

February 12, 2020



A weekly newsletter of The Sparta United Methodist Church



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HAVE A HEART



This week, February 10-14, help Hand2Hand in their *Have a Heart for Hungry Children in Sparta* campaign! Drop off food items and/or monetary donations from 9 AM to 1 PM at the following locations:

- Sparta Baptist Church (38 S. State St.)
 - Sparta Church of the Nazarene (665 13 Mile Rd)
 - Sparta UMC (54 E. Division St.)
- Locations for food donations only:
- ChoiceOne Bank (109 E. Division St.)
 - Sparta Biggby (275 S. State St.)
 - Sparta Chamber of Commerce (194 E. Division St.)
 - Sparta Township Library (80 N. Union St)



Recommended food items:

Applesauce cups, fruit snacks, fruit & grain cereal bars, granola bars, cans of tuna, Chicken & Tuna Helper, Spaghetti O's, Mac & Cheese, canned chicken, canned fruit, and canned: corn, peas, or green beans.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Some ladies from our church will be gathering together with women from the Mamrelund Lutheran Church and a few other area churches to transform pillowcases into dresses for little girls in Africa!



No sewing talent is needed. Jobs include: measuring, cutting, pinning, ironing, sewing, etc.

Feel free to join us on Tuesday, February 18, from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Mamrelund Lutheran Church on Fruit Ridge. Any questions please contact Cindy Young at 616-581-0193 or Bonnie Wilkinson at 616-724-0540.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the prayers and concerns for Doris Eadie. She is doing okay and back at Rest Haven.

- Sue Eadie



WAY TO GO!

A huge shout out to Sue Palma and Jeanne Drier for all their help in the Ministry Office last week! Without them the 2019 Giving Statements would not have been possible. THANK YOU!!



PRAYER REQUEST



Please keep my dear friend who has a niece with heart problems in your prayers.

Thank you,
Diane Jensen

CHIME BAR CHOIR

The Children's Chime Bar Choir will be performing "Jesus Loves Me" and "O, How I Love Jesus" this Sunday, February 16! Parents please have your kids come to the early 9:00 to 9:30 AM practice that day.

Thank you, Mary Ellen Kimble



2019 GIVING STATEMENTS

2019 Giving Statements are available for pickup in the Church Parlor. If you have specific questions about your statement, please contact Brandon Ingersoll at 616-550-9126 or email him at Brandon.Ingersoll@gmail.com

OFFICE CLOSED

The Ministry Building Office will be closed this Friday, February 14. The office will resume regular business hours Monday, February 17. If you are in need of assistance during that time, please contact Pastor Phil at 616-799-4281.



2020 DIRECTORIES

2020 Leadership and Membership Directories are available in the Church Parlor on the Welcome Table. These will be updated throughout the year and reprinted mid-year. If you noticed your information needs correction, please email Ari at spartaumc@spartaumc.com

FAMILY PROMISE PROGRAM LEADERS

We are still looking for dedicated members to form a team to get Sparta UMC's Family Promise Program launched! These people will help coordinate events like our hosting week later this year. This team will be the main point of contact for any questions and future event planning. If you feel a calling to be more involved, please contact Mindy Tilli at 616-644-2373.



HAND2HAND PACKING

Hand2Hand packing will be this Sunday, February 16, in Wesley Hall at 11:30 AM (immediately following the worship service). Everyone is welcome to help and it only takes about 10-15 minutes. Please join us!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wish Ron Drier a very happy 80th Birthday on February 12!

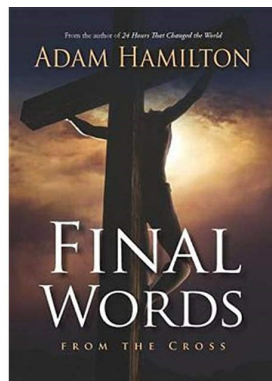
NEW BOOK STUDY

“Final Words from The Cross”

by Adam Hamilton examines Christ’s dying hours and his final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross.

Starting March 1, for 6 weeks, there will be 2 book study groups you can attend: Girl Talk and the Knappen’s group. De & Denny will be hosting in the Church Ministry Building every Monday evening starting at 6:30 PM. Girl Talk will gather during their usual weekly meeting time, on Tuesdays, at 9:30 AM in the Church Ministry Building.

Books are available in the Church Parlor for \$10. Please leave monies in the designated envelopes and place in the deposit box located in the Ministry Building Office or please give it to an Usher during Sunday service.



Schedules

Mondays

7 pmBoy Scouts Wesley Hall

Tuesdays

9:30 amGirl Talk Study Group Ministry Building

1st Tuesday of each Month

5:45 pm.....Finance Meeting Dining Room

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

Wednesdays

6 pmWorship Design Team Pastor’s Office

7-8 pm.....Adult Choir Practice Church Sanctuary

2nd Wednesday of each Month

9:30 amMary Martha’s Circle

5:30 pmDorcas Circle

Last Thursday of each month

6 pmUMW Executive Board Meeting

2nd Saturday of each Month

8 am.....Men’s Mealtime Rally Ministry Building

4th Saturday of each Month

8:00-10:00 am.....Free Community Breakfast Dining Room

9 am.....Vision Team Meeting Ministry Building

2nd Sunday of each Month

9:30 am.....Trustees Meeting Dining Room

Sunday mornings

9:00-9:45.....Adult Bible Study (Ministry Building)

9:00.....Middle & Senior High Sunday School

9:00-9:30.....Children’s Chimes (DANIEL ROOM)

9:30-10:00.....Children’s Choir (DANIEL ROOM)

*Parents: please pick up your children from the DANIEL ROOM at 10:00am

9:50.....Adult Choir Pre-Service Rehearsal

10:10Morning Worship Celebration

10:30Pre-K – 5th Grade Sunday School

10:10 am Worship Attendant Volunteers February 16, 2020

Soundboard & PowerPoint...Brandon Ingersoll & Kerry Emelander
Head Usher.....Justin Westra
Nursery Leaders.....Darlene Scott & Jackie Williams
Nursery Assistant.....Erica Sarat
Welcome TableTBD
Intercessory Prayer.....Dave Huizenga
Scripture Reader.....Mary Hartman
Fellowship Time.....Ron & Jeanne Drier
Greeters.....TBD
Altar Flowers.....Ron & Jeanne Drier

Office Volunteers Scheduled Week of February 17, 2020

Monday.....TBD
Tuesday.....Sue Palma
Wednesday.....TBD
Thursday.....TBD
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 *NewsFlash* are due by Tuesday at 1 PM. Contact the Church Office with updates and additions.