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A weekly newsletter of The Sparta United Methodist Church



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HAND2HAND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With school starting soon, it's time to get ready for another year of Hand2Hand! Sparta UMC will be providing backpacks of weekend food to 3rd-5th grade students at Sparta Applevue Elementary and we'll be partnering with Sparta Baptist Church again this year. Each church takes turns providing the food and delivering it (each church is responsible for ~17 or 18 weeks).

We are currently looking for **Sparta UMC delivery team volunteers!** This important team delivers Hand2Hand food to the kids' lockers at Applevue Elementary and prays for the kids throughout the school year. The team members meet at our church on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 pm to load up the food into vehicles, then drive over to the school to deliver after students have gone home for the day. The delivery is usually completed by 4:15-4:30 pm. Because we were blessed with 8 regular volunteers last year, we created a rotating schedule with 4-5 people assigned each week so the same people didn't have to do it every time. Each volunteer delivered an average of ~10 times total for the year.

If you're available most Thursday afternoons and want to be part of the Hand2Hand delivery team, please fill out a Sparta Area Schools Volunteer Form. The school requires this so they can run an annual background check before you can participate (volunteers from last year will need to fill it out again also). Forms are available on the

Hand2Hand table in the parlor or in the church office. Please return them to Brenda McCracken, Tena Stuhan, or the church office. Thank you!



THANK YOU



Thank you, thank you to everyone who helped work at the Celtic Festival and came out to support us. It was a great and fun success.

We made close to \$2,000! The reuben and shephard pies were a delicious hit. We had 30 volunteers help out this year. We plan on doing this again next year.



FELLOWSHIP TIME



Volunteers are still needed for this Sunday's fellowship time and for August 25th. If you are interested in helping out, please call the office at 616-887-8255 or email the church office at spartaumc@spartaumc.com

CHURCH OFFICE EXPERIENCING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

The Church Office has been experiencing some technical difficulties with the phone and internet connections. Please bear with us while our IT team is working to get this resolved.

If you should need immediate assistance and are unable to connect with the Church Office, please contact Pastor Phil at 616-799-4281.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.



John Williams– Prayers for my wife, Denise, who is in the hospital.

Tudy Middleton– Thanks to prayer warriors! Jerry (nephew) is doing well.

FREE CUTS FOR KIDS

Sparta Baptist Church is offering free back-to-school haircuts for kids on Monday, August 19th. Free cuts are for children 13 and under from 10am-3pm and 4-7pm.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| Aug. 14 Camille Brillinger-Hohisel | 8/14/2004 |
| Aug. 15 Kelly Larsen | Bill & Beth Murray |
| Aug. 19 Brianna Kline | 8/22/92 |
| Aug. 20 Earl Babcock | Erik & Melinda Tilli |
| Kristi Dougan | 8/23/08 |
| Bill Redner | John & Kelly Larsen |
| Jacob Hohisel | 8/26/95 |
| Aug. 21 Pat Kimble | Dave & Joanna Huizenga |
| Aug. 22 Ted Anderson | 8/26/17 |
| Aug. 23 Chad Murdock | Jackson & Michelle Morris |
| Sue Palma | 8/28/64 |
| Aug. 26 Paul Spangenberg | Wayne & Jan Anderson |
| Isabella Larsen | 8/29/59 |
| Aug. 30 Warren Guiles | Ron & Jeanne Drier |
| Jackson Morris | |
| Caelin Murdock | |

Schedules

Mondays

7 pmBoy Scouts Church Wesley Hall

Tuesdays

9:30 amGirl 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 pmWorship Design Team

4th Thursday of each Month

6 pmVision Team

2nd Saturday of each Month

8 am.....Men’s Mealtime Rally

Sunday mornings

10:00Nursery (ages 0–4 years)

10:10 Morning Worship Celebration

10:30 Pre-K – 5th Grade Sunday School

10:10 am Worship Attendant Volunteers

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Soundboard & PowerPoint....TBD

Head Usher.....Justin Westra

Nursery AssistantThe Murdock Girls

Welcome TableEva Cone

Intercessory Prayer....Ron Drier

Scripture Reader.....Mary Eggleston

Fellowship Time.....TBD

Greeters.....TBD

Altar Flowers.....Ron & Jeanne Drier

Office Volunteers Scheduled Week of

August 19, 2019

Monday.....Mary Scott

Tuesday.....TBD

Wednesday.....Jeanne Drier

Thursday.....Mary Eggleston

Friday.....TBD

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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.