

July 10, 2019



A weekly newsletter of The Sparta United Methodist Church



Discover our church website and all of the stories linked to our newsletter at www.spartaumc.com.

THANK YOU



Thank you for everything you did for us, our community, and our state.

Thank you again and again!

My favorite part of camp was being with my family at camp.

The time I felt closest to God was at fire bowl.

My life was changed after camp because it was my third time going.

My favorite song at camp was Big Big House.

My favorite game at camp was 9-Square.

My favorite counselor at camp was Noah.

Church should send more kids to camp because it is very fun.

Church should support church camps because it is very important to campers that go to church to learn about God.

~Michael Shangle

we can get them sorted into the boxes. Since families are picking up these boxes, we are not limited to only non-perishable items. If you have any refrigerated or fresh produce items (maybe you have an abundance of fruits or vegetables in your garden?) that you wish to donate, please contact me so we can coordinate getting those items later in the week to keep them as fresh as possible.

Thank you!

Brenda McCracken

Call/Text: 616-745-9789

Email: brendaschulz@gmail.com

FREE FOOD!!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD TRUCK

7/16/19 5 pm – 6 pm

Sparta Family Medicine Parking Lot – 2111 12 Mile Rd



SUMMER HAND2HAND UPDATE

There are 11 Sparta area families that signed up to receive food from Hand2Hand over the summer months. Sparta UMC will be providing the boxes of food that each family will pick up on the evening of Thursday, July 18th. We will be giving each family an assortment of breakfast, lunch, snack, and dinner items. Our main dinner items will have a "Mexican cuisine" theme so we will include ingredients to make meals like tacos, nachos, burritos, Spanish rice, etc. If you still wish to donate items to be distributed, please bring them to the church no later than Monday, July 15th so



Meals are made fresh and packaged to go home with you. No requirements/eligibility, just walk up and tell them how many meals you need.

Donations are welcomed, but NOT necessary!

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Community Blood Drive Thursday, July 11 in the Church Dining Room from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM.



ALPHA FAMILY CENTER BABY BOTTLE BLESSING RESULTS



Thank you for participating with our Baby Bottle Blessing Campaign. We are praising the Lord that with the help of 24 churches \$11,864.15 was raised.

Sparta United Methodist raised \$1,179.63 of that. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Laura Mills, Client Service Director

GRIEF SHARE

This summer, join us for Grief Share potlucks. Bring a dish to pass on Tuesdays, July 23rd, and August 13th at 5:30 PM in the Church Dining Room.



VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

Please note, some of the below items may have already been donated. Please check with Heather Westra for most updated supplies needed list. Thank you!

Baskets (weaved)
Apple crates
Brightly colored plastic cups
Variety of colored sheets for crafts
Rice
All different duck tape
500 sandwich baggies
500 snack size baggies
Juice
Pretzels
Cheese Its
Crackers
Cheese (block)
Goldfish crackers
Animal crackers
Cookies
Napkins
Fresh Fruit
String Cheese

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS



Looking for donations for the Pancake Breakfast Saturday, July 20. We are in need of apples and cider to make apple fritters. If you can help, please contact Alan Hartman at 616-520-3681.

Thank you!

COLLECTING POP TABS

We are again collecting Pop Tabs. So collect them and put them in the basket on the small table in Wesley Hall. The 4 F's Men's Group from Wyoming Park UMW will pick up and collect them to be used for U.M. Community House programming. Help UMCN in this way.



SPOKE FOLK



Spoke Folk is a ministry passionate about living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every year Spoke Folk holds several 12-day tours of up to 30 participants (15-20 years old) and 10 adult counselors from across the country. After a few days of training, the tour bikes around 40 miles to a new church each day and performs a program of Christian music and testimonies. Through biking, music, and community, Spoke Folk trains youth how to be missionaries in their daily lives, while sharing the love of Jesus with those we meet on the road and in the congregations we visit on tour.

Program: July 23-24 / Time: 7 PM

Location: Cedar Springs United Methodist Church
140 S. Main Street, Cedar Springs, MI 49319

Phone: (616) 696-1140

Contact: Mark Tabor

<http://cedarspringsumc.org>



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

July 10 Susan Eadie
July 15 Richard Cone
July 16 Tony Levandoski
Diane Young

SPARTA TOWN & COUNTRY DAYS PARADE



Sparta Town and Country Days Parade is Saturday, July 20 at 12:00 PM. If you would like to participate in the parade, please contact Heather Westra at 616-298-6849.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Ron & Jeanne Drier– Prayers for my cousin, Jim. He had heart surgery on Monday, July 18th.

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH OUR COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

As many of you know, Sparta UMC provides a Free Community Breakfast to Sparta residents once a month. This is one of our Outreach programs which we have had for many years. As with any of our Outreach programs, it takes many volunteers to make the breakfast go smoothly.



As the years have gone by, some of our most faithful helpers have had to drop out for various reasons (health, retirement, etc.). We want to thank them and also those who have stepped up to take their places.

Please consider becoming one of those who will set aside an occasional Saturday morning to assist in providing this service to our Sparta community. If you are interested in helping out please contact the Office & Ministry Building at 616-887-8255.

MENS MEALTIME RALLY

Men's Mealtime Rally Saturday, July 13 at 8:00 AM in the Church Dining Room.



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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Head Usher.....Alan Hartman
Nursery AssistantThe Murdock Girls
Welcome TableTBD
Intercessory Prayer....Paul Schulz
Scripture Reader.....Shelly Murdock
Fellowship Time.....Mary Martha Circle
Altar Flowers.....Mary Martha Circle

Office Volunteers Scheduled Week of

July 15, 2019

Monday.....Mary Eggleston
Tuesday.....Mary Scott
Wednesday.....Mary Ellen Kimble
Thursday.....Jeanne Drier
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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OFFICE HOURS Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM • WORSHIP TIME Sunday 10:10 AM

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Articles for next week's *News Flash* are due on Monday. Contact the church office with updates and additions.