

July 17, 2019



A weekly newsletter of The Sparta United Methodist Church



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### PARADE INFO



We're meeting and parking at church at 11:00 AM. We will decorate the trailer and then leaving the church (on the trailer) at 11:30 AM to line up in our #15 spot. We still have lots of room for people to ride on the trailer and walkers are of course welcome and needed to help pass out our bracelets again. (No bicycles please) GOD IS GOOD! We can't wait to share His love with our community again!! Please pray for a safe parade and God's blessing and guidance in all that we do!

~ Heather Westra

### DONATIONS NEEDED



Looking for donations for the Pancake Breakfast Saturday, July 20. We are in need of apples and cider to make apple fritters. If you can help, please contact Alan Hartman at 616-520-3681.

Thank you!

### VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who has had their hands in on the planning and preparations so far and to each and every person who has donated to our VBS this year!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Rice
Reg. size sticky notes (100)
Permanent markers (all colors)
Washable markers
Peanut butter
Jam
Bread (enough for 100-120 sandwiches)
Plastic table cloths (orange, yellow, red, green, blue)
Woven baskets (please put your name on the bottom, so it can be returned to the right person)
String cheese (enough for 100-120)
Goldfish crackers
Animal crackers
Fresh fruit
Blocks of cheese
Crackers
Ring bologna (servings: 100-120 people)
Pretzels
Sandwich baggies
Snack size baggies
Juice
Pudding cups (100-120)
Any snack mix ingredients
Cookies/brownies
Monetary donations to help cover: t-shirt cost, last minute food purchases, & Wednesday's surprise

## SPOKE FOLK

Spoke Folk is a ministry passionate about living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every year Spoke Folk holds several 12-day tours of up to 30 participants (15-20 years old) and 10 adult counselors from across the country. After a few days of training, the tour bikes around 40 miles to a new church each day and performs a program of Christian music and testimonies. Through biking, music, and community, Spoke Folk trains youth how to be missionaries in their daily lives, while sharing the love of Jesus with those we meet on the road and in the congregations they visit on tour.

Program: July 23-24 / Time: 7 PM

Location: Cedar Springs  
United Methodist Church  
140 S. Main Street, Cedar  
Springs, MI 49319  
Phone: (616) 696-1140  
Contact: Mark Tabor  
<http://cedarspringsumc.org>



## GRIEF SHARE

Grief Share Potluck for Tuesday, July 23rd is moved back to the Church Ministry building, due to Vacation Bible School that week in the dining room.



## PRAYERS

Diane Jensen— Prayers for the people down south who are experiencing flooding and damage.



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July 17 Pat Spangenberg	July 23 Jeanne Drier
July 18 John Chance	Ted Eary
July 19 Jaime Gunderson	
July 20 Ron Marohn	
July 21 Andrea Taylor	
Randy Fleese	

## THANK YOU

Jeanne Drier— My cousin, Jim, is doing well after surgery. Thank you for your prayers.

### Schedules

#### Mondays

7 pm .....Boy Scouts Church Wesley Hall

#### Tuesdays

9:30 am .....Girl Talk Study Group

#### 1st Tuesday of each Month

5:45 pm.....Finance Meeting

6:30 pm.....Ad Council Meeting

#### 2nd Tuesday of each Month

6:30 pm.....Trustees Meeting

#### Wednesdays

6 pm .....Worship Design Team

#### 4th Thursday of each Month

6 pm .....Vision Team

#### 2nd Saturday of each Month

8 am.....Men's Mealtime Rally

#### Sunday mornings

10:00 .....Nursery (ages 0-4 years)

10:10 ..... Morning Worship Celebration

10:30 ..... Pre-K – 5th Grade Sunday School

### 10:10 am Worship Attendant Volunteers

July 21, 2019

Head Usher.....Doug & Kerry

Nursery Assistant .....Barb Taylor

Welcome Table .....TBD

Intercessory Prayer...Bonnie Wilkinson

Scripture Reader.....Rachel Shangle

Fellowship Time.....Dan & Brenda McCracken

Greeters.....Ron & Jeanne Drier

Altar Flowers.....Kerry Emelander

### Office Volunteers Scheduled Week of

July 22, 2019

Monday.....Mary Scott

Tuesday.....TBD

Wednesday.....Mary Ellen Kimble

Thursday.....Mary Ellen Kimble

Friday.....TBD

If you would like to assist in the Church Office during the week, please contact the office at (616) 887-8255.

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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 Monday. Contact the church office with updates and additions.