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A weekly newsletter of The Sparta United Methodist Church



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### FINANCE UPDATE



Finance update for the first six months of 2019.

#### **A LOOK at the BUDGET**

Giving has exceeded budget by about 10,000 for the first six months. Expenses are tracking just under budgeted amounts after a winter that caused increased expenses for heating. We are paying ministry shares at 50% as budgeted.

We are back to operating normally after the maternity leave that I thought Jessica managed well. Please feel free to ask questions.

~ Jim Bosserd, Finance Chair

### FOOD TRUCK

**Where:** Sparta Baptist Church  
Parking Lot

**When:** Tuesday, August 13th

**Time:** 4:30pm



### FOOD BOOTH

The women and men of Sparta UMC will be having a food booth at Sparta Civic Center Friday, August 9th and Saturday, August 10th during the 10th annual Celtic Festival.

We are still in need of volunteers! If you are interested in working a shift, please call Cindy Young @ 616-887-9380. Thank you!

~ Cindy Young

### FREE CUTS FOR KIDS

Sparta Baptist Church is offering free back-to-school haircuts for kids on Monday, August 19th. Free cuts are for children 13 and under from 10am-3pm and 4-7pm.



### PRAYERS NEEDED



### GRIEF SHARE POTLUCK

Bring a dish to pass on Tuesday, August 13th at 5:30 PM in the Church Dining Room.

**Tudy Middleton**– Prayers for our nephew, Jerry Middleton, tests for melanoma.  
**Diane Jensen**– Prayers for people having surgery this month (Karen Becker, Jack Wood, and Neal H.)

## FELLOWSHIP TIME



Looking for volunteers for Fellowship Time for August 18th and 25th. If you are interested in helping out, please call the office at 616-887-8255 or sign-up this Sunday at Church.



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Aug. 7 Ruby Skibinski	8/10/90
Jamie McKay	Bill & Barb Taylor
Aug. 9 Michelle Hollomon	8/10/96
Aug. 11 Abigail Hollomon	Kevin & Cheryl Pinckney
Aug. 12 Doug Shupe	8/12/06
Aug. 14 Camille Brillinger-Hohisel	Al & Heather Braspenninx
	8/14/2004
Aug. 15 Kelly Larsen	Bill & Beth Murray
Aug. 19 Brianna Kline	8/22/92
Aug. 20 Earl Babcock	Erik & Melinda Tilli
Kristi Dougan	8/23/08
Bill Redner	John & Kelly Larsen
Jacob Hohisel	8/26/95
Aug. 21 Pat Kimble	Dave & Joanna Huizenga
Aug. 22 Ted Anderson	8/26/17
Aug. 23 Chad Murdock	Jackson & Michelle Morris
Sue Palma	8/28/64
Aug. 26 Paul Spangenberg	Wayne & Jan Anderson
Isabella Larsen	8/29/59
Aug. 30 Warren Guiles	Ron & Jeanne Drier
Jackson Morris	
Caelin Murdock	

### 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 11, 2019**

Soundboard & PowerPoint....Doug & Kerry

Head Usher.....Dale Young

Nursery Leader.....Brenda McCracken

Nursery Assistant .....Kathy Reed

Welcome Table .....Millie Cass

Intercessory Prayer....Bonnie Shupe

Scripture Reader.....Mary Scott

Fellowship Time.....Cathy Knapp & Mary Scott

Greeters.....TBD

Altar Flowers.....Tudy & Clare Middleton

### Office Volunteers Scheduled Week of

**August 12, 2019**

Monday.....Jan Anderson

Tuesday.....Cathy Knapp

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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