

October 10, 2018



A weekly newsletter of The Sparta United Methodist Church



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Pork Loin Dinner & Presentation of the Mission Recognition Award, October 14, following worship service—hosted by the Sparta UMW. Cost: by generous donation.

Dessert/Coffee Gatherings

Signup in the church sanctuary

- Wed., Oct. 24, 7 PM De & Denny Knappen
12133 D Mar Dr., Greenville
- Thurs., Oct. 25, 7 PM Kurt & Amy Burmeister
11530 Cedar Lane, Sparta
- Fri., Oct. 26, 7 PM Mike & Tena Stuhan
349 Fair Lane, Sparta
- Sat., Oct. 27, 7 PM Jim & Jane Bosserd
3631 13 Mile Rd., NW, Sparta
- Sun., Oct. 28, 6 PM Chad & Shelly Murdock
1355 Murdock Dr., Sparta



Sparta UMC Member Randy Brooks now resides in Florida December through May. The rest of the year he spends with his daughter and family in North

Dakota. He shares: "Hope all is well with my Sparta United Methodist family. Give everyone my best!! God bless!!"

Sparta UMC Member Henry Beverwyk lives at Vista Springs Northview (3740 Vista Springs Ave., NE, Rm #32, Grand Rapids MI 49525). He is doing well and would appreciate cards and visits.



This Upcoming Week's

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

- Oct. 14 Bonnie Wilkinson
 - Oct. 15 Mel Jones
 - Oct. 16 Julie Levandoski
 - Oct. 18 Sue VanderWall
Mark Kingshott
 - Oct. 20 Joyce Marohn
Wayne Anderson
- 10/17/80
Doug & Bonnie Shupe



Trunk or Treat? 5 to 8 PM.

Choose "Treat" on Halloween, Oct. 31. The food and fun take place indoors at Sparta Baptist Church. Adult participants are asked to decorate a room door* at Sparta Baptist and distribute candy from

Please register your participation with Margaret Blaauw (887.0773) **no later than Oct. 21.** *There is a door-decorating contest. Decorate your room door 12:30–5 PM on Oct. 28, 9 AM–2 PM Oct. 29, 9 AM–1 PM Oct. 30, or all day on Oct. 31. Participants are also welcome to be in costume. Needed: **Donated candy** to be handed out. Please leave your donation in the church office.

- Karen Marohn—those grieving sudden loss
- Ron & Jeanne Drier—cousin Mandy (17) stomach problems, at Mayo Clinic 11 days for MRI and tests
- Diane Jensen—Evelyn Jacobson, Julia Medley, health problems



2018	September	Year to Date
General Operating Income	\$22,130.02	\$172,692.48
Operating Expense	\$16,886.90	\$162,133.20
Difference	\$5,243.12	\$10,559.28
General Fund Balance	\$19,035.12	
2018 Ministry Shares apportioned to Sparta UMC (payable through the General Fund): \$33,867 Paid to Date: \$0		



Special Gifts & Offerings Received in September

- Adult Choir..... \$408 Kids Kans \$324.20
- Children's Choir \$100 Missionary Dornon \$25
- Community Breakfast \$271 Missions \$25
- Facility Fund..... \$110 Rent..... \$172
- Food Truck..... \$100 Stained Glass..... \$150
- Haiti Hot Lunch \$35 Sunday School \$6
- Hand2Hand..... \$210 UM Men \$750
- Pastor's Disc. Fund..... \$100 Youth Choir \$100
- Youth Ministries \$75



Sunday
November 18, 2018

following worship service

(light lunch by donation @ 11:30 AM,
bidding begins at 11:45)

The auction is a fantastic way to help the church, as well as do something nice for someone, and get to know each other. All proceeds benefit the Youth Ministries of Sparta UMC like summer camp scholarships, Christian conferences, and missions of the youth and children.

So what can be donated? Whatever you are good at — whatever your God-given talent or skill is. If you like to garden, give away your produce or perennials. If you make things out of wood, material, glass, etc., donate it or lessons. If you sew or are handy around the house, donate that talent. Donate your craftwork. Donate a trip or cottage get-away. All baked and cooked foods are *hot* items at the auction. Whatever your talent is (and we all have one), donate it. Also, remember the kids . . . they enjoy bidding too.

The Youth have been blessed over the years with many wonderful donated items. Donating is a great way you can help now. Leave this donation form in the Basket of Talents in the church parlor by Nov.16. Your presence at the luncheon and Auction is another way to help. Bid often on the 18th and have fun!

Note: Please redeem last year's auction purchases no later than Oct. 31.

NAME _____

DONATION _____

Please leave your donated items in the church parlor before Nov. 16.

Schedules

Tuesdays

9:30 AM Girl 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 PM Vision Team

Sunday mornings

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

10:10 AM Worship Attendant Volunteers October 14

Soundboard Doug Shupe & Kerry Emelander
Head Usher Justin Westra
Nursery Leader Naomi Collins
Nursery Assistant Barb Taylor
Welcome Table Holly Colby
Intercessory Prayer Carla VanAsselt
Scripture Reader Shelly Murdock
Fellowship Time All-Church Pork Loin Fundraising
Dinner hosted by the Sparta UM Women

Save the Date

Oct. 10–13 Adult Choir Retreat
Oct. 14 All-Church Fundraising Dinner
hosted by the UM Women
Oct. 16 6:30 PM Trustees
Oct. 21 Guest Preacher Rev. Dick Riley
..... Deadline to register with Margaret
Blaauw for Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat candy distribution
Oct. 25 6 PM UMW Executive Board
Oct. 27 8–10 AM Free Community Breakfast
Oct. 28 11:45 AM Hand2Hand food packing
Oct. 31 5–8 PM Trunk or Treat @ Sparta Baptist
Nov. 1 5:30 PM Exodus Place Annual Dinner
Nov. 4 New Consecration Sunday
with All-Church Pig Roast Dinner
..... Daylight Saving Time ends (turn clocks
back one hour before bedtime Nov. 3)



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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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