

Say it with Flowers!

Do you want to let someone know they are special? Do you have an important occasion to remember? You can acknowledge that special someone, or special occasion, with a gift of altar flowers. The following dates are available: October 29, November 19 and December 3 and 10.

Altar flowers cost \$30. Please pay the church directly and include a note that the funds are for Altar Flowers and the date.

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.

Chime Choir

Chime Choir is for children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade and will meet Tuesdays from 5 to 6 pm starting Sep. 26. They will meet every Tuesday until Oct. 24 and play during the 10:30 worship service on Oct. 29. Each session will include musical games and activities. Parents may need to take turns staying during sessions to meet the requirements of Safe Sanctuary.

For further information contact Yvonne Roux, 973-534-6129 or yrouxrings@gmail.com

MAD ABOUT MISSION

First MAD About Mission meeting (for all ages and genders) will be held Sunday, October 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m. We hope you can attend! Please save the following for our November meeting: 16-18 glass jars

September 24, 2023

The altar flowers are given by

***Bill and Alba Haas
In Memory of Frank, Robert, David and Richard Palmiere***

***Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning
Yvonne Roux***



*Prayers for: Healing for Eli McLaren, friend of Sandy DeYoung Kennedy,
healing for Bev DeYoung, Pat and Sandy DeYoung's sister-in-law,
John Iaroli (serious back operation), Lucas - who is undergoing repeated brain surgeries,
Katy and Lenny, Edith VanHousen (just diagnosed with breast cancer),
Tibbie Reynolds, (Jill Kubin's mother), Anthony Hutchison, Kelly Stites,
Alba Haas, Diane Cironi, Judy Remo, Allen Koriakin's brother, Sue Gibson,
Sharon Gordon, Karen Sutphen, 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.**



***We continue to thank Cullen Kempson, Pat Harvey,
Anthony Hutchison, Chris Deery and Julia Juan
for making Livestream Worship Services possible
by recording and posting the service for us to watch
as they happen.***

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

BEYOND THE BASICS - (ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in Room 8 **OR** contact Bud by Saturday night to set up a Zoom link

MONDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION GROUP

Just Jesus: My Struggle to Become Human

All are invited and all are welcome! The Zoom link for the group is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/771970415?pwd=bFdUQk9YQUlyZXRhYUZNbVhRVEZvUT09>

NEW ZOOM LINK --HEALTHIER LIVING GROUP

Every TUESDAY Morning at 10:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85294018790?pwd=bScXggjh6RlCDFWN93l16_aMcguqx1

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

UMW BOOK GROUP-

THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IS UMW BOOK GROUP

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89033468706?pwd=M3FYTHZPcm55Sm1jdGIRckRXTjgrQT09>

Meeting ID: 890 3346 8706 Passcode: 681008 -- One tap mobile

+13017158592,,89033468706#

Dial by your location: 1 301 715 8592, Meeting ID: 890 3346 8706

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY

Wednesday Mornings at 7:30 a.m.

READING TOGETHER/BIBLE STUDY

Friday's at 10:00 a.m. Just Jesus: My Struggle to Become Human by Walter Wink

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

Bloomin' 4 Good Program

Feed the Body, Feed the Soul Ministry has been selected by the Store Leadership Team to receive \$1 from every specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of September 2023 at:



Stop & Shop
5 Town Center Drive, Sparta NJ

**SKYLANDS DISTRICT
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH
Annual Fall Meeting and Communion at SUMC
Saturday, October 7, 2023
11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Guest Speaker: Dianna Morrison --Director, Pathways 2 Prosperity

"Food Insecurity - Poverty Simulation"

Offering will be split between UWF Pledge to Mission
and Pathways 2 Prosperity

SAVE THE DATE!!!

ART FROM THE HEART

Newly formed Missions Group at Sparta United Methodist Church
Meet in Demarest Hall--Art supplies provided
No talent necessary ALL ages welcome
Children MUST be accompanied by an adult

On Sunday, October 8th we will be making cards/pictures to be given to Hospice patients. Please join us --11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Future Dates: November 12th and December 10th – you can make what you want!



RACIAL EQUITY; SEEKING JUSTICE

The United Methodist General New Jersey Conference has been focusing over the past year on developing a plan to understand and address the issues related to racism that continue to be of great concern and division in our nation. Local congregations have been encouraged to take part in the “Journey of Hope,” an initiative involving engagement in authentic dialogue to examine the inequities associated with racism in our own neighborhoods and in the world. Therefore, a series of opportunities has been planned to explore the issues together as people of conscience.

The first of eight sessions will begin on **Thursday, September 28th, from 7:30 pm. to 9 p.m. in the Wesley Room.** All are welcome to attend. For more information, feel free to contact Pastor Steve, Sandy Svenningsen (sandra.svenningsen@gmail.com), or Susan Pironti.



THANK YOU FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

The volunteers of the Church Mouse thank you for your generosity. Without your donations, the thrift shop would not be able to support the numerous missions of the church. We rely on your donations, but we are requesting that items be brought to the shop only when the Mouse is open. However, if you are able to bring donations only on a Sunday, please do not place them in the shop or on the steps of the entranceway. Susan Pironti or Sandy Svenningsen would be glad to take them from you on a Sunday and bring them to the Mouse for you.

Thanks for your understanding



Fall Annual Celebration
Saturday, October 21, 2023

Meg Isbitski, LSW, Somerset Co. Dept. of Human Services, Mental Health
Administrator:

TEACHING RESILIENCE:
Healthy Perspectives for Children (& all)



9:30am Meet & Greet Location (hybrid - live & Zoom*)

10:00am Welcome to All

GNJ Mission Resource Center--205 Jumping Brook Rd.,
Neptune Twp, NJ 07753

11:30 Lunch (\$10, please register*)

12:30 Annual Business Meeting

Ingathering: Stress-Relief “Fidget” Children’s Toys

Offering: Camden Neighborhood Center and Pledge to Mission

*Registration: holly.cyrus@faa.gov 609-226-5337
Nomination Form for Special Mission Recognition
Sparta United Women In Faith



Special Mission Recognition (SMR) is a way for Sparta United Methodist Women in Faith to honor individuals in the church for outstanding mission service. Persons nominated should be active in mission work in church and beyond, and representative of the purpose of the United Women in Faith.

Anyone in the Sparta United Methodist Church can nominate an individual using this form. All nominations must be received by October 15, 2023.

From your list of nominees, UWF Officers, Board Members, and past recipients will vote to our select 2 recipients.

The names of the Honorees are held in secret until they are announced in a SUMC worship service in the spring. Each Honoree is presented with a SMR Pin, a donation to UWF Mission is made in their name, and they will be honored by the District UWF at our Spring Celebration in 2024.

SMR Nominees (may nominate 2): _____

Please list all mission activity these persons are involved in:

Person making the nomination: _____

After completion, this form can be put in UWF mail slot. Thank you.
Sparta UWF Special Mission Recognition Recipients

- 2002- Henny Braue (Deceased)
- 2003- Doris Kepler (Deceased 2021)
- 2004- Kim Bloomer
- 2005- Edna Moriarty (Deceased), Rich Moriarty (Deceased), Suzy Moriarty (Deceased 2018)
- 2006- Bud Larson, Diane Gelone (Deceased), Kari Burkholder (Deceased 2015)
- 2007- Wilma Smith (Deceased 2021)
- 2008- Nancy VanderVeen (moved)
- 2009- Peg Pierson (Deceased)
- 2010- Dave Jones (Deceased), Ann Freeman Price
- 2011- Elaine Hartigan (moved), Jack Hartigan (moved)
- 2012- Susan Pironti, Pat Schutz
- 2013- Pat Harvey, Laura Kempson
- 2014- Olga Vrael (moved), Sandy Svenningsen, Allen Koriakin
- 2015- Jack Carpenter, Bob Schutz
- 2016- Muriel Godbersen (moved), Litsa Binder
- 2017- Ian Good, Pat Johnson, Yvonne Roux
- 2018- Cullen Kempson , Kathy Scehovic, Ann Lewis
- 2019- Rich Kelley, Eleanor Shumaker
- 2020- Melissa Lambert, Mike Vrael
- 2021- Carrie Lambert, Bill Refsland, Sean Jans, Allison Sidoli, Anthony Hutchison
- 2022- Kim Noel, Pastor, Steve Bechtold
- 2023- Carolyn Hartley, Steve Magnotta