

Altar Flowers

Thank you to all who donated Altar Flowers this year! The Flower calendar is full for 2024!

If you want to make any requests for 2025, 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.



From Missions Committee: Due to the catastrophic flooding in the south, Sparta UMC will be making Flood Buckets for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR was founded in 1940 in response to displaced and vulnerable populations in the wake of WWII.

With a "communities own their recoveries" philosophy, UMCOR supports local efforts to accomplish immediate relief and long-term recovery while providing for volunteers to offer compassionate ministry in the aftermath of disasters.

To sign up to bring items, [Flood Bucket Kits for UMCOR \(United Methodist Committee on Relief\)](#)

All items due back to the church by Sunday, November 3. We will assemble the buckets November 3 during Coffee Hour.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

If you need help signing up, please see Pat Schutz or Karen Shaw (973-729-7773), our office administrator.

October 27, 2024

The Altar Flowers are given by

Allison and Rich Sidoli

In celebration of Erica and Mark's wedding yesterday!

Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning

Lynn Van Nosedall

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: 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 meets at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM. Beginning November 3rd, we will be reading and discussing a short book entitled *Through the Eyes of Victims* by Alex Awad, looking at the history of Israeli/Palestinian conflict through the eyes of a Christian from Bethlehem. It is available on PDF at the following link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-OgxX2tDgS263fEmRgpAhzUjDwvpYwuH/view?usp=sharing>

For more information, see Pastor Steve
Zoom link for Monday Nights:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/771970415?pwd=bFdUQk9YQUlyZXRhYUZnNVhRVEZvUT09>

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=bScXqgjh6R1CDFWN93116_aMcguqx1.1

Meeting ID: 852 9401 8790 Passcode: 389789
One tap mobile +16465588656,,85294018790#

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.

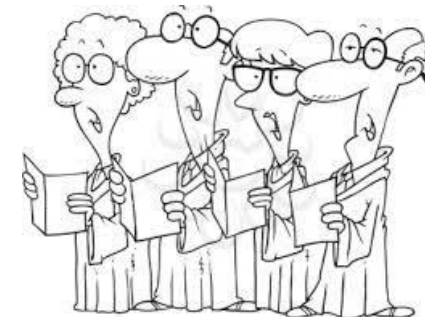


We will be having a Christmas Cantata performance on Dec. 14th at 7p.m. with Choir and small orchestra.

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.



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

SOCIAL PRINCIPLES EVENT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 9 A.M. SPARTA UMC

WHAT'S UP WITH THE REVISED UMC SOCIAL PRINCIPLES? WHAT HAS CHANGED?

WHAT IS THE CURRENT THINKING OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?

On Saturday, November 2nd, Sparta UMC will be hosting an in-depth informational workshop for any who attend our church, all of our Methodist neighbors, and anyone who is interested in joining in vital discussion about the dynamic interaction between faith and society. The revisions approved at the 2024 General Conference to the UMC's Social Principles will be a key focus. ALL are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to share ideas and perspectives about where our faith is leading us. ALL ARE WELCOME! (Please see Pastor Steve, Pat Schutz, or Sandy Svenningsen with any questions.)

Use the QR code below to register or email Sandy at sandra.svenningsen@gmail.com.



Form with six checkboxes and horizontal lines for names.

Your name _____

Christmas Card Directions

Write a brief, encouraging note on each card and **sign FIRST NAME ONLY** – include no personal identifying information.

Do not use glitter, stickers, foil, markers, crayons or colored pencils.

Do not include a gender greeting such as dear brother/sister in Christ as cards may go to either men or women. Some may be posted to share with everyone in a housing unit.

Consider if message is appropriate: Sentiment, humor, and reminders of life outside can “Fall flat” to those feeling isolated from friends and loved ones during holidays.

Place cards in the baskets in the Narthex or get them to the church office by Sunday, October 27, 2024

Greeting Suggestions to Get you Started

Include a favorite Bible Verse

“You are in my prayers”

May you know God’s great love for you and may God give you new strength in the year ahead

God is always with you.

Share the love and strength God provides you with those around you and with everyone you meet each day.

Live your life as a child of God’s love and celebrate each new day

I am praying for you – and wish you peace in knowing God’s love

You are in my heart and in my prayers

May God’s love wash through your life. Let God restore and refresh you as you begin each new day.

Open your eyes to see each blessing that comes your way

You are special to God. God has given you gifts and strengths. Find them – and use them to make the world better.

God has prepared you to receive God’s love and is preparing you for your life to come.

Let our prayers help renew your life as you realize that you are a beloved child of God in the world.

Today is a new day. The start of your new life. May you be the person that God has called you to be.

May God’s love refresh and restore you. Anticipate and celebrate each new day that comes.

Listen for God’s voice. Take time to feel God’s love for you and let it wash through your life.

With God’s love, you will be ready for all that is to come.

God is good. All the time.

You may wish to add a message such as Merry Christmas or may God’s blessings be with you in this Christmas season.



Missions

Missions: Help needed for November Feed the Body/Feed the Soul!

Please use the link below to help our neighbors.

[Feed the Body/Feed the Soul, November](#)

