

Celebrate with Flowers!

Altar Flowers for the New Year. We are now accepting requests for altar flowers for April 19; and May 10, 24 and 31.

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](#)* 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.

*bit.ly/4sUELRO



Scan me

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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**.

We need donations of wrapped candy and plastic eggs for the April 4th Easter Egg Hunt. A bin has been placed in the narthex.



Focusing on the Positive: The Gratitude Box

The Gratitude Box is located in the Narthex! This is a wonderful opportunity to shift our focus and recognize the positive elements in our lives.

Please use the provided forms, 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!



Donations

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



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**.

Giving Statements

Giving Statements went out on or about Feb. 5th. Check your e-mail. If you did not receive it, please contact the church office.

To print out your statement, it probably will not print directly from the preview of the attachment in the e-mail. You might have to **SAVE** the attachment to your desktop (or somewhere else convenient), then go to your file manager and open the file into your favorite .pdf reader (like Adobe) and print from there.

Church Mouse Thrift Shop

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

Yarn Extravaganza is still going on.

With an early Easter season this year, the Church Mouse is adorned with Spring in the form of Bunnies, Easter baskets, Chicks, and the like sooner than you expect! Come in and see Easter decor at its best!

March 28th, the Mouse will be closed to the public for a private (invitation only) event in support of the non-profit service organizations in the area.

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.

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=bFdUQk9YQUlyZXRhYUZnNVhRVEZvUT09>

TUESDAY MORNING HEALTHIER LIVING GROUP

Join Zoom Meeting on Tuesdays at 10 A.M.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85294018790?pwd=bScXgqih6RlCDFWN93l16_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 **St. Patrick's Day** and **Easter!** Also, **Birthdays and Anniversaries 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.

March 15, 2026

Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning:

Dave Johnson

The Altar Flowers are given by:

Steve Magnotta

To my wife, Yvonne, for 43 1/2 years of wonderful marriage!

Uplift and Support

Prayers for the Aughenbaugh Family who lost their 22-year-old daughter in a car accident. Continued prayers for Ron and Dave, parents of Vali Hunsicker who passed away February 2. Kimmy Trevot, fighting heart problems at 32; Sig Binder; Jill's mom, Tibbie Reynolds; Mike & Debbie LaRose; the family of Maryanne Spence; Michael Franek; Bev DeYoung; the family of Sally Yellinski; Adam Jacob's father Hank Jacob; Nancy Starnes; Abbie Wright; 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— David Foote, Sue Reynolds, Yvonne Roux, Pat Harvey, 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.** (Especially folks who are not in the bell choir.) Please see Yvonne.*

Easter Flowers

Please join the Worship Committee in decorating the sanctuary with flowers for Easter.

Order forms and payments must be received by **TODAY!, Sunday, March 15.** Cost is \$10.00 per plant. Please make your check payable to Sparta UMC and indicate "Easter Flowers" in the memo section. Place completed form and payment in the offering plate, or mail form and payment to the church office.

Thank you for helping us celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! Donors may choose to take their plants home after the 10:30 a.m. service on Easter or leave them to grace our sanctuary.