

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a way to acknowledge someone special or highlight an important occasion. Many thanks to all who have requested altar flowers. Requests are now being taken for June 9th, 16th, and 23rd, as well as July 7, 14, 21 and 28th.

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 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 [link](#) to reserve your flowers.

Any questions? Contact

Yvonne Roux, yrouxrings@gmail.com, or 973-534-6129.

EARTHKEEPERS

We are in need donations of smooth river stones (approximately 2.5 X 4 inches). You can help us keep our costs low by donating a few. Thank you.

If you'd like to sponsor a child, please send a check to the church office for \$25 and mark EK scholarship in the memo.

We are excited that families are beginning to register.

If your child needs a scholarship, see Pastor Steve or Pat Schutz.



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.

May 19, 2024

The Altar Flowers are given by

The Moriarty's

In celebration of Collin's graduation from Castleton University

Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning

Mike Vrabel



Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers for John Iaroli, recovering from open heart surgery, Terri McGinniss, Tina Smilek and Terri Reno

Continued prayers for: Tammy and Mike Vrabel and family for their granddaughter Izabella Vrabel, Ann Freeman Price, 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, 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

The Monday Night Group will be reading Howard Thurman's "Jesus and the Disinherited" through the month of February in recognition of Black History Month. Thurman was an acclaimed theologian at Boston University School of Theology and an influential teacher for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For February 5, we will read the preface and the first chapter.

All are welcome to join for this book discussion held on ZOOM from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

The link is

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

Even if you can't come each week, please feel free to join whenever you can. If you need help finding the book, please see Pastor Steve

HEALTHIER LIVING GROUP

PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME!! Every TUESDAY Morning at 10:30 a.m. 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

UMW BOOK GROUP-

THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH IS UMW BOOK GROUP

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89033468706?pwd=M3FYTHZPcm55Sm1jdGlRckRXTjgrQT09>

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 7:15 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: 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



ART SHOW – SEPTEMBER 13TH & 14TH

Planning is underway for an Art Show which will take place in Demarest Hall on Friday, 9/13 through Saturday, 9/14. The show will feature artists from the surrounding community. Proceeds will benefit the Sparta Methodist Church Youth Group Program. More details to follow.

WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED

We are in need of worship leaders. If anyone is interested, please email the office at officeadmin@spartaumc.org and we can put you on the schedule. Thank you!



There is a need for more people to help with coffee hour. Please email the office at officeadmin@spartaumc.org if you can help.

EARTHKEEPER'S Day Camp



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71 Sparta Ave, Sparta, NJ
(outside in our pavilion)

Come make new friends and learn to care for God's Creation and its inhabitants through science, art, music, and movement

July 22-26, 9 AM – Noon

\$20/child or \$50/family--scholarships available

Ages 4 years and up (older children can help guide young students)

Register now using this link:



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