

March 11, 2020



A weekly newsletter of The Sparta United Methodist Church



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MEN'S MEALTIME RALLY CHANGES LOCATION

Menu: Steak & Eggs!

The United Methodist's Men's Mealtime Rally is hosting their monthly breakfast for the men of the congregation this Saturday, March 14, at 8 AM in the Church Dining Room. Please note that on the Building



Calendars the location lists the Church Ministry Building. However, for the month of March, their location changed to the Church Dining room. Thank you for your understanding!

BLOOD DRIVE

Did you know?

- Donating blood lowers your risk of cancer
- Regularly donating blood can actually improve heart health, not compromise it
- Blood type _____ and type of blood



Sparta UMC will be hosting a Blood Drive in the Church Dining Room this Thursday, March 12 from 1 to 7 PM.

We hope to see you there!

*Our Annual Resurrection egg hunt will be in the sanctuary on Easter directly following the service. Please drop off Easter candy donations in the Parlor (individually wrapped candy only) no later than Palm Sunday. Volunteers needed: to stuff the eggs, to help hide eggs immediately following service, to help organize the kids while their waiting to start... thank you for your help and sacrificing your time, money and energy for our Next Generation! God bless you all during this Lenten season! I pray God is working to prepare the hearts of our church for Easter!

Heather Westra

CHILDREN CHIME BAR PRACTICE REMINDER

The Children's Chime Bar Choir will be performing "Praise Him, Praise Him All Ye Little Children" this Sunday, March 15! Parents please have your kids come to the early 9:00 to 9:30 AM practice that day.

Thank you, Mary Ellen Kimble



DON'T FORGET

There are 2 group book study sessions available for you to join! Monday evenings at 6:30 PM in the Church Ministry Building and Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Church Ministry Building. We hope to see you there!

NOW HIRING

Do you have a passion for the teachings of the Lord and love to work with children of all ages? We have started to search for a new Director of Children & Youth Ministries and Nursery Coordinator! If this sounds like something that may interest you, please contact the Church Office at 616-887-8255.

Arieal & Adis — Our Office Admin. Assistant Welcomes Baby Rosie!

How happy we are to announce that on March 7th, Arieal gave birth to a healthy baby girl! Little Rosie arrived at 9:58 p.m. and was 20.5 inches long, and weighed 7.2 pounds. Arieal will be away on maternity leave for the next 6 weeks (returning, Monday, April 20th). Please remember to sign up to volunteer in the office during this time. Cards and notes of congratulations can be sent to:

Arieal & Adis Lynch

13706 Ritchie Ave. NE

Cedar Springs, MI 49319

GRIEF SHARE CORNER

Did you know? Each week GriefShare works on a new area of grief recovery; after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Please join us Tuesday's in the Church Ministry Building from 6-7:30 PM, if there is a topic that will help you!



Upcoming Weekly Topics

- March 17: Guilt & Anger
- March 24: Complicating Factors
- March 31: Stuck in Grief
- April 7: Lessons of Grief-Part 1
- April 14: Lessons of Grief-Part 2
- April 21: Heaven
- April 28: What Do I Live for Now?



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember Thom Babcock as he prepares for bladder surgery on March 26th. Thom received good news concerning an aortic aneurysm that was discovered as doctors were clearing him for surgery. The aneurysm is small and will not prevent his scheduled surgery. The plan is to keep an eye on this in the future for any possible changes.

EASTER FLOWERS

Don't forget to order beautiful flowers for our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Forms are available on Sunday mornings or feel free to call the church office. This year we are offering Mums, Hyacinths, Lilies, Daffodils, and Tulips. The cost is \$7.75 per plant. The flowers can be provided in memory or honor of a loved one. Please remember to take your plant(s) home following the service on Easter morning.

Schedules

Mondays

- 7 pmBoy Scouts Wesley Hall
- 6:30 pm.....Group Book Study Ministry Building

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 March 15, 2020

Soundboard & PowerPoint.....Doug Shupe & Isaiah Marks

Head Usher.....Alan Hartman

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

Nursery Assistant.....Brenda McCracken

Welcome TableMillie Cass

Intercessory Prayer.....Ron Drier

Scripture Reader.....Tena Stuhan

Fellowship Time.....Choir Group #1

Greeters.....TBD

Altar Flowers.....Mary Ellen Kimble

Office Volunteers Scheduled Week of March 16, 2020

Monday.....Jeanne Drier

Tuesday.....Sue Palma

Wednesday.....Jeanne Drier

Thursday.....Mary Scott

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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