

February 5, 2020



A weekly newsletter of The Sparta United Methodist Church



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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.

2020 DIRECTORIES

2020 Leadership and Membership Directories will be available starting Friday, February 7, on the Welcome Table in the Church Parlor. 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



MEN'S MEALTIME RALLY

The United Methodist's Men's Mealtime Rally will be this Saturday, February 8, in the Church Ministry Building starting at 8 AM.



This FREE breakfast includes delicious food and great conversation! All men of the congregation are welcome!

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for helping out our family in our time of need! Our new home is great and we could not have done it without you!
Wellspring Lutheran Services
Anonymous Family



PRAYER REQUESTS

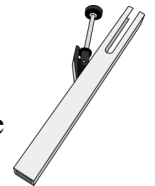


Please pray for 5 year old Gideon. He is in the ICU and has been diagnosed with cancer. He will start treatment along with kidney dialysis Monday.

Thank you,
Sharon Miller

CHIME BAR CHOIR

The Children's Chime Bar Choir will be performing "Jesus Loves Me" and "Oh, How I Love Jesus" 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 will be available for pickup starting Friday, February 7, 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



SOUP & CHILI TAKEOUT



This Sunday, February 9, there will be Soup and Chili Takeout following Sunday worship. All donations will go towards Relay For Life! If you'd like to participate in either, please contact Deb DeGlopper 616-446-4420.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Ministry Building Office will be closed on 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.



HAND2HAND PACKING

The next Hand2Hand packing will be 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!



New Hand2Hand Featured Items

Based on the Hand2Hand menu we have planned for the kids in April, we will be looking for the following featured items from now through late March:

- Canned pizza sauce
- Pepperoni (shelf-stable package)
- Parmesan cheese (shelf-stable)
- Easy Mac

HELLO RUNNERS

If anyone from our church is interested in participating in the Amway Riverbank Run, you can help raise money to support Hand2Hand! Hand2Hand was chosen as 1 of the 5 charities for the event this year! Races will take place on May 9, starting at 7 AM. If you'd like more information, please visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/11072/>
TopCharities



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

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 9, 2020

Soundboard & PowerPoint.....Chad & Shelly Murdock

Head Usher.....Alan Hartman

Nursery Leaders.....Darlene Scott & Jackie Williams

Nursery Assistant.....Kathy Reed

Welcome TableMillie Cass

Intercessory Prayer.....Barb Taylor

Scripture Reader.....Pat Sharpe

Fellowship Time.....Dorcas Circle: Sue P, Mindy, Cindy;

Relay for Life Soup & Chili Takeout

Greeters.....TBD

Altar Flowers.....Millie Cass

Office Volunteers Scheduled Week of February 10, 2020

Monday.....Jeanne Drier

Tuesday.....TBD

Wednesday.....TBD

Thursday.....TBD

Friday.....OFFICE CLOSED

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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.