

Celebrate with Flowers!

Altar Flowers for the New Year. We are now accepting requests for altar flowers for May 31, June 21, July 5, and 12.

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/4sUELRQ Scan this QR Code to reserve flowers.



Scan me

Earthkeepers

Mark your calendars now to **RENEW!**

Earthkeepers (a summer camp experience where children will learn all about God's World and Growing in God's Love) will be held the week of July 27-31 from 9-noon.

There will be a "Prayers Around the Peace Pole", Sunday, July 26, 7:00, which will include prayer for all our campers, including the adults. All church members, friends, and neighbors are invited to attend.

If you'd like to hear more or have ideas to share, there are so many ways you can help, small and larger. This is such a rich and rewarding week. You will love it! See Pat Schutz

Children are our most precious gifts from God. Come be part of the excitement!

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, animals, and flowers for **Mother's Day**. 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.

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 need 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**.

If you look at your Quarterly Statement and think, "That doesn't look right." Please let us know. I might have put the payment in the wrong accounting bucket.



Upcoming Prayers Around the Peace Pole

Friday, June 5, and Sunday, July 26. All starting at 7:00PM.

Music Ministries

All are welcome to join the Choir! We rehearse on Sundays from Noon – 1:15 PM. Please see me if you have any questions! Bonnie Pomeroy, Music Director.

Bell Choir rehearses on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. See Yvonne, Bell Choir Director.

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 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!



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.

Currently reading *Being Jesus in Nashville* by Jim Palmer.

Feel free to join on any Monday. Zoom Link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/771970415?pwd=bFdUQk9YQUlyZXRhYUZhNVhRVEZvUT09>

TUESDAY MORNING HEALTHIER LIVING GROUP

Join Zoom Meeting on Tuesdays at 10 A.M.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85294018790?pwd=bScXgqjih6RICDFWN93I16_aMcguqxF.1

Meeting ID: 852 9401 8790 Passcode: 389789

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WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY

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

FRIDAY MORNING READING TOGETHER/BIBLE STUDY

Fridays, at 10 A.M. *You Were Made for This Moment – How the Story of Esther Inspires Us to*

Step Up and Stand Out for God by Max Lucado. Have questions? Need more info? Please

contact Laura Kempson, ljkempson27@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

Do you know a kid who wants to be on stage?

OZ is going to be right here at our church!

Contact Tony at 201-230-7558 or MovieMagicParties.com



May 10, 2026

Thank you to our Worship Leader this morning:

Pat Schutz

The Altar Flowers are given by:

Cullen and Laura Kempson

To honor Ceile Kempson and

In memory of LaMerne Drace

We would like to thank—Yvonne Roux, David Foote, Jen Hutchison, Sue Reynolds, Ruth Fulgenzi, Susan Foy, Pat Harvey, Nathaniel Noel, 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.

Uplift and Support

Prayers for Dan DeYoung (Pat's brother) on the passing of Bev; the Aughenbaugh Family who lost their 22-year-old daughter in a car accident. Continued prayers for Kimmy Trevot, fighting heart problems at 32; Sig Binder; Jill's mom, Tibbie Reynolds; Mike & Debbie LaRose; Brooke; the family of Sally Yellinski; 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.

Church Mouse Thrift Shop

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.

Watch our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61578137110625) page to find out details on the sales for Memorial Day.

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