, and the work God is calling us to in the future.
- **Letter-Writers:** These people will come together in a working meeting (late September) in which the names of all the families of the church will be distributed and personal letters will be written. No one will be asked to write to people they don’t know, and ideas of what might be included in these letters will be provided at the meeting.
- **Two-Minute Talkers/personal testimonial:** These people will prepare a two-minute heartfelt worship service talk (given in October) that shares what has inspired their faith giving. A short story would be fine. Someone may recall a person in his/her past who lived their stewardship in a way that “changed lives.”
- **Two-Minute Talkers/Church Mission:** These people will prepare a two-minute heartfelt worship service talk (given in October) that shares something about our church’s mission that is “Changing Lives.”
- **Celebration Dinner Coordinator(s):** This person(s) will organize all the necessary aspects of our Celebration Dinner on November 4 (pig roast – the pig has already volunteered, and we also have a person to roast it), like (1) recruiting setup, serving, and cleanup teams (2) See that rolls, Baby Ray’s BBQ sauce, and drinks are available in sufficient quantity.

Flu Shot Clinic Coming to Sparta UMC September 16

The community flu shot clinic will be held after morning worship celebration on Sunday, Sept. 16, in Wesley Hall from 11:30 AM to 1 PM.

Community Clinic Payment Details

Individuals can use any one of the following insurance plans to pay for their immunization. An insurance card needs to be provided at the time of service. Any insurance plan not listed, including Medicaid, will not be accepted.

Priority Health	Aetna
Blue Care Network	ASR
Cofinity	Medicare
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	

Individuals are responsible for any copays or insurance denials and may receive a bill if either pertains. Individuals who do not present with an acceptable insurance are expected to pay for their own immunization at a cost of \$55 for a Quadrivalent flu shot, or if offered, \$72 for a High Dose flu shot.

Sparta UMC is not responsible for the cost of immunizations administered at the clinic.

Alesha (Reed) Kutzli’s sister-in-law, Carrie—gave birth to a 2 lb. 2 oz. baby boy. Little Easton is doing well now, but can use prayers.

The Family of Paul Krupp—Paul passed away this past weekend.

Mary Ellen Kimble’s sister-in-law’s brother Bruce—serious heart condition, needing surgery



Prayer Requests
Dear God, Thank you for the Holy Spirit’s help in prayer. Amen.

This Upcoming Week’s



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 9 Diane Hartman	9/10/16
Tena Stuhan	Jacob & Camille Hohisel
Sept. 12 Anna Schulz	9/12/58
Sept. 13 Keith VanderWall	Tom & Nancy Christopher
Sept. 14 Deb Hendershot	9/13/86
	Kurt & Amy Burmeister



Lakeview UM Camp
Sunday morning
between the storms



Waiting in line
for scrumptious
food



Dave & Sue Steenhagen resting
after cooking pancakes and
waffles Saturday morning

Justin Westra
and his
smoker-grill:
smoked
salmon,
BBQ ribs
& chicken.

No one goes
hungry at
family camp.

Thanks Justin!



Small Group Opportunities for *Real Life Real Faith Study*

Held at the church Offices & Ministry Building: Sundays @ 5:30 PM,
Tuesday @ 9:30 AM, Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM, and
Thursdays @ 6:30 PM. **Signup Sept. 9 at church.**

Schedules

Tuesdays

9:30 AMGirl Talk Study Group
6 PM.....GriefShare (Sept. 11–Dec. 4)

Wednesdays

6 PM.....Worship Design Team
7–8 PM.....Adult Choir practice

4th Thursday of the Month

6 PMVision Team

Sunday mornings

8:45–11:45Nursery (ages 0–4 years)
8:30–9:45DISCIPLE Bible Study
9:00Adult Bible Study
9:00Middle & Senior High Sunday School
9:00Craft & Prayer Time (Pre-K – 5th)
9:30Children’s Choir Practice (Pre-K – 5th)
Parents: pick up your child at 10 AM from practice
9:50Adult Choir pre-service rehearsal
10:10Morning Worship Celebration
10:30Pre-K – 5th Grade Sunday School

10:10 AM Worship Attendant Volunteers September 9

SoundboardBrandon Ingersoll & Isaiah Marks
Head UsherAlan Hartman
Nursery Assistant.....Deb DeGlopper
Welcome Table.....Millie Cass
Intercessory Prayer....Bonnie Shupe
Scripture ReaderRachel Shangle
Fellowship TimeJack & Jeanne Rhymer

Save the Date

Sept. 8 8 AMMen’s Mealtime Rally
Sept. 9 9 AMAdult Bible Study beings
.....Signup at church with a small group
for the all-church study
Sept. 11 7 PMTry-It-Out Choir Rehearsal
Sept. 12 9:30 AMMary/Martha Circle
.....Dorcas Circle
Sept. 13 12–7 PM ...Community Blood Drive
Sept. 16Back to Church Kickoff & Tailgate
.....Bibles to 3rd Graders
.....Blessing of Teachers
11:30–1 PM ...Flu Shot Clinic in Wesley Hall
.....Pick up your copy of the all-church
study material at church
12:15 PM...Hand2Hand food packing @ Baptist Church
Sept. 23Day One of the all-church study

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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.