From Tags To Riches

Our Sparta UWF is supported by Soup and Quiche sales and a new ministry called: **From Tags to Riches.**

Jill, a member of our church, is turning old/used greeting cards into gift tags! These tags come in an assortment of festive themes. Imagine adorning your gifts with tags featuring delicate butterflies, winter wonderlands, or festive Christmas scenes.

Grab a selection of 10 tags for just \$1! Every penny supports the amazing work of United Women in Faith (UWF) at our church.

Recycling your old cards is easy! Gather your used cards, pop them in a bag labeled "Jill R.," and drop the cards off in the Church Secretary mailbox. Or see Sue in the church office. Let's upcycle and support UWF together!

If you are interested in supporting the UWF through the purchase of gift tags, please see Sue in the office. Thank you.

You're Invited to Our Warmest Celebration Yet!

December 31st— **New Year's Eve Potluck**. A Night of Fellowship, Fun, and (PJs)!

Get ready for an evening that will truly warm your heart! This New Year's Eve, we are igniting a spectacular new tradition: transforming the Wesley Room Fireplace into the coziest, brightest gathering spot in the church! Forget the usual cold weather—we're bringing the warmth of fellowship! The fireplace will be beautifully adorned with radiant pillar candles on candelabras, casting a magical glow over our space and setting the perfect mood for friends to connect and unwind. This is more than just a church gathering—it's an intentional evening dedicated to community, connection, and celebrating the friendships that sustain us! Let's come together to welcome the New Year surrounded by the people who matter most: our church family. For maximum comfort and fun, feel free to wear your favorite pajamas, robes, or other cozy attire! (If PJs aren't your thing, regular casual wear is great too!)

Time: 8pm – 12:30am or until you can't keep your eyes open any longer.

Where: The Illuminated Wesley Room!

The Vibe: Cozy, relaxed, fun, and focused on being together. Join us to share stories, laughter, and great company as we count down to midnight!

Bring-Your-Best Potluck! Let's make the food as great as the company! This is a simple, non-alcoholic potluck. Please share your favorite treats:

Sparkling Sips: Bring a non-alcoholic beverage to share.

Snacks & Sides: Appetizers, light salads, or delicious finger foods.

Sweet Endings: Your best desserts!

Come cozy up by candlelight and start 2026 surrounded by the best fellowship around!

Please RSVP by December 26th to Sue at officeadmin@spartaumc.org

Christmas Angel Tree 2025

Christmas Angel Tree 2025 - wrapped gifts are due back to the church by **TODAY**, Sunday, December 7th.

Feed the Body / Feed the Soul

Sign Up Genius for what we need in the lead-up to the December 12th FB/FS: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4EAAAE23A3FD0-60590001-december#/



Church Mouse Thrift Shop

Watch our <u>Facebook</u> page to find out details on this month's sales: December 10th to 20th, 50% off Christmas Merchandise.

The shop is looking for a glass-front display cabinet with lock to show off our fabulous jewelry. If you have one you are looking to get rid of, please let us know.

Please note... The shop has been so blessed with an abundance of donations this autumn, and since we are a little short on staff this month, we will not be accepting donations through the month of December. We're always looking for new volunteers to help in the thrift shop, especially on Thursdays and Fridays.

The Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon will be on Monday, January 5^{th} : MUST RSVP by Dec 30^{th} .

BEYOND THE BASICS - (ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 A.M. in the Wesley Room

MONDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP-

The Book Group meets by ZOOM at 7:00 P.M. Zoom Link is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/771970415?pwd=bFdUQk9YQUIyZXRhYUZnNVhRVEZvUT09

TUESDAY MORNING HEALTHIER LIVING GROUP

Join Zoom Meeting on Tuesdays at 10 A.M.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85294018790?pwd=bScXqgjh6RlCDFWN93l16_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

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY

Wednesday Mornings at 7:15 A.M. at Angelo's Franklin Diner

FRIDAY MORNING READING TOGETHER/BIBLE STUDY

Friday's 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

All are welcome to join the Choir! We rehearse on Sundays from 12p.m.-1:15p.m. If you are interested in singing in the Christmas Cantata, you need only join us for rehearsal on Sundays 12p.m.-12:30p.m. Please see me if you have any questions!

Bonnie Pomeroy, Music Director

Uplift and Support

Prayers for Michael Franek and continued prayers for: Brooke, Bev DeYoung, the family of Sally Yellinski, Adam Jacob's father Hank Jacob, Dolores Fliss, Nancy Starnes, Abbie Wright - She is still undergoing treatment for her cancer (and will be for quite some time), Maryanne Spence, dealing with multiple health issues, Edith VanHousen, Alba Haas, Diane Cironi, Sharon Gordon, Lester Hemphill, Rich Kelley, Linda Giammanco, Janet Hoffer, and Brenda Losey.

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

December 7, 2025

The Altar Flowers are given by:

Dolores
In celebration of my birthday and
Hopefully a celebration of being cancer free

Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning:
Mike Vrabel

We would like to thank—Yvonne Roux, Pat Harvey, David Foote, Sue Reynolds, Jennifer Hutchison, Susan Foy and all those who help to make Livestream Worship Services possible by recording and posting the service for us to watch as they happen.

Celebrate with Flowers!

The 2025 flower calendar is full! Looking ahead, we can accept requests for January 11th, 18th, and 25th, or any other date in 2026.

You can acknowledge loved ones or special occasions with an Altar flower arrangement.

Arrangements cost \$35.00. Please pay the church directly, including a note that the payment is for altar flowers for a specific date.

Use this <u>link</u> to reserve flowers. We need your name, phone number or email address, and the dedication. Please 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, or 973-534-6129.



Scan this QR Code to reserve flowers