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A weekly newsletter of The Sparta United Methodist Church



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#WeAreHand2Hand

These kid-friendly food items are always needed:

<u>BREAKFAST</u>	<u>LUNCH</u>
Oatmeal packets	Easy Mac
Breakfast bars	Fruit cups
Single serving cereal boxes	Canned soup
Applesauce cups	Sleeves of crackers
Small boxes of raisins	Canned pasta (spaghetti O's, ravioli, spaghetti lasagna)
Pop-Tarts	
	<u>DINNER</u>
<u>SNACK</u>	Canned chicken
Microwave popcorn	Canned tuna
Trail mix packets	Canned vegetables
Granola bars	Canned fruit
Fruit snacks	Macaroni & cheese
Pudding cups	Tuna or chicken helper
Meat sticks	
Peanut butter/cheese crackers	<u>OTHER ITEMS NEEDED</u>
Individual bagged snacks (goldfish, animal crackers, cookies, etc)	Ziplock bags (gallon & quart size) Plastic grocery bags (clean & without holes)
<u>HAND2HAND FEATURED ITEMS</u>	
Spaghetti 16 oz boxes	
Spaghetti Sauce 16-24 oz cans (no glass jars!)	
Macaroni & Cheese	
Baked beans 8-16 oz cans	

Monetary donations are also accepted! Financial gifts will be used to purchase needed food items that are not donated. Make checks payable to "Sparta UMC" and include "Hand2Hand" in the memo line. You can place donations in the offering plate, or mail or drop off at the church office.  
54 E. Division St., Sparta, MI 49345

JOIN US FOR THE  
*Wedding of*  
**David Nelson**  
&  
**Connie Howe**  
ON Sunday, August 25, 2019  
*at two o'clock in the afternoon*  
*at Sparta United Methodist Church*  
54 East Division St. Sparta, MI 49345

**FUNERAL INFORMATION**



Bonnie Kay Robinson, age 72, beloved wife, mother, and grandma, passed into the presence of her Lord on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. She was born August 10, 1947 in Grand Rapids to Gerald and Kathryn Geers. She married Ed Robinson on March 21, 1970 at the Sparta

United Methodist Church. She faithfully shared her talent by playing the piano and organ for over 40 years and touched many people's lives through her gift of music. She loved her community and served as Sparta Township Clerk for 13 years and could be found volunteering at many events in town. She will be missed by her husband of almost 50 years, Ed; children, Wendy Robinson-Bond, Jaime Gunderson, Lance and Jennifer Robinson; 6 grandchildren, Olivia and Whitney Bond, Taylor and Eli Gunderson, Ava and Evan Robinson; siblings Roger and Dawn Geers, Jerry and Lonnie Geers, Faith and Rick Van Zalen; caregiver, Claudia Singleton, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 24, at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Kevin Guetschow officiating at the Sparta United Methodist Church. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Sparta. Friends may meet the family at the Hessel-Cheslek Funeral Home on Friday evening from 6 until 9 P.M. and at the Church on Saturday at 10:00 A.M. one hour prior to the service. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to The Alzheimer's Association.

**FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST**

Please join us this Saturday,  
August 24th from 8:00-10:00am  
in the Church Dining Room for a  
FREE Community Breakfast.



**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Office volunteers are needed. No experience is necessary, just a desire to meet and serve the church office visitors. Volunteer office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 616-887-8255 or speak to Pastor Phil.



**Diane Jensen**— Prayers for Karen Becker having back surgery this week.



**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**



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|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
|                          | 8/22/92 |                           |
| Aug. 21 Pat Kimble       |         | Erik & Melinda Tilli      |
| Aug. 22 Ted Anderson     | 8/23/08 |                           |
| Aug. 23 Chad Murdock     |         | John & Kelly Larsen       |
| Sue Palma                | 8/26/95 |                           |
| Aug. 26 Paul Spangenberg |         | Dave & Joanna Huizenga    |
| Isabella Larsen          | 8/26/17 |                           |
| Aug. 30 Warren Guiles    |         | Jackson & Michelle Morris |
| Jackson Morris           | 8/28/64 |                           |
| Caelin Murdock           |         | Wayne & Jan Anderson      |
|                          | 8/29/59 |                           |
|                          |         | Ron & Jeanne Drier        |

**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  
August 25, 2019**

- Soundboard & PowerPoint....TBD  
Head Usher.....Alan Hartman  
Nursery Assistant .....Amy Hume  
Welcome Table .....Marge Blaauw  
Intercessory Prayer....Cindy Young  
Scripture Reader.....Mary Hartman  
Fellowship Time.....Mary Scott & Kathy Reed  
Greeters.....TBD  
Altar Flowers.....David & Joanna Huizenga

**Office Volunteers Scheduled Week of  
August 26, 2019**

- Monday.....Mary Eggleston  
Tuesday.....TBD  
Wednesday.....Jeanne Drier  
Thursday.....TBD  
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.