Altar Flowers

Many thanks to all who donate flowers to decorate the altar each week! The Altar Flower calendar for 2024 is filled!

Donations of flowers are now being taken for 2025. We have openings for January 12, 19, and 26. Altar flowers cost \$30. We keep costs low by reusing containers and vases. (Donations of vases that are between 7 and 8 inches tall are needed!) Please pay the church directly, and include a note that the payment is 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 <u>link</u>, to reserve your flowers.

Any questions? Contact Yvonne Roux, <u>yrouxrings@gmail.com</u>, or 973-534-6129.

Calling all College Students/Parents

We are organizing holiday care packages to send to all current college students from the church. We are collecting updated mailing addresses for all of the kids - please send your student's address or any questions to Laura Ammaturo - Ammaturo 23@gmail.com.

Also, if anyone would like to sponsor a student, please send a check to the church in the amount of \$25 (write College Student in the memo) by November 29th. Thanks for your support!

Mission Opportunity

Each year the generous people of the Sparta UMC fulfill Christmas wishes for children in our community. We get names from various sources: Pathways, Feed the Body/Feed the Soul, and occasionally children in our congregation. Names will be added as we receive them, but for those of you who like to shop early, feel free to get started using the link below:



Sparta UMC: Christmas Angel Tree (signupgenius.com)

November 17, 2024

The Altar Flowers are given by

Nancy Schultz

In honor of my mother, Beverly Berwind

Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning Dave Johnson

Thoughts and Prayers

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=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=bScXqgjh6RICDFWN93l16_aMcguqxF.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



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!

Bells at the German Christmas Market!

The Heavenly Metal Ringers will play at the German Christmas Market on Saturday, December 7 at 4:15. Come and cheer us on! You can save money by purchasing tickets ahead of time from the Market's website: https://www.germanchristmasmarketnj.org/
See you there!

The next meeting of Sussex County PFLAG will be held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 20th, at 7 p.m. at Sparta United Methodist Church. Our November meeting is going to be a community support meeting. This meeting will focus on talking about the upcoming holidays and communication. We will have refreshments for all to enjoy as we sit around eating, drinking, and talking about what's going on in our lives. We can be the shoulder you need to cry on or the person you need to be a cheerleader.

We will also be discussing Transgender Day of Remembrance to start our meeting.

Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) is an annual observance on November 20th that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. Participants under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent.



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.