

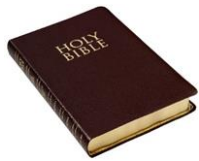


Sunday, May 2, 2021-Announcements

SPARTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

In-Person Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Live Stream Worship is still available at 10:30 a.m. Sunday on Facebook
Prayer requests to be included for our worship can be texted to 973-214-1698.
(Permission for use of Live Stream CCLI #11297801)



Keep your Bible handy so you can follow the Scripture

COMMUNION



We will be celebrating Holy Communion during the service, and you are invited to prepare for that by having elements of some form of bread and grape juice, water, or another kind of juice.

PRAYER LIST



Sharon Grella (Allison Sidoli's sister): Continued prayers for healing and recovery at home after surgery.

Iggy (Eleanor Shumaker): Eleanor's niece's son Iggy, has been diagnosed with Leukemia. He has had a few treatments and they seem to be working. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Joann Stiles (Pat Schutz): Please keep Joann in your prayers as she struggles with after affects of Covid-19. Joann is the aunt of Alicia and Doug Hahn and for many years was a faithful VBS volunteer. She is currently at Merry Heart Assisted Living.

Carmen (Linda Refsland): a friend of Linda's who has been dealing with a serious illness. Please pray for health, healing and some good news for her.

Pat Johnson: please keep in your thoughts and prayers

Family of Midge Price, sister-in-law of Marilyn Garrison, who passed away this past week.

AT HOME

Doris Kepler, Wilma Smith (she is living in an apartment near her daughter)

ADDRESS

Wilma Smith 15826 Clayton Road, Apt. 120, Ellisville, MO 63011

Hilda McDonald - NEW ADDRESS: 357 Cypress Ridge Drive SE, Bolivia, NC 28422.

Joann Stiles: c/o Merry Heart Health Care Center, 200 Route 10 West, Succasunna, NJ 07876

Please let us know about special prayer needs. The name will remain for a month, unless you request more time.
Before you place anyone on our prayer list, please make sure you have permission from the person to do so.

*The altar flowers are given by The Kelley Family
In honor of Rich's 65th Birthday*



We're having a Birthday Card Shower for

Rich Kelley for his 65th Birthday on May 6th

If you would like to send some birthday wishes his way, please send to:
5 Cottonwood Trail, Sparta, NJ 07871

SUMC's Youth & Sunday School Events



HELP!!!!!!

THE THRIFT SHOP NEEDS YOU!

The Church Mouse provides a lifeline for so many local, national, and global missions and charities, especially during these times that have been so difficult for everyone. The shop is open Wednesday through Saturday to serve the community, but the Mouse is in great need of volunteers. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! If you would be able to help, even for just a few hours a month, please contact the Mouse's manager, Jackie Cascio, at (973) 729-9121 or via email at mousemgr@spartaumc.org. Thanks for considering the opportunity to work with truly dedicated people who want to make a difference.



We continue to thank **Ian Good, Cullen Kempson, Pat Harvey, Sean Jans, Anthony Hutchison** and **Chris Deery** for making Livestream Worship Services possible by recording and posting the service for us to watch as they happen. Their efforts brings us together as family to celebrate during this difficult time.

Altar Flower Donations Needed

Many thanks to all who have donated altar flowers! We have donations for most of the year! Here is a list of dates for which we still need donations: June 6, July 18, August 1, August 8, August 15, September 12, September 26, October 10, October 24, October 31, November 7, November 14, November 21, November 28, December 5, December 19, December 26.



Do you have a birthday, anniversary or milestone to celebrate? Do you want to honor a loved one who has passed? Please consider donating Altar flowers! A notice of your donation is included in the Sunday announcements.

A charge of \$30.00 plus tax is billed to you directly by our florist, The Flower Box. Flowers may be picked up after the Sunday worship service, or at your request, they will be delivered to a shut-in.

Use this [form](#) to order flowers. If you have any questions (or have difficulty using the form), contact Yvonne Roux, 973-534-6129, or yrouxrings@gmail.com Please provide your preferred date, your name, address and phone number, the dedication, and if you wish the flowers to be delivered to a shut-in.

MOTHERS and FATHERS—Remember and Honor

This year at Mother's Day and at Father's Day, the Sparta United Methodist Women are inviting you to honor the mothers and fathers in your lives. In the church bulletin on May 9th we will have a special page listing the mothers you would like to recognize; in the church bulletin on June 20th we will have a special page listing the fathers you want to recognize.



We are asking that for each name you donate \$2.00. This money will go to the World Thank Offering of United Methodist Women and be used for mission programs helping women, children, and families. Please make out any checks to Sparta United Methodist Women.

We have two categories: "In Memory Of" and "In Honor Of". Please fill out the form and put it in an envelope in the United Methodist Women's box. There is a supply of empty envelopes in that box for your convenience.

If you choose to wait until closer to Father's Day to list those names, we will run the form again at that time. You will have a chance to recognize fathers closer to Father's Day in June. Or you can recognize both now and we will save the fathers' names until June.

May 2th is the last day we can receive names for Mother's Day.

For Mother's Day (please put in United Methodist Women's box by May 2th!)

Submitted by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

List names ONLY—extra words will not be used.

For Father's Day (please put in United Methodist Women's box by June 13th!)

Submitted by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

List names ONLY—extra words will not be used.

For all Zoom Gatherings, you may use either the Video Link or the Phone in # with ID #

BEYOND THE BASICS: "EXPLORING THE MYSTERIES" (ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in Room 8 (Please wear a mask) **OR** Zoom Video Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/719693907>

One tap mobile (from Smart Phone): +16468769923, 719693907#

Dial by your location (other phones: +1 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 719 693 907

Passcode: 7773

MONDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP

Mondays from 7:00 – 8:30

Meeting by ZOOM

Video Link: <https://zoom.us/j/771970415>

Passcode: 7773

Dial in by phone: +1 646 876 9923, Meeting # 771 970 415

Starting a New Study this Monday: Sabbath Economics

What is Sabbath Economics?

We are all economic creatures: we all consume, produce, exchange, and interact with the resources of creation within human community. Economic practice is fundamental to our survival and our flourishing. Sabbath Economics operates out of a sense that there is enough for everyone.

This six-week study by Ched Myers and Andy Loving looks at how our economic practices are informed by the scripture and our faith. This is a video-based study. While we will view the 30-minute video each week, you may want to preview it before each gathering so that if there are internet issues, you will have had a chance to watch the video. You may also want to explore other resources by visiting www.sabbatheconomics.org

Weekly Topics:

May 3: Part 1 of 6: **Introduction to Sabbath Economics**

<https://youtu.be/IfUfHubu5CU?list=PLm-YkZODfqk2JvDUfm7hFF07dZrp9Yhhg>

May 10: Part 2 of 6 – **Sabbath Economics in Torah and the Prophets**

<https://youtu.be/pAZP8oiJs-4?list=PLm-YkZODfqk2JvDUfm7hFF07dZrp9Yhhg>

May 17: Part 3 of 6 – **Sabbath Economics in Jesus and Paul**

<https://youtu.be/WcbAGBdZImA?list=PLm-YkZODfqk2JvDUfm7hFF07dZrp9Yhhg>

May 24: Part 4 of 6 – **Biblical Proclamation to Discipleship Practices**

<https://youtu.be/DXwFNyMWD4s?list=PLm-YkZODfqk2JvDUfm7hFF07dZrp9Yhhg>

June 7: Part 5 of 6 – **A Sabbath Economics Household Covenant**

<https://youtu.be/349ZeUacREA?list=PLm-YkZODfqk2JvDUfm7hFF07dZrp9Yhhg>

June 14: Part 6 of 6 – **Surplus Capital, Stewardship and Social Investing**

<https://youtu.be/iKjYjtqc-c0?list=PLm-YkZODfqk2JvDUfm7hFF07dZrp9Yhhg>

UMW BOOK GROUP & HEALTHY LIVING GROUP

**** PLEASE NOTE UPDATED ZOOM INFORMATION ****

Every **TUESDAY** Morning at 10:00 a.m.

****The 2nd Tuesday is Book Group all other Tuesdays are Healthy Living****

Join Zoom Video Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89693939084?pwd=blhCZmVBSTB4bG1QcHhRbGlPT1JSdz09>

Meeting ID: 896 9393 9084

Passcode: 7773

One tap mobile: +16465588656, 89693939084#,,,,, 0#, 530726# US (New York)

Dial by your location: +1 646 558 8656

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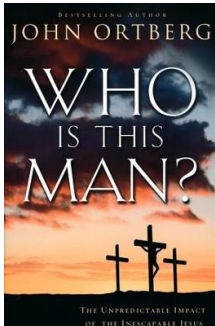
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WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY

Wednesday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. via ZOOM.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/716333645?pwd=eVdzdjZhcGtZTUfYZlBkNjIvdU5xUT09>

Password 7773



READING TOGETHER/BIBLE STUDY- NEW BOOK

Friday's at 10:00 a.m.

Who Is This Man? By John Ortberg

The book is available on Amazon.

We welcome all of you to join the Zoom meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Passcode: 7773

SATURDAY BRUNCH GATHERING

Join a ZOOM gathering on Saturday mornings at 10:00 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

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR - SUNDAY AT 11:30 A.M.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92632112987?pwd=cWp0OXlzcmlzcmVGcDR4cmhBWVJ5S3pudz09>

Meeting ID: 926 3211 2987 Passcode: 7773

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Dial by your location - 646 876 9923 - Meeting ID: 926 3211 2987 -- Passcode: 7773

OTHER MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS IN THE ATLANTIC HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Atlantic Health Care System has many ways that we can reach out to show we care through:

Donating Protective Equipment, Financial Donations, Making Face Masks

Sending a note of encouragement and support to health care workers

Use this link and scroll down to find a place to send notes to those caring for persons in our hospitals:

<https://www.atlantichealth.org/patients-visitors/donate-volunteer/donate-supplies-covid-19.html>

BLOOD DONATION

There is an urgent need for blood donations. Use this link to find Blood Drives nearby and make an appointment if you are able to donate.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=07871>

SEND CARDS, NOTES, E-MAIL TO PERSONS YOU KNOW

Use the time when you are home to send special notes and cards to those who are Unable to get out. Also, don't forget to pick up the phone as well.