

December 4, 2019



A weekly newsletter of The Sparta United Methodist Church



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HAND2HAND REMINDERS!

The next Hand2Hand packing is this Sunday, December 8th in Wesley Hall at 11:30 am (immediately following the worship service). We will be packing 2 weeks worth of food, including the bags that will be going home with kids over Christmas Break. Anyone is welcome to help, please join us!



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New Hand2Hand Featured Items

Based on the Hand2Hand menu we have planned for the kids in February, we will be collecting the following featured items from now through the end of January:

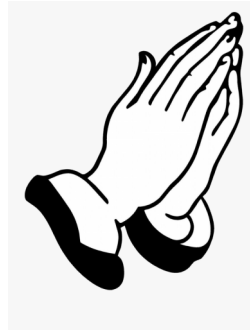


- Pancake mix
- Maple syrup
- Canned chicken
- Rice or pasta sides (kid-friendly flavors that pair well with chicken)

In addition, we always need individually packaged breakfast and snack items like oatmeal packets, Pop Tarts, applesauce/fruit cups, microwave popcorn, granola bars, peanut butter/cheese cracker sandwiches, fruit snacks, pudding cups, meat sticks, trail mix, etc. Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support of this mission as we bless kids in our community with weekend food!

Brenda McCracken

PRAYERS NEEDED



Please keep praying for Ron's Brother, Duane.
Thank you,
Ron & Jeanne Drier

I'm having an MRI Wednesday and would appreciate prayers for a good report!
Thank you,
Sharon Helsel

JOYFUL NOISE

Please join us this Sunday, December 8th at 6 PM in the Church Sanctuary for another beautiful performance!
All is welcome!



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM COSTUMES

Attention to anyone who wants to be a part of making the new Christmas Program costumes:

We will be meeting at the church this Friday, December 6th from 9 AM to 11 AM, in the children's area (in the Daniel room) to cut out the costumes. Please bring your fabric scissors!

Each costume will be cut out and put into a gallon size ziplock bag with instructions. The bags will then be placed on a table in the Parlor to be

picked up by Sewers.

When the costume has been sewn, please drop it off on the SAME table in the box labeled "finished".

Please have all the costumes back to the table by December 18th, finished! These will be used at our next Practice and Pizza on December 19th from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Thank you and Blessings to you all, while we remember the Reason for the season! If you have any questions please feel free to text or call Heather Westra at 616-298-6849.



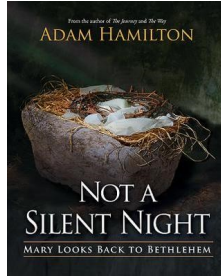


POINSETTIA ORDERS

Last Chance to place your orders for Christmas Poinsettias! Order forms are available in the Ministry Office Building. Orders and money are due Friday, December 6th.

ALL CHURCH BOOK STUDY

Not a Silent Night by Adam Hamilton are still for sale in the Church Sanctuary for \$11. It's not too late to grab your copy! De and Denny are hosting a book study group every Monday at 6:30 PM in the Ministry Building for 4 more weeks.



GIVING TREE

Please remember to take a tag off the Giving Tree in Wesley Hall! Please return your unwrapped gift by Sunday, December 15th and place it back under the tree.

Also needed are hats and waterproof mittens for the Sparta area

schools. Those are due by December 15th under the Giving Tree as well.



Thank you,
Mindy Tilli

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Sparta UMC will be working with the Heifer International Organization this coming year! They help provide in the areas of livestock and agriculture to develop programs that alleviate hunger and poverty in the world.



A flyer will be included in this Sunday's bulletin and you can also stop by the display table in the Church Parlor for more information.

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 8, 2019

Soundboard & PowerPoint...TBD

Head Usher.....Alan Hartman

Nursery AssistantKathy Reed

Welcome TableErica VanLaan

Intercessory Prayer.....Ron Drier

Scripture Reader.....Hilary Miller

Fellowship Time.....Dorcas Circle

Greeters.....TBD

Altar Flowers.....Jim & Jane Bosserd

Office Volunteers Scheduled Week of December 9, 2019

Monday.....Jeanne Drier

Tuesday.....TBD

Wednesday.....TBD

Thursday.....Mary Eggleston

Friday.....TBD

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The Vision: *That through Him all might be saved* (John 3:17)

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