

Altar Flower Ministry

While the church has almost always had flowers decorating the altar, during the pandemic the Altar Flower Ministry was started to help keep the more vulnerable members of our community connected to the church.

Many thanks to all who donate flowers to decorate the altar each week! Special thanks to those who also donate them to share with someone who is going through tough times or who doesn't get out much! The ministry continues but is in need of help. Would you be willing to visit a shut-in, or someone recovering from surgery, or someone who is suffering a loss? Flowers can be delivered on Sunday or Monday. Contact Yvonne Roux if interested.

Donations of flowers are needed for November 24, and December 8. Altar flowers cost \$30. We keep costs low by reusing containers and vases. Please pay the church directly and include a message that the funds are for Altar Flowers and the date chosen. When requesting flowers please provide your name, phone number, email address and dedication. Let us know if you plan to take the flowers after the 10:30 service, or if you want them delivered to someone needing a pick-me-up.

Use this [link](#) to reserve your flowers. Any questions? Contact Yvonne Roux, yrouxrings@gmail.com, or 973-534-6129.

HURRICANE RELIEF

If you would like to donate to UMCOR for Hurricane Relief you can send a check to the office payable to SUMC (and in the note section please indicate that it is for UMCOR) or you can use the Vanco QR code.

For your convenience, you may scan the QR Code.



October 13, 2024

The Altar Flowers are given by

Eleanor Shumaker

*Happy Birthday to my Great Granddaughter, Evelyn Piper,
my Granddaughter, Kory, and my son-in-law, Karl*

Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning

Mike Vrabel

Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for Lynn Higgins and family on the passing of Barry Higgins

Prayers for Kathy Scehovic, who is in residential care. Cards would be appreciated.

Kathy Scehovic

Bentley Commons at Paragon Village

427 Route 46 East, Apt #270

Hackettstown, NJ 07840

*Continued prayers for the Koriakin Family on the death of Allen's brother Arnie,
Mark Decker, a lifelong friend of Jill Kubin, who is in ICU,*

*The Freeman-Price family on the passing of Ann Freeman Price, Abbie Wright - She is still
undergoing treatment for her cancer (and will be for quite some time), Maryanne Spence,
dealing with multiple health issues, Tammy and Mike Vrabel and family for their granddaughter
Izabella Vrabel, Linda Donelson (friend of Ruth Kelley's), Edith VanHousen, Anthony Hutchison,
Kelly Stites, Alba Haas, Diane Cironi, Judy Remo, Sue Gibson, Sharon Gordon, Lester Hemphill,
Rich Kelley, Linda Giammanco, Brenda Losey.*

**Before you place anyone on our prayer list, please make sure you have permission
from the person to do so.**

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

BEYOND THE BASICS - (ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room 8

MONDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP-

The Monday Night Group will meet at 7:00 p.m. We will be reading NY Times best-selling author Jim Wallis' newest book, *The False White Gospel* exploring a faithful response to the right of Christian nationalism in the United States. When we see a civic promotion of fear, hate, and violence, we need love, healing, and hope to stand against it. And that must involve all of us—religious or not. Learning to practice a politics of neighbor love will be central to the future of the nation. For more information, see Pastor Steve

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/771970415?pwd=bFdUQk9YQUIyZXRhYUZnNVhRVEZvUT09>

HEALTHIER LIVING GROUP

Every **TUESDAY Morning at 10:30 a.m.** We are reading
From Age-ing to Sage-ing by Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and Ronald S. Miller

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85294018790?pwd=bScXqgjh6RICDFWN93116_aMcguqxF.1

Meeting ID: 852 9401 8790 Passcode: 389789

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Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 852 9401 8790

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY

Wednesday Mornings at 7:15 a.m.

Angelo's Franklin Diner*

READING TOGETHER/BIBLE STUDY

Friday's at 10:00 a.m.

Unafraid - Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times
by Adam Hamilton

Join Zoom Video Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/389284226>

Alternate Phone in #: +1 646 876 9923; Meeting ID: 389 284 226 -- Passcode: 7773

SATURDAY PRAYERS & CONVERSATION GATHERING

Join a ZOOM gathering on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. just to touch base and connect with others from the congregation just to check in and share with each other. Join Zoom

Video Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/826747498> Phone in #: +1 646 876 9923;

Meeting ID: 826 747 498 Passcode: 7773

Bells Are Ringing!

Rehearsals run every Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 pm. for the Heavenly Metal Ringers. The bell choir plays during the 10:30 worship service once a month. New members (high school age and up) are welcome but must be able to read music. For additional information contact Yvonne Roux, yrouxrings@gmail.com or 973-534-6129.



We will be having a Christmas Cantata performance on Dec. 14th at 7p.m. with Choir and small orchestra.

If you would like to participate in the choir for the Cantata, rehearsals are on Sundays from 12:00-12:15p.m. Come and join us!

Choir

It is not too late to join our choir! We rehearse on Sundays at 12 Noon. We warmup on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. before the service.





We would like to thank Yvonne Roux, Cullen Kempson, Pat Harvey, Chris Deery, Julia Juan, Sophia and Braeden Contreni for making Livestream Worship Services possible by recording and posting the service for us to watch as they happen.



Church Mouse Holiday Fashion Show

Monday, December 9th at Noon

Please contact Jackie in the Thrift Shop (mousemgr@spartaumc.org) if you are interested in modeling in the show. All clothing that will be modeled will come from the Thrift Shop.



NOVEMBER 3 2024

I would like to include the following names on the All Saints Remembrance roll for this year (please indicate with a checkmark in the box if this person passed into eternal life since November 1, 2023) Please put only one name per line

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Your name _____