

Celebrate with Flowers!

Altar Flowers for the New Year. We are now accepting requests for altar flowers for February 15, March 1, April 5, 19, or later dates 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 new link](https://bit.ly/4sUELRO)* 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 me

Scan this QR Code to reserve flowers.

*bit.ly/4sUELRO

Donations

When you send your pledge payments via cash, check, or Vanco, if you are intending the payment to be split between the Operating Budget and the Capital (Building) Fund, please indicate on your envelope, check, or Vanco payments how you want it split.



Sometimes we have to guess, but we don't always get it right. So please tell us.

If you make recurring donations through Vanco and have changed your pledge this year from what it was last year, be sure to make those changes to your account in Vanco.

Church Mouse Thrift Shop

Watch our [Facebook](#) page to find out details on any Pop-Up sales.

• Yarn Extravaganza is still going on.

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

We're always looking for **new volunteers** to help in the thrift shop. If you're even the slightest bit interested, come to our Volunteer Open House on February 28th at 2:00PM to see all the ways you can contribute your time and talents to this important mission of our church.

Focusing on the Positive: The Gratitude Box

We are excited to introduce our new project The Gratitude Box, which is located in the Narthex! This is a wonderful opportunity to shift our focus and recognize the positive elements in our lives. Actively focusing on gratitude helps foster a sense of joy, peace, and abundance, even amidst the challenges we all face. When we deliberately seek out and acknowledge our blessings, it can profoundly improve our outlook and well-being.

Please use the provided forms, which are next to The Gratitude Box, to write down what you are grateful for and anonymously place it in the box. Each month, our Admin, Sue, will collect these notes and share them in the SUMC Newsletter, creating a beautiful collective testament to the goodness we share. Start reflecting and writing today!



February 2026, Feed the Body/Feed the Soul

THIS WEEK!!

There is a super-fun way you can help with February's Feed the Body/Feed the Soul! In addition to our regular ways to serve our neighbors, we are asking you to sign up to make a few Valentines. They can be dropped off in the church office, or you can place them in the Missions mailbox in the hallway by Wednesday, February 11th.

They can be homemade, they can be store bought, they can contain a little gift (like a \$5 DD gift card), or whatever you'd like to do! If you are a teacher, involve your class! Create your own little Valentine making party and spread joy!

Use our Sign Up Genius to let us know how you'd like to help!

And as always, thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus, for serving without judging, for being YOU!

www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4EAAAE23A3FD0-61573253-february#



Publication Deadlines

The deadline for the Newsletter is on the **15th of the month before**.

For the weekly bulletin and announcements, the deadline is the **Wednesday before**.

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=bFdUQk9YQUlyZXRhYUZNbVhRVEZvUT09>

TUESDAY MORNING HEALTHIER LIVING GROUP

Join Zoom Meeting on Tuesdays at 10 A.M.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85294018790?pwd=bScXgijh6RlCdfWN93l16_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

Starting on Friday, February 20th, at 10 A.M. for Lent, we will be reading and studying the book

***Why did Jesus Have to Die?* By Adam Hamilton.** Have questions? Need more info? Please

contact Laura Kempson, ljempson27@gmail.com

Please come join this hybrid study group in person at the church in the Wesley room at 10 A.M.

or via Zoom.: <https://zoom.us/j/389284226>

Alternate Phone in #: +1 646 876 9923; Meeting ID: 389 284 226 -- Passcode: 7773

From Tags To Riches

Our Sparta UWF is supported by Soup and Quiche sales and a new ministry called:

From Tags to Riches. Jill 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, and **Valentine's Day** ❤️ is this week! **Birthdays** happen all **year long!** Grab a selection of 10 tags for just \$1! Every penny supports the amazing work of United Women in Faith (UWF) at our church. If you are interested in supporting UWF through the purchase of gift tags, please see Sue in the office.

Recycling your old cards is easy! Gather your used cards, pop them in a bag labeled "Jill," and drop the cards off in the Church Secretary mailbox.

Let's upcycle and support UWF together! Thank you.

Music Ministries

All are welcome to join the Choir! We rehearse on Sundays from 12p.m.-1:15p.m.

Please see me if you have any questions! Bonnie Pomeroy, Music Director

February 8, 2026

Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning:

Pat Harvey

The Altar Flowers are given by:

Eleanor Shumaker

In memory of Jack Robertson. You are always thought of and remembered.

Uplift and Support

Prayers for Kimmy Trevot, fighting heart problems at 32; Pat Schutz's sister and family on the death of Louis Allegra. And continued prayers for: Sig Binder; Jill's mom, Tibbie Reynolds; and for healing for Mike & Debbie LaRose; the family of Maryanne Spence; Michael Franek; Brooke; Bev DeYoung; the family of Sally Yellinski; Adam Jacob's father Hank Jacob; Nancy Starnes; Abbie Wright - She is still undergoing treatment for her cancer (and will be for quite some time); 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.

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. We're always looking for more folks to help with the livestream. See Yvonne.

Come One, Come All ! ! !

SPUD BOWL 2026 is on TODAY!!, Sunday February 8. (Super Bowl Sunday) following church service.

The proceeds from this fundraiser go toward supporting the Christian Outreach Project. COP is a ministry affiliated with the Greater NJ United Methodist Church. Each summer, a team of youth and adult volunteers work together to provide free home repairs for those people in northwest New Jersey who do not have the means to afford the repairs or to be able to do the repairs themselves. Youth and adults from various churches donate their caring and skills while learning and growing in the process.