

## **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: February 11, 18, 25, March 10, April 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Altar flowers cost \$30. We keep costs low by reusing containers and vases. 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](mailto:yrouxrings@gmail.com), or 973-534-6129.

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*thank you*

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

**January 21, 2024**

*The Altar Flowers are given by*

*Eleanor Shumaker*

*In memory of Ellen May Rogers Goska. Thank you, Mom, for putting my feet on the right path. I owe my life and future life with God to you.*

*Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning*

*Mike Vrabel*

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

*Prayers for Susan Foy, recovering from cancer, Jackie Cascio and her granddaughter, Emily--they were in a bad car accident on 1/8/24, Abbie Wright (Jane Smith's great granddaughter). She is 11 years old and was just diagnosed with leukemia, Katrina Schutz and family, on the loss of her grandmother, Dot Kobin, Ann Freeman Price, Norma Joseph, Terri, Chanele Spivak, Jill Kubin, Elaine Iaroli, Linda Donelson (friend of Ruth Kelley's), Edith VanHousen, Anthony Hutchison, Kelly Stites, Alba Haas, Diane Cironi, Judy Remo, Arnie Koriakin, Sue Gibson, Sharon Gordon, Karen Sutphen, Lester Hemphill, Rich Kelley, Linda Giammanco, Brenda Losey. Healing for Eli McLaren, friend of Sandy DeYoung Kennedy, healing for Bev DeYoung, Pat and Sandy DeYoung's sister-in-law*

**Before you place anyone on our prayer list, please make sure you have permission from the person to do so.**

## SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

*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. in Room 8

### MONDAY NIGHT

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM

Living the Questions – Video Study

#### **Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/771970415?pwd=bFdUQk9YQUIyZXRhYUZnNVhRVEZvUT09>

**January Special Study and Time of Conversation:** Thursday Evening,  
January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. hybrid in person and via ZOOM -

**True Inclusion: Creating Communities of Radical Embrace** – a book by  
Brandan Robertson that explores how we take the next steps in being open  
and inclusive to all people, to embrace fully how we can live into being a  
church for all people where all means all.



#### **Zoom link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83672145778?pwd=b2RvZi9JakZVVW1DbjhrTS84Rks0QT09>

### HEALTHIER LIVING GROUP

Every TUESDAY Morning at 10:00 a.m. Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85294018790?pwd=bScXqgjh6RlCDFWN93116\\_aMcguqx.F.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85294018790?pwd=bScXqgjh6RlCDFWN93116_aMcguqx.F.1)

Meeting ID: 852 9401 8790 Passcode: 389789

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Dial by your location +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 852 9401 8790

### UMW BOOK GROUP-

THE 2<sup>ND</sup> 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

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

### WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY

Wednesday Mornings at 7:15 a.m.

Angelo's Franklin Diner

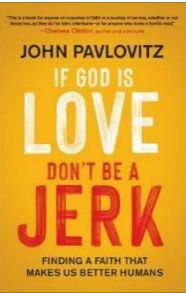
## READING TOGETHER/BIBLE STUDY

Friday's at 10:00 a.m. If God Is Love Don't Be a Jerk

Book by John Pavlovitz

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

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

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Rise Against Hunger Food Packing Event

Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 10:00 – 12:00

Demarest Hall

Sparta UMC

What is it: In a two-hour period, 35 to 50 volunteers will gather to pack 10,000 meals that are  
sent throughout the world to feed hungry people.

What do I need to bring: Yourself. We are asking persons to register for the event and make  
a donation towards the cost of the meals and shipping expenses. However, this should not  
stand in the way of anyone participating in the event. *Rise Against Hunger* brings the meal  
components, vacuum sealed bags, boxes, music, motivation, and lovely hair nets!

Who can participate: People of all ages and abilities. There are a number of steps in the  
packing process, from measuring the amount of rice, beans, nutrients, etc. for each bag,  
weighing and sealing the bags, packing them in shipping crates, cheerleading, you name it.  
Generally, this is an event for children and adults ages 5 and up.

Can I invite my friends to participate: Absolutely. We want to make this a community event.

How can I register: On-line registration is up and running. You will also have an opportunity  
to register during coffee hour on Sundays.