

## Altar Flowers

Your donation of altar flowers honors special people in your life, and can also brighten up someone's day.

Reservations for flowers are being taken for February 16 and 23, and March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Altar flowers cost \$30. We keep costs low by reusing containers and vases. (Donations of vases that are between 7 and 9 inches tall are needed!) Please pay the church directly, and include a note that the payment is for Altar Flowers and the date chosen.

Use this [link](#) to reserve 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.

Any questions? Contact Yvonne Roux, [yrouxrings@gmail.com](mailto:yrouxrings@gmail.com), or 973-534-6129.

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**FEED THE BODY/FEED THE SOUL**

Feed the Body/Feed the Soul occurs on Valentine's Day this year! YAY!!! 

The Mission Committee has set a goal of collecting 200 Valentines between now and Sunday, February 9 so each of our FTB/FTS clients receives a Valentine with their lunches. These can be home made, store bought, kids Valentines, or a combination. Encourage your children and grandchildren to make them also.

Let everyone know God loves them and so do the people of the Sparta United Methodist Church.

Please give your Valentines to Marilyn Garrison on Sundays and she will be sure to get them to the bag stuffers for Valentine's Day. Start creating NOW!

Thank you for being the church!

January 12, 2025

*The Altar Flowers are given by*

*Rich and Ruth Kelley*

*In celebration of granddaughters  
Samantha and Jenna's birthdays*

*Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning*

*Pat Schutz*

## **Thoughts and Prayers**

*Prayers for Nancy Starnes, for healing for Elaine Iaroli during a rough time,  
and prayers for Linda Coombs on the passing of her father.*

**Please note new address for Kathy Scehovic: Barnhill Complete Care, Route 94, Newton,  
NJ 07860 Room #33**

*Continued prayers for: Kathy Scehovic, 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.

New Book: Good Goats, Healing Our Image of God. The author is Dennis Linn.

Zoom link for Monday Nights:

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

**HEALTHIER LIVING GROUP**

Every TUESDAY Morning at 10:30 a.m.

The Tuesday morning Healthy Living group is now reading:

The Well-Lived Life by Gladys McGarey, MD Mother of Holistic Medicine

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85294018790?pwd=bScXqgjh6RICDFWN93116\\_aMcuqx.F.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85294018790?pwd=bScXqgjh6RICDFWN93116_aMcuqx.F.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.

For Advent Season – Christmas Letters

By Magrey R deVega

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



*A heartfelt thank you to our entire church family and all who donated to our Christmas Angel Tree program! Thanks to your generosity, 89 gifts were purchased for 56 children from Pathways 2 Prosperity and Feed The Body Feed The Soul. Your support helps bring the magic of Christmas to children in need. A special thanks to Marilyn Garrison for organizing all these gifts.*

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

