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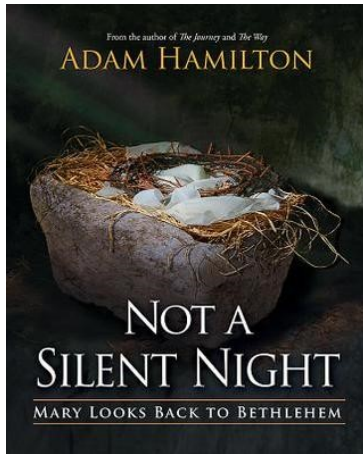
A weekly newsletter of The Sparta United Methodist Church



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NEW ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY

“Imagine Jesus from Mary's point of view --proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and mission, guided by love for him as a person and so much more. In this book, Adam Hamilton begins at the end, with Mary at the crucifixion and resurrection; travels back in time as she



witnesses his life and ministry; and ends at the beginning, with the Christ child born in a stable, Mary's beautiful baby.”
Not a Silent Night by Adam Hamilton will be for sale in the Church Sanctuary for \$11 as of Sunday, December 1st. Envelopes for monies will also be provided. This will be a 5 week long study. De and Denny will be hosting their first book study Monday, December 2nd at 6:30 PM in the Ministry Building.

HAND2HAND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

We have 2 volunteer opportunities for Hand2Hand coming up. Please join us if you would like to help!

Tuesday, December 3rd at 11 AM in Wesley Hall we will be putting together Hand2Hand snack packs and breakfast packs following the conclusion of the "Old Kids Choir" performance.



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Sunday, December 8th at 11:30 AM in Wesley Hall we will be packing 2 weeks of bags for Hand2Hand immediately following the worship service. This will include the bags that will be going home with kids over Christmas Break! If you would like to be in charge of a packing station that Sunday, there is a signup sheet in the church parlor.

Thank you,
Brenda McCracken

THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS



Just a reminder, the Ministry Building will be closed Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday. If you have an emergency during this time, please contact Pastor Phil directly at 616-799-4281.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

The annual Church Conference will be held in the Church Sanctuary Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:30 PM. The Church Council meeting **and** the Finance Council meeting will follow in the Dining Room.



PRAYERS NEEDED

Please send your warmest prayers and thoughts to Sarah Vanderkolk and Family. Sarah's husband Don passed away after brain surgery on November 11.



We would also like to ask for your special prayers and thoughts for Jeff & Karen Howe. Jeff had a major stroke this week. He is improving but has many deficits and a long recovery.

Thank you,
The Brillingers



THANK YOU

Thank you for the prayers!
Renee found work!

Jeff & Renee Miles

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Tuesday, December 3rd at 9:30 AM there will be a special Christmas Breakfast in the Church Dining Room hosted by the United Methodist Women's group. Following the breakfast, there will be a FREE choir performance by the Old Kids Choir group in the Church Sanctuary at 10 AM.



UMW Christmas Breakfast Dec. 3

OLD KIDS CHOIR



The Coopersville Old Kids Choir is a group of senior adults from the Coopersville area who love to sing and are a delight to hear. They will be performing in the Church Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 3rd at 10 AM. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun, FREE concert!

NAME TAGS



Just a friendly reminder to wear your Church Name Tags during the service. If you'd like a name tag to be made, please request one at the Welcome Desk. Thank You!

YOUTH TALENT AUCTION

If you still owe any money please bring your payment to the office. If you offered a service and don't know who purchased your donation, please email Arieal at spartaumc@spartaumc.com and she'd be happy to help!



POINSETTIA ORDERS

It's that time of year again to place your orders for Christmas Poinsettias! Order forms will be provided at Sunday's service.

Schedules

Mondays

7 pmBoy Scouts Church Wesley Hall

Tuesdays

9:30 amGirl Talk Study Group Ministry Building

6-7:30 pm.....GriefShare (Sept. 10—Dec. 3) Ministry Building

1st Tuesday of each Month

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

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

2nd Tuesday of each Month

6:30 pm.....Trustees Meeting

Wednesdays

6 pmWorship Design Team

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

2nd Wednesday of each Month

9:30 amMary Martha's Circle

6 pmDorcas Circle

4th Thursday of each Month

6 pmVision Team

2nd Saturday of each Month

8 am.....Men's Mealtime Rally

4th Saturday of each Month

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

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 (UPPER ROOM)

*Parents: please pick up your children from the UPPER 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 December 1, 2019

Soundboard & PowerPoint...TBD

Head Usher.....Justin Westra

Nursery AssistantErica Sarat

Welcome TableTBD

Holy Communion Assistants..Bonnie & Doug Shupe

Intercessory Prayer.....TBD

Scripture Reader.....Mary Hartman

Fellowship Time.....The Taylor Family

Greeters.....TBD

Altar Flowers.....Mary Ellen Kimble

Office Volunteers Scheduled Week of December 2, 2019

Monday.....Jeanne Drier

Tuesday.....TBD

Wednesday.....Jeanne Drier

Thursday.....Mary Scott

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 *News Flash* are due on Monday. Contact the church office with updates and additions.